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Stock Market & Company

DSE turnover jumps 54% as DSEX snaps five-day losing streak

The Business Standard, May 12, 2026

- The country's premier bourse returned to a positive trajectory on Tuesday as the benchmark index snapped a five-day losing streak, supported by a significant surge in trading activity.
- Market turnover at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) crossed the prestigious Tk1,000 crore mark for the first time in recent weeks, jumping by 54% to reach Tk1,101 crore.
- While broad-based bargain hunting played a role in the recovery, the massive turnover was largely driven by a single heavyweight transaction in the block market, where shares of BRAC Bank worth Tk335 crore changed hands.
- The benchmark DSEX index rose by 24 points to settle the session at 5,229. The blue-chip DS30 index followed a similar path, gaining 4 points to close at 1,989.
- The day's trading reflected a shift in investor sentiment as opportunistic buyers moved in to accumulate fundamentally strong scrips that had become undervalued during the previous week's persistent decline, according to the market insiders.

DSEX SNAPS FIVE-DAY LOSING STREAK

Dhaka bourse on Tuesday

- DSEX rises 24 points to reach at 5,229
- Snaps five-day losing streak
- Blue-chip DS30 gains 4 points to close at 1,989
- 188 issues advance, 138 decline, 67 unchanged
- Turnover jumps 54% to reach Tk1,101cr

Top traded stocks

- Monno Ceramic
- Dominage Steel
- Acme Pesticide
- Asiatic Laboratories
- NCC Bank



TOP GAINERS

	CHANGE (%)
RD Food	9.95
Rahima Food	9.91
Islami Commercial Insurance	9.84
Prime Textile	9.60
VFS Thread	9.24

TOP LOSERS

	CHANGE (%)
Meghna Pet	6.20
Monno Ceramic	6.09
EBL NRB Mutual Fund	5.71
AB Bank First Mutual Fund	5.71
Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund	4.84

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-jumps-54-dsex-snaps-five-day-losing-streak-1437401>

Islami Bank incurs Tk288cr loss on Q1

The Business Standard, May 13, 2026

- Islami Bank Bangladesh reported that it incurred a loss of Tk288 crore in the January-March quarter of 2026.
- According to the bank's price sensitive statement, its consolidated loss per share was Tk1.79 in the first quarter.
- The bank said, it incurred the loss mainly due lower interest earnings, higher deposit cost and rising non performing loan.

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BRAC Bank's profit grows 44% to Tk695cr in first quarter

The Business Standard, May 12, 2026

- BRAC Bank reported that its consolidated net profit jumped by 44% to reach Tk695.68 in the January-March quarter of 2026.
- According to the bank's price sensitive statement, its consolidated earnings per share was Tk2.90 in the first quarter, which was Tk2.02 during the same quarter a year ago.
- The bank said, net profit was driven by higher interest income as well as investment income. Moreover, robust performances from the subsidiaries companies also helped to post such profit growth during the quarter compared to the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-banks-profit-grows-44-tk695cr-first-quarter-1437561>

LafargeHolcim Bangladesh posts Tk112cr profit in Q1

The Business Standard, May 12, 2026

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh reported a net profit after tax of Tk112.2 crore for the first quarter ended 31 March 2026, down 19% from Tk139.1 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.
- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh reported a net profit after tax of Tk112.2 crore for the first quarter ended 31 March 2026, marking a 19% decline from the Tk139.1 crore recorded in the same period last year.
- The multinational cement manufacturer said its bottom line came under pressure from rising energy costs and persistent inflation, driven largely by the broader macroeconomic fallout from the West Asia crisis, according to a company press release. According to the company's financial disclosure, net sales during the January–March period stood at Tk803.8 crore, down 6% year-on-year from Tk851.5 crore in the first quarter of 2025.
- Operating earnings before interest and taxes fell 31% to Tk123.3 crore, while earnings per share declined to Tk0.97 from Tk1.20 a year earlier.
- Despite these headwinds, the company maintained a profit-after-tax margin of 14% through operational efficiency initiatives and strict cost-control measures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lafargeholcim-bangladesh-posts-tk112cr-profit-q1-marking-19-decline-1437421>

