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Stock Market & Company

DBH Finance profit up 26pc in Q1, buoyed by higher interest income

The Financial Express, May 11, 2026

- DBH Finance has reported a remarkable 26 per cent year-on-year growth in profit to Tk 196 million in the first quarter through March this year, backed by higher net interest income and strong investment earnings.
- The leading non-bank financial institution (NBF), which exclusively focuses on home loans, reported earnings per share of Tk 0.97 for the January-March quarter this year, compared to Tk 0.77 in the same quarter last year.
- The company earned handsome income from investments in government securities alongside high interest income from home loans, according to its un-audited financial statements published on Sunday.
- The company's net interest income jumped 31 per cent, while operating income increased by 8 per cent year-on-year in the quarter through March this year.
- "Our results reflect our operational strength and customer-first approach," said Nasimul Baten, Managing Director and CEO of DBH Finance, in a statement on Sunday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/dbh-finance-profit-up-26pc-in-q1-buoyed-by-higher-interest-income>

IPDC Finance posts 79pc jump in Q1 profit on stronger core income

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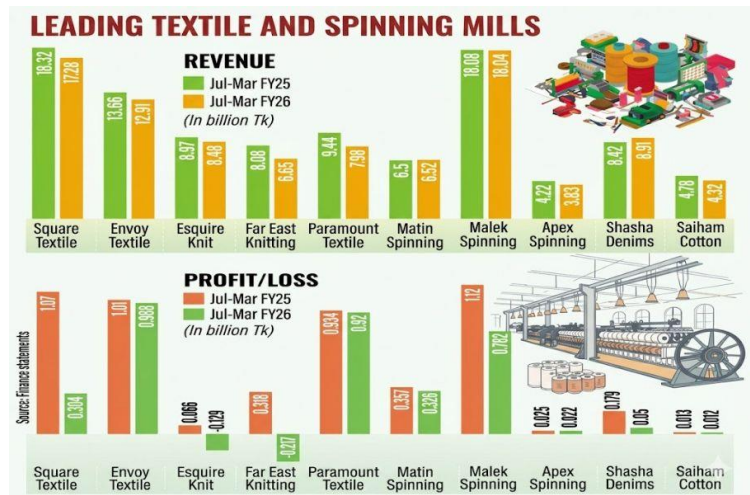
- IPDC Finance PLC reported a robust 78.52 per cent year-on-year growth in net profit after tax to Tk 65 million in the January-March quarter of 2026, driven by higher net interest income, strong investment earnings and disciplined cost management.
- The non-bank financial institution's earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk 0.16 in Q1 2026 from Tk 0.09 in the same period last year, reflecting a notable recovery in after-tax profitability despite a challenging macroeconomic environment.
- "Our first quarter performance reflects the resilience of IPDC's business fundamentals and the disciplined execution of our strategic priorities. We remain committed to maintaining sound risk management practices, and creating long-term value for all stakeholders while supporting Bangladesh's evolving economic aspirations," said Rizwan Dawood Shams, managing director of IPDC Finance, in a statement.
- Operating income grew 24.40 per cent year-on-year to Tk 942 million during the quarter.
- Gross interest income increased 6.01 per cent to Tk 2.43 billion, supported by sustained asset portfolio deployment and prudent lending activities. Meanwhile, interest expenses rose at a slower pace of 1.74 per cent to Tk 1.84 billion due to easing funding costs.

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Textile firms struggle as yarn prices, demand weaken

The Financial Express, May 11, 2026

- Falling yarn prices, sluggish global demand, and elevated operating costs have dealt a severe blow to the revenue and profitability of listed textile firms in the first nine months through March of FY26.
- The situation worsened in the January-March quarter compared to the previous two quarters due to domestic disruptions, including prolonged Eid holidays and election-related factory closures, which temporarily affected production and export shipments.
- A majority of the 58 listed textile companies posted lower profits, while several slipped into fresh losses and some continued to remain in the red for years.
- The textile sector also has the highest number of companies under the Z category, with 27 firms currently placed there due to weak financial performance, failure to declare dividends, and non-compliance with annual general meeting requirements.
- Financial statements showed that many leading textile and spinning companies experienced sharp declines in both revenue and earnings during July-March of FY26, with some reporting fresh losses.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/textile-firms-struggle-as-yarn-prices-demand-weaken>

