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Stock Market & Company

DSEX suffers 89-point fall as majority of stocks decline

The Business Standard, Wed Sept 10, 2025

- Out of the 401 issues traded, 305 declined, only 68 advanced, and 28 remained unchanged, leaving nearly three-quarters of the listed stocks in the red.
- Market turnover stood at Tk1,177 crore, down 16% from the previous session, while market capitalisation dropped by Tk5,000 crore to Tk7.26 lakh crore.
- Large-cap sectors dragged the market lower across the board. Engineering posted the steepest decline at 2.13%, followed by banking at 1.68%, telecommunications at 1.67%, pharmaceuticals at 1.38%, food and allied at 1.25%, fuel and power at 0.79%, and non-bank financial institutions at 0.61%.
- Despite the overall downtrend, weak and low-fundamental companies dominated the day's gainers chart, with Tallu Spinning advancing 10%, Information Service Network rising 9.96%, Intech gaining 9.70%, CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund climbing 9.17%, and Peoples Leasing adding 8.33%.
- The bearish trend was mirrored in the port city bourse, as the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also ended the day in negative territory. The CSCX index dropped 127 points to close at 9,557, while the CASPI lost 202 points to settle at 15,570. Turnover at the CSE stood at Tk19.77 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-suffers-89-point-fall-majority-stocks-decline-1232676>

Eastern Housing declares 25% cash dividend for FY25

The Business Standard, Tue Sept 09, 2025

- According to the statement, to approve the dividend the company will conduct the annual general meeting on 30 October and the record date is set for 5 October.

- During the last financial year, the company posted earnings per share of Tk8.27, which was 37% higher from the previous year.
- At the end of 30 June 2025, its net asset value per share stood at Tk89.99.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-housing-declares-25-cash-dividend-fy25-1232451>

Islami Bank to auction Aramit Cement assets to recover Tk588cr default loans

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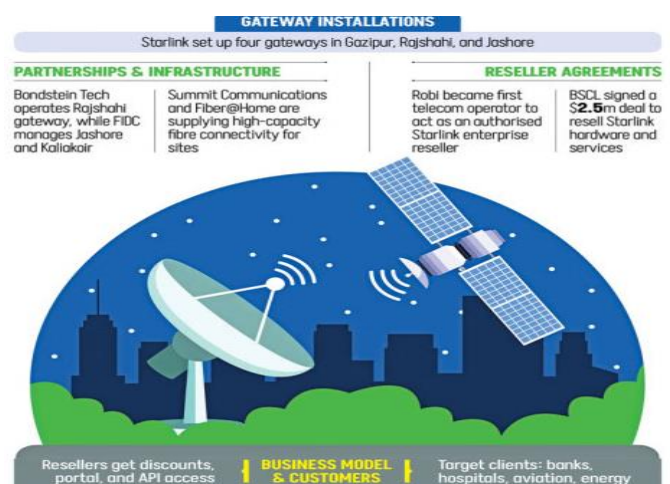
- The collateral put up for sale includes 15 acres of land in the Kalurghat Heavy Industrial Area of Chattogram, along with factories and buildings of Aramit Cement, Aramit Power Limited, Aramit Steel Pipes Limited, and Aramit Thai Aluminium Limited, according to the notice.
- According to bank documents, the company mortgaged around 6.61 acres of land with the personal guarantees of all directors against loans that began with Tk50 crore in FY22 and rose sharply to Tk423 crore by FY23.
- Other sponsor shareholders include Aramit Limited with a 19.29% stake, Bangladesh Development Bank with 6.43%, and the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh with 5.23%. These institutions have representation on the company's board through nominated directors.
- In January this year, the Chattogram Money Loan Court froze the company's bank account following a case filed by Bank Asia over Tk14.63 crore in dues.
- The cement maker's liabilities are estimated at around Tk800 crore, a large portion of which is accumulated interest.
- Financial statements show the company's retained losses reached Tk234 crore by the end of March 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-auction-aramit-cement-assets-recover-tk588cr-default-loans-1232696>

Starlink establishes four local gateways

The Daily Star, Wed Sept 10, 2025

- Starlink Services Bangladesh Ltd has finally completed the installation of four local gateways across the country, as Elon Musk's satellite internet company looks to solidify its footprint in Bangladesh.
- Two gateways were established in a hi-tech park in Gazipur, while the other two were set up in Rajshahi and Jashore, according to recent inspections by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).
- According to BTRC documents, on August 10, Starlink informed the regulator via email that four gateways had been installed, but no official letter was submitted to the commission.
- The BTRC's inspection team found that large antenna structures and other necessary equipment had been installed at the hi-tech city in Kaliakair of Gazipur, according to regulatory documents. The gateways are managed by Felicity IDC Limited (FIDC), a local TIER-III certified data centre, which is also providing essential infrastructure support.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/starlink-establishes-four-local-gateways-3982116>

