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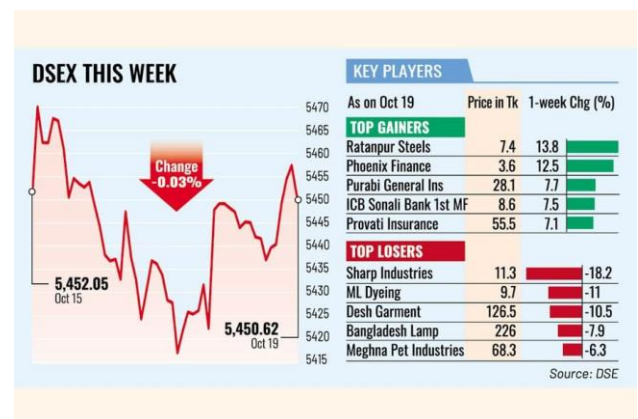
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Stock Market & Company

Stocks end flat as earnings concerns weigh on market sentiment

The Financial Express, Oct 24, 2026

- Stocks ended the holiday-shortened week almost flat as investor caution over corporate earnings and dividend declarations, persistent economic challenges and escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East dampened market sentiment.
- The market remained under pressure throughout the week, with intermittent bargain hunting failing to generate a sustained recovery, market analysts said.
- More than 20 listed companies announced their quarterly and annual financial results, with many reporting weaker-than-expected earnings amid high energy costs and persistent inflation.
- Economic Forecast Report.
- The week opened with renewed selling pressure after a brief recovery in the preceding sessions. Technical glitches affecting trading terminals at several brokerage firms also disrupted market activity.
- Investors remained largely on the sidelines amid concerns over the domestic economic outlook and corporate performance, limiting trading activity and market momentum, the analysts said.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/stocks-end-flat-as-earnings-concerns-weigh-on-market-sentiment>

Matin Spinning FY26 results diverge sharply from first 9

The Financial Express, Oct 24, 2026

- Matin Spinning Mills reported strong top-line growth in FY26, riding on increased revenue income.
- Its profit jumped 35.33 per cent year-on-year to Tk 619.8 million in FY26 as revenue grew 3.35 per cent to Tk 9.05 billion in the year compared to the previous year.
- This increase in revenue was driven by higher sales volume and increased unit selling prices, the company said in a disclosure.
- However, it was not possible to know how the company engineered its profit as the financial statement for FY26 is yet to be published.

- The company's financial performance in the first nine months may give an idea about its operating efficiency in the fourth quarter.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/matin-spinning-fy26-results-diverge-sharply-from-first-9-months>

Samorita Hospital's income jumps on seasonal patient surge, declares 10% dividend

The Business Standard, Oct 24, 2026

- Samorita Hospital Limited, the country's only listed healthcare provider, reported an 80% year-on-year increase in net profit for FY26, driven by higher patient admissions and outpatient visits amid measles and dengue outbreaks in the capital.
- The company's board recommended a 10% cash dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, double the 5% paid for FY25. According to its price-sensitive information (PSI), the board approved the audited financial statements on 22 October.
- The annual general meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 27 December, with the venue to be announced later. The record date is 17 November.
- Net profit after tax rose to Tk2.43 crore in FY26 from Tk1.35 crore a year earlier, while earnings per share (EPS) increased to Tk1.12 from Tk0.62.
- Net asset value (NAV) per share edged up to Tk48.74 as of 30 June 2026 from Tk48.39 a year earlier, while net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) improved to Tk2.49 from Tk1.72.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/samorita-hospitals-income-jumps-seasonal-patient-surge-declares-10-dividend-1581886>

Dulamia Cotton declares 1% cash dividend for general shareholders

The Business Standard, Oct 24, 2026

- Dulamia Cotton Spinning Mills Limited has recommended a 1% cash dividend exclusively for its general public shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.
- The company's general public shareholders hold 50.61 lakh shares out of the total 75.56 lakh shares, bringing the total proposed gross dividend amount to Tk5.06 lakh, according to the disclosure filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- To gain shareholder approval for the recommended payout, the company has scheduled its annual general meeting (AGM) for 13 December. The record date for determining eligible shareholders has been set for 16 November.
- According to its financial statements, Dulamia Cotton reported an earnings per share (EPS) of Tk0.20 for FY26, down from Tk0.25 recorded in the previous financial year. Its net asset value (NAV) per share stood at negative Tk39.81, slightly improving from negative Tk39.83 in FY25. Meanwhile, net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) rose to Tk0.53 from Tk0.41 in FY25.
- According to DSE data, Dulamia Cotton's core textile operations have remained non-operational since 14 June 2020. Despite its manufacturing units staying idle, the company posted a modest profit of Tk15 lakh in FY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dulamia-cotton-declares-1-cash-dividend-general-shareholders-1581856>

BRAC Bank to launch Tk1,000cr green bond tomorrow

The Business Standard, Oct 24, 2026

- BRAC Bank is set to issue a Tk1,000 crore green bond, becoming the first bank in Bangladesh to do so, according to the bank.

- Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of BRAC Bank, will announce the launch of the initiative at a press conference tomorrow afternoon (25 October) at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, according to a press invitation.
- According to the bank, the bond will follow Bangladesh Bank's green bond guidelines. It will finance renewable energy projects, environmentally friendly buildings and energy-efficiency improvements in the industrial sector.
- Green bonds are financial instruments used to raise funds for environmentally sustainable projects, while offering investors regular income payments.
- A disclosure published on 23 May said BRAC Bank PLC plans to issue its green bond worth up to Tk1,000 crore at face value to support its green financing activities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/brac-bank-launch-tk1000cr-green-bond-tomorrow-1581461>

Economy & Industry

Chinese firm invests \$100m in beverage can factory at Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park

The Business Standard, Oct 24, 2026

- Chinese company Alu Hi-Tech Industries Ltd is investing \$100 million to establish a beverage can manufacturing plant at Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park in Gazipur, with plans to export around 90% of its annual output.
- The factory is expected to produce 100 crore beverage cans yearly, supplying the remainder to the domestic market, according to the company's Managing Director Yuan Dingyan.
- The company began work on the project and registered at the hi-tech park in 2024. It has completed the basement construction and aims to finish the remaining infrastructure work and begin production within the next eight months.
- The company has taken around 13 acres of land for the facility and will import machinery and raw materials for production from China. Yuan told TBS that Bangladesh's relatively small market meant the company planned to export most of its production.
- As beverage cans are currently imported into Bangladesh, local manufacturing could reduce import dependence and save foreign currency, he added. Securing a gas connection remains a major challenge for the project as the company prepares to begin production. It has sought assistance from the Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority to resolve the issue.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/chinese-firm-invests-100m-beverage-can-factory-kaliakoir-hi-tech-park-1581271>

Govt wants to establish creative industries as mainstream economy: Finance minister

The Daily Star, Oct 24, 2026

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on Saturday said the government wants to establish creative industries as a mainstream economic sector and a source of Bangladesh's soft power on the global stage.
- "Arts and culture, rural handicrafts, music, films and theatre must be integrated into mainstream economic activities to become key drivers of the country's future GDP growth and strengthen Bangladesh's soft power internationally," he said.
- The finance minister made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the unveiling ceremony of the book Creative Footprints, jointly organised by Standard Chartered Bank and Bengal Foundation at a city hotel.
- He said traditional economic thinking had consistently placed arts and culture behind other economic activities. The present government has decided to move beyond that approach and incorporate the creative economy as a new driver of the country's economic aspirations and growth, said a Finance Ministry press release.
- The minister said the government alone could not implement all the initiatives required to develop the sector. Strong partnerships with the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), alongside appropriate policies and financing, would therefore play a crucial role in advancing creative industries.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-wants-to-establish-creative-industries-as-mainstream-economy-finance-minister>

International

Trump lifts some Canada tariffs ahead of midterms

The Daily Star, Oct 24, 2026

- President Donald Trump's administration lifted some tariffs on Canadian imports Friday, two weeks ahead of midterm elections, after a vulnerable Republican candidate said she'd lobbied for the change.
- The easing of tariffs will apply to products including "plywood sheets, some paper products, certain machinery and refrigeration equipment," the White House said in a statement.
- The change could help Senator Susan Collins, who faces a strong challenge from a Democrat in the US-Canada border state of Maine, which has been hit hard by Trump's trade war.
- She posted on social media that she had "secured" the exemptions for "products crucial to Maine's agricultural industries, including blueberry, potato, apple, and seaweed producers."
- Democrats are targeting Collins's seat in their attempt to win control of Congress from the Republicans in the November
- The economies of the United States and Canada are heavily inter-connected, with roughly 70 percent of all Canadian exports heading to the United States.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/trump-lifts-some-canada-tariffs-ahead-midterms-4306571>

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