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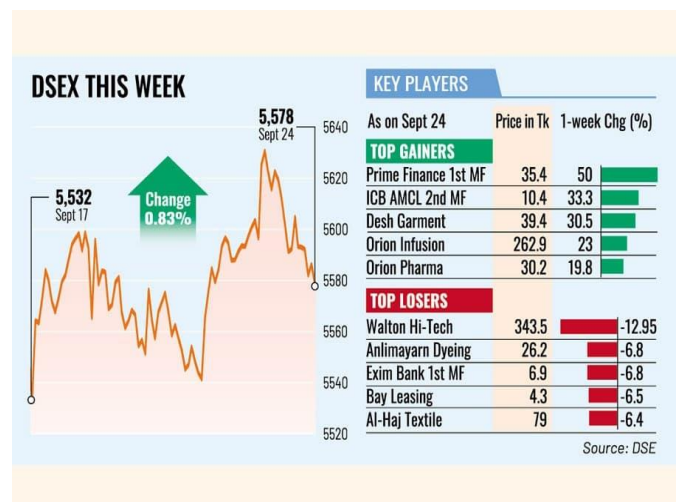
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Stock Market & Company

Weekly Market Review: Stocks rally but fuel hike clouds outlook

The Financial Express, Sep 26, 2026

- Stocks extended their winning streak for a second straight week as bargain hunters stepped in to snap up beaten-down shares, driving up the benchmark index.
- But the recovery came under a fresh cloud as the government raised fuel prices by Tk 20 per litre, stoking fears of higher inflation, rising business costs and weaker corporate earnings.
- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) saw three sessions, out of five, close higher, as investors selectively bought fundamentally strong and momentum-driven stocks. The remaining two sessions ended lower amid growing caution over the impact of higher fuel costs.
- The benchmark DSEX gained 46 points, or 0.83 per cent, to settle the week at 5,578. It has gained a total of 63 points over the past two weeks.
- Market participants said bargain hunting remained the main driver of the recovery, with investors returning to stocks that had suffered sharp corrections and were considered relatively attractive at current prices.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/weekly-market-review-stocks-rally-but-fuel-hike-clouds-outlook>

Rancon Motor Bikes takes first step towards stock-market listing

The Financial Express, Sep 25, 2026

- Rancon Motor Bikes, the manufacturer and authorised distributor of Japanese brand Suzuki motorcycles in Bangladesh, has taken the first formal step towards a stock-market listing by appointing a corporate adviser and an issue manager.
- The company has signed an agreement with Lion City Advisory for corporate and capital-market advisory services, while CBC Capital & Equity Management will act as the issue manager for the proposed listing, according to a press release.
- Romo Rouf Chowdhury, managing director of Rancon Motor Bikes, and Ershad Hossain, executive director of Lion City Advisory, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.
- The move marks Rancon Motor Bikes' entry into the preparatory stage of a listing process that could bring one of Bangladesh's major motorcycle businesses into the listed corporate sector.

- The listing would potentially give the company access to equity-market financing while expanding the range of securities available to investors.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/rancon-motor-bikes-takes-first-step-towards-stock-market-listing>

Foreign investors return to Dhaka stocks as reforms, MSCI move lift confidence

The Business Standard, Sep 26, 2026

- Foreign investors are showing renewed interest in Bangladesh's stock market in September, with their purchases exceeding sales and signalling a tentative shift in sentiment after years of sustained withdrawals from the country's capital market.
- Foreign investors bought shares worth around Tk250 crore and sold about Tk180 crore between 1 and 24 September, leaving a net investment of roughly Tk70 crore, according to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) data.
- The latest figures come after a prolonged period of weak foreign participation, which market insiders attributed to regulatory intervention, political uncertainty, geopolitical instability, currency depreciation and difficulties in repatriating funds.
- A managing director of a brokerage firm said the Dhaka bourse was finally seeing an increase in foreign investment in September after a long period of selling pressure.
- "Following the national election and the formation of the new government, regulatory easing and commitments from government authorities have helped attract foreign investors back to the capital market," he said.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-return-dhaka-stocks-reforms-msci-move-lift-confidence-1554566>

Apex Footwear to raise Tk500cr via preference shares to pay off loans, declares 30% dividend

