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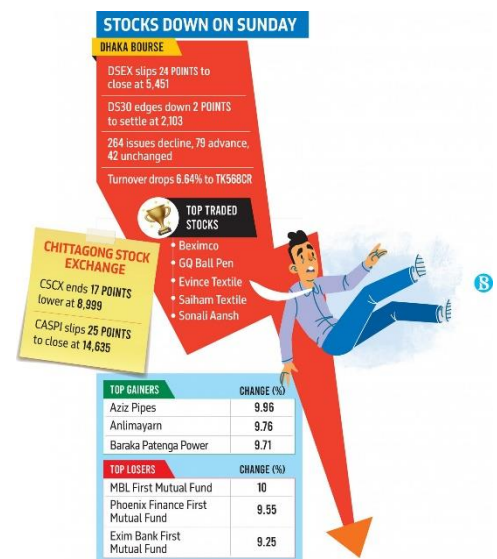
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Stock Market & Company

Stocks fall as earnings concerns, geopolitical tensions weigh on investors

The Business Standard, Oct 11, 2026

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) commenced the week on a sour note today (11 October) as broad-based selling pressure erased early gains amid investor apprehension over upcoming corporate earnings disclosures and escalating geopolitical risks in the Middle East.
- The broad-based DSEX index fell 24 points to settle at 5,451, while the blue-chip DS30 index edged down 2 points to close at 2,103.
- Market participation also thinned out, with total daily turnover at the Dhaka bourse slipping 6.64% to Tk568 crore compared to the previous session.
- Out of the 385 issues traded, only 79 advanced, while 264 declined and 42 remained unchanged.
- Brokerage firms attributed the negative performance to heightened caution among market participants surrounding the fiscal year-end earnings and dividend announcement season of June year-end companies, alongside concerns over the broader macroeconomic outlook.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-fall-earnings-concerns-geopolitical-tensions-weigh-investors-1569701>

Walton Hi-Tech signs MoU with Kenyan firm to expand global footprint

The Business Standard, Oct 11, 2026

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC, a local electronics giant listed on the stock exchange, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Kenya-based North Light Holdings Limited to expand its global presence.
- The partnership aims to strengthen Walton's brand profile and increase its market share in the designated territory, according to a disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (11 October).
- North Light Holdings Limited is a private company registered under Kenyan law, with its corporate headquarters in Nairobi.
- "The collaboration aims to build a mutually beneficial business relationship focused on rolling out a comprehensive business roadmap. This will involve continuous product procurement, targeted marketing initiatives, quality customer service, and robust product promotion," it said.

- According to the website of North Light Holdings, the Kenyan company, founded in late 2018, holds diversified corporate conglomerate built on a single conviction: that world-class standards and disciplined execution belong in every market including the dynamic, fast-growing regions where opportunity is greatest and reliable partners are scarcest.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/walton-hi-tech-signs-mou-kenyan-firm-expand-global-footprint-1569691>

Econo ball pen maker returns to profit after 9 years, shares jump 6.65%

The Business Standard, Oct 11, 2026

- GQ Ball Pen Industries, the maker of the once-popular Econo ballpoint pen, has returned to profitability after nine consecutive years of losses, posting a net profit of Tk1.31 crore in FY26 as it cuts operating costs and earns rental income from its commercial property.
- The company last reported a profit of Tk1.55 crore in 2016. Its earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk0.12 in FY26, while its net asset value (NAV) per share was Tk143.60 and net operating cash flow per share Tk0.58, according to the company's disclosure.
- Following the earnings disclosure and dividend announcement, the company's share price rose 6.65% to Tk609.30 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). Its market capitalisation stood at around Tk510 crore.
- Uzzal Kumar Saha, managing director of GQ Ball Pen, told The Business Standard that the company had scaled down operations because of ageing machinery, helping reduce operating costs.
- "As our machinery is too old, we are cutting down operations following shareholder approval at the last annual general meeting, which has helped us reduce operating costs," he said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/econo-ball-pen-maker-returns-profit-after-9-years-shares-jump-665-1569686>

Doreen Power profit surges 58%, recommends 15% cash dividend for FY26

The Financial Express, Oct 11, 2026

- Doreen Power Generations and Systems Limited recorded a sharp 57.68% year-on-year jump in consolidated earnings for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026, driven primarily by a significant reduction in extraordinary impairment losses compared to the previous year.
- According to price sensitive information approved by its board of directors on Thursday, the company recommended a 15% cash dividend – amounting to Tk1.50 per share of Tk10 face value – for general shareholders. Sponsor-directors will not receive this payout.
- Earlier, it had paid a 10% cash dividend for FY25.
- The company further reported that its consolidated earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk5.03 in FY26, up from Tk3.19 in the preceding fiscal year.
- The company noted in its official disclosure that the strong bottom-line growth stemmed mainly from lower impairment losses on non-current assets relative to FY25.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/doreen-power-profit-surges-58-recommends-15-cash-dividend-fy26-1568651>

BSEC fines trio Tk73.76 lakh for manipulating Trust Islami Life shares

The Daily Star, Oct 11, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has slapped a total penalty of Tk73.76 lakh on investor Md Abu Taher Shikder and his two associates – wife Umma Salma Nipa and brother-in-law SM Shahed Shakil – for artificially inflating the share price of Trust Islami Life Insurance Limited through illegal series trading and circular counterparty transactions.

