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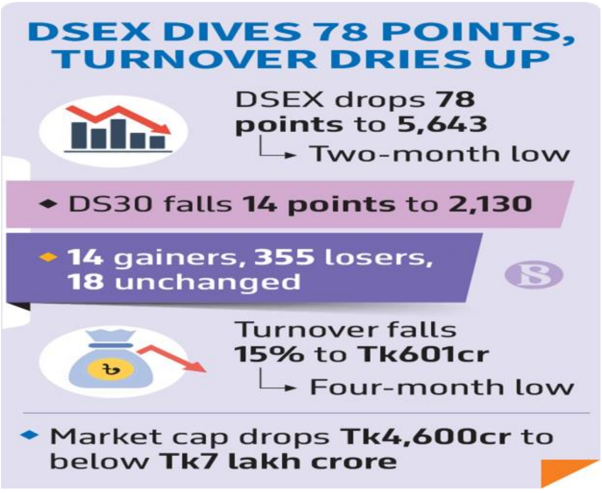
Stock Market & Company

DSEX crashes to 2-month low amid massive sell-off

The Business Standard, Aug 24, 2026



- The country's premier bourse, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), witnessed a massive bloodbath today (24 August) as the benchmark index crashed to a two-month low.
- A pervasive bearish sentiment, fueled by a worsening nationwide gas and electricity crisis and global geopolitical tensions, left nearly 90% of all traded scrips in the red.
- The benchmark DSEX index plummeted by 78 points, or 1.37%, to settle the session at 5,643—its lowest point in two months. The blue-chip DS30 index followed a similar trajectory, falling 14 points to settle at 2,130.
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- The day's trading reflected a complete dominance of the bears. Of the 387 issues traded, a staggering 355 declined, while only 14 managed to advance and 18 remained unchanged.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-crashes-2-month-low-amid-massive-sell-1523341

GBB Power announces 5MW solar project as shares rally 100%

The Business Standard, Aug 24, 2026

- GBB Power Limited has entered the renewable energy sector by signing an agreement to develop a solar power plant, following a 99% surge in its share price over the past few weeks.
- According to a disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (24 August), the company's subsidiary, Solaron Power Limited, has signed a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Cumilla Cantonment.
- Under the agreement, Solaron Power will install a 5.005 MWp ground-mounted solar power plant on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis.
- GBB Power holds a 70% stake in Solaron Power, while the remaining 30% is owned by strategic partners.
- The renewable energy project comes as GBB Power's share price has surged sharply in recent weeks, gaining nearly 99%.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gbb-power-announces-5mw-solar-project-shares-rally-100-1524046

BSEC to conduct surprise inspections of brokerages to curb irregularities, protect investors

The Business Standard, Aug 24, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has decided to conduct surprise inspections of brokerage firms to detect irregularities early and strengthen investor protection.
- Under the new mechanism, firms will be selected for spot inspections based on information about suspicious transactions, possible irregularities or activities that could put investors' money and securities at risk.
- The BSEC will form an eight-member pool comprising two representatives each from the regulator, Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) and Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL). Three members will be selected for each inspection – one from the BSEC, one from CDBL and one from either the DSE or CSE.
- An executive director of the relevant BSEC department will coordinate the inspections, assisted by two other commission officials.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conduct-surprise-inspections-brokerages-curb-irregularities-protect-investors

Runner signs BYD deal to build EV manufacturing plant

The Financial Express, Aug 24, 2026

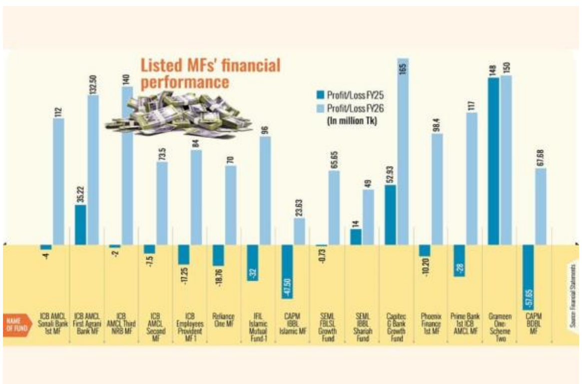
- Runner Automobiles has signed an agreement with Chinese company BYD to set up a plant for manufacturing electric vehicles (EVs).
- Under the technical license agreement (TLA) signed with BYD last week, the company will receive the technical details required to design an EV manufacturing plant in Bangladesh.
- Sanat Datta, chief financial officer (CFO) of Runner Automobiles, said a series of agreements were required to start manufacturing EVs.
- In March last year, Runner signed a Master Supply and Manufacturing Agreement (MSMA) with BYD to establish a strategic alignment, and the company's board approved the agreement on Thursday.
- In the second phase, Runner needed to sign the TLA with BYD as part of its initiative to set up the manufacturing plant.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/runner-signs-byd-deal-to-build-ev-manufacturing-plant

Most listed MFs return to profit in FY26 but avoid paying dividends

The Financial Express, Aug 24, 2026

- Most listed mutual funds posted hefty profits in FY26, riding a strong rebound in the stock market, but the earnings recovery brought little relief to unitholders as most of the funds skipped dividends due to accumulated losses from previous years.
- The aggregate profit of 15 closed-end mutual funds, which published audited financial statements for FY26, climbed to Tk 1.44 billion from only Tk 24.4 million a year earlier. What is more significant is that 11 of the funds returned to profit in FY26 after incurring losses in the previous year.



