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Stock Market & Company

Dhaka stocks slip for third day as energy crisis, global risks weigh

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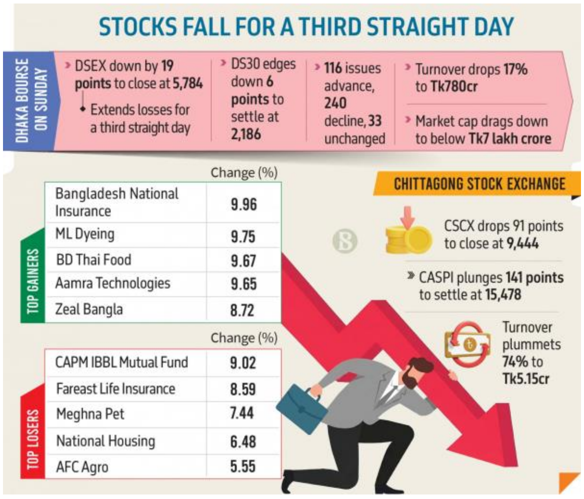

- The country's premier bourse extended its losing streak for a third consecutive session today (26 July), as a combination of domestic energy concerns and global geopolitical instability continued to weigh heavily on investor sentiment.
- The persistent downturn has significantly eroded market value, pushing the Dhaka Stock Exchange's (DSE) total market capitalisation below the psychological threshold of Tk7 lakh crore for the first time in recent weeks.
- The benchmark DSEX index fell 19 points, or 0.34%, to close at 5,784. Over the past three trading sessions, the broad index has lost a cumulative 114 points, marking a sharp reversal from the bullish momentum seen the previous week.
- The blue-chip DS30 index followed a similar trajectory, edging down by 6 points to close at 2,186.
- The market breadth remained overwhelmingly bearish as 240 issues declined compared to 116 that managed to advance, while 33 scrips remained unchanged on the DSE floor.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-slip-third-day-energy-crisis-global-risks-weigh-1498576

Listed insurers post strong earnings growth in H1 2026

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- Most listed general insurance companies posted higher earnings in the first half of 2026, with eight of nine insurers reporting year-on-year growth in earnings per share (EPS), according to their unaudited financial disclosures published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website today (26 July).
- Some insurers recorded more than double-digit growth, with Global Insurance leading the sector with a 121% increase in half-yearly earnings.
- Global Insurance's EPS rose to Tk1.48 in January-June 2026, up from Tk0.67 in the same period a year earlier.
- Peoples Insurance posted the second-highest growth, with its EPS rising 97% to Tk2.93, while Takaful Insurance reported an 86% increase to Tk1.38.
- Among the major players, Pioneer Insurance recorded a 43% year-on-year rise in EPS to Tk3.01 from Tk2.10 a year earlier.

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Trust Bank reports Tk119cr profit in H1

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- Trust Bank PLC reported a consolidated net profit of Tk119.33 crore in the first half of 2026, down 11.81% year-on-year, according to the bank's price-sensitive information.
- The bank's earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk1.20 during the January-June period, compared with consolidated net profit of Tk135.32 crore in the same period a year earlier.
- On a solo basis, the bank's net profit stood at Tk123.78 crore in the first half of 2026, down from Tk139.64 crore in the corresponding period of 2025.
- In the second quarter, covering April-June, Trust Bank's consolidated net profit stood at Tk92.38 crore, down around 13% from Tk105.94 crore in the same quarter a year earlier.
- The bank's consolidated net operating cash flow per share stood at Tk23.13 in the first half of 2026, compared with Tk26.43 in the January-June period of 2025.

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RAK Ceramics turns around H1 performance, posts Tk2.28cr profit

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- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited staged a turnaround in the first half (January-June) of 2026, returning to profit with Tk2.28 crore in earnings after posting a Tk21 crore loss in the same period a year earlier.
- According to price-sensitive information disclosure published on the company's website today (26 July), the ceramic tile manufacturer reported earnings per share (EPS) of Tk0.05 for the first six months of 2026, compared to a negative EPS of Tk0.49 a year earlier.
- The company attributed the turnaround to changes in income tax regulations, lower depreciation costs, and improved production following a recovery in gas supply.
- Revenue also increased 21% year-on-year to Tk374 crore during the January-June period, up from Tk310 crore in the same period of 2025.
- The company said improved gas pressure helped increase production, while higher sales volume contributed to revenue growth. Lower depreciation costs also helped raise its gross profit margin to 19.24%, from 14.97% a year earlier.

