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## Stock Market & Company

### Turnover surges 13% as bargain hunters return to Dhaka bourse

The Business Standard, Apr 21, 2026

- Stocks staged a moderate recovery today (21 April) as bargain hunters returned to the Dhaka bourse, lifting the benchmark index after two consecutive sessions of decline, although lingering geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continued to cap stronger gains.
- The DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), rose 24 points to settle at 5,257, while the blue-chip DS30 index advanced 4 points to close at 1,984. Market breadth turned positive, with 215 issues advancing against 108 decliners, reflecting renewed investor participation across sectors. Turnover also picked up momentum, jumping 13% to Tk929 crore, indicating improved trading activity.
- According to EBL Securities, the market rebound was largely driven by opportunistic investors taking positions in beaten-down stocks at attractive valuations. The session began on a positive note with active participation from both buyers and sellers, but sustained buying interest throughout the day helped the market close firmly in the green, offsetting intermittent selling pressure.
- The improved participation suggests cautious optimism among investors, who are gradually returning to the market amid expectations of economic recovery. However, analysts noted that the lack of any near-term resolution to ongoing Middle East tensions continues to weigh on sentiment, preventing a stronger rally. The geopolitical uncertainty has disrupted the market's earlier recovery trajectory, which had been supported by domestic political stability.
- Sector-wise, trading activity was dominated by engineering stocks, which accounted for 16.1% of total turnover, followed by textile and general insurance sectors. The sectoral performance remained mixed, with life insurance, IT and general insurance posting notable gains, while cement, financial institutions and mutual funds experienced slight corrections.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/turnover-surges-13-bargain-hunters-return-dhaka-bourse-1417906>

### Unilever Consumer Care's profit falls 12% in Q1 as revenue stumbles

The Business Standard, Apr 21, 2026

- Unilever Consumer Care Limited, a multinational company listed on the capital market, posted a decline in both its top and bottom-line revenue performances during the first quarter of 2026.
- The net profit of the company dropped 12% year-on-year to Tk12.11 crore in January-March this year, weighed down by sluggish sales. Consequently, earnings per share (EPS) for the three-month period stood at Tk6.29.
- According to the company's unaudited financial statements for the January–March period, the total revenue of Unilever slipped by 8% to Tk87.44 crore compared to the same period a year ago.

- The revenue decline was observed across its core product categories ranging from health and food drinks including flagship brands like Horlicks, Boost, and Maltova – dropping by 9% to Tk71.81 crore. Similarly, its glucose powder segment saw a 4% decline, bringing in Tk15.62 crore.
- In its final financial statement, a leading player in Bangladesh's health and nutrition segment Unilever Consumer Care Limited attributed the drop in profitability primarily to lower net finance income and a marginal contraction in its gross margins. However, the management noted that these negative impacts were partially offset by strategic cost-optimisation initiatives within its operating expenses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/unilever-consumer-cares-profit-falls-12-q1-revenue-stumbles-1417911>

## Ring Shine to settle bank debt with interest-free loan from sister concern

The Business Standard, Apr 21, 2026

- Ring Shine Textiles, a "Z" category company listed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), has decided to take an interest-free loan from its sister concern, Lark Textiles, to repay its high-interest bank liabilities.
- The decision was approved during a board meeting held on Monday and subsequently disclosed on the DSE website today (21 April).
- Following the disclosure, Ring Shine's share price jumped 8.82% to close at Tk3.70.
- Under the plan, Ring Shine will borrow Tk9.5 crore from Lark Textiles to settle outstanding dues with Eastern Bank Limited. The loan will carry a 10-year tenure, with repayments scheduled to begin in 2027 through ten equal annual instalments.
- Ring Shine management hopes that replacing high-interest bank debt with interest-free funds will significantly reduce its interest burden and bolster its net income.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ring-shine-settle-bank-debt-interest-free-loan-sister-concern-1417886>

## Economy & Industry

### Toyota Bangladesh bets big on hybrids, eyes long-term expansion

The Daily Star, Apr 21, 2026

- Bangladesh's automobile market is gradually becoming more open to brand-new vehicles, creating fresh opportunities for global manufacturers.
- To tap this potential, Toyota has formally launched operations in the country as a direct investment under the Toyota Tsusho Group, a sister concern of Toyota Motor Corporation.
- The company says its focus in Bangladesh goes beyond vehicle sales, emphasising reliability for customers, environmental sustainability, and a stronger ownership experience through genuine parts, warranty support and after-sales service.
- As the global shift towards sustainable mobility accelerates, Toyota Bangladesh considers hybrid technology the most practical near-term solution for the market, while also keeping long-term nationwide expansion in its strategic roadmap.
- Syed Asifur Rahman, Yusuke Ogino and Premmit Singh discuss Toyota's new journey in Bangladesh, the country's automobile market potential, future challenges and the growing trend of electric vehicle adoption at Toyota Bangladesh's head office.
- "True mobility experience goes beyond simply owning a Toyota vehicle. It means having access to genuine spare parts, lubricants, warranties and reliable after-sales support," said Premmit Singh, president and MD of Toyota Bangladesh, to The Business Standard, recently.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/toyota-bangladesh-bets-big-hybrids-eyes-long-term-expansion-1417791>

## Govt plans to revitalize banks: Finance Minister

The Financial Express, Apr 21, 2026

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury today (Tuesday) said in Jatiya Sangsad that the government plans to revitalize banks and support private sector recovery through budgetary measures and cooperation with multilateral organizations.
- “This is a large deficit and can’t be resolved overnight, but we are optimistic that with time and coordinated efforts, the economy will regain its momentum,” he added, BSS reports.
- The Finance Minister said while replying to a supplementary question from ruling party lawmaker Mohammed Fakhru Islam (Noakhali-5) in the House today with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, in the chair.
- He said that Bangladesh’s financial sector is currently facing a significant capital deficit, identifying it as one of the most pressing economic challenges.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/govt-plans-to-revitalize-banks-finance-minister>

## Commerce minister seeks Australian investment in solar energy

The Daily Star, Apr 21, 2026

- Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir today sought Australian investment in Bangladesh’s solar power generation sector to meet the growing domestic demand for electricity.
- The minister made the call at a meeting with Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Susan Ryle at the minister’s secretariat office in Dhaka.
- The two discussed strengthening bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and Australia, according to a statement from the commerce ministry.
- The minister said his government has been working to create an investment-friendly environment and is particularly encouraging foreign investment in the renewable energy sector.
- He added that revitalising existing industrial enterprises, establishing new industries, and generating employment are among the government’s current priorities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/commerce-minister-seeks-australian-investment-solar-energy-4157091>

## International

### German investor morale lowest in three years on Iran war fallout

The Daily Star, Apr 22, 2026

- German investor morale slid to its lowest level in over three years in April, a survey showed Tuesday, as the Middle East war threatens to snuff out a tentative recovery in Europe’s top economy.
- Sentiment among investors on the future of the Germany economy fell 16.7 points in the past month and now sits at minus 17.2 points, the survey said.
- Investor morale is now at its lowest point since December 2022, in the aftermath of Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine as surging energy costs exacted a heavy toll on German manufacturers.
- “Expectations are turning negative,” ZEW head Achim Wambach said, adding that concerns about energy supplies due to the Iran war were “holding back investment and undermining the impact of government stimulus measures”.
- A splurge in public spending by Chancellor Friedrich Merz’s government was expected to kickstart a turnaround for the manufacturing powerhouse this year after several years in the doldrums.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/german-investor-morale-lowest-three-years-iran-war-fallout-4157271>

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