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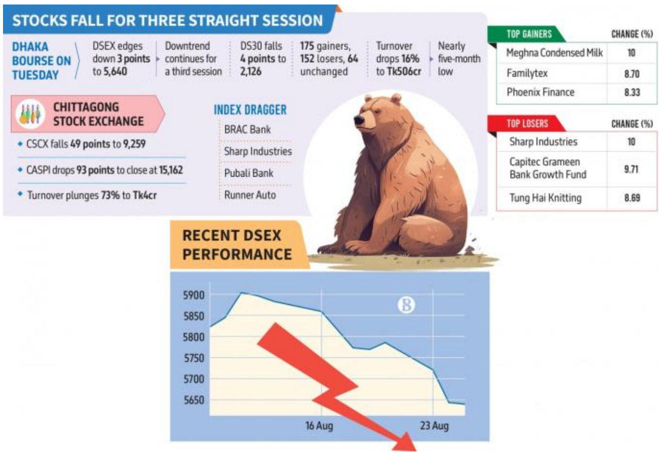
Stock Market & Company

DSE turnover plunges 58% in 15 sessions as liquidity dries up

The Business Standard, Aug 25, 2026



- Daily turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange has plunged 58% in just 15 trading days, falling by Tk704 crore from Tk1,211 crore on 4 August to Tk507 crore today (25 August), as weak fresh fund inflows, investor caution and concerns over the economy weigh on market activity.
- Turnover stood at Tk507 crore today, compared with Tk1,211 crore 15 trading sessions earlier. The decline of Tk704 crore represents a 58.13% drop in daily market activity.
- Against this backdrop, the DSE benchmark index DSEX fell 3 points to 5,640 today.The DS30 index declined 5 points to 2,126, while the DSES index fell 3 points to 1,127.A total of 391 companies and mutual funds traded on the day. Of them, 175 declined, 152 advanced and 64 remained unchanged.
- Market insiders said the sharp contraction in turnover reflects a combination of weak liquidity, limited inflow of fresh money, the recent market correction, heightened regulatory scrutiny and growing uncertainty among investors.
- They said the market had earlier rallied strongly, with the DSEX rising from around 5,200 points to nearly 5,900 points. The subsequent correction prompted some investors to book profits, while others have adopted a wait-and-see approach amid uncertainty over the market's near-term direction.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-plunges-58-15-sessions-liquidity-dries-1525061

RAK Ceramics MD plans to sell 8.85 lakh shares through Mohammed Trading

The Business Standard, Aug 25, 2026

- SAK Ekramuzzaman, sponsor shareholder and managing director of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Ltd, has announced his intention to sell 8.85 lakh shares of the company through his proprietary firm, Mohammed Trading.
- The shares will be sold at prevailing market prices on the trading floors of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), according to a disclosure filed with the Dhaka bourse today (25 August).
- The announcement comes after a series of purchase declarations by Ekramuzzaman through the same entity. In May 2026, Mohammed Trading announced plans to buy around 3 lakh shares, following an intention to purchase about 5 lakh shares in April. In October 2025, the firm had announced plans to acquire 85,000 shares of RAK Ceramics.

- In February, the company's board approved contracts with Mohammed Trading for the purchase and sale of goods worth 10% or more of the previous year's revenue.
- Meanwhile, RAK Ceramics reported a turnaround in earnings in the second quarter (April-June) of 2026, posting consolidated earnings per share (EPS) of Tk0.18, compared with a loss of Tk0.43 per share in the same period a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-md-plans-sell-885-lakh-shares-through-mohammed-trading-1525051

City Bank drops board expansion, retains Tk3,000cr capital plan

The Business Standard, Aug 25, 2026

- City Bank PLC has withdrawn its proposal to increase the maximum number of non-independent directors from eight to 10, while retaining its plan to raise authorised capital to Tk3,000 crore.
- The decision was taken at a board meeting on Monday after the board reviewed the legal, regulatory, governance, shareholder, contractual and other implications of the proposals approved earlier this month, according to a price-sensitive disclosure filed with the Dhaka bourse today (25 August).
- The bank will no longer place the proposal to increase the maximum number of directors, excluding independent directors, from eight to 10 at its upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- The proposal has been withdrawn from the EGM agenda and kept open for consideration at an appropriate time, the bank said.
- City Bank had initially approved the board expansion proposal at its 13 August meeting. The bank currently has seven shareholder directors and two independent directors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-drops-board-expansion-retains-tk3000cr-capital-plan-1525041

BSEC okays Tk400cr subordinated bond for Meghna Bank

The Business Standard, Aug 25, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved a seven-year subordinated bond worth Tk400 crore aimed at strengthening the issuer's capital base.
- The bond will be issued through private placement to corporate entities, high-net-worth individuals, banks and financial institutions, provident and gratuity funds, and insurance companies.
- The approval came at a commission meeting held today (25 August) at BSEC's headquarters in Agargaon, presided over by BSEC Chairman Masud Khan.
- According to a press release, the bond is non-convertible, unsecured, fully redeemable, and carries a floating rate. Its coupon rate will be determined based on the reference rate plus a 3% margin, while the face value per unit has been set at Tk50 lakh.
- The proceeds raised from the issue will be utilised by Meghna Bank to bolster its Tier-II capital base under the Basel III regulatory framework.DBH Finance PLC will act as the trustee for the bond, while BRAC EPL Investments Limited will serve as the issue manager.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-okays-tk400cr-subordinated-bond-meghna-bank-1525036

