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## Stock Market & Company

### Stocks surge as turnover inches up, indices rise

The Business Standard, Apr 26, 2026

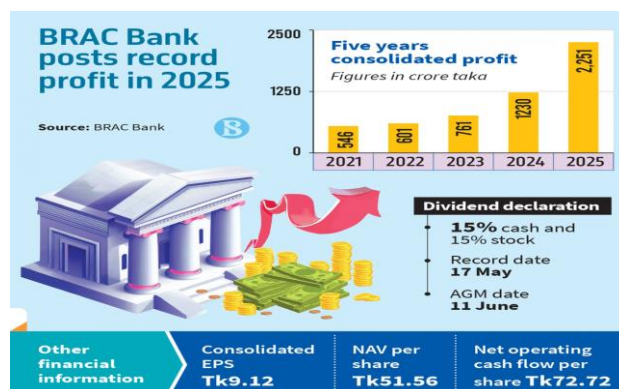
- Stocks surged today (26 April), the first trading session of the week, as rising turnover and investor interest in select sector-specific shares lifted both indices and market activity.
- DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, advanced by 17.6 points to settle at 5,316 points as against 5,299 points in the previous trading session.
- While DS30, the blue-chip index, surged 11 points to settle at 2,026 points and DSE's shariah index declined 1.44 points to 1,065 points, the DSE data showed.
- Of the traded stocks, 157 scrips advanced, 172 or majority stocks price declined and 62 remained unchanged. While the turnover soared by 11% to Tk982.42 crore, the data showed.
- EBL Securities in its daily market commentary said the market began the week on a positive note, supported by selective accumulation in December-closing stocks on expectations of strong earnings, offsetting persistent concerns over momentum amid developments in Middle East ceasefire talks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-surge-turnover-inches-indices-rise-1422301>

### BRAC Bank posts 57% growth, records Tk2,251cr profit in 2025

The Business Standard, Apr 26, 2026

- BRAC Bank posted a record consolidated profit of Tk2,250.94 crore in 2025 – the highest in its history – marking a staggering 57% year-on-year growth over the previous year.
- With this profit, BRAC Bank became the first local private sector lender to surpass Tk2,000 crore in profit.
- Riding on the profit growth, the private sector lender also increased its dividend payout, recommending a 30% dividend comprising 15% cash and 15% stock for its shareholders.
- The lender approved the annual financial statements and dividend for shareholders at a board of directors meeting held this evening (26 April).



- While on the standalone basis, net profit of BRAC Bank rose to Tk1,581 crore, marking a 30% increase from Tk1,214 crore in the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-posts-57-growth-records-tk2251cr-profit-2025-1422176>

## Samorita Hospital in the red in Q3 amid stiff competition

The Financial Express, Apr 27, 2026

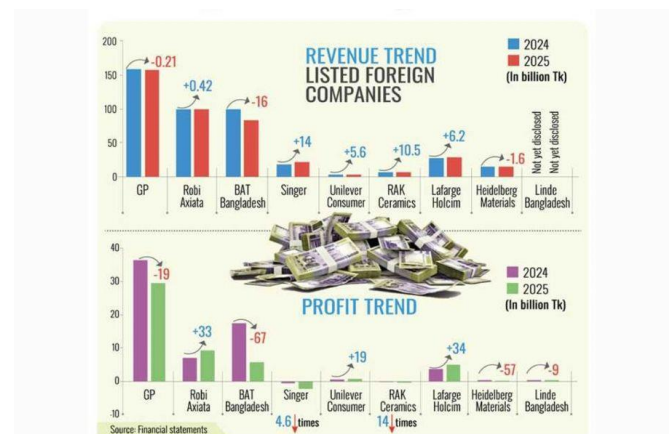
- Listed healthcare provider Samorita Hospital reported a loss of Tk 1.37 million in the third quarter (January-March) of FY26, as revenue declined by more than 3 per cent while administrative expenses rose by over 11 per cent.
- During the same period a year ago, the company earned a profit of Tk 6.43 million.
- According to a stock exchange filing on Sunday, loss per share stood at Tk 0.06 for the quarter to March this year, compared to earnings per share (EPS) of Tk 0.30 in the corresponding period last year.
- During the third quarter of FY26, the company failed to grow revenue amid intensifying competition, despite strong overall demand for healthcare services. As a result, sales declined by 3.6 per cent year-on-year to Tk 101.15 million.
- Costs, however, did not follow the same trend. Despite the fall in revenue, direct service expenses-including medical services, diagnostics, and pharmacy-rose by 1.4 per cent year-on-year to Tk 43.97 million in the quarter.
- The company did not provide any explanation in its disclosure for the increase in costs. Administrative expenses also surged by 11 per cent to Tk 59.51 million, driven mainly by higher salary allowances and related overhead costs. Additionally, increased finance costs further eroded profitability, ultimately pushing the company into a quarterly loss.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/samorita-hospital-in-the-red-in-q3-amid-stiff-competition>

## Low demand, high costs drag down foreign firms' profits in 2025

The Financial Express, Apr 27, 2026

- Most listed multinational companies experienced a sharp year-on-year decline in profits in 2025, weighed down by elevated finance costs, persistent macroeconomic challenges, and political uncertainty.
- Country politics overview
- Sluggish demand, driven by prolonged high inflation, alongside rising raw material costs, has complicated the business environment, market
- Economic activity has slowed following the August 2024 political changeover, with inflationary pressures squeezing demand and shrinking profitability, according to market analysts.