Saiham Textile to suspend spinning unit for modernisation, capacity boost

The Daily Sun , May 12, 2026

- Saiham Textile Mills has announced an 18-month suspension of production at its spinning unit as part of a major modernisation and capacity enhancement initiative aimed at improving efficiency, product quality and long-term profitability.
- The decision was approved at a board meeting held on Sunday and disclosed on Monday through the websites of the Dhaka Stock Exchange and the Chittagong Stock Exchange.
- According to the company, operations at the spinning unit will remain closed from 1 June while it undertakes BMRE (Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Expansion) works. The plan includes reconstruction of the factory building, installation of modern automated spindle machines, commissioning and trial production.
- The company said the spinning unit, established in 1993, had been facing operational challenges due to ageing machinery, leading to declining yarn quality, lower production capacity and higher operating costs that affected profitability. As part of the restructuring process, Saiham Textile will also dispose of old machinery.
- Industry insiders said the move reflects a broader trend among local textile manufacturers investing in automation and technology upgrades to remain competitive in the global apparel supply chain amid rising production costs and stricter quality requirements from international buyers.

<https://www.daily-sun.com/index.php/business-print/874182>

Economy & Industry

Garment exporters meet PM, demand uninterrupted power supply

The Daily Star, May 11, 2026

- Garment exporters today urged the government to ensure uninterrupted power and energy supply, quick release of export receipts from banks, reopening of closed factories, and easing of customs rules.
- Leaders of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) made the demands at a meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at his secretariat office in Dhaka.
- In separate meetings with the two trade bodies, the prime minister listened to the problems and challenges they face in running their businesses.
- After the meeting, BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan said they discussed export diversification within the garment sector, reopening of closed factories, and the struggles many factories face for survival.
- Regarding factory reopening, Khan said a total of 104 factories have informed the BGMEA about their closure so far. The BGMEA will scrutinise the cases of closed factories to identify the genuine reasons for the shutdowns.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/garment-exporters-meet-pm-demand-uninterrupted-power-supply-4173161>

DCCI calls for stronger inland waterway infrastructure

The Daily Star, May 11, 2026

- The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) today urged the government to accelerate the development of inland waterway infrastructure to reduce the cost of doing business and improve trade logistics across the country.
- The call came during a courtesy meeting between DCCI President Taskeen Ahmed and Water Resources Minister Md Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee at the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka, according to a press release.
- During the meeting, Ahmed said that as a riverine country, Bangladesh has historically relied on inland waterways as one of the most cost-effective modes of transporting industrial raw materials and goods.
- However, the sector's full potential remains untapped due to challenges such as siltation and illegal encroachment on rivers.
- He stressed the need for planned dredging activities, riverbank recovery and necessary infrastructural development to ensure efficient and affordable logistics facilities for businesses.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dcci-calls-stronger-inland-waterway-infrastructure-4173266>

International

Dollar steady

The Daily Star, May 12, 2026

- The dollar was steady on Monday after US President Donald Trump rejected Iran's response to a US peace proposal, sending oil prices higher and prompting renewed concerns that the conflict in the Middle East will drag on.
- The US dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was little changed at 97.995.
- Oil prices, meanwhile, jumped, with Brent crude up 3.6 percent at \$104.94 a barrel, after President Donald Trump on Sunday rejected Iran's response to a US proposal for peace talks, raising worries that the 10-week-old conflict may drag on.

- Yet, markets still seem to believe that the conflict will be resolved, said Kenneth Broux, head of corporate research for FX and rates at Societe Generale.
- “I think the reason for that may be the involvement of China,” he said. “The summit with China and the US later this week is, for me, the main event really,” Broux said, pointing to the influence the two countries have in the Middle East.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-steady-4173411>

US auto industry, lawmakers warn Trump against opening market to China

The Daily Star, May 12, 2026

- As President Donald Trump prepares to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping this week, the US auto industry and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are hammering him with a simple message: Please don't offer China any access to the US car market.
- Trump in January told the Detroit Economic Club that it would be “great” if Chinese automakers wanted to build plants in the US and employ Americans, adding: “I love that. Let China come in, let Japan come in.”
- His comments rang alarm bells in an industry that had systematically lobbied successive administrations to bar Chinese cars from the US market with tough data security rules and high tariffs on electric vehicles.
- So automakers, suppliers, steelmakers, unions and politicians have redoubled their efforts, arguing that Chinese automakers, with limitless state support, massive scale, an EV technology edge and rock-bottom prices, would crush domestic and other foreign producers, hollowing out the core of the US manufacturing base.
- Democratic Senator Elissa Slotkin of Michigan went to the same forum in Detroit on Thursday specifically to urge Trump not to make a deal with Xi to allow Chinese investment in the US auto sector that brings Chinese-brand cars into US dealerships.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-auto-industry-lawmakers-warn-trump-against-opening-market-china-4173441>

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