Economy & Industry

Bond facility for partial exporters soon

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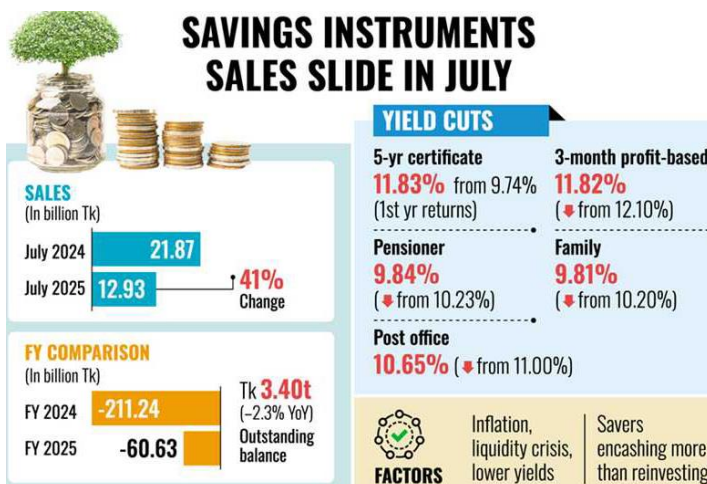
- According to the latest data published by the US Office of Textiles and Apparel, Bangladeshi exporters exported RMG items worth \$4.09 billion in the same period of 2024.
- The government is set to introduce a temporary duty-free bond facility for partial exporters against bank guarantees to enhance export earnings and promote diversification.
- There were initiatives and recommendations for a long time to extend bonded warehouse benefits to partial exporters of the country, mainly furniture and agro-processing.
- To ease customs clearance, consignments will now be released even if there is a mismatch between the HS Code and product description declared in the bond license, entitlement sheet, or UD, and those determined by Customs through inspection—provided the first four digits of the HS Code match.
- Importers, however, must submit an undertaking to update the bond license or UD within 30 days.
- The meeting also finalized decisions on 31 other issues aimed at improving the overall investment climate.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/275556/bond-facility-for-partial-exporters-soon>

Savings instruments sales plunge 41pc in July amid rate cuts, inflation

The Financial Express, Thu Sept 09, 2025

- The net sales of savings instruments dropped sharply to Tk 12.93 billion in July 2025 from Tk 21.87 billion in the same month a year earlier, reflecting a year-on-year (YoY) fall of about 41 per cent, according to Bangladesh Bank data.
- Despite this setback, the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25) showed some recovery compared to the previous year. Net sales closed FY25 with a negative balance of Tk 60.63 billion - an improvement from the Tk 211.24 billion deficit posted in FY24.
- Still, the central bank's latest data show total outstanding balances of savings instruments stood at Tk 3.40 trillion in July 2025, down from Tk 3.48 trillion a year earlier, a 2.3 per cent decline.
- Under the revised structure, the five-year Bangladesh savings certificate now offers 11.83 per cent for investments up to Tk 0.75 million and 11.80 per cent for higher slabs. The effective first-year return has also been reduced, coming down from 10.13 per cent to 9.74 per cent.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/savings-instruments-sales-plunge-41pc-in-july-amid-rate-cuts-inflation>

Govt restricts raw jute export, sparking debate

The Daily Star, Wed Sept 10, 2025

- The government has restricted the export of raw jute, making shipments conditional, in a bid to increase the supply of the natural fibre in the domestic market and curb rising prices.
- In a circular issued on 8 September, the commerce ministry stated that exports of jute, a cash crop cultivated by tens of thousands of farmers, particularly in the central districts, would require prior approval.
- The move comes amid a 6.5 per cent year-on-year decline in production to 89.5 lakh bales, which has driven up prices of raw jute and raised concerns among millers, even as exports have been recovering in recent months.
- Currently, medium quality jute is traded at Tk 3,600-3,700 per maund, up from Tk 2,800-3,200 a year ago, according to Arzu Rahman Bhuiyan, a raw jute exporter.
- However, exports have shown signs of picking up in the current fiscal year 2025-26, marking a 7 percent year-on-year increase to \$118 million in July-August. The shipment value of raw jute accounted for 15 percent of the total.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-restricts-raw-jute-export-sparking-debate-3982016>

BB's loan rescheduling: Relief for borrowers, burden for banks

The Business Standard, Tue Sept 09, 2025

- Politically linked mills granted 12-year rescheduling, no interest
- Rescheduling included written-off loans, contradicting BB's own circular
- Banks allowed to issue fresh loans after collateral revaluation
- Nearly 400 companies gained special rescheduling under BB committee
- Wilful defaulters, like Ankur, also received facilities
- BB plans new circular, leaving rescheduling to individual banks

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bbs-loan-rescheduling-relief-borrowers-burden-banks-1231756>

International

Trump-China deal rests on the art of the possible

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- At first glance, a thaw in relations between the US and China seems a long shot. Trump's unhappiness about Beijing's unkept promises from his first term helps explain the president's intense aggression towards the top US trading partner since returning to the White House. While US tariffs on Chinese goods have fallen from triple-digit levels touched in April, they still stand at 46 percent, per HSBC.
- But with virtually all \$580 billion in bilateral trade between the two countries subject to levies, per the Peterson Institute for International Economics, and polls showing public approval of Trump's economic performance near a record low, the president appears to want a deal with his counterpart Xi Jinping. People familiar with the situation say the White House has in recent months contacted chief executives at big American companies to gauge their interest in joining a delegation to Beijing later this year.
- Beijing appears willing to wait while the economic harm to the US from tariffs mounts. Trump's decision to extend a three-month delay to punitive levies on Chinese imports on August 12 underscored their impact on the American economy.

- The People's Republic has successfully wielded leverage over the US by controlling flows of rare earth minerals. It in turn would like to see looser US controls on sales of advanced semiconductors. Trump's decision to allow sales of Nvidia's H20 chips to China, in exchange for a 15 percent cut of revenue, suggests this is possible. A senior analyst at one think tank who has spent time discussing China policy with the president reckons "as soon as Trump gets in a room with Xi, all bets are off".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/trump-china-deal-rests-the-art-the-possible-3982156>

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