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Half of listed firms yet to appoint female directors, BSEC extends deadline for third time

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- Half of the companies listed on Bangladesh's stock market are yet to appoint at least one female independent director despite the requirement becoming mandatory more than two years ago.
- As a large number of firms have failed to comply, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the compliance deadline for the third time.
- Under the latest decision, the previous deadline of June 2026 has been extended by another six months to 31 December 2026. However, the regulator has warned that legal action will be taken against companies that fail to comply within the revised deadline.
- According to the latest BSEC data, 180 out of 360 listed companies have so far appointed female independent directors. Another 131 companies have sought additional time or have yet to complete the appointment process, while the remaining companies have not submitted their compliance status to the regulator. As a result, 180 companies are still outside full compliance with the requirement.

- The requirement was introduced through an amendment to the Corporate Governance Code published in the official gazette on 29 April 2024, making it mandatory for every listed company to appoint at least one female independent director.

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Economy & Industry

Walton Hi-Tech expands global footprint with 3-year Libya distribution deal

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- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC is set to expand into the Libyan market after signing a global distributorship agreement with Tripoli-based private company ASR AL TECHNIYAH, marking another step in the electronics manufacturer's global expansion strategy.
- The agreement, disclosed through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (26 July), authorises ASR AL TECHNIYAH to sell, distribute and market Walton products across Libya for three-years.
- The move is part of Walton's aggressive "Go Global" strategy, following similar distributorship partnerships in Singapore and Sri Lanka, the company said in a statement.
- Investors reacted positively to the announcement, with Walton's share price edging up 0.16% to close at Tk386.90 on the premier bourse.
- Meanwhile, the company's recent earnings report showed a slight contraction in profitability. Its earnings per share (EPS) for the January-March 2026 quarter stood at Tk8.39, down from Tk11.76 in the corresponding period of 2025.

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Chinese economic zone to break ground in Ctg tomorrow

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- After more than a decade of delay, construction of the long-awaited Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone (CEIZ) in Chattogram's Anwara is finally set to begin tomorrow.
- Authorities expect the project to attract around $500 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) and create more than 1 lakh direct and indirect jobs.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for the economic zone will be held at 10am at the project site in Anwara, marking the formal start of the construction of the zone's core infrastructure.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen, and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza) Executive Chairman Ashik Chowdhury are expected to attend the event.
- The government-to-government project is being developed on around 800 acres of land and is considered one of Bangladesh's flagship initiatives to deepen economic cooperation with China while expanding the country's export-oriented manufacturing base. The project is expected to be completed by 31 December 2031.
- Business leaders have welcomed the government's move to expedite the long-delayed project, saying it could significantly boost investment, employment, and industrial growth.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/chinese-economic-zone-break-ground-ctg-tomorrow-1497946

International

India to keep engaging with US on trade deal

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- India said on Saturday it would continue engaging with the United States to conclude a bilateral trade agreement, after Washington imposed a 10 percent tariff on imports from the South Asian nation under new trade measures.
- The Trump administration on Friday unveiled fresh duties of between 10 percent and 12.5 percent on goods from 60 trading partners, including India, alleging those countries had failed to curb imports made with forced labour.
- The fresh duty on India is lower than the 12.5 percent tariff proposed in June and excludes products such as generic pharmaceuticals, smartphones, steel, aluminium and auto parts, India's commerce ministry said in a statement.
- India remains engaged with the United States and would continue discussions on sector-specific issues, including textiles, as part of negotiations on a bilateral trade pact, the statement said.
- The two countries have been negotiating a trade agreement since last year as they seek to deepen economic ties and resolve long-standing market access issues.

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