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Key News

Stock Market & Company

BSEC moves to reduce settlement cycle, scrap wet signatures

The Business Standard, July 13, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched an ambitious reform drive to modernise the country's capital market by reducing operational barriers, introducing technology-based solutions and strengthening investor protection.
- The reform roadmap includes faster share settlement, digital order placement, artificial intelligence-based market surveillance, revised margin lending rules and greater flexibility for stock exchanges in setting market protection measures.
- At the centre of the reform agenda is the plan to reduce the securities settlement cycle from the current T+2 to T+1, with a long-term target of introducing same-day settlement, or T+0.
- The BSEC and stock exchanges are working with Bangladesh Bank to implement the transition. Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Managing Director Nuzhat Anwar told The Business Standard that a Bangladesh Bank team recently visited the bourse to review its clearing and settlement infrastructure.
- She said the DSE has requested the central bank to extend the Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) window by two hours from 4pm to facilitate faster transactions. Once necessary regulatory changes are approved, the move could significantly increase trading efficiency.

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Rupali Bank gets BSEC approval for Tk680cr share issuance to govt

The Business Standard, July 13, 2026

- Rupali Bank, the country's only listed state-owned commercial bank, has received final approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to issue shares worth nearly Tk680 crore to the government against its existing equity support.
- According to a price-sensitive information (PSI) disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (13 July), BSEC approved the bank's proposal to issue 45.33 crore ordinary shares to the Government of Bangladesh through a letter dated 12 July.
- The shares will be issued at Tk15 each, including a Tk10 face value and a Tk5 premium, raising a total of Tk679.99 crore. The shares will be allotted to the Secretary of the Finance Division under the Ministry of Finance on behalf of the government.

- The approval follows a decision by Rupali Bank's board on 30 June to issue the shares. The proposal will now be placed before shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled for 27 August. The bank's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also be held on the same day.
- The government had provided Tk679.99 crore in equity support to Rupali Bank in phases through the Ministry of Finance. The amount was recorded as share money deposits in the bank's accounts.

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6 merchant banks face licence cancellation over capital deficiency, inactivity

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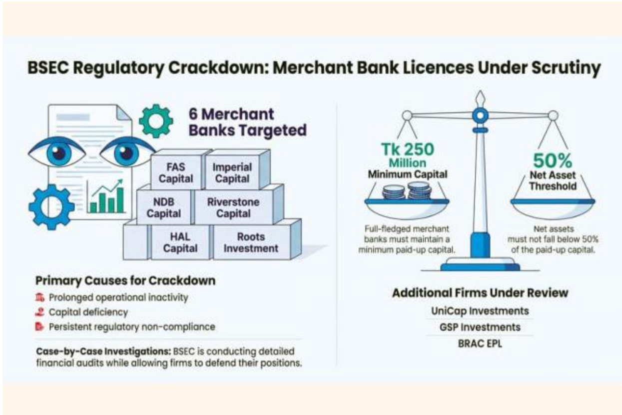

- In a major regulatory crackdown, the stock market watchdog has initiated the process of cancelling the licences of six more merchant banks over allegations of prolonged inactivity and capital deficiency.
- The move was triggered by preliminary findings that some of the institutions had long failed to meet minimum capital requirements, while the others faced accusations of persistent regulatory non-compliance and prolonged operational inactivity.
- The merchant banks facing licence cancellation are FAS Capital Management, Imperial Capital, NDB Capital, Riverstone Capital, HAL Capital and Roots Investment.
- "Our preliminary investigation uncovered serious irregularities," said Md. Abul Kalam, executive director and spokesperson of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).

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Dhaka bourse halts trading for Daffodil Computers, Usmania Glass

The Business Standard, July 13, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has suspended trading in the shares of two listed companies— Daffodil Computers and Usmania Glass Sheet Factory—after detecting abnormal price and volume spikes.
- In separate disclosures issued at 10:56am, the bourse said trading in both stocks would remain suspended for the rest of the trading session due to unusual increases in share prices and trading volumes.
- According to the DSE, shares trading halt for Usmania Glass for second time as it had faced trading halt on 9 June, and resume on the next trading session.
- Daffodil Computers' share price jumped 16% to Tk170.6 between 28 June and 9 July. The stock later fell to Tk160.8 on Sunday before rebounding to Tk163.8 on Monday prior to the trading suspension.
- Meanwhile, Usmania Glass Sheet Factory's shares price surged abnormally in recent trading sessions, the DSE data showed. Its share price climbed from Tk37.3 on 22 June to Tk70.2 on 9 July.

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Aamra Technologies recommends 0.25% dividend

The Business Standard, July 13, 2026

- Aamra Technologies Limited has recommended a 0.25% cash dividend for general shareholders for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2025, despite reporting a sharp decline in financial performance.

