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Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSE slips as cautious investors remain on sidelines

The Business Standard, Sep 09, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) edged lower today (9 September) as cautious investors remained on the sidelines amid uncertainty over the market's direction, while concerns over the country's ongoing gas and electricity crisis continued to weigh on sentiment.
- The DSEX, the broad index of the DSE, fell 1 point to settle at 5,538. The blue-chip DS30 index shed 5 points to close at 2,103, while the Shariah-based DSES index gained 1 point to settle at 1,111.
- Turnover fell nearly 12% to Tk520 crore from Tk590 crore in the previous session, reflecting subdued investor participation. Of the 387 securities traded, 165 advanced, 150 declined and 72 remained unchanged.
- Market participants said uncertainty over the economy and corporate operations has kept investors cautious, particularly as ongoing gas and electricity shortages continue to disrupt industrial production. Concerns over the impact of the utility crisis on corporate earnings have discouraged investors from taking fresh positions.
- Many investors are instead waiting for clearer signals on the market's direction and upcoming corporate earnings before increasing their exposure, market participants said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-slips-cautious-investors-remain-sidelines-1538471

Swisscontact to help RMG firms raise capital market financing

The Business Standard, Sep 09, 2026

- Swisscontact, an international development organisation, has announced plans to offer advisory and technical support to promising ready-made garment (RMG) companies looking to raise long-term financing through Bangladesh's capital market.
- Speaking at a workshop today (9 September), Farzana Amin, team leader of Swisscontact's Progress project, said the organisation aims to develop several RMG companies as role models over the coming year, guiding them through the process of entering the capital market.
- She was speaking at a workshop titled "Expanding RMG's Financing Horizons: Opportunities in the Capital Market", jointly organised by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Swisscontact at the DSE Training Academy.
- "RMG companies need to consider capital market-based financing alongside bank loans," Farzana said, adding that Swisscontact plans to provide end-to-end support to companies interested in accessing the market.
- DSE Managing Director Nuzhat Anwar said the capital market should be developed as a major source of long-term financing for private-sector businesses rather than being viewed only as an investment platform.

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Trouser Line keen to buy 23.50 lakh Pubali Bank shares worth Tk8.86cr

The Business Standard, Sep 09, 2026

- Garment manufacturer Trouser Line Limited has expressed its intention to purchase 23.50 lakh shares of Pubali Bank through the public market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), according to a disclosure published on Saturday.
- At the prevailing market price, the shares are worth around Tk8.86 crore, with Pubali Bank's stock closing at Tk37.70 on the DSE the same day.
- Rana Laila Hafiz, who serves as managing director of Trouser Line Limited according to the member directory of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), also holds a directorship at Pubali Bank.
- Currently, Hafiz holds 2.60 crore shares, representing a 2% stake in the bank, the minimum required shareholding to maintain a directorship in a listed company, according to its annual report for 2025.
- According to the BGMEA website, Trouser Line established in 2009 and principal exportable products are shirts, jackets and pants.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/trouser-line-keen-buy-2350-lakh-pubali-bank-shares-worth-tk886cr-1538466

Paramount Textile share price rises 12% to Tk78, CSE seeks explanation

The Business Standard, Sep 09, 2026

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has sent a query to Paramount Textile, a company listed on the bourse, following a notable rise in its share price.
- According to CSE data, Paramount Textile's share price stood at Tk69.4 on 27 August. The price had risen 12% to Tk78 per share by today (9 September).
- In light of the price increase, the CSE issued a query letter to the company today, asking it to explain the unusual movement in both share price and trading volume.
- Responding to the query, Paramount Textile said it was not aware of any undisclosed price-sensitive information or event that could account for the unusual upward trend.
- According to its consolidated quarterly financial statements, Paramount Textile reported a year-on-year revenue decline of more than 15% in the first nine months of the current fiscal year.

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DBA seeks buyback, M&A provisions in proposed Company Act amendment

The Financial Express, Sep 09, 2026

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has recommended incorporating provisions for share buybacks and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) by listed companies into the proposed third amendment to the Companies Act, 1994, aiming to make the country's capital market more dynamic, efficient and investment-friendly.
- The association made the recommendation in a written proposal sent to Commerce Ministry Secretary Md Ataur Rahman Khan on Wednesday.
- The proposal, signed by DBA President Saiful Islam, was also sent to Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Masud Khan for his kind consideration.
- In its recommendation, the DBA said listed companies should be given a clear legal avenue to buy back their own shares as part of efforts to improve the efficiency and dynamism of the capital market.
- To this end, the association proposed incorporating necessary provisions on share buybacks into the proposed amendment to the Companies Act.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dba-seeks-buyback-ma-provisions-in-proposed-company-act-amendment

