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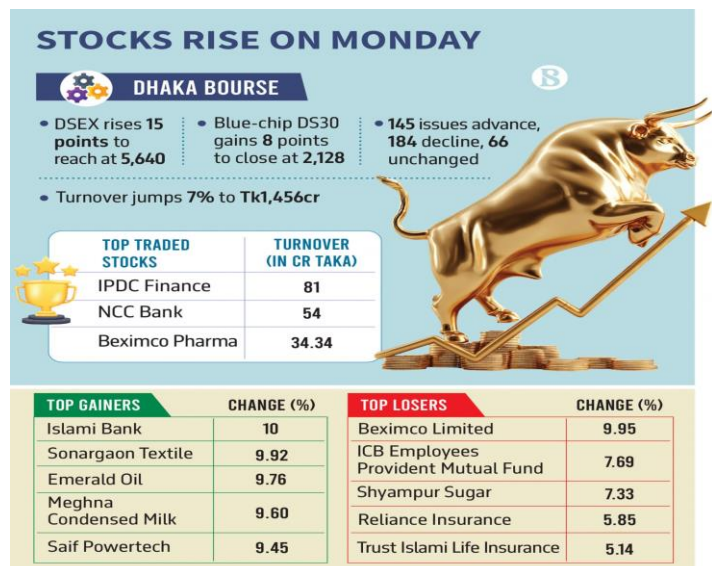
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Stock Market & Company

DSEX hits 9.5-month high on Islami Bank-led rally

The Business Standard, June 15, 2026

- The country's premier stock exchange extended its upward momentum for a third consecutive session yesterday, with the benchmark index climbing to a nine-and-a-half-month high, driven by strong buying in blue-chip stocks and a sharp rally in Islami Bank.
- Despite late-session profit-taking pressure that saw more than half of traded issues decline, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) managed to stay resilient above the 5,600-point mark, supported by selective accumulation in large-cap shares.
- The DSEX rose 15 points, or 0.27%, to settle at 5,640, its highest level since late last year. The DS30 index also edged up by 8 points to close at 2,128, reflecting broadly positive sentiment among blue-chip counters.
- However, market breadth remained negative, underscoring cautious trading activity, as 184 issues declined against 145 advances, while 66 remained unchanged.
- Total turnover increased by 7% to Tk1,456 crore, indicating improved liquidity flow and sustained investor participation.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-hits-95-month-high-islami-bank-led-rally-1464151>

DSE halts Sonargaon Textiles trading amid unusual price surge

The Business Standard, June 15, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (15 June) suspended trading of shares of Sonargaon Textiles Ltd, a listed textile company, midway through the trading session, citing an unusual surge in both share price and trading volume.
- Under listing regulations, the bourse may suspend trading of a security if unusual market activity is detected, particularly when it is believed to be driven by rumours, undisclosed material information, or possible manipulation.
- In such cases, the exchange may ask the issuer to take corrective action and halt trading until the issue is resolved.
- Sonargaon Textiles is a loss-making company, posting a loss of Tk2.12 crore in FY25. It also continued to incur losses in the first nine months of FY2025-26.

- Despite this, and in the absence of any price-sensitive disclosures, the company's share price has seen a sharp rise in recent sessions, nearly doubling within a month.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-halts-sonargaon-textiles-trading-amid-unusual-price-surge-1464161>

HC orders BSEC to resolve Ring Shine's frozen IPO fund row within a month

The Business Standard, June 15, 2026

- The High Court has directed the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to take necessary steps within one month to resolve complications surrounding the utilisation of unused initial public offering (IPO) funds of listed export-oriented textile manufacturer Ring Shine Textiles Ltd.
- The company formally informed BSEC of the court's Rule Nisi through a letter to the regulator's chairman on 4 June, issued in response to Writ Petition No. 2872 of 2026.
- Ring Shine claims that despite receiving shareholder approval, it has not been allowed to utilise the remaining IPO proceeds, hampering its business expansion plans and putting several industrial land leases at risk over unpaid liabilities to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).
- In its letter, the company alleged that prolonged delays and restrictions imposed by the regulator have prevented it from using the funds, severely affecting both its ongoing operations and expansion plans.
- Shareholders approved a special resolution at the 27th Annual General Meeting on 18 December 2024, with 99.994% of votes cast in favour. The resolution extended the timeframe for utilising the IPO proceeds by another year and revised the utilisation plan for approximately \$3.6 million in remaining funds, including accrued interest, according to company disclosure.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/hc-orders-bsec-resolve-ring-shines-frozen-ipo-fund-row-within-month-1464166>

