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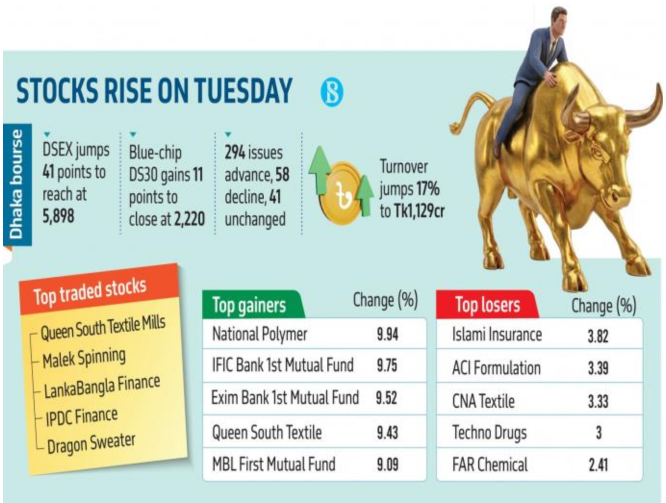
Stock Market & Company

Stocks rebound as DSEX jumps 41 points to edge near 5,900 mark

The Business Standard, July 21, 2026



- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) staged a robust recovery yesterday, with the benchmark index gaining 41 points to settle at 5,898, just a fraction away from the psychological threshold of 5,900.
- This rebound follows a brief period of corrective momentum and was primarily fuelled by renewed investor optimism regarding potential favourable revisions to the proposed margin lending rules, according to market insiders.
- Market participation saw a healthy spike as total turnover jumped by 17% to reach Tk1,129 crore, indicating that liquidity is flowing back into the secondary market with renewed vigour.
- According to the daily market review by EBL Securities, the capital bourse maintained a firm upward trajectory from the opening bell. The surge was driven by sustained buying interest and strengthening investor participation, which led to broad-based price appreciation across the majority of traded scrips, it said.
- A significant highlight of the day was the stabilisation of the insurance sector, which had faced heavy selling pressure in recent sessions, said EBL Securities. Investors appeared to be banking on potential regulatory easing regarding marginable criteria for insurers, while simultaneously rotating their interest toward non-bank financial institution (NBFI) stocks in anticipation of short-term gains, it added.

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Southeast Bank profit jumps 64% to Tk219cr in H1

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- Southeast Bank reported that its consolidated net profit jumped by 64% in the first half of this year.
- According to its price-sensitive statement approved at a board meeting held today (21 July), the bank posted the consolidated net profit of Tk218.77 crore in January-June of 2026, which was significantly higher from Tk133.53 crore in the same period of 2025.

- During the first half, its consolidated earnings per share stood at Tk1.64, which was Tk1 a year ago.
- The bank said net profit increased due to higher investment income and lower provisions against loans and advances compared to the previous period.

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Tk9,367cr provision gap: BSEC orders Dhaka exchange to ensure lenders' quarterly reporting

The Business Standard, July 21, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has instructed the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to ensure that stockbrokers and merchant banks submit quarterly reports on negative equity, unrealised losses and related provisioning.
- The move follows the discovery that several margin lenders failed to comply with a regulatory order issued in November, requiring quarterly submissions alongside board-approved action plans.
- According to BSEC data, the total provisioning deficit against negative equity and unrealised losses stood at Tk9,367 crore as of May.
- Under the November directives, stockbrokers, dealers and merchant banks must continue submitting the reports until the issue is fully resolved.
- During the provisioning period, no new securities may be purchased through Beneficiary Owner (BO) accounts with negative equity, although existing holdings may be sold at fair market value for adjustment.

