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Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSEX extends rally to fifth session

The Business Standard, July 15, 2026

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) continued its upward momentum for the fifth consecutive session today (15 July), as investors remained optimistic about supportive policy shifts and a constructive near-term outlook for the capital market.
- The broad DSEX index gained 15 points to settle at 5,926, up from 5,911 in the previous session. The blue-chip DS30 index also mirrored the gain, rising 15 points to close at 2,242.
- The sustained rally over the past five sessions has added 156 points to the broad index, while the total market capitalisation of the premier bourse jumped by approximately Tk12,000 crore during the same period.
- According to the daily market review by EBL Securities, the market opened on a firm footing, supported by broad-based accumulation in large-cap scrips. However, the gains were moderated by intermittent profit-taking across the board, which pared a portion of the early advances. Sustained buying interest toward the close eventually enabled the index to maintain its positive trajectory.
- Despite the rise in the benchmark index, market participation saw a slight cooling. Total turnover on the DSE decreased by 8.2% to Tk1,516 crore, compared to the previous session.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-extends-rally-fifth-session-1489441

Grameenphone's Q2 profit falls 14pc on revenue decline

The Financial Express, July 15, 2026

- Grameenphone has reported a nearly 14 per cent year-on-year decline in profit to Tk 7.6 billion in the second quarter (Q2) of 2026, due to lower revenue earnings amid a challenging macroeconomic environment.
- The country's largest mobile operator recorded revenue of Tk 39.8 billion in the June quarter, marking a 3 per cent decline compared to the same quarter last year, according to the company's financial results released on Tuesday.
- GP's earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 5.62 in the April-June quarter compared to Tk 6.51 in the same quarter last year, while the EBITDA margin remained strong at 58 per cent.
- Its half-yearly profit also fell 6 per cent year-on-year to Tk 14.21 billion while revenue registered 2.5 per cent de-growth as the challenging macroeconomic environment weighed on business performance.
- Despite lower earnings, the company's board declared a 105 per cent interim cash dividend for the first half of 2026, accounting for 100 per cent of the profit earned during the period.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/grameenphones-q2-profit-falls-14pc-on-revenue-decline

ACI to inject Tk700cr into Shwapno operator to reinforce retail expansion

The Business Standard, July 15, 2026

- Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) PLC is set to inject Tk700 crore into its subsidiary, ACI Logistics Limited, the operator of retail chain Shwapno.
- The decision was approved at a board meeting on 14 July and disclosed through the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday. Investors responded positively to the announcement, with ACI PLC's share price rising 2.31% to close at Tk207.90 at the end of the trading session.
- As part of this financial restructuring, ACI will subscribe to 70 lakh convertible preference shares issued by ACI Logistics. These shares carry a face value of Tk1,000 each. According to the regulatory filing, the transaction is expected to be completed by 15 October 2026.This is the second time in 2026 that ACI has moved to shore up the retail giant's capital. Earlier in January, the board approved an investment of Tk640 crore through 6.4 million convertible preference shares.
- A senior officer at ACI confirmed to The Business Standard that the previous investment has already been completed, and the new Tk700 crore injection is a proactive step to further support the subsidiary's future growth trajectory.
- ACI PLC holds 76% shares in ACI Logistics, according to the company's shareholding report.

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BSEC greenlights intra-day trading, cautions bourses on risks

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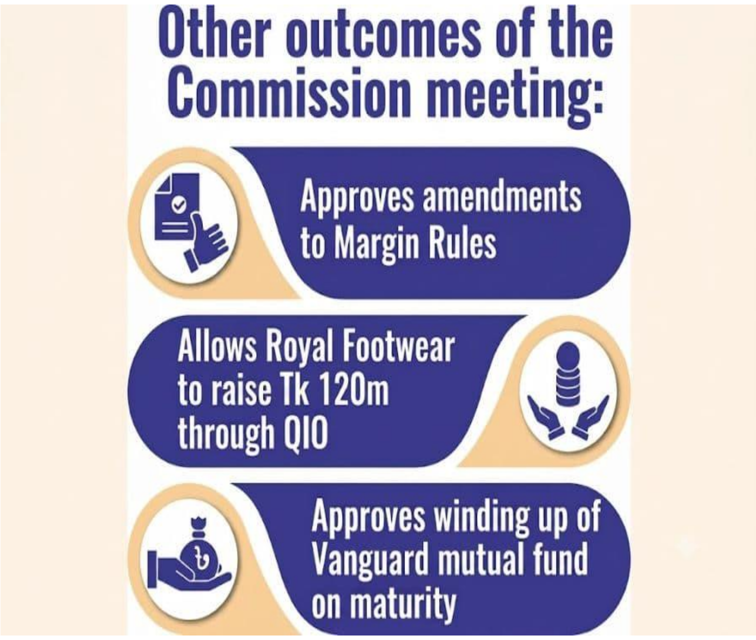

