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Stock Market & Company

DSEX jumps 200 points as BNP's election victory ignites rally

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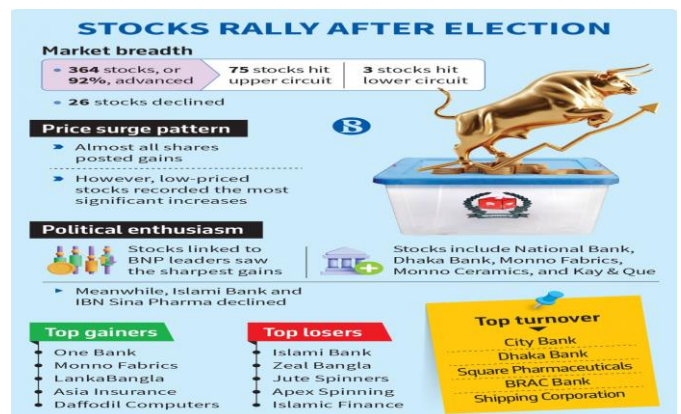
- The Dhaka Stock Exchange rallied sharply today (15 February), the first trading session after the BNP's landslide victory in the 13th national election, with the benchmark index climbing to a five-month high amid a surge in investor participation.
- The benchmark DSEX index advanced 200 points, or 3.71%, to close at 5,600, approaching the five-month peak of 5,636 recorded on 8 September 2025. The blue-chip DS30 index gained 86 points to finish at 2,145.
- Market breadth was overwhelmingly positive, with 364 issues advancing, 26 declining and four remaining unchanged.
- Trading activity also rebounded strongly. Daily turnover jumped 61% to Tk1,275 crore, nearing the five-month high of Tk1,400 crore recorded on 8 September 2025.
- On the other side, the Chittagong Stock Exchange also witnessed a sharp rally. Its general index CSCX jumped 282 points to reach 9,555, while the all-share price index CASPI gained 484 points to close at 15,518. Turnover at the Chattogram bourse jumped 162% to Tk24.65 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-jumps-200-points-bnps-election-victory-ignites-rally-1362721>

BNP-linked companies lead gains as Dhaka stocks see post-election surge

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- Shares of companies linked to senior BNP figures led a broad-based rally yesterday as the country's capital market surged in the first trading session following the party's decisive victory in the 13th parliamentary election.
- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange climbed 200 points, with the market closing firmly in positive territory and total turnover reaching Tk1,275 crore. Market data shows that 92.39% of listed securities advanced, while 75 companies and mutual fund units hit their upper circuit limits, reflecting widespread investor optimism.



- Analysts attributed the rally to renewed confidence and expectations of policy continuity under the incoming government, with investors positioning themselves in anticipation of a more business-friendly environment.
- Abdul Awal Mintoo, BNP vice chairman and former FBCCI president, won the Feni-3 constituency. He serves as chairman of Kay & Que (Bangladesh) Limited. The company's share price surged 8.74% to close at Tk470.50 yesterday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bnp-linked-companies-lead-gains-dhaka-stocks-see-post-election-surge-1362696>

Dividend disbursement lapses push Aftab Auto, Navana CNG into Z category

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- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) downgraded two companies—Aftab Automobiles and Navana CNG—to the Z category for failing to disburse approved dividends to their shareholders within the stipulated timeframe.
- In separate disclosures on its website yesterday, the bourse said it placed the shares of the two companies in the Z category with effect from 15 February. Following the downgrade decision, the share prices of both companies declined yesterday, DSE data showed.
- As per listing rules, a company gets 30 days to pay off dividends to its shareholders after approval of the declared dividends.
- A directive, issued by the stock market regulator in May 2024, mandates that if a listed company fails to pay or disburse at least 80% of the declared or approved dividend within the stipulated timeframe, it will be downgraded to the Z category.
- The company's board recommended a 10% cash dividend exclusively for general shareholders, excluding sponsors and directors. Shareholders at its AGM approved the dividend on 29 December.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dividend-disbursement-lapses-push-aftab-auto-navana-cng-z-category-1362706>

DSE, Impact Investment partner to advance Orange Movement in capital market

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- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Impact Investment Exchange (IIX), a global pioneer in sustainable finance, today (15 February) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on introducing and promoting Orange capital instruments in Bangladesh's capital market.
- DSE Managing Director Nuzhat Anwar and IIX Founder and Chief Executive Officer Durreen Shahnaz inked the MoU at the DSE board room, marking a significant step toward building an inclusive, gender-smart and climate-aligned market ecosystem.
- The partnership combines IIX's global leadership in impact investing and gender-lens finance with DSE's central role in developing the country's capital market.
- Symbolising the colour of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality, the Orange Movement seeks to mobilise \$10 billion at the intersection of gender equality and climate action.
- Under the agreement, DSE will explore facilitating the listing of Orange Bonds and Sukuk under a dedicated thematic or sustainable finance category, subject to regulatory approvals.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/dse-impact-investment-partner-advance-orange-movement-capital-market-1362701>

Defunct on ground, alive on bourses: Why delisting is urgent

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- Meghna Pet Industries' existence has long been reduced to a name on paper. It has been out of business for more than 23 years, has failed to declare dividends for years, and has not held annual general meetings for more than a decade.

