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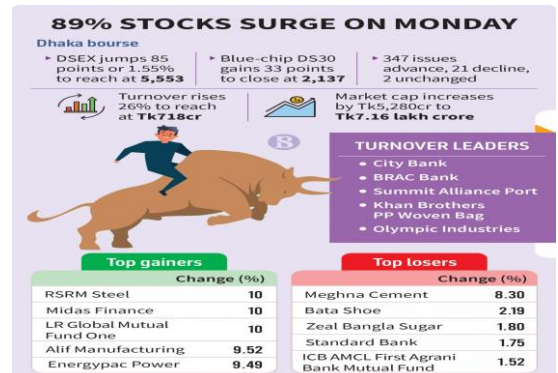
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## Stock Market & Company

### DSEX jumps 85 points as central bank policy fuels market rally

The Business Standard, Feb 23, 2026

- The Dhaka stock market rebounded strongly on the back of fresh policy support from the central bank, with investors cheering the relaxation of down payment requirements for loan rescheduling amid ongoing stress in the banking sector.
- The benchmark DSEX of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) jumped 85 points, or 1.55%, to close at 5,553, snapping its recent subdued trend.
- The blue-chip DS30 index also rose 33 points to 2,137, reflecting broad-based gains as 347 issues advanced, 21 declined, and two remained unchanged.
- Market capitalisation increased by Tk5,280 crore to Tk7.16 lakh crore, signalling renewed investor confidence, while turnover climbed 26% to Tk718 crore, indicating improved participation across sectors.
- According to EBL Securities, the market momentum reverted to a positive trajectory following recent corrections, after election-driven optimism had cooled.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-jumps-85-points-central-bank-policy-fuels-market-rally-1369501>

### Dhaka stocks see Tk270cr foreign outflow in 2025

The Business Standard, Feb 23, 2026

- Foreign investment in the country's stock market weakened in 2025, with overseas investors pulling out a net Tk270 crore from equities amid economic fragility, market volatility and pre-election uncertainty, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange.
- The data shows that foreign investors sold shares worth Tk2,095.34 crore in 2025, while purchasing stocks valued at Tk1,825.07 crore, resulting in a net negative position of Tk270 crore for the year.
- Analysts and insiders said foreign investors remained cautious in the capital market ahead of the February 2026 election amid political and economic uncertainty, continuing to withdraw funds throughout the year.



- Reviewing the 2025 trading data, they believe that following the election, foreign investors' confidence in the market has improved, which is expected to turn their net position positive in the coming months.
- A fortnightly data for February (1 to 15) showed that in the first 15 days, foreign trading year-on-year increased by 48% to Tk173 crore, which was Tk116.63 crore in the same time of 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-see-tk270cr-foreign-outflow-2025-1369536>

## BSEC rejects Al-Haj Textile's 35% stock dividend proposal

The Business Standard, Feb 23, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected a 35% stock dividend proposal announced by Al-Haj Textile Mills Limited for the financial year that ended in June 2024.
- On 14 January, the textile sector firm recommended a 5% cash and 35% stock dividend for its shareholders for FY24. The stock dividend component was subject to the approval by the BSEC.
- The company's share price increased today (23 February) by 2% to Tk132.80 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange.
- The company's audited financial statements show that the sharp rise in profit was largely driven by a one-off accounting gain following the settlement of a long-running legal dispute with Agrani Bank, rather than a genuine operational recovery.
- According to the audited results for FY24, Al-Haj Textile recorded a net profit of Tk22.45 crore, compared to a loss in the previous year. Earnings per share rose to Tk10.07, a significant reversal from a loss per share of Tk0.78 in FY23.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-al-haj-textiles-35-stock-dividend-proposal-1369531>

## Olympic Industries sees Tk72cr shares change hands in block trade

The Financial Express, Feb 23, 2026

- Around Tk72 crore worth of shares of Olympic Industries changed hands in the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) yesterday, signalling a strategic transaction involving the company's sponsor director.
- A total of 50 lakh shares were traded in the block market at Tk144 per share during the session. In contrast, the stock closed at Tk163.10 apiece in the public market, marking a 2% increase from the previous trading day.
- In the block market, transactions are executed between pre-arranged buyers and sellers at mutually agreed prices. Shares worth below Tk5 lakh are not permitted in this segment, and the standard 10% upper and lower circuit breaker limits apply.
- Market insiders said the block trade was executed by the company's chairman and sponsor director, Aziz Mohammad Bhai, as part of his earlier plan to increase his stake. The shares were reportedly purchased from foreign investors.
- Earlier on 19 February, Aziz Mohammad Bhai disclosed his intention to buy one crore shares of Olympic Industries through the block market within the next 30 working days at the prevailing market price.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-sees-tk72cr-shares-change-hands-block-trade-1369496>

