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Stock Market & Company

DSE falls for 2nd straight session amid fuel price hike, Gulf tensions

The Business Standard, Sep 22, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) extended its losing streak for a second consecutive session today (22 September), as concerns over potential domestic fuel price hikes and escalating geopolitical tensions in the Gulf continued to weigh on investor sentiment.
- The benchmark DSEX index fell 10 points, or 0.18%, to settle at 5,540. The blue-chip DS30 index, however, edged up 0.25 points to close at 2,106.
- Market breadth remained firmly negative, with 227 issues declining, compared with 103 advancing and 55 remaining unchanged. Meanwhile, daily turnover rose slightly to Tk791 crore from the previous session.
- According to EBL Securities' daily market review, the capital market faltered in its recovery attempt as investors maintained a cautious stance amid persistent uncertainties.
- Concerns over elevated inflationary pressures and their potential impact on corporate profitability prompted investors to reduce their equity exposure, the brokerage said.
- Trading remained volatile throughout the session, with selling pressure regaining momentum after the mid-session, it added.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-falls-2nd-straight-session-amid-fuel-price-hike-gulf-tensions-1550976>

Runner opens showroom to sell Chinese electric scooters

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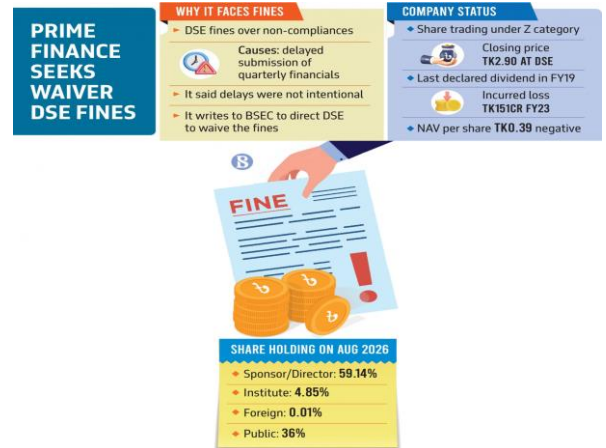
- Runner Automobiles is expanding its presence in Bangladesh's emerging electric two-wheeler market through YADEA, inaugurating the country's largest exclusive showroom of the global electric scooter brand in Dhaka's Kuril area.
- The new outlet, operated by EYD Motions, is expected to strengthen YADEA's retail reach in Dhaka and provide a dedicated platform for displaying and selling its electric scooter models.
- Runner Automobiles is the exclusive distributor of YADEA electric scooters in Bangladesh, part of its broader strategy to build a foothold in the country's electric mobility market.
- Shanat Dutta, chief finance officer of Runner Automobiles; Abu Hanif, chief business officer; and A B M Firoz, chief executive officer of EYD Motions, were present at the inaugural event, among others.
- The new showroom will allow customers to inspect YADEA's electric scooter lineup, compare features and performance, and purchase their preferred models directly from the outlet, according to a statement.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/runner-opens-showroom-to-sell-chinese-electric-scooters>

Prime Finance struggles to pay outstanding dues

The Business Standard, Sep 22, 2026

- Non-bank financial institution (NBFI) Prime Finance & Investment Ltd, struggling with high non-performing loans, accumulated losses and an inability to repay depositors, has sought a waiver of a Tk14.045 million fine imposed by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- According to Bangladesh Bank data, 78% of Prime Finance's loans are classified, while its cumulative loss stands at Tk351 crore. The central bank has identified the company as among the NBFIs deemed unviable, based on indicators including depositor repayment failures, high non-performing loans, and capital shortfalls.
- In an application to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) chairman, Prime Finance said the DSE imposed the fine on 18 June for failing to submit its audited annual financial statements for 2022, its first three quarterly statements of 2023 and audited annual financial statements for 2023 within the stipulated deadlines.
- The company attributed the delays to Bangladesh Bank's Financial Institutions Inspection Department (FICL) inspection and reporting process, saying they were not intentional.
- Prime Finance said it could not finalise its 2022 financial statements without the FICL inspection report. Although Bangladesh Bank completed the inspection for the year ended 31 December 2022, it provided the company with the "quick summary" only on 24 March 2024.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/prime-finance-struggles-pay-outstanding-dues-1550981>

DSE to compensate 17,332 fraud-hit investors, push risk-based oversight

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- In a major bid to restore investor confidence, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) will start paying compensation to 17,332 affected clients from 28 September while introducing risk-based capital supervision and digital oversight to prevent brokerage fund embezzlement.
- The initiative will enable nearly 97% of the 17,925 investors affected by five defaulted brokerage houses – Moshior Securities, Tamha Securities, Crest Securities, Shah Mohammad Sagir & Co Ltd, and Banco Securities—to fully recover their claims of up to Tk5 lakh each from the Investment Protection Fund (IPF).
- Announcing the landmark decision at a press conference today (22 September) at the DSE Tower in Nikunja, DSE Chairman Maminul Islam said the five rogue brokerages had collectively embezzled Tk250 crore from their clients.
- At the event, the DSE also launched its new website with featuring the real time market update including detail information about the listed companies.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-compensate-17332-fraud-hit-investors-push-risk-based-oversight-1550991>

