Key News

Stock Market & Company

Reforms propel DSEX to two-year high

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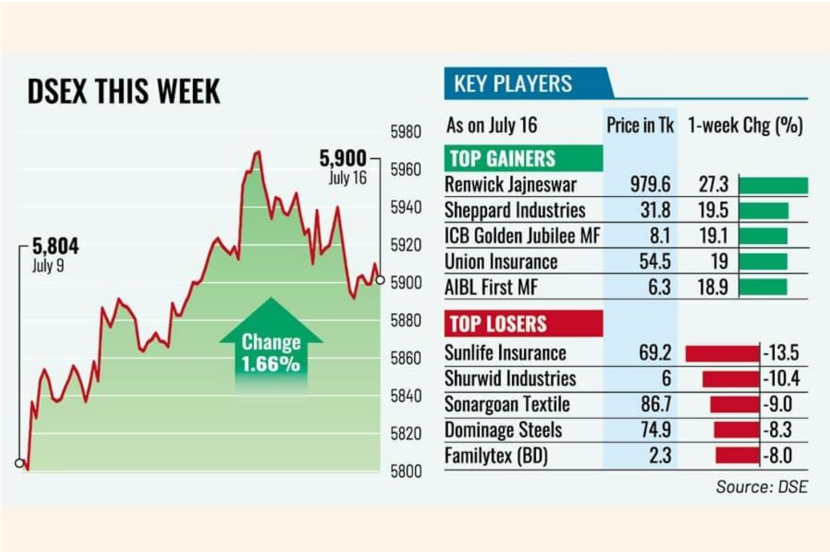

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surged past the 5,900-point threshold for the first time in nearly two years, extending a three-week rally driven by investor enthusiasm over regulatory reforms and capital market-friendly fiscal policies.
- Closing the week at 5,900.35, the benchmark DSEX index climbed 96 points, or 1.66 per cent. The market remained active across all five trading sessions, with the first four ending in positive territory before a marginal correction in the final session due to routine profit-taking.
- Market analysts attribute the sustained upward momentum to a confluence of supportive fiscal measures and a series of reforms by the securities regulator. These initiatives have improved investor sentiment and encouraged greater participation in equities despite lingering global headwinds.
- "The market-friendly fiscal measures and the new commission's reform initiatives outweighed concerns over the possibility of renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East," said a leading stockbroker.
- He added that expectations over proposed changes to margin loan regulations, along with measures to improve market liquidity through faster trade settlement and the approval of scrip netting, further boosted investor confidence.

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BSEC plans AI surveillance, tighter brokerage monitoring

The Business Standard, July 18, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) will significantly strengthen oversight of brokerage houses and introduce an artificial intelligence (AI)-based market surveillance system to curb irregularities and restore investor confidence, BSEC Chairman Masud Khan said today (18 July).

- Speaking at a mock parliament debate titled "Measures to resolve the trust crisis in the capital market" at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC), he said the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has been instructed to transform its surveillance department into an AI-driven system within the next year.
- Under the proposed system, any abnormal price surge in a stock will automatically trigger a trading suspension, reducing opportunities for market manipulation. He also announced plans to eliminate the use of "wet signatures" in securities transactions, describing them as a longstanding loophole for unauthorised trades.
- The DSE is developing back-office software that will prevent brokerage houses from altering client information or transaction records, he said, adding that supervision of brokerage firms would be intensified to rebuild public trust.
- Masud Khan said many retail investors, who now dominate Bangladesh's capital market, lack adequate financial literacy and often chase weak stocks based on rumours instead of company fundamentals. He stressed the need to strengthen the mutual fund sector, citing India's market as an example where mutual funds play a much larger role.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-plans-ai-surveillance-tighter-brokerage-monitoring-1491691

DBA welcomes BSEC initiative to amend margin rules

The Business Standard, July 18, 2026

- The DSE brokers association of Bangladesh (DBA) has welcomed the steps of the capital market regulator to amend the margin rules, 2025, calling it a realistic and market-friendly move for the country's capital market.
- In a press release today (18 July), the association said under the leadership of BSEC Chairman Masud Khan, the regulatory body is actively pursuing updates to the policy, drawing praise from capital market stakeholders.
- The DBA believes that the amended margin rules will help establish a balanced, modern, and forward-looking regulatory framework, which will play a crucial role in the orderly, transparent, and sustainable development of Bangladesh's capital market.
- The DBA expressed hope that the draft of the amended margin rules will soon be published for public opinion. After reviewing the draft, the DBA will submit its detailed feedback and recommendations to the Commission if necessary.
- DBA President Saiful Islam stated that the DBA fully supports the reform activities undertaken by the BSEC to make Bangladesh's capital market stronger, more modern, and investor-friendly.

