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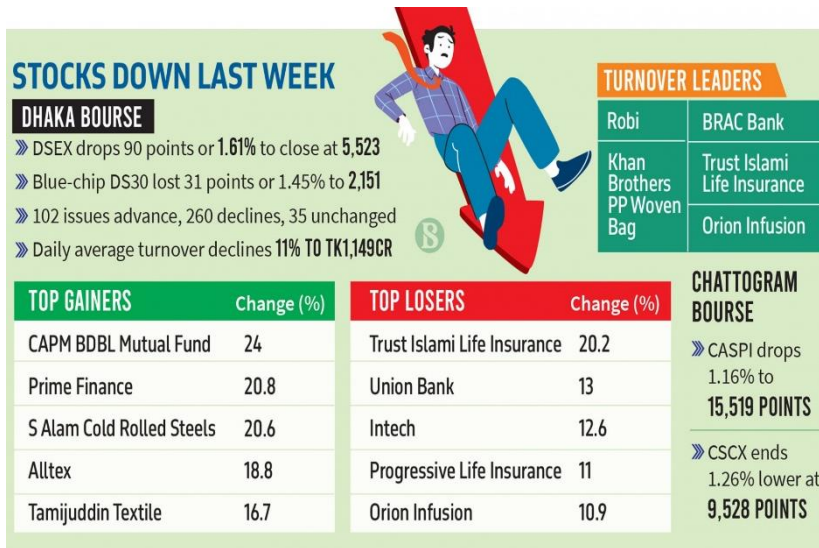
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## Stock Market & Company

### Dhaka stocks snap rally amid weekly profit-taking

The Business Standard, Sat Sept 13, 2025

- Market participation also slowed, with daily average turnover falling by 11% week-on-week to Tk1,149 crore, reflecting a shift in sentiment as traders locked in gains from recently appreciated shares.
- The blue-chip DS30 index dropped by 31 points, or 1.45%, to settle at 2,151, while the shariah-based DSES index also posted losses. Market breadth tilted negative as 260 issues declined against 102 that advanced, while 35 remained unchanged.
- Investor activity was concentrated in the engineering sector, which accounted for 11.4% of turnover, followed by pharmaceuticals at 10.3% and textiles at 10.2%.
- In Chattogram, the CASPI index dropped 1.16% to finish at 15,519 points, while the CSCX index fell 1.26% to 9,528 points, extending the selling pressure to the port city's exchange.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-snap-rally-amid-weekly-profit-taking-1235631>

## Eastern Bank signs online payment gateway deal with DGePay

The Daily Star, Sat Aug 13, 2025

- Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has recently signed an agreement with DGePay, a one-stop payment solution provider and the first licensed payment system operator (PSO) in Bangladesh, to facilitate an online payment gateway.
- Under the agreement, the bank's customers will be able to make payments effortlessly, while merchants will benefit from two-way functionality.
- Faisal M Fathe-Ul Islam, head of m-commerce and e-commerce at the bank, and Md Masuduzzaman, head of sales at DGePay, along with other senior officials, were also present.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/eastern-bank-signs-online-payment-gateway-deal-dgepay-3984946>

## City Bank to issue Tk1,200cr subordinated bond

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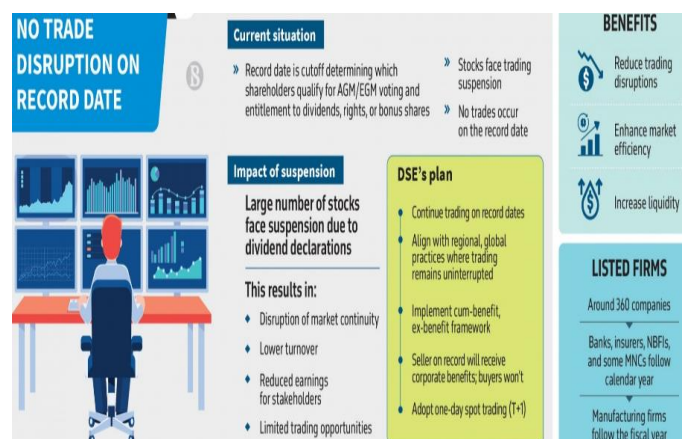
- Earlier this year, on 9 February, the bank had decided to raise Tk800 crore. However, in light of prevailing market conditions and subsequent recommendations, the bank reviewed the structure and features of the instrument, ultimately deciding to increase the bond size.
- The decision comes in line with the country's broader regulatory framework. Bangladesh adopted Basel III guidelines in January 2015, following Bangladesh Bank's issuance of revised capital adequacy standards in December 2014. Under the framework, banks were required to increase their minimum capital adequacy ratio to 12.5% against risk-weighted assets by the end of 2019, from 10% under the previous Basel II framework.
- City Bank has consistently demonstrated its ability to meet and exceed regulatory capital thresholds. Its 2024 annual report showed that the bank maintained a capital reserve of Tk6,537 crore against a minimum requirement of Tk5,116 crore.
- This translated into a Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio of 16%, well above the required level, while its Tier-1 ratio stood at 11.7%. The figures underscore the bank's efficient capital management and ability to sustain business expansion while adhering to international standards.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-issue-tk1200cr-subordinated-bond-1235611>

## DSE plans to allow trading on record dates

The Business Standard, Sat Sept 13, 2025

- Under the new plan, for securities traded on the record date, the seller will be entitled to receive corporate benefits as they hold the shares, while buyers will not be entitled to any corporate benefit.
- The plan will adopt one-day spot trading (T+1) settlement before the record date, with securities settlement (pay-in) on a T+1 basis for record date trades; default management will handle T+2, according to the letter.
- Minhaz Mannan Emon, a shareholder director at



the DSE added, "Keeping trading active without suspension will increase transactions and liquidity in the country's capital market. Currently, with 365 listed companies, if each company's shares remain suspended for one day, it would require 365 days. But in practice, there are only around 220–225 trading days in a year. As a result, multiple companies' shares remain suspended on the same day, reducing turnover and depriving investors of trading opportunities."

