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Key News

Stock Market & Company

Blue-chip slump drags market into 2nd-day loss

The Financial Express, Aug 10, 2026

- Stocks ended lower on Sunday as investors remained cautious amid the absence of strong catalysts to sustain positive momentum.
- The benchmark DSEX of the Dhaka Stock Exchange lost 38.64 points, or 0.66 per cent, to close at 5,822.
- The benchmark index of the capital market closed lower in the first session of the week, extending its losing streak to a second consecutive session as investors remained cautious amid the absence of strong catalysts to sustain positive momentum, according to EBL securities.
- Price corrections witnessed by blue-chip stocks largely intensified the fall of the index.
- The top 10 index draggers wiped out 17.3 points from DSEX. British American Tobacco Bangladesh alone accounted for a 2.6-point fall in the index.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/blue-chip-slump-drags-market-into-2nd-day-loss

Margin rule relaxation rumours spark late-hour rally at DSE

The Business Standard, Aug 10, 2026

- The country's premier bourse rebounded yesterday, snapping a two-day corrective spell, as investors reacted enthusiastically to rumours of a major regulatory shift.
- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose 22 points, or 0.38%, to close at 5,844, driven largely by a late-session surge in buying interest across the banking and insurance sectors.
- Market insiders said sentiment shifted sharply mid-session after word spread that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) may withdraw the mandatory price-to-book ratio requirement for margin loans against shares of banks, non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), and general insurers.
- A leader of the DSE Brokers Association told The Business Standard that the development acted as a key catalyst for the rally.
- "The prospect of easier margin loan access for these core sectors drew investors in the final hour of trading, pushing the index up and offsetting earlier caution," he said. The blue-chip DS30 index also gained, rising 8 points to close at 2,185.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/margin-rule-relaxation-rumours-spark-late-hour-rally-dse-1511671

BSEC weighs more flexible margin financing rules; may replace P/B with of P/E

The Business Standard, Aug 10, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is likely to withdraw the price-to-book (P/B) ratio as a condition for margin loans against shares of banks and non-life insurance companies and instead use the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio as the main valuation benchmark across sectors, officials familiar with the matter said.
- The revised margin lending rules may be placed before the BSEC commission meeting tomorrow (11 August), where a final decision could be taken.
- The proposed framework is expected to be more flexible than the draft rules, particularly for bank and non-life insurance shares. The maximum P/E ratio may be raised to 40 from 30 proposed in the draft.
- Life insurers may remain under a separate arrangement, with flexibility in applying the P/B ratio.

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Non-viable NBFIs: Investors face uncertain future

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- Three listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), declared non-viable by the central bank, will be liquidated while a forthcoming scheme will outline whether general investors will get anything out of their investments.
- In a press release on Sunday, Bangladesh Bank declared the NBFIs non-viable in order to re-establish good governance, ensure accountability, protect the interests of depositors and other creditors, and restore public confidence in the financial sector.
- Although liquidation of the companies -- Fareast Finance & Investment, FAS Finance & Investment, and International Leasing & Financial Services – was not mentioned in the press statement, BB officials confirmed that liquidation was the ultimate fate that they were heading to.
- They also said the BB would soon initiate the process.
- As the companies have sustained losses for more than half a decade and their liabilities have increased enormously, it will not be possible to pay off depositors by selling their assets, said sources at the BB. Therefore, the government is expected to come up with liquidity support.

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Beximco leads turnover as investors pile into beaten-down shares

The Business Standard, Aug 10, 2026

- Beximco Limited topped the turnover chart on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (10 August) as investors actively traded the conglomerate's heavily battered shares following a steep price correction after the removal of the floor price.
- The company's share price rose 9.68% to Tk27.20 today, with 2.04 crore shares changing hands. The transactions generated a turnover of Tk53.60 crore, the highest among all securities traded on the day.
- Market insiders said the surge in trading was largely driven by investors seeking to accumulate Beximco shares after the stock suffered a sharp decline following the withdrawal of the floor price.
- The floor price was lifted on 8 June. Since then, Beximco's share price plunged 81%, falling from Tk110.10 to Tk21.10 by 29 July. The sharp correction wiped out around Tk8,400 crore from the company's market capitalisation.
- Following the prolonged decline, many investors, including institutional investors, have started buying the shares to lower their average acquisition costs and reduce losses, according to market insiders.

