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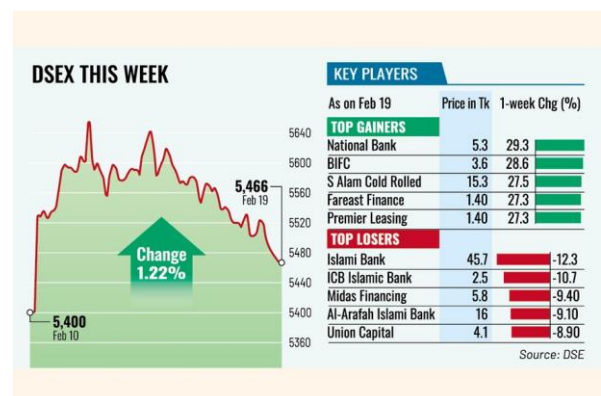
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## Stock Market & Company

### Stocks fail to sustain post-election rally

The Financial Express, Feb 21, 2026

- The benchmark equity index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) posted a modest weekly gain after a volatile week, surging sharply on the first trading day following the much-awaited national election, but the remaining sessions pared most of the gains.
- The BNP-led alliance secured an absolute majority in the 13th parliamentary election held on February 12
- The market jumped more than 200 points in the opening session as investors celebrated the landslide victory of BNP, rushing to buy undervalued blue-chip stocks amid heightened optimism.
- However, the enthusiasm proved short-lived. Over the next four trading days, the index gave up two-thirds of the initial gain as cautious investors moved to lock in quick profits.
- Market analysts said traders who were highly active immediately after the election preferred to secure short-term returns rather than hold positions amid policy uncertainty.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-fail-to-sustain-post-election-rally>

### Finance minister warns against 'cosmetic' market surge, vows structural reform

The Business Standard, Feb 21, 2026

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has cautioned that the recent surge in stock market indices, centred on election optimism, is largely confidence-driven and cosmetic rather than a sign of sustainable recovery.
- Speaking to journalists at his residence in Mehediabag, Chattogram, on Friday during his first visit to the port city after taking oath as a minister in the new government, Khosru said temporary gains based on sentiment would not bring fundamental change to the capital market.
- He noted that the current upward trend may reflect expectations of a democratic government but stressed that only sustainable and structural reforms could ensure long-term stability.
- The finance minister said the government would introduce comprehensive reforms in the capital market, including necessary amendments to laws and the regulatory framework. In particular, the role of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission would be further strengthened.

- He emphasised enhancing the effectiveness of the regulator, ensuring greater transparency, and adopting a zero-tolerance approach towards irregularities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/finance-minister-warns-against-cosmetic-market-surge-vows-structural-reform-1367766>

## Aziz Mohammad Bhai announces plan to buy Tk155cr worth of Olympic shares

The Business Standard, Feb 19, 2026

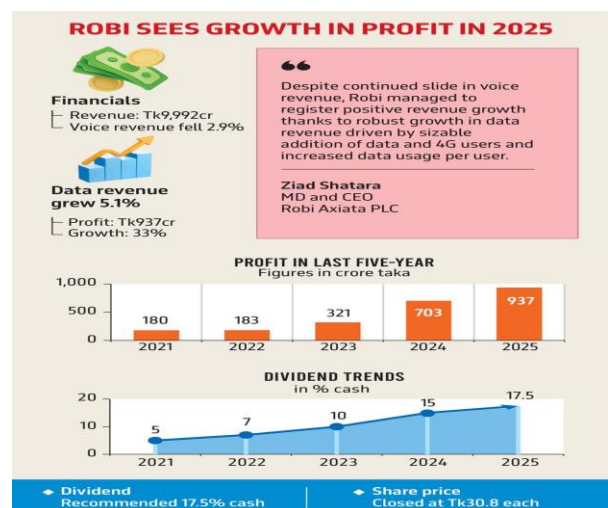
- Aziz Mohammad Bhai, a sponsor director and chairman of Olympic Industries Limited, has announced his intention to purchase 1 crore shares of the company through the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- According to a disclosure published on the DSE website today (19 February), he plans to acquire the shares at the prevailing market price within the next 30 working days.
- The transaction will be executed through the block market, a platform generally used for large-volume trades between institutional and strategic investors, helping to avoid sharp price fluctuations in the regular trading session.
- Following the announcement, Olympic Industries' share price rose 2.10% to Tk155.30 apiece on the Dhaka bourse, reflecting a positive market response to the sponsor director's move.
- Market analysts say such declarations are often viewed as a sign of confidence in a company's fundamentals and future prospects.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aziz-mohammad-bhai-announces-plan-buy-tk155cr-worth-olympic-shares-1366476>