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Bengal Biscuits declares 10% cash dividend for FY25

The Business Standard, July 18, 2026

- Bengal Biscuits Limited, listed on the SME board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, has recommended a 10% cash dividend for all shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.
- The decision was approved during a board meeting held on 15 July, where the company finalised its audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2024-2025.
- According to the disclosed financial statements on the Dhaka bourse, the company's net profit after tax rose to Tk2.24 crore, up from Tk2.07 crore recorded in FY24. Concurrently, its earnings per share (EPS) increased to Tk2.83, compared to Tk2.61 in FY24.
- The company's net asset value (NAV) per share also improved significantly, reaching Tk15.90 by the end of June 2025, up from Tk 4.07 in the prior year. However, its net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) witnessed a decline, dropping to Tk4.48 in FY25 from Tk5.94 in FY24.
- Bengal Biscuits has set 6 August, as the record date for the entitlement of the recommended dividend. The company's annual general meeting (AGM) is scheduled to take place on 3 September.

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Tamijuddin Textile shuts down factory over unrest, flouts disclosure rules

The Business Standard, July 16, 2026

- Tamijuddin Textile Mills PLC, a listed textile company, has suspended its manufacturing operations in Gazipur indefinitely amid escalating labour unrest, but failed to disclose the development to the stock exchanges within the required timeframe, in a potential breach of securities regulations.
- The company issued an "Urgent Notice" at its factory on 13 July, announcing the closure under Section 13(1) of the Bangladesh Labour Act, 2006. The provision allows employers to declare an indefinite layoff during an illegal strike or work stoppage, commonly known as a "no work, no pay" situation.
- However, despite the significant impact of a complete production shutdown, the company had not informed the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) or Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) until this afternoon (16 July).
- Market analysts said the failure to disclose such a price-sensitive development violates the DSE Listing Regulations and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's (BSEC) rules on insider trading. Under these regulations, listed companies are required to immediately disclose any event that could affect their operations, financial performance or share prices.
- When contacted, Tamijuddin Textile Mills Company Secretary Gazi Mohammad Ali Hossain told The Business Standard, "I have heard reports of the factory closure, but I have not received any official documents or formal confirmation from the plant yet."

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Economy & Industry

Chinese firm to invest $30m in Bepza zone

The Daily Star, July 18, 2026

- Huarun Tex Co Ltd, a Chinese company, will invest $30 million to build a textile manufacturing plant at the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) Economic Zone in Mirsharai, Chattogram.The factory will be built on a 36,000-square-metre site, according to a press release.
- Once operational, it will produce 24,000 tonnes of yarn and 20 million metres of grey woven fabric each year, creating jobs for 580 Bangladeshi nationals.
- Bepza and Huarun Tex signed a land lease agreement on July 16 at the Bepza Complex in Dhaka.The agreement was signed by Md Tanvir Hossain, member (investment promotion) of Bepza, and Bin Wang, managing director of Huarun Tex, on behalf of their respective organisations.
- Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, executive chairman of Bepza, thanked Huarun Tex for choosing Bangladesh, particularly the Bepza Economic Zone, for its investment.

- He said Bepza is committed to providing a safe, modern and business-friendly environment for investors and assured the company of full support to ensure smooth operations.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-invest-30m-bepza-zone-4226731

Beza's flagship economic zone faces water uncertainty as Tk10,553cr pipeline plan stalls

The Business Standard, July 18, 2026

- The Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority is struggling to secure a sustainable water supply for its flagship National Special Economic Zone in Mirsarai, Chattogram, as uncertainty surrounds a project to bring water through a 150km pipeline from the Meghna River.
- The project has stalled after a South Korean firm, which offered to build the Tk10,500 crore pipeline project four years ago, has backtracked, citing financial problems, leaving the feasibility study incomplete, according to Beza officials.
- The project has also been held back by a dispute over the proposed tariff. Since approval, several meetings between the authorities and investors could not agree on the price of pipeline water. The latest meeting in June last year also ended without a breakthrough.
- The consultant initially proposed Tk91 per 1,000 litres. Including transmission and other costs, the price would rise to about Tk120 per 1,000 litres. Industrial users have rejected the proposal, saying they are unwilling to pay nearly four times the current tariff of Tk32.
- "Industries will not buy water at such a high price. That is why the project has stalled," Ahsan Ullah, director of the National Special Economic Zone, told The Business Standard. "We have asked stakeholders to explore ways to reduce the tariff so the project can move forward."

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International

Gold set for biggest weekly drop

The Daily Star, July 19, 2026

- Gold rose on Friday but was on track for its biggest weekly loss in six. This came as escalating US-Iran tensions drove energy prices higher. The situation fuelled inflation fears and reinforced expectations of US interest rate hikes.
- Spot gold was up 1 percent at 4,011.29 dollars per ounce by 2:20 p.m. EDT. Prices touched their lowest level since June 30 earlier in the session. They were down around 2.6 percent so far for the week.
- US gold futures for August delivery settled 0.7 percent higher at 4,018.80 dollars. The US dollar rose for a second straight session. This made bullion more expensive for overseas buyers.
- Chris Gaffney, president of world markets at EverBank, commented on the trend. He said the main drivers of the selloff in gold have been a stronger US dollar and higher global inflation fears.
- He added that these factors have sent global interest rates higher. The US escalated its renewed bombing campaign on Iran on Friday. It hit bridges and an airport.
- Tehran responded with strikes on US bases across the Middle East. Brent crude oil prices were up around 16 percent for the week following the attacks. Bullion has fallen about 25 percent since the US-backed war began.

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