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Economy & Industry

Infrastructure, utility shortages erode investor confidence in economic zones

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- Investors in Bangladesh's economic zones are losing confidence after paying substantial amounts for plot allocations without receiving promised infrastructure and utility services, particularly uninterrupted gas and industrial water.
- Many companies have yet to begin production because of utility shortages and slow infrastructure development, Bangladesh Economic Zones Investors' Association (Bezia) Chairman MA Jabbar said.
- He raised the concerns at a meeting between the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and BEZIA at the BGMEA Complex in Uttara, Dhaka, yesterday. The meeting discussed the progress of plots allocated in five government economic zones prioritised for full operationalisation in the first phase, as well as policy barriers faced by investors.
- According to a press release, only 27 companies are currently in production across the five government economic zones, covering 39,000 acres. Only 37% of the total allocated land is currently operational.
- The meeting stressed the need to urgently resolve shortages of uninterrupted gas and industrial water. The two organisations also decided to jointly urge the government not to impose additional service charges before factories become fully operational.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/infrastructure-utility-shortages-erode-investor-confidence-economic-zones-1511721

Profit streak to cash crisis: BPC seeks Tk 18,699cr lifeline

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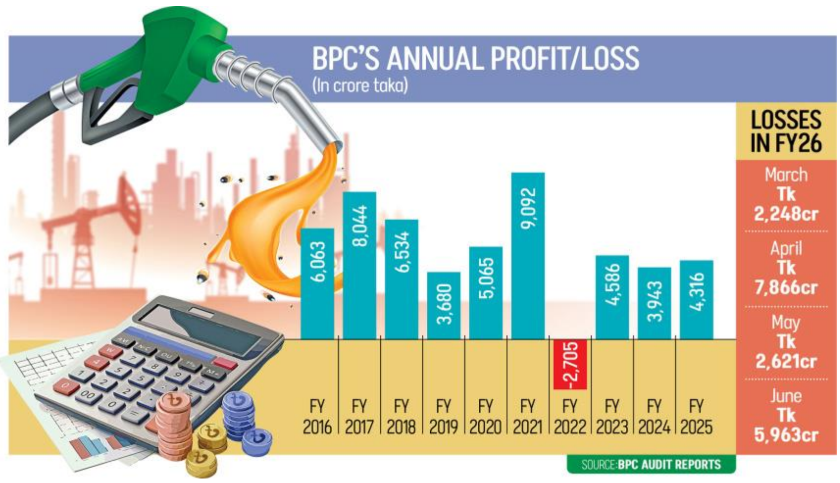

- Although the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) raked in profits almost every year in the past decade, four months of the US-Israel war on Iran have upended the balance sheet of the government agency that imports, distributes and markets oil and petroleum products.
- Just in the four months to June, the state-run fuel importer incurred a loss of Tk 18,699 crore, as it bought petroleum products at higher prices and sold them at lower rates. To cover the gap, the corporation has already drawn money parked with banks and spent funds earmarked for development projects.
- Now the cash-strapped corporation estimates that it needs around Tk 20,000 crore as working capital to maintain the country's mandatory 60-day fuel stock. Of that, it has asked the government for Tk 18,699 crore.
- Citing the rapid depletion of its cash reserves, BPC said continued losses could affect its ability to open letters of credit (LCs) for future fuel imports, according to minutes of a BPC board meeting in July.
- The scale of the cash squeeze is striking because BPC had built up a decade-long record of profits. It earned a cumulative Tk 48,618 crore in net profit from FY2015-16 to FY2024-25, making profits in nine of those 10 years.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/profit-streak-cash-crisis-bpc-seeks-tk-18699cr-lifeline-4244811

International

Oil rises as Iran tempers hopes for swift Hormuz reopening

The Daily Star, Aug 10, 2026

- Oil prices rose on Monday as uncertainty persisted over the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, with Iran saying the United States must meet several conditions even as Tehran and Oman moved into the final stages of agreeing on new shipping lanes.
- Brent crude futures rose 84 cents, or 1 percent, to $84.39 a barrel by 0424 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose 60 cents, or 0.75 percent to $78.77 a barrel.
- Both benchmarks had fallen more than 7 percent last week on hopes that Iran and Oman were close to reaching a deal that would result in a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, which carried a fifth of the world's oil before the war.
- While Iran said on Sunday that a deal with Oman was in its "final stages", it reiterated that the waterway would only reopen once Washington met other conditions, including US compensation for widespread US attacks on Iran.
- "Crude oil prices remain caught between opposing forces, as markets assess the possibility of a breakthrough over the Strait of Hormuz against Iran's conditions for reopening the strategic waterway," said Sugandha Sachdeva, founder of SS WealthStreet, a New Delhi-based research firm.

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