Economy & Industry

Ten banks account for 72% of total bad loans

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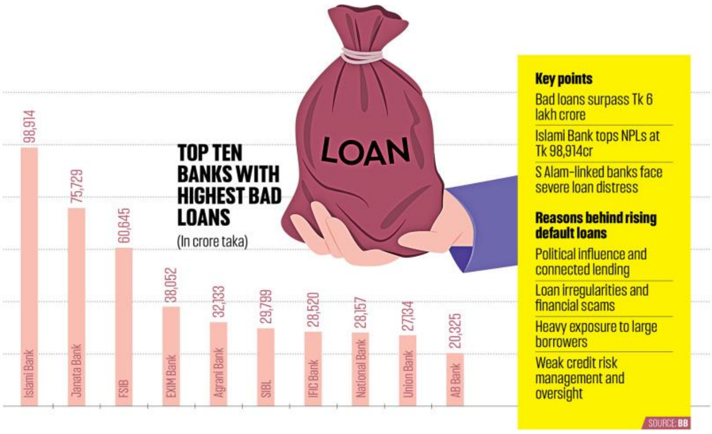

- Ten banks accounted for more than 72 percent of the banking sector's total non-performing loans, according to the central bank, showing that the country's 61 commercial lenders are not equally responsible for the sector's financial distress.
- As of June this year, bad loans in the banking sector stood at a whopping Tk 6,06,555 crore, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB). Of this, the 10 distressed lenders held Tk 4,39,527 crore in NPLs.
- The lenders are Islami Bank Bangladesh, Janata Bank, Agrani Bank, IFIC Bank, National Bank, AB Bank, First Security Islami Bank, EXIM Bank, Social Islami Bank and Union Bank.
- In terms of volume, Islami Bank Bangladesh has the highest level of bad loans in the banking sector. Until June this year, its NPLs stood at around Tk 98,914 crore, or 52.15 percent of its disbursed loans.
- The bank was taken over by S Alam Group in 2017. The controversial conglomerate later extended around 80 percent of the bank's total loans to its own companies and associated firms, violating banking rules and regulations.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ten-banks-account-72-total-bad-loans-4269046

Govt signs investment promotion deal with Hong Kong

The Daily Star, Sep 09, 2026

- Bangladesh and Hong Kong yesterday signed an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) with an aim to increase and safeguard bilateral investment.
- Khandakar Abdul Muktadir, commerce minister, and Algernon Yau, secretary for commerce and economic development of Hong Kong, signed the deal during the opening session of the 11th Belt and Road Summit 2026 held in Hong Kong.
- The agreement is expected to further strengthen the protection of mutual investments and capital of investors from Bangladesh and Hong Kong, according to a statement from the commerce ministry.
- At the same time, it is expected to create a more institutionalised investment environment between the two sides and open up new opportunities for economic cooperation.
- Hong Kong is currently the seventh-largest source of investment in Bangladesh.The new agreement is expected to help increase investment from Hong Kong in Bangladesh.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-signs-investment-promotion-deal-hong-kong-4269036

International

Oil prices fly blind as the Hormuz enigma deepens

The Daily Star, Sep 10, 2026

- How much oil is flowing through the Strait of Hormuz? Traders, energy executives and government officials are all trying to figure it out – but are reaching wildly different conclusions. It is, however, increasingly clear that this mystery has introduced a residual risk premium into crude prices that could remain deeply entrenched for months.
- Benchmark Brent crude futures breached $100 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time since July 24 as escalating attacks in the Middle East, including on tankers, stifled hopes of a normalisation of oil shipping in the region.
- The narrow waterway between Iran and Oman has become the focal point of the conflict amid competing US and Iranian blockades.
- Before the war erupted in February, flows through the world's most important energy artery were largely taken for granted. While never perfect, flow estimates were remarkably reliable, even after accounting for Iran's longstanding practice of switching off tanker transponders to evade Western sanctions.
- For years, the consensus barely changed: Hormuz transited roughly 20 million barrels per day, equivalent to about one-fifth of global oil consumption. That certainty has disappeared.
- Today, armies of analysts, along with increasingly sophisticated AI systems, are sifting through vast streams of information to determine how much oil is actually moving through the strait. Satellite imagery is cross-checked against port records, tanker drafts, loading schedules, refinery receipts and vessel-tracking data to reconstruct movements previously monitored in near real time.

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