BRAC Bank sees Tk335cr block trade amid foreign portfolio reshuffle

The Business Standard, May 12, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) witnessed a massive block transaction today (12 May), as 4.53 crore shares of BRAC Bank worth Tk335 crore changed hands.
- The trades were executed at negotiated prices ranging between Tk71.30 and Tk74 per share. Market sources said the transaction, facilitated through City Brokerage Limited, was primarily part of a strategic reshuffle among foreign investment portfolios.
- A senior brokerage official said such large-scale transactions are common when global asset managers reallocate holdings among different funds under their management to meet liquidity requirements or rebalance portfolios.
- Block trades are large, privately negotiated transactions executed outside the public order book to avoid sharp price volatility. Under DSE regulations, any transaction valued at Tk5 lakh or more qualifies as a block trade.
- As of April, foreign investors held a significant 36.22% stake in the bank, while sponsors and directors owned 46.17%, and institutional investors accounted for 11.48%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-sees-tk335cr-block-trade-amid-foreign-portfolio-reshuffle-1437391>

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh Bank buys \$145 million from banks in May to bolster reserves

The Financial Express, May 12, 2026

- Bangladesh Bank has purchased dollars from commercial banks for two consecutive days in the second week of May.
- The central bank bought \$20 million from a commercial bank on Tuesday at a rate of Tk 122.75 per dollar, according to officials. A day earlier, the regulator purchased \$45 million from another bank at the same rate.
- Arief Hossain Khan, executive director and spokesperson for the central bank, told bdnews24.com: "So far this month, up to \$145 million has been purchased from the market."
- The central bank's cut-off rate for dollar purchases throughout May has remained Tk 122.75 per dollar.
- According to Bangladesh Bank data, the regulator has bought a total of \$5.82 billion from the market so far in the current fiscal year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-buys-145-million-from-banks-in-may-to-bolster-reserves>

Investment platform BSIC will not serve political motives, funds to solely support startup growth: Khosru

The Business Standard, May 12, 2026

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has said the new Bangladesh Startup Investment Company will operate free from political interference, noting that BSIC will use its funds solely to support the growth of startups.
- The minister was speaking at the launch event at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka, with officials announcing that 39 commercial banks have jointly launched the country's first institutionally governed venture capital platform.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is pictured with bank chiefs at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka on 12 May 2026. Photo: Courtesy
- "This fund will not be used for political motives, and there will be no political intervention," Khosru said.
- The platform, Bangladesh Startup Investment Company PLC (BSIC), launched its inaugural fund – Onkur Bangladesh Fund 1 – at the event.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/new-vc-platform-bsic-will-not-serve-political-motives-funds-be-used-solely-startup>

International

Oil prices jump on latest US-Iran peace process impasse

The Daily Star, May 12, 2026

- Oil prices rose by about 3 percent on Tuesday as stark differences between the US and Iran on a proposal to end the war in the Middle East pushed supply concerns back into the spotlight.
- Brent crude futures gained \$2.85, or 2.7 percent, to \$107.06 a barrel by 0931 GMT and US West Texas Intermediate was up \$3.13, or 3.2 percent, at \$101.20. Both benchmarks climbed nearly 3 percent on Monday.
- Oil prices moved higher after President Trump cast doubt on the durability of the ceasefire with Iran, prolonging uncertainty around the Strait of Hormuz and global energy supplies, said MUFG analyst Soojin Kim.
- US President Donald Trump said on Monday that the ceasefire was on "life support", pointing to disagreements over demands such as the cessation of hostilities on all fronts, the removal of a US naval blockade, the resumption of Iranian oil sales and compensation for war damage.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-prices-jump-latest-us-iran-peace-process-impasse-4173961>

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