- "The broader economic activity remained slow amid lingering macroeconomic challenges, while operating costs increased due to high input prices, hitting multinational companies' bottom lines," said Md Akramul Alam, head of research at Royal Capital.
- Tight monetary and fiscal measures adopted by the Bangladesh Bank since the political changeover also dampened demand. Private sector credit growth fell to a historic low of 6.03 per cent in March, reflecting weak business confidence and tighter lending conditions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/low-demand-high-costs-drag-down-foreign-firms-profits-in-2025>

## National Bank postpones board meeting, citing unavoidable circumstances

The Business Standard, Apr 26, 2026

- The National Bank has postponed its board of directors meeting, citing unavoidable circumstances, for the year 2025 and also for the first quarter of the current year.
- Both meetings of the private sector lender were scheduled for 25 April to consider, among other matters, the audited financial statements for the year ended December 2025 and the first-quarter financial statements for the January–March 2026 period.
- The stock exchanges published both disclosures separately today (26 April).
- Due to unavoidable circumstances, the board meeting of the bank, scheduled to be held on 25 April as per listing regulations, to consider, among others, the audited financial statements for 2025 and the first quarter period ended on 31 March, has been postponed. The new date and time of the meeting will be notified later, read the disclosures.
- According to a previous report published by TBS in February, National Bank has faced longstanding governance and liquidity challenges.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-bank-postpones-board-meeting-citing-unavoidable-circumstances-1422336>

## BSEC bans audit firms, partners over flawed financial reporting

The Business Standard, Apr 26, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed bans on two audit firms and several partners over irregularities in the financial statements of Fareast Islami Life Insurance and Ring Shine Textiles, in a move aimed at strengthening accountability in the capital market.
- The action follows regulatory investigations that found significant lapses in audit procedures, including inadequate documentation and failure to obtain sufficient audit evidence. These shortcomings raised serious concerns about the reliability of the published financial statements.
- Mahfel Huq and Co, Chartered Accountants, along with its former partner Abu Kaiser, was penalised for its audit of Fareast Islami Life Insurance's 2018 financial statements.
- A special audit finding from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh revealed that the firm issued an unmodified audit opinion despite major discrepancies in areas such as land development, fixed deposits, and related-party transactions.
- The firm has been barred from auditing listed securities for one year while Abu Kaiser faces a two-year ban. The regulator also took action over Ring Shine Textiles' financial statements. For the 2018 audit, the concerned firm and partner Abdus Sattar were barred for three and five years respectively due to failure to ensure a true and fair view in the financial statements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-bans-audit-firms-partners-over-flawed-financial-reporting-1422306>

## Economy & Industry

### 400 garment factories shut over 3 years, more at risk: BGMEA

The Business Standard, Apr 26, 2026

- Nearly 400 garment factories have shut down over the past three years and many more are at risk – particularly due to rising costs of doing business and a lack of business-friendly environment, according to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).
- "The country's top export-earning garment sector is going through a difficult time. Around 400 factories have closed in the past three years, and many more are in a financially vulnerable position," BGMEA said in a written statement

submitted to the National Board of Revenue at a pre-budget discussion at the NBR headquarters in Agargaon of the capital today (26 April).

- Rising costs of doing business and the lack of a business-friendly environment were identified as two major structural reasons behind the slowdown, according to the statement.
- Institutional complexities and infrastructure limitations, along with rising financing and logistics costs, are collectively affecting the sector, reads the statement.
- However, the association did not provide any data on how many new factories were registered during the same period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/400-garment-factories-shut-3-years-more-risk-bgmea-1421971>

## Which four listed companies made over Tk1,000cr profit in 2025?

The Business Standard, Apr 25, 2026

- Most listed manufacturers faced pressure last year from high borrowing costs and weak demand, with many sectors reporting falling profits or losses. Despite that, a small number of large companies maintained strong earnings.
- Data compiled by Lion City Advisory show only four listed firms posted profits above Tk1,000 crore in 2025. The four that cross Tk1,000cr profit mark
- According to the analysis, multinational telecom operator Grameenphone recorded the highest profit among listed companies at Tk2,908 crore in 2025.
- Square Pharmaceuticals ranked second with Tk2,594 crore in profit. Power producer United Power Generation posted Tk1,097 crore in profit, while electronics and appliance maker Walton earned Tk1,095 crore. Robi came close to the threshold, reporting a profit of Tk937 crore.
- On the loss side, Bashundhara Paper Mills topped the list with a loss of Tk477 crore. Titas Gas followed with Tk450 crore, while Energypac posted a loss of Tk213 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/which-four-listed-companies-made-over-tk1000cr-profit-2025-1421451>

## International

### IEA sees 'tight' LNG markets through 2027

The Daily Star, Apr 27, 2026

- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies are likely to remain strained through the end of 2027 due to disruptions and infrastructure damage from the US-Iran war, the International Energy Agency said Friday.
- Energy prices have soared since Tehran effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz to Gulf tanker traffic and began striking oil and gas targets in neighbouring countries in retaliation for US and Israeli attacks.
- "The combined effect of short-term supply losses and slower capacity growth could result in a cumulative loss of around 120 billion cubic metres of LNG supply between 2026 and 2030," the Paris-based agency said in a new report.
- It said nearly 20 percent of LNG supply has been lost due to the conflict, and warned that new investments to increase production are likely to be delayed.
- "While new liquefaction projects in other regions are expected to offset these losses over time, the impact will prolong tight markets through 2026 and 2027," it said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/iea-sees-tight-lng-markets-through-2027-4161351>

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