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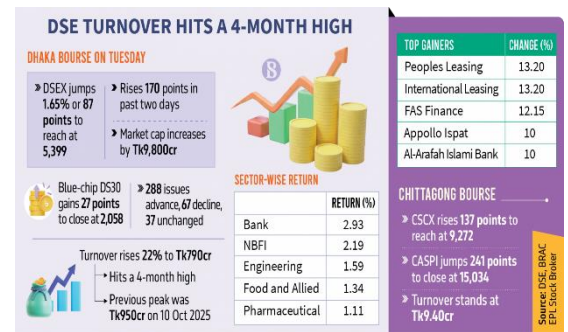
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## Stock Market & Company

### DSEX jumps 170 points in two days ahead of national election

The Business Standard, Feb 10, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange extended its pre-election rally today (10 February), with the benchmark index surging sharply for the second consecutive session as investors positioned themselves ahead of the national polls, buoyed by improving sentiment on political and economic fronts.
- The DSEX advanced 1.65% or 87 points to close at 5,399, taking its two-day gain to nearly 170 points.
- The strong rally added around Tk9,800 crore to the market capitalisation, reflecting renewed confidence among both retail and institutional investors. The blue-chip DS30 index also posted a solid gain, rising 27 points to settle at 2,058.
- Trading activity picked up noticeably, with turnover jumping 22% to Tk790 crore, the highest in nearly four months.
- Market participants said the rise in volume indicated growing risk appetite as investors rushed to take positions before the market closure for the national election.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/dsex-jumps-170-points-two-days-ahead-national-election-1357841>

### How was capital market under interim govt?

The Business Standard, Feb 14, 2026

- Before the July uprising, the main index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) stood at 5,223 points, with a daily turnover of Tk208 crore. Investor confidence plummeted, and many withdrew from the market.
- During this uncertain period, the responsibility of restoring stability fell on Khondkar Rashed Maksud, chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC). Investors placed their trust in the commission, expecting substantial reforms to stabilise the market.
- After the uprising, Maksud's commission saw the crisis as an opportunity to restore market discipline, increase transparency, and rebuild investor confidence. As part of active measures, a five-member special investigation committee was formed to probe irregularities and corruption in 12 listed companies, most of which had occurred during the previous government's tenure.
- Based on the committee's findings, several companies, including Beximco, faced fines. However, these measures had a mixed impact, causing investor apprehension. Public protests demanding the chairman's resignation were held at Motijheel as confidence in the commission wavered.

- During this period, the commission also withdrew floor prices set by the previous commission, though two companies retained their floor prices. Structurally, the BSEC introduced amendments to three key laws to strengthen the market framework. The Public Issue Rules amendments made the IPO process for new companies more transparent and verifiable.


<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/how-was-capital-market-under-interim-govt-1361841>

## IDRA motor insurance sees low response amid high premiums, non-compulsory rules

The Business Standard, Feb 10, 2026

- Bangladesh recorded 6,729 road accidents in 2025, resulting in 9,111 deaths and 14,812 injuries, highlighting road safety as a pressing national concern.
- Third-party motor insurance, intended to provide financial coverage for those affected by such incidents, remains underutilised despite its potential as a social protection tool.
- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) relaunched third-party motor insurance in August 2025 under the name "Motor Liability Insurance" on a pilot basis. Non-life insurers are allowed to sell the policy for one year and report statistics to IDRA after the period ends. Yet, six months into the pilot, uptake remains minimal.
- Experts cite two main reasons: the policy is not mandatory, and premiums are relatively high.
- The policy covers financial liability if a third party suffers death, injury, or property damage caused by an insured vehicle. Maximum compensation is Tk2,00,000 per person in the event of death or permanent total disability. Partial permanent disability is compensated as per a prescribed schedule, while serious injuries with recovery potential receive up to Tk20,000. Vehicle or property damage is covered up to Tk60,000, with legal, arbitration, and related expenses up to Tk10,000.

### MOTOR LIABILITY INSURANCE, PILOT BASIS AT A GLANCE



Premium	Motor cycle	Three wheeler	Private car	Truck
Basic	500	650	750	2,800
Passenger	225	675	900	225
Driver	150	150	150	150
Total premium	875	1,475	1,800	3,175
VAT	131	221	270	476
<b>Total premium with VAT</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>3,651</b>

**Compensation structure**

- ▶ **Death:** Up to Tk2 lakh per person
- ▶ **Permanent disability:** Up to Tk2 lakh per person
- ▶ **Permanent partial disability:** As per policy schedule
- ▶ **Serious injury (recoverable):** Up to Tk20,000 per person
- ▶ **Vehicle damage:** Up to Tk60,000
- ▶ **Legal expenses:** Up to Tk10,000

**Motor liability insurance**

- ▶ The policy will initially be sold on a pilot basis for one year
- ▶ Non-life insurers must submit policy statistics to IDRA
- ▶ This insurance policy is optional
- ▶ There is no legal obligation to do so
- ▶ On 20 December 2020, IDRA cancelled third-party motor insurance policy
- ▶ The decision followed the repeal of the Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1983
- ▶ The Road Transport Act, 2018, under which third-party insurance was withdrawn