## Economy & Industry

### Revenue collection stumbles in January, growth falls to 3%

The Daily Star, Feb 23, 2026

- Revenue collection in January grew by only 3.2% year-on-year – the weakest in recent months – signalling stress in trade flows and slowing economic activity.
- With customs revenue remaining volatile and domestic demand softening, the slowdown threatens to complicate the new government's fiscal management in the months ahead.

- The January figure marks a sharp deceleration from the robust growth recorded earlier in the fiscal year, when monthly collections expanded by 18% to 25% between July and September. Although revenue growth remained in double digits through much of the first half, January's modest increase indicates that the initial rebound in imports and domestic activity is losing momentum. In January alone, revenue collection fell short of the target by Tk15,000 crore.
- According to updated data released by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) today (23 February), revenue collection during the first seven months (July–January) of the current fiscal year fell short of the target by more than Tk60,000 crore.
- Although revenue growth during the July–January period stood at around 13%, actual collection reached Tk2.63 lakh crore against a target of Tk2.83 lakh crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/revenue-collection-stumbles-january-growth-falls-3-1369541>

## Jamaat MP Arman seeks to line up investors for Nagad

The Daily Star, Feb 24, 2026

- Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem Arman, a newly elected lawmaker from Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, has expressed interest in bringing fresh investment into the troubled mobile financial services provider Nagad, now under an administrator appointed by the Bangladesh Bank.
- On February 8, three days before the 13th parliamentary election, he wrote to the central bank governor, requesting permission to conduct an audit to assess the company's position ahead of any potential investment. Arman, son of late Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali, confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.
- He spent nearly eight years in enforced disappearance during the Awami League regime. He was abducted from Mirpur in 2016 while serving on the legal team of his father and was released on August 6, 2024 -- a day after the fall of the Hasina government.
- Trained as a lawyer in Britain, Arman was among hundreds detained in the "Aynaghar" (house of mirrors), a prison so named because detainees said they did not see another person for years. Speaking to The Daily Star, the MP said supporting investment was a civic duty.
- "I am working as a local coordinator for domestic and foreign multinational investment firms. For this reason, the investment firms want to conduct an audit of this institution to assess whether it is suitable for investment."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/jamaat-mp-arman-seeks-line-investors-nagad-4112211>

## UAE-Bangladesh joint venture to invest \$10m in BEPZA EZ

The Daily Star, Feb 24, 2026

- Integrated Composite Industries Ltd, a UAE-Bangladesh joint venture, is set to invest \$10 million to establish a composite manufacturing plant at the BEPZA Economic Zone.
- The company will manufacture Fibre Reinforced Polymer (FRP) composite products, including modern bathtubs, jacuzzis and panel tanks, according to a press release.
- A land lease agreement was signed between the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and the company at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka on Sunday.
- Md Tanvir Hossain, executive director (investment promotion) of BEPZA, and Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury, chairman of Integrated Composite Industries, signed the deal.
- The plant is expected to produce 6,174 tonnes of products annually, primarily targeting export markets in Dubai and the shipbuilding and cruise industries. It is expected to create employment opportunities for 906 Bangladeshi nationals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/uae-bangladesh-joint-venture-invest-10m-bepza-ez-4112886>

## International

### US to stop collecting tariffs deemed illegal by Supreme Court on Tuesday

The Daily Star, Feb 23, 2026

- The US Customs and Border Protection agency said it will halt collections of tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act at 12:01 a.m. EST (0501 GMT) on Tuesday, more than three days after the US Supreme Court declared the duties illegal.
- The agency said in a message to shippers on its Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) that it will de-activate all tariff codes associated with President Donald Trump's prior IEEPA-related orders as of Tuesday.
- The IEEPA tariff collection halt coincides with Trump's imposition of a new, 15 percent global tariff under a different legal authority to replace the ones struck down by the Supreme Court on Friday.
- CBP gave no reason why it was continuing to collect the tariffs at ports of entry days after the Supreme Court's ruling, and its message offered no information about possible refunds for importers.
- The message noted that the collection halt does not affect any other tariffs imposed by Trump, including those under the Section 232 national security statute and the Section 301 unfair trade practices statute.

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