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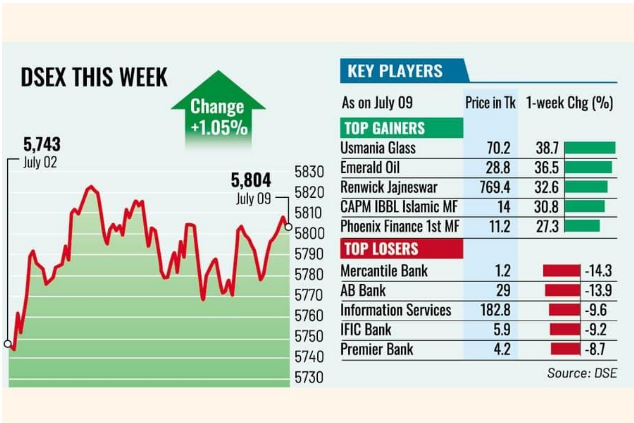
Stock Market & Company

DSEX tops 5,800 on reform optimism

The Financial Express, July 11, 2026



- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) extended gains for a second week, surpassing 5,800-point mark for the first time in nearly two years, as investors responded positively to market-friendly fiscal measures and a series of reform initiatives.
- Market operators said the latest rally reflects a gradual return of investor confidence after a prolonged period of subdued trading, supported by improving macroeconomic indicators, political stability, stronger foreign exchange reserves and the government's renewed commitment to developing the capital market.
- The week opened on a strong note, with broad-based accumulation of lucrative stocks, aided by renewed optimism surrounding regulatory support and resilient market participation.
- However, the bourse witnessed a brief correction in the middle of the week as investors moved to realize gains from recently appreciated blue-chip, while selective buying in momentum-driven stocks limited the downside.
- The benchmark DSEX index gained 60 points, or 1.05 per cent, to close the week at 5,804, hitting a nearly two-year high since September 2, 2024.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dsex-tops-5800-on-reform-optimism

DSEX reclaims 5,800-mark after 22-month as reform windfalls fuel investor optimism

The Business Standard, July 11, 2026

- The country's premier bourse orchestrated a robust rally last week as the benchmark index successfully reclaimed the psychological threshold of 5,800 points, marking its highest level in nearly two years.
- Buoyed by high-level political commitments toward capital market development and the prospect of significant regulatory easing, an aggressive buying spree by investors added approximately Tk6,000 crore to the total market capitalisation of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), said market participants.
- The DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka bourse, gained 60 points or 1.04% over the five trading sessions to settle at 5,804. This is the first time the index has closed above this level since September 2024.

- The blue-chip segment also mirrored this upbeat sentiment, with the DS30 index – comprising fundamentally strong companies – advancing by 15 points to settle at 2,177.
- The week's trading reflected a dominant bullish sentiment, as 251 issues managed to post gains against 122 that declined, while 15 remained unchanged.

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Eastern Lubricants ties up with US-based Ergon to expand transformer oil business

The Business Standard, July 11, 2026

- State-owned and listed Eastern Lubricants Blenders PLC has partnered with the authorised Bangladeshi distributor of US-based Ergon transformer oil as part of its strategy to diversify into higher-value speciality products.
- According to a price-sensitive information (PSI) disclosure today (11 July), Eastern Lubricant signed a one-year agreement on 9 July with Premier Petroleum Products & Lubricants Limited (PPPLL), Ergon's authorised distributor in Bangladesh.
- Under the agreement, the two companies will jointly market, sell and distribute Ergon-brand transformer oil to government organisations across the country.
- The company's share price rose 0.94% to Tk1,889 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange on Saturday.
- Transformer oil is a specialised insulating and cooling oil used in electrical transformers to dissipate heat and provide electrical insulation, helping improve the safety, efficiency and lifespan of transformers. It is widely used in power generation, transmission and distribution systems.

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Daffodil Computers surges 308% in five months despite weak earnings, no PSI

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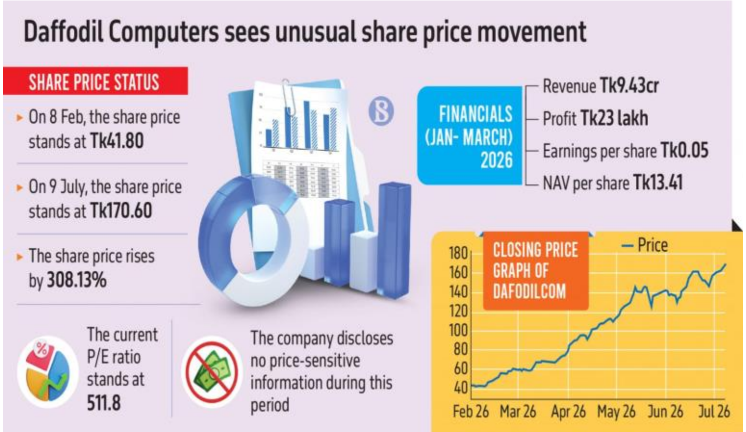