- According to a price-sensitive information (PSI) disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (13 July), .
- The payout for general shareholders will amount to around Tk11.32 lakh, the company said.
- Aamra Technologies said the date, time and venue of its Annual General Meeting (AGM), along with the record date, will be announced after receiving approval from the High Court.
- The dividend recommendation comes amid worsening financial results. For FY25, the IT services company reported earnings per share (EPS) of negative Tk3.17.

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Economy & Industry

Exports to Latin America surge 29pc in 4 yrs

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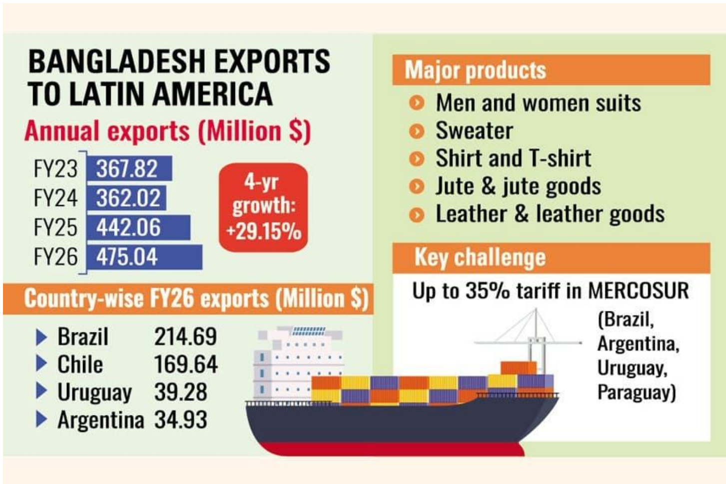

- Bangladesh's strategic pivot toward non-traditional markets has hit a major milestone as its year-on-year exports to Latin American nations are increasing significantly.
- Rising imports by Brazil and Chile have helped Bangladesh make a strong foothold in the South American market, analysts say.
- Merchandise shipments to Latin America, especially ready-made garment (RMG), saw a 29.15 per cent growth over the last four fiscal years, pushing Bangladesh one step ahead in diversifying its export market, according to the Export Promotion Bureau's (EPB) official data.The robust growth underscores the expanding footprint of local manufacturers in the South American continent.
- This surge comes at a critical juncture as the nation actively pursues aggressive market diversification strategies to mitigate geopolitical vulnerabilities in its conventional Western strongholds.
- According to the EPB data, Bangladesh exported goods worth $367.82 million to the South American market in the fiscal year 2022-23, which grew to $475.04 million in FY26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/bgmea-hold-overseas-roadshows-attract-new-garment-buyers-1486696

LDCs urge global action on finance, debt, climate, trade, technology

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- The Group of Least-Developed Countries has urged the international community to take urgent action on five priority areas-concessional finance, debt relief, climate finance, market access and technology transfer-to help the world's poorest nations achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure smooth LDC graduation.
- Presenting the LDC Group's priorities at the High-Level Segment of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) General Debate in New York on Monday.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister's Finance and Planning Adviser, Dr Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, warned that mounting debt burdens, climate shocks, shrinking fiscal space and declining development assistance are putting sustainable development at risk.
- Speaking on behalf of the 44-member LDC Group, Dr Titumir said progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development remained "alarmingly off track", with LDCs facing the greatest challenges.

- As the group's first priority, he calls for a significant increase in predictable, affordable concessional financing to address mounting debt vulnerabilities and boost investment in education, healthcare, productive capacity, resilient infrastructure, job creation, poverty reduction, social protection and essential services.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/ldcs-urge-global-action-on-finance-debt-climate-trade-technology-1

International

Dollar hits Tk 123 in inter-bank trade

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- The US dollar has climbed to Tk 123 in the inter-bank market as stronger demand for foreign currency coincides with slower inflows of remittances and export earnings.
- The weighted average inter-bank exchange rate stood at Tk 123 yesterday, up slightly from Tk 122.97 a day earlier, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.
- Since the beginning of this month, the weighted average exchange rate has been hovering around Tk 123 per USD.
- Banks are now trading the US dollar between Tk 122.70 and Tk 123.75.
- For example, Eastern Bank sold dollars to importers at Tk 123.70 yesterday, while buying them from exporters and other sources at Tk 122.70. Prime Bank sold dollars at Tk 123.75 and bought them at Tk 122.75.
- Bankers said the dollar has strengthened mainly because of mounting payment pressure in recent months.
- They said remittance inflows have slowed after the two Eid months, creating a slight shortage of US dollars in the market.

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