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Stock Market & Company

DSE extends recovery streak on bargain hunting, Moody's outlook upgrade

The Business Standard, Sep 16, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange extended its recovery for a second consecutive session today (16 September) as investors bought beaten-down stocks, while Moody's revision of Bangladesh's economic outlook to stable supported market sentiment.
- The benchmark DSEX index gained 21 points to close at 5,494, while the blue-chip DS30 index rose 5 points to 2,092.
- Turnover rose 10% to Tk556 crore, indicating broader participation alongside the index gains. Of the 386 issues traded, 180 advanced, 153 declined and 53 remained unchanged.
- According to daily market reviews by brokerage houses, trading was marked by a tug-of-war between bargain hunting and profit-taking.
- EBL Securities noted that the bourse sustained its upward momentum as investors took positions in undervalued stocks following assurances over the resolution of industrial gas supply constraints and renewed regulatory engagement with leading brokers. However, lingering domestic and geopolitical concerns continued to weigh on sentiment and cloud the outlook for a sustained recovery.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-extends-recovery-streak-bargain-hunting-moodys-outlook-upgrade-1544816>

'Visible changes in capital market expected within 2-3 months': Tanvir Shahriar Ghani

The Business Standard, Sep 16, 2026

- Since taking office, the current government has taken various initiatives to revitalise the country's capital market.
- In an interview with The Business Standard, Prime Minister's Special Assistant for Investment and Capital Market Affairs Tanvir Shahriar Ghani outlined the measures and talked about the country's overall investment environment.
- Ghani expressed optimism that visible positive changes will emerge in the capital market within the next two to three months if these initiatives are implemented.
- He said Bangladesh's capital market is heavily dependent on retail investors, while institutional investors account for a very small share. As a result, even minor developments can trigger panic in the market and lead to increased selling pressure.
- "We are planning measures to increase the participation of foreign institutional investors and expand the involvement of domestic institutional investors. Taken together, we are working to build a better capital market in the future," he said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/visible-changes-capital-market-expected-within-2-3-months-tanvir-shahriar-ghani>

BSEC fines Dominage Steel board Tk5.10cr over IPO fund diversion, fake proxy votes

The Business Standard, Sep 16, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has fined five directors and two former executive officers of listed company Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited a total of Tk5.10 crore for allegedly embezzling IPO proceeds, forging proxy votes and concealing material operational information.
- In an enforcement order issued on 7 September, the stock market regulator fined Chairman Muhammad Shamsul Islam, Managing Director Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, and Directors Sujit Saha, Rakibul Islam and Abul Kalam Bhyian Tk1 crore each.
- Former Chief Financial Officer Zillur Rahman and former Company Secretary Jamir Hosen Chowdhury were fined Tk5 lakh each.
- The penalised individuals have been ordered to pay the fines from their personal funds within 30 days through bank drafts or pay orders, according to the order.
- The action followed an inspection by the Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) into Dominage Steel's operational premises, accounting records and use of IPO proceeds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-dominage-steel-board-tk510cr-over-ipo-fund-diversion-fake-proxy-votes>

BSEC urges firms to prepare for direct listing

The Business Standard, Sep 16, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has urged eligible companies interested in entering the stock market under a proposed direct listing framework to begin preparations for listing.
- The initiative is aimed at established companies that do not require fresh capital for business expansion or operations but want to access the capital market.
- Under the proposed framework, these companies would not issue new shares to raise funds from general investors. Instead, their existing shareholders would be allowed to sell shares through the stock exchange.
- The BSEC has already drafted the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Direct Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange) Rules, 2026 and published the draft for public consultation.
- The proposed rules are intended to provide an alternative route for established companies to list on the stock market without raising fresh capital through an initial public offering.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-urges-firms-prepare-direct-listing-1544881>

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh, Italy discuss boosting cooperation to attract investment in leather sector

The Financial Express, Sep 16, 2026

- Bangladesh and Italy have discussed enhancing investment, technological cooperation and business partnerships in the country's leather sector, including a possible visit by a Bangladeshi delegation to Italy.
- The discussion was held between Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir and Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Antonio Alessandro at the Ministry of Commerce in the city, BSS reports citing a press release.
- Prime Minister's Finance and Planning Adviser Professor Dr Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir was present at the meeting.
- Muktadir said the proposed Italy visit would focus on attracting new investors, expanding technological cooperation and strengthening international partnerships in Bangladesh's leather industry.
- The Italian ambassador proposed visits to Milan, Florence and Rome to showcase Bangladesh's leather-sector capabilities, environmentally friendly production facilities and investment opportunities to Italian businesses and investors.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-italy-discuss-boosting-cooperation-to-attract-investment-in-leather-sector>

Bangladesh's gross forex reserves rise to \$36.32 billion

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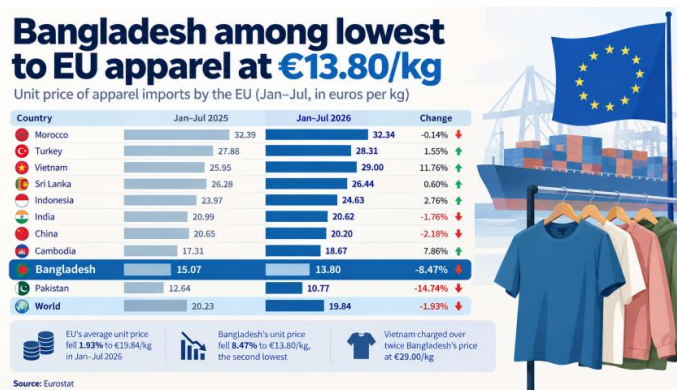
- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at US\$36.32 billion (gross), according to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Wednesday.
- The country's gross foreign exchange reserves reached US\$36.32 billion, while reserves calculated under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stood at US\$31.47 billion.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshs-gross-forex-reserves-rise-to-3632b>

Bangladesh's garment prices in EU less than half of Vietnam's

The Daily Star, Sep 16, 2026

- Bangladesh sells garment items to the European Union (EU) at less than half the prices of those from Vietnam because of the lack of high-value garment items in Bangladesh's export basket.
- Among the cheapest suppliers to EU buyers, Bangladesh ranks second-lowest in terms of export prices among major suppliers such as China, Vietnam, India and Cambodia.
- In the price chart, Bangladesh is only above Pakistan, the cheapest supplier.
- For instance, the unit price of Bangladeshi garment items fell to €13.80 per kilogram (kg) from €15.07 in the corresponding period of 2025, posting an 8.47 percent year-on-year fall, according to data from Eurostat



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/energy-crisis-hits-orders-55-knitwear-factories-4273931>

International

Russia wants joint business council to boost trade with Bangladesh

The Daily Star, Sep 17, 2026

- The Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed interest in forming a joint Russia-Bangladesh business council to strengthen trade, investment and economic cooperation between the two countries.
- The Russian side also wants to organise a Russia-Bangladesh business forum in Moscow to facilitate direct business-to-business contacts between entrepreneurs from the two countries.
- Alexander Grigoryevich Khozin, Russian ambassador to Bangladesh, conveyed the proposals during a meeting with Md Fazlul Hoque, administrator of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, at the federation's Gulshan office yesterday.
- A formal announcement on the proposed business council may come at the meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission, scheduled to be held in Dhaka in early November, Alexander said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/russia-wants-joint-business-council-boost-trade-bangladesh-4274846>

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