- Sixteen others of the 34 listed pooled funds are under regulatory scrutiny, while three funds follow the calendar year -- January to December -- for financial reporting.
- The turnaround came as the stock market staged a strong recovery during the year, helped by gradually improving investor sentiment and growing optimism over sweeping regulatory reforms after years of poor market performance.
- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surged 20 per cent year-on-year in FY26, while turnover jumped 55 per cent during the period, reflecting increased investor participation and a recovery in share prices.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/most-listed-mfs-return-to-profit-in-fy26-but-avoid-paying-dividends

Economy & Industry

Low yields, high costs choke Bangladesh's tea exports

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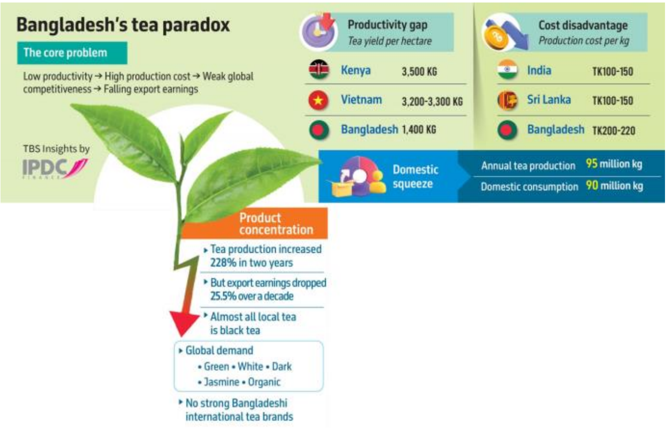

- Bangladesh's tea industry is producing more, yet it is struggling to compete globally. At the heart of the problem is a stubborn productivity gap – the amount of tea produced per hectare remains far below that of major tea-producing countries.
- This low yield pushes up the cost of each kilogram of tea, weakening Bangladesh's competitiveness in international markets. Overall tea production has continued to rise, but the increase in output has failed to translate into higher export earnings.
- Much of the additional production is being absorbed by strong domestic demand, while the industry also faces a narrow product mix and a lack of strong international brands.
- Tahsin Ahmed Chowdhury, chief operating officer of Finlay Tea Company, said Bangladesh produces around 1,400kg of tea per hectare, compared with about 3,500kg in Kenya and 3,200-3,300kg in Vietnam.
- "Because of the low yield, production costs rise, making Bangladeshi tea less competitive in the international market," he said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/low-yields-high-costs-choke-bangladeshs-tea-exports-1524091

Bangladesh, India discuss lifting yarn import curbs

The Daily Star, Aug 24, 2026

- Bangladesh and India discussed lifting Dhaka's restrictions on Indian yarn imports through land ports, alongside reopening closed border haats and bringing land ports into full operation as the two neighbouring countries seek to strengthen bilateral trade.
- The issues came up at a meeting between Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday, according to a ministry statement.
- Muktadir said bilateral trade currently stands at around $13 billion, but trade activities had slowed somewhat over the past one and a half years because of several obstacles.
- Discussions were held on how to identify these problems and make trade relations between the two countries easier and more effective in the future, the statement said.
- India is Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner after China, and the two countries have longstanding economic ties, said the commerce minister.

- He said the meeting focused on making land ports fully operational, reopening closed border haats and withdrawing the existing restriction on yarn imports through land ports.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-india-discuss-lifting-yarn-import-curbs-4256046

International

Bangladesh’s Sept LNG purchase to cost two times the pre-war rates

The Daily Star, Aug 24, 2026

- Bangladesh has agreed to pay over $24 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) for two LNG cargoes to be delivered in September, as the country continues to scramble for supplies amid a global market squeeze triggered by the US-Israel war on Iran.
- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase today approved one cargo from Posco International Corporation at $24.625 per MMBtu for delivery on September 13-14 and another from TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd, UK, at $24.25 per MMBtu for September 23-24.
- The prices are more than double the $10-$12/MMBtu that Bangladesh typically paid for spot LNG before the war began in late February this year.
- The latest purchases also mark another jump from the prices paid for several recent cargoes.The government approved a cargo from Aramco Trading Singapore at $21.55/MMBtu earlier this month, while two cargoes approved last week from BP Singapore were priced at $21.878 and $21.778/MMBtu.
- Another cargo approved on August 19 from Aramco Trading was priced at $23.93/MMBtu.The rising prices are adding to the pressure on Bangladesh's LNG import bill at a time when the country is increasingly dependent on spot purchases to compensate for disruptions to its long-term supplies.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-sept-lng-purchase-cost-two-times-the-pre-war-rates-4255846

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