- The securities regulator on Tuesday approved the introduction of intra-day trading on the country's stock exchanges in a landmark reform aimed at revitalising the country's capital market by boosting liquidity and bringing the trading framework closer to international standards.
- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Tuesday at a commission meeting asked the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) to formulate detailed operational guidelines, including risk management measures before rolling out the facility.
- "The commission has formally allowed the country's two stock exchanges to introduce scrip netting, or intra-day trading, subject to all necessary operational, technological and risk-management preparations," said BSEC Executive Director and spokesperson Md Abul Kalam.
- The intra-day trading facility will allow investors to buy and sell the same security within a single trading session, giving active investors more flexibility and potentially increasing market turnover.
- The regulatory approval came days after BSEC Chairman Masud Khan told journalists that there was a plan to introduce day netting for selected quality stocks as part of a series of reform measures to improve liquidity and attract more investors to the secondary market.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-greenlights-intra-day-trading-cautions-bourses-on-risks

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh to explore int'l bond market for fundraising, lower internal borrowing

The Financial Express, July 15, 2026

- Bangladesh will expedite efforts to explore international bond markets to gather an increased volume of foreign funds to finance development works, the government was learnt to have told a visiting IMF delegation on Tuesday.
- This way, it said, the domestic borrowings will be lessened as it ultimately lowers fund flow to the private sector, according to sources.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation on the day had meetings with the Government Debt and Financial Asset Management Wing of the Finance Division where they discussed domestic and external financing plans, government guarantees and the financing of the state-owned enterprises.
- Also, the sources said, the Fund mission had meetings with the Economic Relations Division and the central bank discussing "external public debt stock and composition, disbursement, pipeline and rollover needs of external financing".
- Moreover, they discussed the financing mix of Bangladesh's external borrowing to get update on flow of concessional loans, commercial borrowing, and non-concessional plans.The risks to external planning, focusing geopolitical developments, and fiscal policies of donors also came up for discussion during the meetings, according to officials concerned.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-to-explore-intl-bond-market-for-fundraising-lower-internal-borrowing

WB bars Beximco Computers for 10 months over collusive bidding

The Daily Star, July 15, 2026

- The World Bank (WB) has debarred Beximco Computers Limited from participating in projects it finances for a minimum of 10 months after it found collusive bidding in a project in Bangladesh.
- According to a notice issued by the World Bank's Office of Suspension and Debarment on June 23, the case relates to the Bangladesh Enhancing Digital Government and Economy Project, financed by the International Development Association (IDA).
- The $295 million project of the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) under the ICT Division aims to improve cybersecurity, build resilience during future crises, and enable the government to operate virtually to deliver critical public services to citizens and businesses.
- The WB's Integrity Vice Presidency alleged that Beximco Computers and another company jointly prepared bids while presenting them as independently prepared and submitted for two supply contracts under the project.The notice said the alleged conduct amounts to a collusive practice under the WB's sanctions framework.
- The WB said that, after reviewing the evidence gathered by its Integrity Vice Presidency and the company's written explanation, its Chief Suspension and Debarment Officer recommended that Beximco Computers and any entities it directly or indirectly controls be debarred from participating in WB-financed projects for a minimum of 10 months.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/wb-bars-beximco-computers-10-months-over-collusive-bidding-4224266

International

Empty skyscrapers: China’s property slump still throttling growth

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- The world’s tallest unoccupied skyscraper was meant to boast a rooftop pool and a luxury hotel after completion, but instead it has stood deserted in the Chinese port city of Tianjin for years.
- Work on the soaring Goldin Finance 117 began in 2008, but construction stalled as its developer fell into debt and the tower remains unfinished 18 years on.
- The 595.5-metre (1,954-foot) skyscraper is emblematic of the years-long crisis that has left Chinese cities dotted with abandoned high-rises and residential towers.
- China’s property market was once a key driver of national growth, but has become a stumbling block.
- The economy expanded by 4.3 percent year-on-year in the second quarter -- its weakest pace in more than three years, according to government data on Wednesday. At the foot of the skyscraper, construction workers wearing brightly coloured vests and hard hats took their lunch breaks.
- “It required too much funding... the amount of capital needed was just too large,” a worker involved in the project told AFP on Tuesday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/empty-skyscrapers-chinas-property-slump-still-throttling-growth-4224896

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