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Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSEX reclaims 5,900 as margin rule relaxation hopes fuel rally

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- The country's premier bourse staged a robust rally today (11 August), with the benchmark index reclaiming the psychologically important 5,900-point mark on optimism over a potential relaxation of margin lending rules.
- Investor sentiment got a lift after The Business Standard reported on the possible regulatory shift, triggering a wave of buying that added around Tk3,300 crore to the market capitalisation of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- The DSEX index rose 58 points, or 1%, to close at 5,903. The blue-chip DS30 index also tracked the bullish trend, adding 18 points to finish at 2,204.
- Turnover on the DSE jumped 23% to Tk1,115 crore, marking a return to four-figure territory for the first time in recent sessions.
- Advancers dominated the session, with 242 issues gaining ground against 101 decliners, while 50 stocks remained unchanged.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-reclaims-5900-margin-rule-relaxation-hopes-fuel-rally-1512566

BSEC clears revised margin rules, sets P/E cap at 40

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved revised margin lending rules, setting a maximum price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 40 for margin-eligible shares across all sectors except life insurance.
- People familiar with the matter said the revised rules were approved at the commission's regular meeting today (11 August) and are expected to be sent to the Bangladesh Government Press (BG Press) on 13 August for gazette publication.
- The rule-making team has been given two days to finalise the regulations before publication, according to the sources. However, BSEC Executive Director and spokesperson Abul Kalam told TBS he was unaware of the matter.
- Under the revised framework, the P/E ratio will be the key valuation criterion for determining margin loan eligibility for banks, non-life insurers and companies in other sectors. The condition will not apply to life insurers.
- The rules introduce a trailing P/E ratio, calculated using the current share price against earnings per share (EPS) generated over the previous 12 months. The ratio will be updated when companies publish new quarterly financial results.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-revised-margin-rules-sets-pe-cap-40-1512521

Midas Finance slips into insolvency as negative NAV deepens to Tk24.87

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- Midas Financing PLC has slipped into financial insolvency as its net asset value (NAV) per share plunged further into negative territory to Tk24.87 by 30 June, with mounting losses pushing its liabilities above the value of its assets.
- The non-bank financial institution disclosed the negative NAV in its half-yearly financial statements filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (11 August), underscoring the erosion of its net asset base.
- Market insiders said a negative NAV poses a severe risk to investors as it means the company's liabilities exceed the value of its assets. In cases of severe insolvency, creditors typically have priority over shareholders in any liquidation, leaving shareholders at risk of receiving little or nothing.
- The company's financial position deteriorated sharply in the first half of 2026, when it incurred a consolidated net loss of Tk89 crore, translating into a loss per share of Tk6.21 for January-June.
- The latest loss came after Midas Finance posted a staggering consolidated net loss of Tk337 crore in 2025, resulting in a loss per share of Tk23.40.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/midas-finance-slips-insolvency-negative-nav-deepens-tk2487-1512546

Olympic Industries to buy 102 decimal land again in N'ganj at Tk2.29cr

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- Olympic Industries PLC, the country's leading manufacturer of process-packaged food and biscuits, has decided to acquire 102 decimals of land in Narayanganj to support its ongoing operational expansion.
- The decision was finalised during a meeting of the company's board of directors held yesterday (10 August), according to an official disclosure posted on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website yesterday.
- Under the board's approval, the land— located in Narayanganj — will be purchased for an agreed total price of Tk2.29 crore from sellers Jaman Miah and Md Moniruzzaman Bhuiya & Gong.
- Olympic Industries will bear all registration-related costs, including VAT, gain/income taxes and other associated charges.
- The company said the procurement is intended for construction works aimed at accommodating future capacity expansion.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-buy-102-decimal-land-again-nganj-tk229cr-1512541

High Court approves Walton Digi-Tech merger with Walton Hi-Tech

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- The High Court has approved the merger of non-listed Walton Digi-Tech Industries Ltd with listed Walton Hi-Tech Industries Ltd, paving the way for the group's strategic corporate restructuring.
- Walton said in a price-sensitive information (PSI) disclosure that it received the formal judgment and order dated 29 July. Under the approved scheme, Walton Digi-Tech will be the transferor company and Walton Hi-Tech the transferee company.
- The merger is expected to strengthen Walton Hi-Tech's business portfolio through vertical integration, adding products such as laptops, desktop PCs, printers, mobile phones, printed circuit boards (PCBs), IT accessories and electric bikes.
- According to Walton, the merger will generate cost and operational efficiencies, technological and innovation synergies, expand its market reach and strengthen its competitive position.
- The board of Walton Hi-Tech endorsed a memorandum of understanding on the proposed merger in September last year under the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 1994.
- Walton Digi-Tech, which has been operating for more than eight years, is a Bangladeshi technology company offering more than 123 products across multiple segments under 36 brands, according to the disclosure.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/high-court-approves-walton-digi-tech-merger-walton-hi-tech-1512526