- To improve efficiency around corporate actions, the DSE recommended adopting a cum-benefit and ex-benefit framework, implementing one-day spot trading (T+1 settlement) before record dates, and moving pay-ins for record date trades to a T+1 basis instead of T+0.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-plans-allow-trading-record-dates-1235601>

## Economy & Industry

### EPA with Japan may be signed in two months

The Daily Star, Fri Sept 12, 2025

- A team from Bangladesh is now in Tokyo and engaged in the final round of negotiations for signing the EPA with Japan, Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star over the phone.
- As per the policy of the EPA, three meetings were held in Dhaka and four in Japan. The talks include issues such as trade, investment, export, and import between the two countries.
- Previously, Bangladesh signed a preferential trade agreement with Bhutan in 2020.
- Japan is a key market, being the first Asian nation where Bangladesh exported over \$1 billion in more than a decade, thanks to duty-free and quota-free access under its LDC status.
- Bangladeshi garments, leather goods, and footwear are in high demand in the island nation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/epa-japan-may-be-signed-two-months-3983626>

### Chinese firm to invest \$3 million in Chattogram EPZ

The Daily Star, Fri Sept 12, 2025

- The company will produce bluetooth headset, wired headphone, and data cable and the investment is expected to generate employment for 478 people, according to a press release.
- Md Ashraf Kabir, member for investment promotion at the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), and Li Fanfan, managing director of Direction Technology (Bangladesh) Co Limited, signed the agreement at Bepza Complex in Dhaka today.
- Welcoming Direction Technology as part of the Bepza family, Rahman remarked that the investment introduces a new product line within the electronics sector, reflecting Bepza's focus on attracting diversified industries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-invest-3-million-chattogram-epz-3983606>

## US team due next week for finalising trade deal

New Age, Fri Sept 12, 2025

- A US trade delegation will arrive in the capital next week to discuss progress on finalizing the possible trade deal with the USA alongside talking about reducing further the reciprocal 20 per cent tariff currently imposed on Bangladeshi exports to the US market.
- The commerce secretary said that during the Bangladesh delegation's last visit to the USA over the tariff issue, it was also discussed with the concerned US side to reduce further the reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi exports to the USA from the reduced 20 percent.
- Speaking at an event recently, Zahid Hussain, a former lead economist at the World Bank's Dhaka office, estimated that local exporters, particularly in the readymade garment sector, could secure up to \$2 billion in additional orders, largely redirected from India and China, due to the tariff boon.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/275777/us-team-due-next-week-for-finalising-trade-deal>

## Four state banks in trouble as 90% of classified loans turn bad

The Business Standard, Sat Sept 13, 2025

- Senxin BD Co Ltd, a Chinese company, will invest \$10.81 million to set up a manufacturing unit for various LED bulbs and packaging materials in the Mongla Export Processing Zone (Mongla EPZ).
- Classified loans of state-owned banks hit Tk146,362 crore in June, up 10% in six months
- Over 90% of defaults (Tk132,499 crore) are bad or loss loans with slim recovery chances
- Janata Bank is the weakest: 76% of loans defaulted, capital adequacy at -3.25%
- Sonali Bank stands stronger with 20% defaults, 10.10% capital adequacy, and Tk591 crore profit
- Agrani and Rupali banks face 40-44% default rates, severe capital shortfalls, and weak profits

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/four-state-banks-trouble-90-classified-loans-turn-bad-1233716>

## International

### Global oil supply hit record high in August: IEA

New Age, Fri Sept 12, 2025

- Eight key members of OPEC+ group, including Saudi Arabia and Russia, have been gradually increasing production since April after restricting output in recent years.
- The price of Brent oil, the benchmark international contract, reached \$67 on average in August, \$2 lower than the previous month.
- Global oil supply 'inched up' to a record 106.9 million barrels per day or mbd in August, said the IEA, which advises mostly developed nations on energy policy.
- The agency now expects total oil supply to rise by 2.7 million mbd to 105.8 million mbd in 2025, while demand is forecast to increase to 103.9 million mbd.
- Supply is expected to increase further to 107.9 million mbd in 2026, with demand at 104.6 million mbd.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/275771/global-oil-supply-hit-record-high-in-august-iea>

## US urges G7, EU to impose tariffs on China, India over Russian oil

The Financial Express, Sat Sept 13, 2025

- Group of Seven nations' finance ministers discussed in a call on Friday further sanctions on Russia and possible tariffs on countries that they consider "enabling" its war in Ukraine, as the US called on its allies to impose tariffs on purchasers of Russian oil.
- The ministers agreed to speed up discussions to use frozen Russian assets to fund Ukraine's defense, and discussed a "wide range of possible economic measures to increase pressure on Russia, including further sanctions and trade measures, such as tariffs, on those enabling Russia's war effort," the statement said.
- Earlier in the day, a US Treasury spokesperson called on G7 and European Union allies to impose "meaningful tariffs" on goods from China and India to pressure them to halt their purchases of Russian oil.
- President Donald Trump has imposed an extra 25 percent tariff on imports from India to pressure New Delhi to halt its purchases of discounted Russian crude oil, bringing total punitive duties on Indian goods to 50 percent and souring trade negotiations between the two democracies.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/global/us-urges-g7-eu-to-impose-tariffs-on-china-india>

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