- Shares of Daffodil Computers PLC have surged more than 308% over the past five months despite weak financial performance and the absence of any price-sensitive information (PSI), raising concerns over the stock's valuation and trading pattern.
- According to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the company's share price climbed from Tk41.80 on 8 February to Tk170.60 on 9 July, marking a 308.13% gain during the period.
- Despite the steep rally, Daffodil Computers did not disclose any PSI that could explain the price movement. The DSE sought explanations from the company twice over the unusual rise in its share price. On both occasions, the company said it had no undisclosed price-sensitive information.
- The company's financial performance also offers little support for the sharp appreciation.
- According to its unaudited financial statements for the January-March quarter of 2026, Daffodil Computers reported revenue of Tk9.43 crore and a net profit of Tk23 lakh. Earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk0.05, while net asset value (NAV) per share was Tk13.41. The company attributed the earnings decline to lower sales during the quarter.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/daffodil-computers-surges-308-five-months-despite-weak-earnings-no-psi-1485686

DSE finds AFC Agro's factory closed, adding to growing list of non-operational firms

The Business Standard, July 11, 2026

- An inspection team from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) recently visited the factory premises of AFC Agro Biotech Limited only to find its production and operations completely shut down.
- The premier bourse published this finding on its website on Thursday.According to existing securities laws, listed companies are legally obligated to immediately inform their investors and the regulators if factory operations are suspended.
- However, AFC Agro Biotech failed to provide any such material information to the stock exchange regarding its closure.
- Following this production halt, the total number of non-operational listed firms on the DSE has risen to 34.
- The agro-based bio-pharmaceuticals and bio-chemicals producer has been plagued by operational and financial delays. AFC Agro last published its financial statements for the 2021-22 fiscal year, during which its board recommended a meager 0.50% cash dividend.

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Economy & Industry

Karooni Fashions shuts Ratanpur unit indefinitely

The Daily Star, July 11, 2026

- Karooni Fashions Limited has shut one of its garment units in Kaliakair, Gazipur, indefinitely, affecting around 8,000 workers, under Section 13(1) of the Bangladesh Labour Act, 2006.
- The closure took effect today, according to a notice issued by the factory authorities on July 9.
- The notice said workers at the unit stopped production without prior notice on the afternoon of July 8. Although they entered the factory on the morning of July 9, they refused to resume work despite repeated requests from the management.Considering the situation, the authorities decided to suspend operations indefinitely from July 11.
- The management said the reopening date would be announced separately once the situation normalises. The closure does not apply to the company's knitting section or its other factories under the same ownership.
- The factory is located in Ratanpur, Salipur, in Kaliakair upazila of Gazipur.

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Bangladesh risks missing post-LDC EU trade gains: RAPID chairman

The Daily Star, July 11, 2026

- Bangladesh could see its trade with the European Union (EU) expand significantly over the next three to four years, but the country may not be fully prepared to capitalise on the opportunity, warned MA Razzaque, chairman of the Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID).
- "Trade relations between Bangladesh and the EU are likely to deepen over the next three to four years in a way not seen over the past five decades. The question is whether Bangladesh has the capacity to absorb those opportunities," he said.
- Razzaque was speaking at a seminar titled "The changing landscape of Bangladesh-EU trade relations: LDC graduation, preference erosion and intensifying competition", jointly organised by RAPID and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Dhaka today.
- He said Bangladesh has not been able to effectively present its own demands to the EU, even though the bloc has put forward extensive expectations on trade, governance and sustainability.

- Referring to Bangladesh's graduation from the United Nations' least developed country (LDC) category, Razzaque said the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) had recommended a short deferment of the graduation process, which is currently scheduled for November this year.

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International

IEA says global oil demand picks up

The Daily Star, July 12, 2026

- The International Energy Agency said Friday that “a recovery” in global oil demand had started as supplies tentatively start moving through the strategic Strait of Hormuz again and prices ease.
- “A recovery in world oil demand is underway, with consumption set to rise from its May nadir,” the IEA’s monthly report said.
- The agency had in June predicted a fall in demand of 1.1 million barrels a day (mbd) through 2026 because of the Middle East war, which strangled traffic through the strait. It now expects a one million barrel a day fall.
- “Global oil supply rebounded by a sharp 4.1 mbd to 98.8 mbd in June, as a resumption of flows through the Strait of Hormuz underpinned a partial recovery in Gulf production. World output was nevertheless some 9.4 mb/d below pre-war levels,” it said.“Total Gulf oil exports, including volumes bypassing the Strait, surged by 6.5 mbd in June, to 16.1 mbd – a big jump but still well below the 24 mbd average before the war started.”
- According to the IEA, world supply improved to 102.6 mbd in June and would continue to get better if there was “a swift de-escalation of renewed hostilities”.“If transit volumes improve, oil supply will expand by 7.5 mbd next year,” the agency added.

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