BEXIMCO's rally, turnover fuel suspicion of speculative trading

The Financial Express, Aug 12, 2026

- Shares of Bangladesh Export Import Company Ltd (BEXIMCO) continued to draw heavy trading interest on Tuesday, with the stock topping the Dhaka Stock Exchange's (DSE) turnover chart amid growing concerns over speculative trading.
- BEXIMCO shares generated Tk 513.546 million in turnover on Tuesday, making the company the most-traded stock on the DSE for the day. The latest surge in trading activity comes after the stock gained nearly 29 per cent in just seven working days despite the absence of any major positive corporate disclosure or clear fundamental catalyst.
- The unusually high turnover has further intensified questions over whether the recent price rally was driven primarily by speculation rather than a material improvement in the company's fundamentals.
- "From a fundamental perspective, there is no apparent reason for such a sharp increase in the share price at this point," an analyst told The Financial Express on condition of anonymity.
- He also said the recent movement appeared increasingly disconnected from the company's fundamentals and could reflect speculative activity among a section of investors.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/beximcos-rally-turnover-fuel-suspicion-of-speculative-trading

Economy & Industry

Egypt keen to invest in country's industrial sector

The Business Standard, Aug 11, 2026

- Egypt has expressed keen interest in further strengthening economic and trade relations with Bangladesh and expanding cooperation in industrial and investment sectors.
- Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy conveyed the interest when he paid a courtesy call on Industries, Commerce and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir at the Ministry of Industries here today (10 August), said a press release.
- During the meeting, the ambassador said Egypt is interested in deepening economic and trade ties with Bangladesh, particularly through increased cooperation in industries and investment.
- He emphasised enhancing interactions between business people and industrial entrepreneurs of the two countries, saying stronger business-to-business contacts could help expand bilateral trade and investment.
- The ambassador assured that Egypt would continue to extend necessary cooperation to facilitate greater economic engagement between the two countries.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/egypt-keen-invest-countrys-industrial-sector-1511501

Bangladesh Bank plans Tk 1,000 crore collateral-free loans for young entrepreneurs

The Daily Star, Aug 11, 2026

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is considering a scheme to provide young entrepreneurs with collateral-free loans of up to Tk 10 lakh at a concessional interest rate of 4 percent to 6 percent, with grants for those who repay their loans on time.
- The proposed scheme could initially provide Tk 500 crore in loans to around 5,000 entrepreneurs, with each eligible borrower receiving up to Tk 10 lakh. Another Tk 500 crore could be allocated as grants, taking the total package to Tk 1,000 crore.However, these figures are preliminary and may change.
- The proposal is still under discussion, and details such as the package size, eligibility criteria and financing structure have yet to be finalised, said Mashrur Arefin, managing director and CEO of City Bank PLC and chairman of the Association of Bankers, Bangladesh (ABB).

- He disclosed the information to journalists today after a meeting with BB Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman. The meeting was held at the central bank headquarters between BB officials and an ABB delegation to discuss ways to support young people who want to start or expand businesses.
- Officials from BB's SME department and senior officials involved in SME financing are working on the draft framework. Banks would be assigned different upazilas and help identify and assess eligible applicants.The central bank is expected to finalise the framework after further consultations with banks and other stakeholders.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-plans-tk-1000-crore-collateral-free-loans-young-entrepreneurs-4245416

International

Oil pares gains

The Daily Star, Aug 12, 2026

- Oil prices pared gains on Tuesday after hitting their highest for more than a week as signs of progress in talks between Oman and Iran over shipping through the Strait of Hormuz were weighed against ongoing disruption to Middle East energy flows.
- Brent crude futures fell 21 cents, or 0.24 percent, to $87.51 a barrel by 1138 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 4 cents, or 0.05 percent, at $82.09.Both benchmarks hit their highest since July 31 earlier in the session, with Brent rising as high as $90.03 a barrel and WTI touching $84.61.
- Talks between Oman and Iran on the future of shipping in the Strait of Hormuz are now at an advanced stage, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday.
- "Any signs of de-escalation or any signs of a deal are good news for risk assets and bad for oil, obviously. But it's all talk at the moment. It's all headlines. There's no meaningful progress," said Fawad Razaqzada, analyst at City Index and FOREX.com.
- Both contracts had jumped more than 5 percent on Monday after US President Donald Trump responded to Iran's conditions for a peace deal with his own demands that Iran pay compensation for people killed in wars, attacks and protests, which is likely to complicate efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

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