- The company meets all the conditions for delisting. Still, its stock continues to be traded on the main boards of the stock exchanges.
- There are at least 31 more non-operational companies whose stocks continue to distort the market, as they are easy targets for artificial rallies. The management of many of these firms is virtually non-existent, and they lack any tangible assets.
- The regulatory bodies blame each other for failing to take action to delist these companies. Meanwhile, general investors fall victim to deception when they participate in artificial rallies in such stocks and end up losing their investments.
- Abul Kalam, spokesperson of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), said the prime bourse was empowered to delist any company under the DSE Listing Regulations 2015.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/defunct-on-ground-alive-on-bourses-why-delisting-is-urgent>

Economy & Industry

7,132 US products to get duty-free access; Bangladesh restricted with 2,500 items under reciprocal deal

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- Under a recent reciprocal trade deal signed with US, Bangladesh will grant duty-free access to 7,132 American products, while 2,500 Bangladeshi products will get the same privilege into the world's largest economy.
- Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus disclosed the details in a Facebook post today (15 February), saying that Bangladesh's duty-free list includes a wide range of items such as pharmaceuticals, agricultural goods, plastics, timber, and wood-based products. Bangladesh has a total of 7,458 tariff lines.
- Under the agreement, all but 326 US products will enjoy duty-free treatment. Prior to the signing of the agreement on 9 February, only 441 US products received duty-free access in Bangladesh.
- Of the 7,132 US products, Bangladesh made 4,922 tariff lines effective immediately on the day of signing. The remaining items will see a phased reduction in tariffs.
- For 1,538 products, tariffs will be reduced to zero over five years. In the first year, duties will be cut by 50%, with the remaining 50% reduced proportionately over the following four years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/7132-us-products-get-duty-free-access-bangladesh-restricted-2500-items-under-reciprocal-deal>

Bangladesh missed the China plus one moment

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- When global manufacturers shifted capacity out of China, Vietnam treated it as an emergency opportunity. Bangladesh, despite the conferences, the panels and decades of ambition, did not just underperform. In plain words, we failed.
- Vietnam planned carefully to make itself the obvious choice. Its investment and export machine reached a scale that matched the global investor mindset, driving exports to a record \$405.53 billion in 2024.
- Foreign investment followed, reaching a record \$25.35 billion in disbursed FDI. Vietnam's FDI sector ran a trade surplus of \$50.3 billion last year, proving that a coordinated strategy allows foreign investors to export enough to pay for their imports while leaving the country with a net foreign exchange surplus.
- Anchors matter. Samsung, Vietnam's largest investor, has \$23.2 billion registered and reported \$54.4 billion in exports in 2024. One company created a complete ecosystem of suppliers, logistics and skills, even necessitating hospitals and universities. One anchor can lift an entire nation. But Vietnam's real product is certainty in delivery.
- That reputation was earned, not proclaimed. Vietnam gave investors a simple pitch: produce here and sell globally with preferential access.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-missed-the-china-plus-one-moment-4107036>

International

WTO chief flags risks of China's huge trade surplus

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- The head of the World Trade Organization on Friday urged China to change its growth model, arguing that its soaring trade surplus was ultimately unsustainable and risked sparking new trade barriers.
- Beijing says it wants to support the multilateral trading system, “because it has benefited quite a bit from it”, WTO chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told the Munich Security Conference.
- However, “the export-led growth model that drove China’s growth for the past 40 years cannot drive China’s growth for the next 40,” said Okonjo-Iweala. “And the \$1.2 trillion trade surplus is not sustainable. Because the rest of the world cannot absorb it,” she added. “And if China does not act, we will see more barriers.”
- China’s trade surplus hit a record \$1.2 trillion last year. This was despite a sharp decline in its trade with the United States, as a fierce trade war between the world’s two largest economies revived after President Donald Trump’s return to the White House.
- Other trade partners more than filled the gap, increasing Chinese exports overall by 5.5 percent in 2025, while imports stayed flat in dollar terms.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/wto-chief-flags-risks-chinas-huge-trade-surplus-4107031>

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