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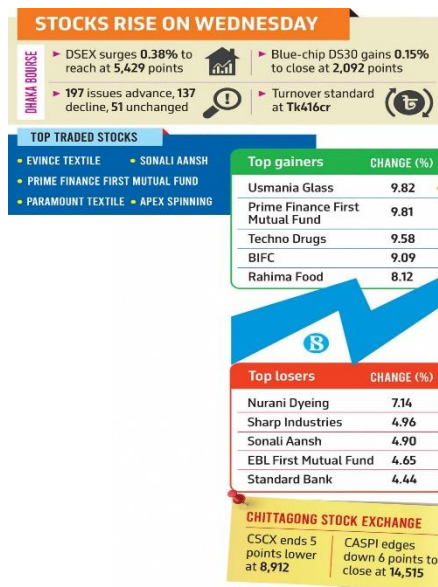
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Stock Market & Company

DSE turnover plummets to 7-month low despite modest index uptick

The Business Standard, Oct 14, 2026

- Daily turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell to a near seven-month low today (14 October) as cautious investors largely stayed on the sidelines, despite a modest recovery in benchmark indices following heavy losses in recent sessions.
- Turnover on the country's premier bourse stood at Tk416 crore, reflecting persistent liquidity constraints amid macroeconomic concerns and earnings uncertainty.
- The benchmark DSEX rose 0.38%, gaining 20 points to close at 5,429, while the blue-chip DS30 index edged up 0.15% to 2,092 points.
- Market breadth favoured gainers, with 197 issues advancing, 137 declining and 51 remaining unchanged.
- EBL Securities noted in its daily market commentary that selective bargain hunting in recently battered stocks provided modest support, helping the market recover after shedding nearly 70 points in the preceding sessions. However, investor sentiment remained subdued amid domestic economic headwinds, weak corporate earnings expectations and global geopolitical tensions.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-plummets-7-month-low-despite-modest-index-uptick-1573241>

DBH Finance posts 22% profit fall in Q3 on lower treasury income

The Business Standard, Oct 14, 2026

- DBH Finance PLC reported a 22% year-on-year decline in net profit for the July-September quarter of 2026, as a sharp drop in investment income from government securities offset a surge in net interest income.
- According to a financial disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (14 October), the specialised housing finance institution posted a net profit of Tk25 crore in the third quarter ended 30 September 2026, down from the same period a year earlier.

- Consequently, its quarterly earnings per share (EPS) fell to Tk1.24 from Tk1.60 in July-September 2025.
- The decline in quarterly profit came despite a 91% surge in net interest income to Tk55.60 crore. However, income from investments in government securities plunged 76% to Tk8.38 crore during the three-month period, weighing on overall profitability.
- Despite the third-quarter decline, the lender's cumulative performance for January-September 2026 remained positive. Net profit for the nine-month period rose 9% year-on-year to Tk80.76 crore, lifting EPS to Tk3.98 from Tk3.67 in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dbh-finance-posts-22-profit-fall-q3-lower-treasury-income-1573256>

Far East Knitting swings to Tk14.62cr Loss, halves dividend in FY26

The Business Standard, Oct 14, 2026

- Far East Knitting and Dyeing Industries PLC incurred a net loss in the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026, prompting its board to halve the proposed cash dividend to 6% from 12% in the previous fiscal year.
- According to a price-sensitive disclosure approved at a board meeting today (14 October), the textile manufacturer posted a net loss of Tk14.62 crore in FY26, against a net profit of Tk37.46 crore in FY25.
- Consequently, earnings per share (EPS) fell to Tk0.67 negative in FY26. The company attributed the deterioration in EPS primarily to a decline in sales and other income during the period.
- Despite the loss, the board recommended a 6% cash dividend, equivalent to Tk0.60 per ordinary share of Tk10 each, for FY26. The proposed payout is half the 12% cash dividend declared for FY25.
- The company's cash flow metrics also suffered a severe contraction, with Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS) falling to Tk3.40 negative in FY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/far-east-knitting-swings-tk1462cr-loss-halves-dividend-fy26-1573286>

BSRM Group posts record Tk23,943cr revenue, Tk1,418cr profit in FY26

The Financial Express, Oct 14, 2026

- Two listed companies of BSRM Group, Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills Limited and BSRM Steels Limited, jointly posted record revenue of Tk23,943 crore in the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026, up 20% from the previous fiscal year.
- The two steelmakers also reported a combined net profit of Tk1,418 crore in FY26, a 25% increase from Tk1,132 crore in FY25, driven by strong market demand and higher sales volumes.
- Company officials said both revenue and net profit reached all-time highs in the group's corporate history during the year.
- According to price-sensitive disclosures issued after their respective board meetings today (14 October), Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills Limited (BSRM Ltd) reported consolidated revenue of Tk10,995 crore in FY26, up from Tk9,664 crore in the previous fiscal year.
- The company's net profit rose to Tk703 crore from the previous year, while earnings per share (EPS) increased to Tk23.54 from Tk20.57.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-bsrm-listed-firms-post-record-tk23943cr-revenue-fy26-1573006>