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/idra-motor-insurance-sees-low-response-amid-high-premiums-non-compulsory-rules>

## DSE restores two stocks from Z category after dividend compliance

The Business Standard, Feb 10, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has reinstated two listed companies from the Z category to their respective categories after they completed the disbursement of declared dividends for the last fiscal year.
- According to separate disclosures issued yesterday, textile manufacturer VFS Thread Dyeing Ltd has been upgraded to the B category, while pharmaceutical company Techno Drugs Ltd has been restored to the A category.
- Both companies were earlier downgraded to the Z category for failing to disburse declared dividends within the stipulated timeframe.
- Under DSE listing rules, listed companies are required to disburse dividends within 30 days of shareholder approval. In a directive issued in May 2024, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) mandated that companies failing to pay at least 80% of the approved dividend within the specified time would be downgraded to the Z category.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-restores-two-stocks-z-category-after-dividend-compliance-1357796>

## What BNP promises for capital market?

The Business Standard, Feb 14, 2026

- In its election manifesto, the BNP, which has won in the national polls in an absolute majority, pledged a comprehensive restructuring of the country's financial sector, promising to transform the capital market into a transparent, autonomous, and technology-driven pillar of the economy.
- Swearing-in discussions for Members of Parliament and the new cabinet are expected within the next few days.
- Trading on the stock exchanges is scheduled to resume today after a four-day public holiday for the 12 February election. Market participants are closely watching the new government's first moves, as the BNP outlined 11 key commitments in the manifesto.
- A central promise is to strengthen the independence and accountability of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, transforming it into a fully autonomous institution.
- The party also committed to bringing the regulator under artificial intelligence-based surveillance systems to enhance oversight and curb irregularities.
- To address past controversies, the BNP plans to establish a Capital Market Reform Commission as well as a special investigation commission to examine irregularities that occurred over the past 15 years. It pledged punitive action against individuals involved in market manipulation, insider trading and abuse of power.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/what-bnp-promises-capital-market-1361836>

## Economy & Industry

### PRAN to invest Tk 500 crore in motorcycle, e-scooter venture

The Business Standard, Feb 10, 2026

- PRAN-RFL Group, a leading conglomerate in Bangladesh, is set to invest Tk 500 crore over the next three years to manufacture and market motorcycles and electric scooters.
- The group aims to produce its own eco-friendly electric scooter brand, RYDO, while also taking over the manufacturing and distribution of the renowned Indian brand TVS in the local market, according to a press release.
- The move is expected to create direct and indirect employment for 5,000 people.
- A motorcycle assembly and manufacturing plant will soon be established at the Habiganj Industrial Park.
- "Today, motorcycles and bicycles are not just modes of transportation for young people; they have become lifestyle products," said RN Paul, managing director of RFL Group.
- Under a recently signed memorandum of understanding (MoU), PRAN-RFL will invest Tk 400 crore in phases to produce "Made in Bangladesh" TVS motorcycles.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/pran-invest-tk-500-crore-motorcycle-e-scooter-venture-4102816>

### Businesses breathe easy as BNP vows to restore order

The Business Standard, Feb 13, 2026

- On the eve of the much-anticipated national election, a leading businessman summed up the mood in the private sector in one sentence: restore law and order first, so businesses can regain confidence and emerge from the shadow of mobocracy.
- The remark reflected a wider anxiety that has gripped boardrooms in recent months – uncertainty, sporadic unrest and a perceived erosion of authority had left many entrepreneurs cautious, some even paralysed in their expansion plans.
- On 12 February, after casting his vote, Tarique Rahman, chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), was asked by reporters about his top priority if his party forms the government.

- His response was unequivocal: restoring law and order would be his number one priority.
- For many in the business community, that clarity mattered. With the BNP securing victory, a sense of cautious optimism has begun to return. Entrepreneurs see the outcome as a shift towards a more business-friendly policy environment, anchored in stability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh-election-2026/business-leaders-hail-bnp-victory-catalyst-economic-stability-1360636>

## International

### US consumer inflation eases more than expected

The Daily Star, Feb 15, 2026

- Consumer inflation in the United States cooled slightly more than expected in January, government data showed Friday, as energy prices dipped.
- Analysts say the figure allows the US central bank to cut interest rates again later this year, but warn that policymakers need to see sustained improvement in order to do so -- despite President Donald Trump's insistence that there is virtually no inflation.
- The consumer price index (CPI) rose 2.4 percent year-on-year, the Department of Labor said, down from December's 2.7 percent and slightly below analysts' median forecast. This was the lowest level since May 2025.
- Trump lauded the report, telling reporters that inflation was "way down, and we have it back on track."
- Yet, affordability worries have come to the fore in recent months as price increases in areas like food weighed on households, and as Trump's tariffs flowed through the world's biggest economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-consumer-inflation-eases-more-expected-4106201>

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