Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSEX reclaims 5,900-mark as turnover surges 45% on earnings optimism

The Business Standard, July 28, 2026

- The country's capital market witnessed a strong bullish surge today (28 July) as the benchmark index reclaimed the psychological threshold of 5,900 points after a gap of two weeks.
- Driven by a wave of bargain hunting and renewed investor confidence, market participation saw a significant spike, with daily turnover jumping by 45% to reach Tk1,261 crore. The broad DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose by 60 points, or 1.03%, to settle the session at exactly 5,900.
- According to the daily market review by EBL Securities, the capital market extended its upward trajectory for a second consecutive session. The rally was primarily fueled by a perceived pause in retaliatory actions in the Middle East conflict and high expectations of favourable sector-specific earnings during the ongoing disclosure season.
- While the market opened with steady gains, broad-based buying interest gained significant traction after the mid-session as renewed accumulation in the majority of scrips propelled the benchmark higher, said EBL Securities.
- Sheltech Brokerage Limited noted that the day's performance was largely shaped by sustained buying interest supported by latest quarterly earnings announcements from December-closing companies that surpassed market expectations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-reclaims-5900-mark-turnover-jumps-45-earnings-optimism-1500346

City Bank H1 profit reaches Tk526cr on higher investment, fee income

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- City Bank has reported a consolidated net profit of Tk526 crore for the first half (H1) of 2026, marking a strong improvement in financial performance compared with the same period last year.
- According to the bank's price-sensitive information, its consolidated earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk3.01 from Tk1.72 a year earlier.
- Quarterly (April–June) EPS also increased to Tk1.63 from Tk1.19.
- Net asset value (NAV) per share climbed to Tk37.6 from Tk35.37, while net operating cash flow per share surged to Tk44.2 from Tk13.94.
- The bank attributed the higher profit primarily to increased investment income, along with stronger commission and fee income, reflecting improved profitability and operational performance during the reporting period.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-h1-profit-reaches-tk526cr-higher-investment-fee-income-1499776

Robi logs 29% profit jump to Tk495cr in H1

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- Robi Axiata PLC, the country's second-largest mobile telecom operator, has reported a robust 29% year-on-year growth in consolidated net profit, reaching Tk495 crore during the first half (January-June) of 2026.
- The company's board of directors approved the unaudited financial statements today (28 July), which showed that the bottom-line surge was supported by a 7% increase in total revenue, amounting to Tk5,243 crore for the six-month period.
- The company's earnings per share (EPS) for the first half improved to Tk0.95.
- In the second quarter alone, spanning April to June, Robi recorded a revenue of Tk2,711 crore, marking a 6% increase from the same period last year. Quarterly net profit rose by 2% to Tk262.9 crore, with an EPS of Tk0.50.
- Robi, which made its debut on the Dhaka bourse in 2020, currently maintains a market capitalisation of Tk17,075 crore.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/robi-logs-29-profit-jump-tk495cr-h1-1500271

BRAC Bank's H1 profit surges 57% to Tk1,423cr

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- BRAC Bank PLC reported a 57% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the first half of 2026, supported by higher net interest income and investment income.
- According to the bank's unaudited financial statements, approved at a board meeting held today (28 July), consolidated net profit after tax rose to Tk1,423 crore during the January-June period.
- The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk5.07, while its consolidated net asset value (NAV) per share increased to Tk49.38 as of 30 June 2026, up from Tk44.84 a year earlier.
- The bank's performance strengthened further in the second quarter.
- For the April-June period, consolidated net profit climbed 73% year-on-year to Tk727.74 crore, while second-quarter EPS stood at Tk2.55.
- BRAC Bank said the strong earnings growth was primarily driven by increased net interest income and investment income.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-banks-h1-profit-surges-57-tk1423cr-1500281

National Bank's H1 loss balloons to Tk2,286cr

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- The National Bank PLC has reported a staggering consolidated net loss of Tk2,286 crore for the first half (January-June) of 2026, as the lender continues to grapple with non-recovery of loans and a deepening capital crisis.
- According to the bank's latest financial statements filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the loss for the first six months of 2026 has more than doubled compared to the same period last year.
- The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) for the first half of the year plummeted to negative Tk7.10, a sharp decline from the negative Tk3.06 recorded in the corresponding period of 2025. The second quarter (April–June) alone accounted for a loss per share of Tk3.58.
- The financial health of the bank has reached a critical stage, with its consolidated Net Asset Value (NAV) per share dropping to negative Tk14.49 as of 30 June 2026. This is a significant deterioration from the negative Tk1.91 reported a year earlier, indicating that the bank's liabilities far outweigh its assets.
- In its disclosure to the stock exchange, the bank explained that the massive loss is primarily due to its inability to recognise interest income on a vast portion of its loan portfolio.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-banks-h1-loss-balloons-tk2286cr-1500326

Economy & Industry

Turkish Sanko wants to invest $300 million in economic zone in Mirsarai

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- Turkish company Sanko wants to invest $300 million in the economic zone in Mirsarai, Chattogram, to build an integrated textile production facility for both the domestic and international markets.
- A Sanko team expressed this interest at a meeting with Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir at his Secretariat office in Dhaka today.
- Currently, the company supplies fabrics for garment manufacturing from Turkey, but it wants to expand its business in Bangladesh by setting up a factory to produce value-added fabrics.
- The company wants to begin operations within the next 12 to 18 months if the necessary facilities are ensured by the government, as the site has already been selected, according to a statement from the commerce ministry.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/turkish-sanko-wants-invest-300-million-economic-zone-mirsarai-4234766

Chinese firm to build floating LNG terminal in Moheshkhali

The Daily Star, July 28, 2026

- A Chinese firm is set to construct a floating LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs today gave in-principle approval to process a proposal submitted by China National Energy Engineering and Construction Company Limited for setting up the LNG storage and regasification terminal under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury chaired the meeting held at the Secretariat.
- According to a Finance Ministry statement, the proposal will be processed under the G2G method in accordance with Section 68 of the Public Procurement Act, 2006, and Rules 99(2) and 107(2) of the Public Procurement Rules, 2025.
- At the same meeting, the committee also gave in-principle approval to a proposal for importing LNG on both a short- and long-term basis from US-based Gunvor USA LLC under a G2G framework.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-build-floating-lng-terminal-moheshkhali-4234806

International

Asia's coal imports continue to rebound, except for India

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- Asia boosted imports of thermal coal for a third straight month in July as major buyers such as China, Japan and South Korea bought more of the fuel to meet peak summer demand.
- Asia, which buys about 90 percent of global seaborne thermal coal, is expected to import 73.16 million metric tons in July, up from 70.31 million in June and also above the 71.04 million from July last year, according to data compiled by commodity analysts Kpler.
- Thermal coal, used mainly to generate electricity, is experiencing stronger demand in Asia this year as it remains a cheaper alternative to liquefied natural gas. The Iran war has largely cut off shipments from Qatar, supplier of about 20 percent of the world's LNG, leading to a surge in spot prices.
- China, the world's biggest coal importer, is leading the charge, with data from analysts DBX Commodities showing thermal coal arrivals of 28.14 million tons in July, the most this year and up from 25.67 million in June and 24.1 million in July 2025.

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