The Business Standard, Sep 27, 2026

- Apex Footwear has decided to raise up to Tk500 crore by issuing redeemable preference shares to refinance its existing loans and reduce debt burdens.
- The company's board of directors approved the decision during a board meeting held on Saturday evening (26 September), according to a price sensitive information (PSI).
- The issuance of preference shares remains subject to approval from the company's shareholders and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).
- The board recommended a total 30% dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026. The package comprises 15% cash (Tk1.50 per share of Tk10 face value) and 15% stock (15 bonus shares for every 100 existing shares).
- The company reported a profit growth for the year under review. Its earnings per share (EPS) increased to Tk7.91 for FY2025-26, up from Tk6.90 in the previous financial year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-raise-tk500cr-preference-shares-pay-loans-declares-30-dividend-1554661>

Orion Infusion's unusual rally raises manipulation concerns

The Financial Express, Sep 24, 2026

- Orion Infusion has been flying high on the Dhaka stock Exchange (DSE) once again for no fundamental reason for investor to be keen on betting on the stock.
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- A concern of Orion Group, the stock climbed more than 70 per cent in just eight trading sessions, reaching Tk 273 on Wednesday.
- The unusual rally comes at a time when many blue-chip stocks are struggling to attract buyers amid a persistent energy crisis and weak investor sentiment in the broader market.
- The DSE served a show-cause notice on the company on Tuesday, asking whether it had any undisclosed price-sensitive information behind the recent price surge. The company responded in the negative.
- At the close of Wednesday's trading session, Orion Infusion's price-to-earnings (PE) ratio stood at 144, compared with around 9 for the overall DSE market.
- The exceptionally high valuation poses risks to investors, particularly retail investors, who are likely to face heavy losses if the share moves sharply in the opposite direction.

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Economy & Industry

RMG exports to UK reach \$915.63m in first two months of FY27

The Financial Express, Sep 26, 2026

- Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to the United Kingdom reached \$915.63 million during the first two months (July-August) of fiscal year 2026-27, registering a 3.74 per cent year-on-year growth driven primarily by a strong rebound in August.
- During the corresponding July-August period of the previous fiscal year (FY2025-26), RMG exports to the UK market stood at \$882.62 million, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) compiled by trade research platform Bangladesh Apparel Voice.
- The cumulative earnings of \$915.63 million in the first two months already account for 20.86 per cent of the total \$4,388.55 million earned from garment exports to the UK across the entire FY2025-26, reports UNB.
- The monthly export average so far in FY2026-27 stands at \$457.82 million, running significantly ahead of the flat monthly average benchmark of \$365.71 million recorded in the full FY2025-26.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/rmg-exports-to-uk-reach-91563m-in-first-two-months-of-fy27>

Handset industry squeezed on multiple fronts

The Daily Star, Sep 26, 2026

- Bangladesh's local mobile handset industry is under fresh pressure from rising prices of memory components, adding to longstanding problems such as grey-market competition, weak factory utilisation and uncertainty over regulatory enforcement.
- Prices of key smartphone components, particularly RAM and ROM, have risen sharply this year, raising production costs for local manufacturers and threatening to make budget smartphones more expensive.

- At the same time, local handset production is declining as manufacturers struggle to compete with unofficial imports and operate their factories at full capacity.
- Industry players say effective enforcement of the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR), along with stable tax and regulatory policies, is crucial to restoring competitiveness.
- “The biggest challenge today is the global surge in component costs,” said Ziauddin Chowdhury, country general manager of Xiaomi Technologies Bangladesh. He said rising memory-chip prices, driven partly by the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence technologies, were putting “significant pressure on the affordability of entry-level and budget segments”.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/handset-industry-squeezed-multiple-fronts-4283546>

International

US, China buy time with trade truce as pressure builds

The Daily Star, Sep 27, 2026

- Washington and Beijing may have bought themselves breathing space with an extended trade truce, but analysts warn that time is running out for the world’s two biggest economies to resolve their strategic rivalry.
- President Donald Trump and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping concluded a pomp-filled summit Friday, with the US leader confirming they would meet twice more this year.
- But even as Trump and Xi “are making nice,” their countries “remain locked in a bitter competition over trade, tech, Taiwan, defense, rare earths and industrial policy,” said Daniel Russel of the Asia Society Policy Institute.
- Daniel Kritenbrink, a former US official now with The Asia Group consultancy, said there’s “no doubt that both leaders would like to see stability in the relationship, at least through the end of the year.”
- However, “you’d have to see further tangible outcomes for this truce to extend in the long run.” Some feel Beijing has “largely not lived up to the commitments it made” at earlier meetings, he added, noting many US officials “have articulated their profound frustration with the Chinese.”

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