Regent Textile directors face record fine as regulator tightens grip on IPO fund misuse

The Financial Express, Aug 26, 2026

REGULATORY ACTIONS OVER IPO FUND MISUSE

Company	Fines imposed on each director	Number of directors	Reasons
Regent Textile	Tk 200m	5	IPO funds diverted to sister concerns
Aman Cotton Fibrous	Tk 30m	4	IPO funds kept in FDR
Kattali Textile	Tk 10m on MD, Tk 5m on each director	6	Submission of fake bank certificates
Aman Feed	Tk 2.5m	4	False information on IPO fund utilisation
Pacific Denims	Tk 0.3m	4	False information on use of IPO funds

Source: BSEC

- The securities regulator has stepped up enforcement against several listed firms over the misuse and diversion of funds raised through initial public offerings (IPOs), imposing hefty penalties on the issuers and their directors.
- In the latest action and probably the most significant, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) penalised Regent Textile Mills last week, slapping an aggregate fine of Tk 1 billion on five directors. They failed to return misused IPO proceeds despite repeated directives from the regulator.
- The regulatory action brings one of the country's longest-running cases involving the diversion of IPO funds closer to a conclusion, more than a decade after the textile company entered the capital market in 2015.
- Market operators said the record penalty sent a strong message that company directors would be held personally accountable for the misuse of public money, a practice that undermined investor confidence and weakened market discipline.
- Regent Textile and several other issuers engaged in a recurring pattern of irregularities in the use of IPO proceeds. Some of them failed to utilise IPO funds within the timeframe stipulated in their prospectuses, while others allegedly diverted money to related parties, used it as security for loans taken by sister concerns or submitted misleading information to the securities regulator.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/regent-textile-directors-face-record-fine-as-regulator-tightens-grip-on-ipo-fund-misuse

Economy & Industry

Beximco now struggles to pay salaries, service debts and revive

The Business Standard, Aug 25, 2026

- Once a titan of Bangladesh's corporate landscape and home to its premier manufacturing hubs, Beximco Group is struggling to maintain basic operations. Hundreds of administrative staff remain unpaid, and the vast majority of its industrial plants sit idle.
- At its peak, the industrial conglomerate employed more than 70,000 people. Today, a skeleton staff oversees quiet corporate offices, locked factories, and a small fraction of operating units.
- Working capital has dried up, business revenues have collapsed, and group bank accounts remain frozen – leaving some corporate staff unpaid for nearly a year.It took more than five decades to build the sprawling Beximco empire, which expanded aggressively into textiles, pharmaceuticals, ceramics, real estate, construction, energy, media, and financial services.

- However, its fortunes took a sharp turn following the fall of the Awami League administration in August 2024. Co-founder Salman F Rahman – a close economic aide to former prime minister Sheikh Hasina – was arrested and has since remained in custody. In the immediate aftermath, the group's headquarters and retail outlets suffered vandalism and arson, exports plummeted, and bank liabilities escalated rapidly.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/beximco-now-struggles-pay-salaries-service-debts-and-revive-1524126

Economy shows signs of gradual stabilisation, but structural challenges persist: MCCI

The Daily Star, Aug 25, 2026

- Bangladesh's economy showed signs of gradual stabilisation during the April-June quarter of FY26, although overall economic activity remained subdued, said the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) in its review.
- "Inflation remained the major concern," the MCCI said in the review released today.
- The leading trade body said the country's economic growth for FY26 was provisionally estimated at 4.14 percent, up from 3.49 percent in FY25. Inflation, however, remained elevated, continuing to put pressure on household purchasing power and the cost of living.
- The external sector performed relatively well, supported by strong remittance inflows and improved foreign exchange reserves. Remittances remained robust during the quarter, while reserves strengthened significantly by the end of June, providing greater stability for the balance of payments and the foreign exchange market, the MCCI said.
- Yet, there were some challenges.
- "Export growth remained weak despite a rebound in June, while private investment, credit growth and domestic demand were constrained by high interest rates and economic uncertainty. The banking sector also remained under pressure, alongside fiscal constraints and elevated inflation," it said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/economy-shows-signs-gradual-stabilisation-structural-challenges-persist-mcci-4256491

International

Six months into Iran war, almost half of global oil flows from war zones

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- Almost half the world's oil comes from countries affected by conflict in 2026, Reuters calculations show, underscoring that current disruptions have eclipsed previous energy crises.
- Six months ago, US and Israeli attacks on Iran triggered what has become the largest oil supply crisis on record, with no clear end in sight.
- At the same same time, the Russia-Ukraine war has forced production and refining cuts, including in nearby Kazakhstan this year.
- Ongoing conflict in Libya and US restrictions on Venezuelan oil exports at the start of the year have added further strain.
- Together, countries affected by those conflicts produced about 45 million barrels per day of oil based on 2025 output, accounting for more than 43 percent of global supply, according to Reuters calculations using International Energy Agency data.

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