Economy & Industry

How a garment maker is fighting Middle East energy crunch

The Daily Star, Sep 22, 2026

- A gas and power crisis has hit production at most Bangladeshi garment makers, but at 4A Yarn Dyeing, a supplier to Walmart, Gap and Next, workers stitch hoodies and attach brand logos uninterrupted, at least for now.
- Since 2019, 4A has generated its own power, including through solar panels, making it an exception in Bangladesh's garment industry, the world's second-biggest exporter after China. The Middle East crisis has worsened energy shortages in the country where much of the electricity is generated using natural gas, furnace oil and diesel.
- A recent survey of 134 knitwear factories found that 55 percent had seen buyers cancel or cut orders because of gas and power shortages since late August, and 78 percent had partially halted production. The factories also reported shipment delays and discounted orders to buyers.
- But that's not yet the case at 4A, whose factory on Dhaka's outskirts employs nearly 7,500 workers and meets around 40 percent of its electricity needs through solar, the rest mainly through its own gas and diesel generation.
- "We never stayed at a single-source energy dependency. We had backups for everything," said company co-owner Abdullah Hil Nakib. "We need some sort of certainty. But the cost of doing business has increased. First there was a shortage of oil, then a shortage of gas."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/how-garment-maker-fighting-middle-east-energy-crunch-4280546>

ADB cuts Bangladesh growth forecast to 4% for FY27

The Daily Star, Sep 22, 2026

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has trimmed its economic growth projection for Bangladesh for fiscal year 2026–27 to 4 percent, down from its earlier forecast of 4.5 percent made in July, citing persistent banking-sector stress, structural bottlenecks and severe energy shortages.
- In its latest Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update, the Manila-based lender warned that economic expansion will remain constrained as high non-performing loans (NPLs), weak bank balance sheets, elevated borrowing costs and banks' preference for safer government securities continue to limit private-sector access to credit.
- "The downgrade for FY2027 reflects trade headwinds, energy import volatility and weather-related disruptions impacting agriculture and output across South Asia," the ADB said in the ADO released today.
- Unreliable energy supplies, logistics constraints and lengthy regulatory and approval procedures are further dampening investment demand, restricting the economy's capacity to respond to potential monetary easing or fiscal stimulus.
- According to the ADB, industrial growth is projected to slow to 3.3 percent in FY2027 due to persistent energy shortages, rising production costs, sluggish external demand and widespread uncertainty affecting manufacturing and private investment.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/adb-cuts-bangladesh-growth-forecast-4-fy27-4280746>

Govt forms five working groups to implement National Logistics Policy

The Daily Star, Sep 23, 2026

- The government on Monday formed five specialised working groups to implement the National Logistics Policy 2025 and strengthen Bangladesh's capacity for domestic and international trade.
- The working groups will focus on logistics digitalisation, investment, skills development, multimodal logistics infrastructure and trade facilitation, according to notifications issued by the Prime Minister's Office by the end of last week.

- The panels have been formed in line with decisions of the National Logistics Development and Coordination Committee (NLDCC).
- The interim government framed the National Logistics Policy 2025, aiming to position Bangladesh as a leading regional trade and logistics hub by 2050, after annulling the previous policy formulated in April 2024 by the ousted Awami League-led government.
- Of the groups, the trade facilitation working group will be headed by the commerce secretary.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-forms-five-working-groups-implement-national-logistics-policy-4280561>

International

Gold prices fall

The Business Standard, Sep 23, 2026

- Gold prices fell on Tuesday as expectations of interest rates staying higher for longer weighed on sentiment, with investors awaiting comments from US Federal Reserve officials for policy clues.
- Spot gold was down 0.6percent at \$4,319.39 per ounce by 0652 GMT. US gold futures fell 0.6percent to \$4,356.30. Bullion is traditionally viewed as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical risks, but its appeal tends to wane in a high-interest-rate environment as investors favour yield-bearing assets.
- With US economic data this week, investors will focus on comments from Fed officials for signs of whether the central bank is leaning toward another rate increase in October, as well as on crude oil prices, said Chris Weston, head of research at Pepperstone.
- “While crude has come modestly off its recent highs, a reversal higher that builds inflation expectations would only intensify the rates story, and gold would likely continue to face headwinds,” said Weston.
- The Fed raised its policy rate by a quarter of a percentage point last week and flagged more hikes in the coming months.
- The US central bank will likely need to hike rates further to lower inflation resulting from strong demand as well as a commodity price shock that has moved beyond oil, St. Louis Fed President Alberto Musalem said, adding that it would be better for the Fed to act sooner than wait.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/gold-prices-fall-4280556>

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