## Robi posts Tk937cr profit in 2025, declares 17.5% cash dividend

The Business Standard, Feb 19, 2026

- Robi Axiata, the country's second-largest mobile network operator, posted a net profit of Tk937 crore in 2025 – its first annual profit since listing on the stock exchange five years ago. The earnings represent a 33.3% year-on-year growth compared to 2024.
- Riding on improved profitability, the board recommended a 17.5% cash dividend – Tk1.75 per share – the highest since its market debut in 2020. The proposed payout accounts for 97.8% of the company's total profit for the year. In 2024, Robi declared a 15% cash dividend.
- The board approved the financial statements and dividend at a meeting held today (19 February).
- Managing Director and CEO Ziad Shatara said that despite a continued decline in voice revenue, the operator managed to deliver positive revenue growth driven by strong expansion in data services. Growth was supported by a substantial increase in data and 4G users, alongside higher data consumption per subscriber.
- He noted that sustained high inflation and challenging macroeconomic conditions constrained subscriber spending, moderating overall revenue growth. He also highlighted that 62% of total revenue was contributed to the government exchequer through various taxes, describing the tax regime as excessively burdensome for industry progress.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/robi-posts-tk937cr-profit-2025-declares-175-cash-dividend-1366471>

## Economy & Industry

### FICCI seeks reforms for policy clarity, ease of doing business

The Daily Star, Feb 18, 2026

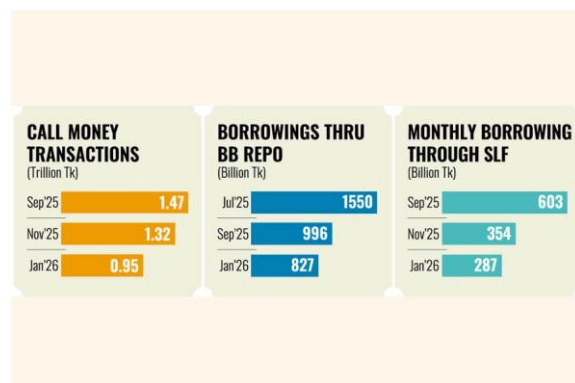
- The Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has urged the government to prioritise foreign direct investment (FDI)-friendly policies, backed by fundamental and regulatory reforms to strengthen investor confidence and ensure sustainable economic growth.
- In a press release, the chamber said it stands ready to work closely with the government to improve the investment climate, attract quality foreign investment, support economic reforms, generate employment, and reinforce the country's economic foundations.
- The chamber also congratulated the newly formed government following the swearing-in of the cabinet, including Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and other members of parliament.
- FICCI expressed hope that the new leadership's vision for national progress would translate into timely and effective actions to accelerate economic growth and foster a favourable investment environment.
- FICCI President Rupali Chowdhury said the new leadership assumed office at a defining moment in the country's history.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ficci-seeks-reforms-policy-clarity-ease-doing-business-4109291>

### Banks' interbank, BB borrowings plummet amid credit demand squeeze

The Financial Express, Feb 21, 2026

- Commercial banks' interbank and central-bank borrowings continue to plummet amid credit-demand squeeze for sluggish economic activity and also liquidity saturation through foreign-exchange conversion to local currency, experts say.
- The central bank intensifies its foreign-exchange-market intervention to stabilise the dollar-taka exchange rate, thereby funneling local-currency liquidity into bank vaults as spinoffs.
- As a matter of fact, the commercial lenders manage liquidity to meet their local-currency obligations through selling the precious American greenback amid lower credit demand from the private sector.
- It ultimately helps banks, which often go for borrowing either from the interbank market or Bangladesh Bank to meet their requirements, lessen their liquidity appetite and borrowing through overcoming the demand-supply mismatch.
- According to latest BB data, the monthly volume of call-money transactions through which banks make short-term borrowing within themselves dropped to Tk 954 billion in January last from Tk 1.47 trillion and Tk 1.32 trillion recorded in September and November last year respectively.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/banks-interbank-bb-borrowings-plummet-amid-credit-demand-squeeze>

## International

### Gold gains over 1% on soft US data

The Daily Star, Feb 22, 2026

- Gold prices rose more than 1 percent on Friday, supported by weaker-than-expected US GDP data, while investors digested President Donald Trump's announcement of fresh global tariffs following the US Supreme Court's tariffs ruling.
- Spot gold was up 1.5 percent at \$5,071.48 an ounce by 02:08 p.m. (1908 GMT). US gold futures for April delivery settled 1.7 percent higher at \$5,080.90.
- "It's hard to see the president collecting his toys and going home; he will try to re-establish tariffs using other statutes which will promote volatility," said Tai Wong, an independent metals trader.
- Medium-term uncertainty won't deter gold bulls, Wong added. Trump said that he would impose a 10 percent global tariff for 150 days to replace some of his emergency duties that were struck down by the US Supreme Court.
- The Supreme Court declared illegal his broad global tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, ruling that he had overstepped his authority under that law.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/gold-gains-over-1-soft-us-data-4111591>

### Trump says he will raise global tariffs from 10% to 15%

The Daily Star, Feb 22, 2026

- President Donald Trump said Saturday he is raising the worldwide tariffs on goods entering the United States from 10 percent to 15 percent "effective immediately," a day after the Supreme Court largely struck down his sweeping duties.
- Trump said on his Truth Social platform that after a thorough review of Friday's "extraordinarily anti-American decision" by the court to rein in his tariff program, the administration was hiking the import levies "to the fully allowed, and legally tested, 15% level."

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