- According to an enforcement order issued on 5 October 2026, the capital market regulator penalised key mastermind Abu Taher Shikder Tk53.25 lakh, while fining his associates Shahed Shakil Tk15.51 lakh and Umma Salma Nipa Tk5 lakh for breaching securities laws.
- A Dhaka Stock Exchange investigation into the stock's trading between 1 June 2025 and 28 August 2025 revealed that the company's closing share price shot up 131.11%, rising to Tk83.20 from Tk36.00 in less than three months.
- BSEC found that Abu Taher Shikder operated multiple beneficiary owner accounts across several brokerage houses to execute targeted buy and sell orders, dominating market volume and artificially driving up share quotes.
- The regulatory probe uncovered that the trio engaged in series transactions to create a deceptive appearance of active trading. Furthermore, they acted as counterparties to each other's trades in 46 separate instances involving 1.72 lakh shares in the public market to manipulate prices.

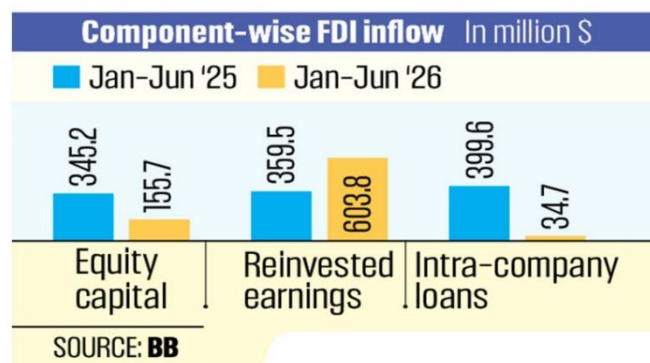
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Economy & Industry

Net FDI inflows drop 28% in first half of 2026

The Daily Star, Oct 11, 2026

- Bangladesh recorded a sharp decline in net foreign investment inflows in the first half of 2026 as fresh equity inflows from international investors slumped, raising concerns.
- During January-June this year, net foreign investment declined 28 percent year on year, from over \$1,100 million to roughly \$795 million, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.
- Abdur Razzaque, chairman of Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), said Bangladesh had struggled for many years to attract FDI at a scale proportionate to the size of its economy.
- "A sizeable further decline from an already low base is therefore particularly concerning," he said.
- In 2025, FDI inflows into Bangladesh rose 45 percent year on year to \$1.78 billion, ending two consecutive years of decline, according to a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released in July.
- However, the latest BB data showed that net equity capital inflows dipped 55 percent, from \$345 million in the first half of 2025 to \$155 million in the same period this year.



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Marubeni eyes new investments in Bangladesh

The Business Standard, Oct 11, 2026

- Japanese conglomerate Marubeni Corporation is interested in expanding its existing investments in Bangladesh and entering new industrial sectors, including fertiliser production, information technology and ship recycling.
- The corporation also sees opportunities to modernise the Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company (KAFCO), improve natural gas efficiency and increase fertiliser production capacity. The Japanese trading group is an equity investor in KAFCO.
- Marubeni President and CEO Masayuki Omoto discussed the investment opportunities at a meeting with Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir at the commerce ministry office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press ministry statement.

- Omoto also expressed interest in new investments and technological cooperation in the production of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and triple superphosphate (TSP) fertilisers.
- Highlighting Bangladesh's potential in the information technology sector, he noted that hundreds of Bangladeshi engineers employed by Bangladesh Japan Information Technology (BJIT), a joint investment venture, were providing services to international markets, including Japan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/marubeni-eyes-new-investments-bangladesh-4296356>

International

Gold hits one-week high

The Daily Star, Oct 11, 2026

- Gold rose for a second straight session on Friday, touching a one-week high, as bargain buying emerged after bullion fell to two-month low earlier this week, while traders assessed the likelihood of further US Federal Reserve interest rate hikes.
- Spot gold rose 1.5 percent to \$4,194.36 per ounce by 03:29 p.m. EDT (1929 GMT), heading for a weekly gain of about 1.3 percent.
- The metal fell to a two-month low on Wednesday as a stronger dollar and rising US Treasury yields weighed on the non-yielding metal.
- US gold futures for December delivery gained 1.4 percent to settle at \$4,216.3. Bullion gained due to "bargain hunting at the lows, as a floor has been building in the \$4,000-region," said Rhona O'Connell, head of market analysis at Stone X.
- "It is arguable that a further Fed hike is already priced in but so is the expectation for continued official sector net purchases. Without any Black Swan event I find it hard to see gold breaking convincingly higher."

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