BSEC relaxes investment ban on market intermediaries' directors, mandates quarterly disclosures

The Business Standard, Oct 14, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has relaxed its blanket ban on capital market investments by board members of market intermediaries, allowing directors of stock exchanges, depositories and clearing houses to invest in securities subject to mandatory quarterly disclosures.

- In a directive issued on 12 October and signed by BSEC Chairman Masud Khan, the regulator amended its earlier order of 1 September by removing "Directors" from the list of those barred from investing in the capital market.
- Under the revised rules, directors of stock exchanges, Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd (CDBL) and Central Counterparty Bangladesh Ltd (CCBL) must submit quarterly disclosures of their personal and institutional investments in capital market securities to the commission within 10 days of the end of each quarter.
- However, the investment ban remains in force for officers and employees of stock exchanges, CDBL, CCBL, the Bangladesh Institute of Capital Market (BICM) and the Bangladesh Academy for Securities Markets (BASM).
- The regulatory change is expected to bring governance standards in line with market realities while allowing experienced business leaders to participate in the capital market, market insiders said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-relaxes-investment-ban-market-intermediaries-directors-mandates-quarterly>

Economy & Industry

Chinese firm to invest \$7.01m in new factory at BEPZA economic zone

The Financial Express, Oct 14, 2026

- Chinese company KPST is set to expand its operations in Bangladesh by establishing a second factory at the BEPZA Economic Zone-1 in Mirsharai, Chattogram, with an investment of US\$7.01 million.
- The new factory is expected to create employment opportunities for around 200 Bangladeshis.
- To this end, KPST New Material (BD) Company Limited signed a land lease agreement with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) in Dhaka on Wednesday.
- BEPZA Member (Investment Promotion) Md Tanvir Hossain and the company's Director Zhang Youyu signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.
- According to BEPZA, the factory will be built on 7,200 square metres of land. It will have an annual production capacity of 11 million pairs of footwear accessories, 24,000 cubic metres of foam, various bag and luggage components, 200,000 cutting boards and 250,000 cutting dies or moulds.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/chinese-firm-to-invest-701m-in-new-factory-at-bepza-economic-zone>

Garment sector must go green to retain global markets

The Daily Star, Oct 14, 2026

- Bangladesh's garment industry must invest in cleaner production and transparency to remain competitive in global markets as the country prepares to graduate from least developed country (LDC) status, Steven Collet, vice-minister for international cooperation of the Netherlands, said on Monday.
- "Bangladesh's garment industry is an important part of global value chains, and its future depends on factories that combine competitiveness with responsibility," he said during a visit to TEAM Group's outerwear manufacturing facility, 4A Yarn Dyeing Ltd, in Dhaka.
- A seven-member Dutch delegation visited the factory to explore cooperation in sustainable apparel manufacturing and trade amid changing global trade rules and emerging sustainability requirements.
- Afroza Shahin, managing director of TEAM Group, and Abdullah Hil Nakib, deputy managing director, welcomed the delegation.
- Discussions with TEAM Group's senior management covered Bangladesh's LDC graduation, a proposed Bangladesh-European Union free trade agreement, decarbonisation, responsible sourcing, supply chain traceability and compliance with emerging EU sustainability regulations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/garment-sector-must-go-green-retain-global-markets-4298986>

International

Global economy weathers shocks, but risks mount: IMF

The Daily Star, Oct 15, 2026

- The global economy has weathered a series of shocks better than expected, but repeated disruptions are eroding countries' capacity to respond, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Wednesday.
- Presenting the fund's Global Policy Agenda at a press conference during the 2026 Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Thailand, she said global growth is projected at 3.1 percent in 2026, unchanged from the April forecast but below last year's 3.4 percent.
- The IMF said the stable headline figure masks "divergent outcomes" across economies.
- Two opposing forces are at work. Wars in the Middle East and Ukraine are disrupting supply chains and driving up commodity prices, while rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are boosting investment, trade and stock markets.
- The energy shock proved less damaging than feared, thanks to flexible supply responses, inventory drawdowns, lower oil dependency and fiscal support.
- A downturn has been avoided "for now", the IMF said, but growth remains modest and inflationary pressures persist.

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