Berger Paints recommends 525% cash dividend for FY26

The Business Standard, June 14, 2026

- Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited has recommended a 525% cash dividend for the financial year ended 31 March 2026, subject to shareholder approval.
- The proposed dividend means shareholders will receive Tk52.50 per ordinary share of Tk10.
- The recommendation was approved at a meeting of the company's board of directors today (15 June), alongside the audited financial statements for the year.
- According to the financial statements, Berger Paints posted a consolidated net profit of Tk372 crore during the financial year. Its consolidated earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk76.83.
- The company has scheduled its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 24 August to seek shareholder approval for the dividend and the audited financial statements.
- The record date has been fixed for 7 July. Shareholders whose names appear in the company's records on that date will be eligible for the dividend and entitled to participate in the AGM.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/berger-paints-recommends-525-cash-dividend-fy26-1464141>

Economy & Industry

No tax relief raises doubts over new listings

The Daily Sun, June 15, 2026

- While the proposed budget for the fiscal 2026-27 prioritises governance reforms and investor confidence in the capital market, stakeholders say it lacks the tax incentives needed to attract new companies to the stock market.
- According to market participants, the narrow gap between the corporate tax rates of listed and non-listed companies has discouraged new listings over the past two years.
- They argue that governance reforms alone will not be sufficient to attract more companies to the market without attractive tax benefits.
- Capital market analyst and Chairman of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), Abu Ahmed, told Daily Sun that the budget's proposed initiatives could improve governance in the capital market if implemented properly.
- However, he stressed the need for additional measures to stimulate new investment.
- Among his recommendations are financial support for capital market institutions and direct tax incentives for newly listed companies through lower corporate tax rates than those applied to non-listed firms.

<https://www.daily-sun.com/stock-market/880103>

Business leaders discuss key tax reforms at RRH seminar on Finance Bill 2026

The Financial Express, June 15, 2026

- Business leaders, finance professionals and corporate executives on Sunday discussed the implications of the proposed tax reforms under the Finance Bill 2026 at a technical seminar organised by Rahman Rahman Huq (RRH), Chartered Accountants, in the capital.
- The seminar, held at Lakeshore Hotel in Gulshan, brought together senior executives from multinational companies, foreign investors, large local business groups, banks, financial institutions and other corporate entities.
- Personal finance e-book
- Participants reviewed proposed amendments to the country's Income Tax and VAT laws and examined their likely impact on businesses. Key discussions centred on the proposed withdrawal of the minimum tax regime, replacement of expense disallowance for withholding tax non-compliance with a penalty-based system, reductions in withholding tax rates, improvements in tax refund mechanisms, incentives for startups and measures aimed at simplifying VAT procedures and improving the overall business environment.
- A major focus of the discussion was the proposed reform of the tax dispute resolution system. Participants welcomed the planned reduction in disputed tax deposits required for filing appeals before the Tax Appellate Tribunal and the High Court Division, saying the move would improve access to justice and lower litigation costs for taxpayers.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/business-leaders-discuss-key-tax-reforms-at-rrh-seminar-on-finance-bill-2026>

Govt forms high-level committee to ease industrial licensing

The Daily Star, June 15, 2026

- The government has formed a high-level committee to simplify and expedite the issuance of licences, permits and other regulatory approvals required to set up new industries and factories, as part of efforts to improve the ease of doing business and attract fresh investment.

- The seven-member inter-ministerial committee will recommend measures to streamline approval procedures and remove regulatory bottlenecks that businesses have long identified as barriers to investment, according to a gazette notification issued by the Prime Minister's Office on June 9.
- The committee will be chaired by the minister overseeing the ministries of commerce, industries, and textiles and jute.
- The members of the committee include the adviser to the ministries of finance and planning, the executive chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), the cabinet secretary, the principal secretary to the prime minister, the finance secretary, and the secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- According to the notification, the committee will suggest ways to facilitate the issuance of licences, permits, no-objection certificates and other clearances required for establishing industrial units.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-forms-high-level-committee-ease-industrial-licensing-4199501>

International

Tired of chaos, investors retreat from oil market at record pace

The Daily Star, June 15, 2026

- Oil prices slipped to a three-month low on Monday after US President Donald Trump and Iran's deputy foreign minister said they had reached an initial deal to end the war and to resume traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.
- Brent crude futures fell \$3.65, or 4.2 percent, to \$83.68 a barrel by 0630 GMT and US West Texas Intermediate was at \$80.75, down \$4.13, or 4.9 percent. Both contracts fell to their lowest levels since March 10 on Monday after tumbling more than 3 percent on Friday.
- The US and Iran will sign a memorandum of understanding in Switzerland on Friday, said the prime minister of Pakistan, whose country has served as a mediator.
- Trump said on Sunday that the Strait of Hormuz would be open "toll free" and that a US naval blockade of Iranian ports would also end. Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency said the draft deal called for reopening the Strait of Hormuz within 30 days under Iranian arrangements.
- "The geopolitical risk premium that had been built into crude is now being unwound quite aggressively as traders price in the prospect of restored oil flows," said Tim Waterer, chief market analyst at KCM Trade.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/oil-price-hits-3-month-low-us-iran-reach-peace-deal-4199606>

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