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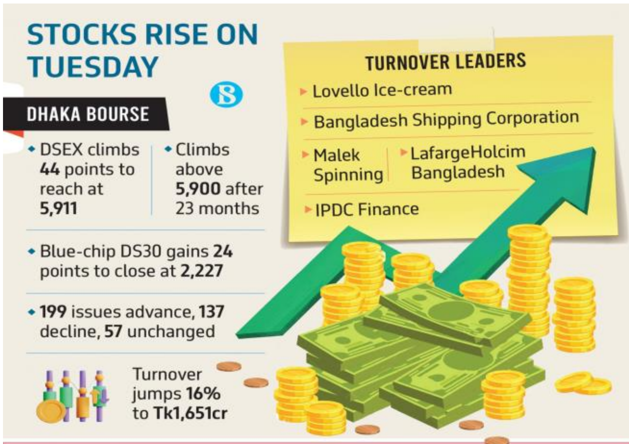
Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSEX tops 5,900 for the first time in 23 months on reform hopes

The Business Standard, July 14, 2026



TOP GAINERS	Change (%)
Aman Feed	9.97
National Tea	9.96
Northern Jute	9.94
Rahima Food	9.93
Apex Tannery	9.42

TOP LOSERS	Change (%)
International Leasing	8.33
Meghna Insurance	4.91
Premier Leasing	4.54
NCCBL Mutual Fund-1	3.50
Sunlife Insurance	3.43

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) climbed above the psychological 5,900-point mark on Tuesday (14 July), reaching a 23-month high as investors aggressively accumulated shares on expectations of regulatory reforms.
- The DSEX gained 44 points, or 0.75%, to close at 5,911, its highest level in nearly two years. The blue-chip DS30 index also advanced 24 points to 2,227.
- Trading activity strengthened significantly, with turnover rising 16% to Tk1,651 crore from the previous session.
- According to EBL Securities' daily market review, the stock market extended its rally for a fourth straight session as investor sentiment remained upbeat over proposed revisions to margin loan rules and planned measures to improve market liquidity, including a shorter share settlement cycle and the introduction of scrip netting for intraday trading.
- The market opened higher and maintained its upward momentum throughout the session. Strong participation and broad-based buying intensified in late trading, helping the benchmark reclaim the 5,900-point level for the first time in nearly two years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-tops-5900-first-time-23-months-reform-hopes-1488456

ACI to invest Tk700cr in Shwapno

The Business Standard, July 14, 2026

- Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) PLC has decided to invest Tk700 crore in its subsidiary, ACI Logistics Limited, which operates under the retail brand Shwapno.
- The investment decision was approved at a meeting held today (July 14), according to company sources.
- As part of the investment, ACI will subscribe to 70 lakh convertible preference shares of ACI Logistics, each with a face value of Tk1,000. The investment is expected to be completed by October 15 of the current year.

- The move is expected to strengthen ACI Logistics' capital base and support the continued expansion of its retail operations under the Shwapno brand, according to the company's statement.

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Margin loans open to all, Tk5 lakh minimum investment to scrap

The Business Standard, July 14, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved draft amendments to the Margin Rules, 2025, relaxing several restrictive provisions introduced last November to improve market liquidity and make margin lending more accessible.
- The proposed amendments, approved today (14 July), will be published in newspapers and on the commission's website for public opinion before being finalised.
- The existing rules, introduced under the previous commission led by Khondoker Rashed Maqsood by replacing the Margin Rules, 1999, drew strong criticism from brokers, lenders and investors.
- Since taking office in June, the new commission led by Chairman Masud Khan has pledged to make the framework more market-friendly. BSEC spokesperson Abul Kalam said implementation of the rules exposed practical difficulties, prompting the proposed revisions.
- In an interview with The Business Standard, Masud Khan said the current framework is overly restrictive and prevents excess liquidity in the banking sector from flowing into the capital market.