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Rupali Life recommends 12% cash dividend for 2025

The Business Standard, July 21, 2026

- The board of directors of Rupali Life Insurance Company Limited has recommended a 12% cash dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025, maintaining shareholder returns despite reporting an underwriting deficit in the first half of 2026.
- The recommendation was disclosed today (21 July) through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). The insurer paid a 10% cash dividend for 2024.
- Shareholders will vote on the proposal at the company's annual general meeting (AGM), scheduled for 24 September 2026 at 10:00am on a digital platform. The record date has been set for 20 August 2026.
- In line with stock exchange regulations, the company's shares traded without a price limit yesterday following the dividend declaration. The share price of the insurer rose 1.21% to Tk91.70 on the DSE.
- The dividend recommendation comes despite continued pressure on the insurer's core underwriting business.

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BSEC fines FA Trading for inflating Star Adhesives share price

The Business Standard, July 21, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed a financial penalty of Tk1 lakh on FA Trading Corporation for its involvement in manipulating the share price of Star Adhesives Limited on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- The decision follows a detailed surveillance report from the premier bourse, which unmasked a systematic effort to artificially inflate the company's stock value through aggressive and coordinated trading patterns, according to the enforcement action report of the BSEC.

- According to the investigation, FA Trading Corporation, which operates through Jamuna Bank Capital Management, emerged as the dominant force in the trading of Star Adhesives shares between 29 December 2024 and 2 February 2025. During this period, the entity purchased more than 10 lakh shares, accounting for a staggering 40.09% of the total market volume for the scrip. The BSEC noted that the firm engaged in "series trading" – a practice of buying and selling shares in rapid succession to create a false appearance of high demand.
- The surveillance data highlighted several specific instances of manipulation. On 20 January 2025, the corporation executed 100% of the trades within a mere two-minute window, successfully pushing the share price up by Tk0.30 and contributing to a 10% daily increase. Similar patterns were observed on multiple dates in late January and early February.
- By the end of the investigation period, the entity had accumulated over 15 lakh shares without offloading any, leading to a 43.33% surge in the stock's price. This artificial rally allowed FA Trading Corporation to sit on an unrealised capital gain of approximately Tk1.20 crore.

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Economy & Industry

Bangladesh to take part in 50 international trade fairs in FY27

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- Bangladesh has decided to participate in 50 international trade fairs across 27 countries in the current fiscal year, prioritising exhibitions featuring products from 12 sectors as part of efforts to attract more international buyers.
- The decision was taken at a meeting of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) at its office in Dhaka.
- The meeting also fixed January 1 as the opening date for the 31st edition of the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) next year, according to a statement released by the commerce ministry today.
- Many businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, do not have the financial capacity to explore foreign trade opportunities, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said at the meeting.
- Participation in international trade fairs will help improve the business networking opportunities of these entrepreneurs, he said.

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Akij Insaf launches ‘The Grandeur’ and ‘Playfinity’ in Dhaka

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- Akij Insaf Group has launched The Grandeur and Playfinity, two lifestyle destinations aimed at offering premium dining and entertainment experiences in Dhaka.
- The Grandeur is a fine-dining venue, while Playfinity is an entertainment destination featuring gaming and interactive attractions.
- The company says the two ventures are expected to set a new benchmark for premium leisure experiences in Bangladesh.
- Sk Jamil Uddin, managing director of Akij Insaf Group, inaugurated the two facilities at a programme held recently in Dhaka as the chief guest, according to a press release.
- Located under one roof, The Grandeur offers a wide range of local and international cuisines in a modern setting designed for families, friends, professionals and food enthusiasts.

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International

US readies new tariffs as Trump's 10% global levy to expire

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- The United States is set to impose new tariffs that could hit dozens of countries soon, trade envoy Jamieson Greer signaled Tuesday, with President Donald Trump's temporary global levies due to expire this week.
- The Trump administration has prepared fresh tariffs targeting 60 trading partners over their alleged failures to act against forced labor, as officials push to rebuild the US leader's trade agenda after legal setbacks.
- "We expect to see some action soon," Greer told CNBC when asked if new duties were incoming. He did not specify a timeline.
- Trump imposed a 10-percent global duty this year after a swath of his tariffs were struck down by the Supreme Court in February, but this levy expires on Friday.

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