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SK Trims narrows Q1 losses on cost cuts

The Business Standard, July 14, 2026

- SK Trims & Industries, an accessories manufacturer, has reported a narrower net loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2025-26, driven by lower manufacturing and operating expenses compared with the same period a year earlier.
- According to a disclosure published today (14 July), the company's loss per share fell to Tk0.33 in the July-September quarter from Tk0.53 in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.
- The company published its quarterly financials today, around six months after the quarter ended.
- Explaining the improved performance, SK Trims said its negative earnings per share (EPS) improved due to lower manufacturing and operating expenses, which reduced its net loss after tax compared with the same period a year earlier.
- Net operating cash flow per share improved to Tk0.28 from negative Tk0.02 in the July-September quarter of the previous fiscal year, mainly due to higher cash collections from turnover during the period, the company said.

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BSEC approves intraday trading to boost market liquidity

The Business Standard, July 14, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the introduction of "Scrip Netting", commonly known as intraday trading, in a move aimed at increasing market liquidity and modernising the country's capital market.
- The decision was taken at a commission meeting today (14 July), paving the way for the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) to introduce the facility after completing necessary technical and risk-management preparations.
- Under intraday trading, investors will be able to buy and sell the same security within a single trading session, allowing them to adjust their positions more quickly. The move is expected to increase trading activity, improve market efficiency and attract more investors.

- The BSEC approval comes with the condition that stock exchanges ensure all required risk-management measures and technical arrangements are in place before launching the facility.
- A senior DSE official told The Business Standard that the exchange plans to initially introduce the facility on a pilot basis for companies listed under the blue-chip DS30 index.

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Economy & Industry

Govt working like private sector to cut red tape: finance minister

The Daily Star, July 15, 2026

- The government is operating "like the private sector, seven days a week" to clear red tape and achieve a $1 trillion economy by 2034, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said today.
- Highlighting the massive scale of regulatory reforms, the minister noted that his recent budget speech required four and a half pages just to list the deregulation measures being introduced.
- To prevent these changes from being stalled by bureaucratic bottlenecks, the government is taking direct enforcement actions, he said.
- The minister made the comments while speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of RSGT Bangladesh, held at the Sheraton Hotel in Dhaka.The Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT) Bangladesh operates the Patenga Container Terminal at Chattogram Port.
- "I am constituting a task force to oversee the deregulation we have made, so nobody stands in the way," the finance minister said.

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Defaulter Shinepukur Ceramics allowed to continue opening import LCs

The Daily Star, July 15, 2026

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has extended a legal exemption allowing defaulter Shinepukur Ceramics Ltd to continue opening letters of credit (LCs) for importing raw materials, aiming to keep the company's production running and protect jobs.The company is a concern of the Beximco Group.
- In a notification issued under Section 121 of the Bank Company Act, 1991, the central bank said the provisions of Section 27KaKa(3) of the law would remain suspended for the company until December 31, 2027.
- The section bars loan defaulters from obtaining new loans or opening LCs.The exemption authorises Sonali Bank PLC to open LCs with a 100 percent cash margin exclusively for importing raw materials required for the company's manufacturing operations.

- The notification said the decision was taken in consideration of the importance of maintaining production at Shinepukur Ceramics and safeguarding employment for its workers.
- As a condition of the approval, all revenue earned by the company must be deposited into a designated bank account, from which Sonali Bank's outstanding dues will be repaid on a proportionate basis.

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International

Oil traders call Trump's Hormuz bluff at their peril

The Daily Star, July 15, 2026

- Iran and the US have both announced rival blockades of the Strait of Hormuz once again, crippling an already fragile ceasefire deal.
- This should alarm oil traders who had been pricing in a rapid return to normal. But markets appear sanguine – and that may be a miscalculation.
- The global oil and gas market proved remarkably resilient during the 108-day conflict, thanks in large part to the ample global reserves present before the war began on February 28.
- But the energy market is no longer protected by ample emergency stocks, so the margin for error has become a lot smaller.
- President Donald Trump said on Monday that the US was reinstating its blockade of Iranian shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.This followed Iran's declaration over the weekend that it was closing the waterway amid fresh missile and drone attacks between the two sides.This leaves the June 17 interim ceasefire on shaky ground.

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