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Stock Market & Company

NBFI, pharma drag Dhaka stocks down

The Daily Star, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- The DSEX, the benchmark index of the bourse, dropped 35.05 points, or 0.64 percent, to close at 5,380.07, according to DSE data.
- Turnover, a key indicator of investor activity, stood at Tk 564.18 crore, down significantly from Tk 708.94 crore in the previous session, reflecting lower investor participation in line with the market downturn.
- Market breadth was mostly negative, with 70 issues advancing against 282 declining, while 44 remained unchanged.
- Among the major sectors, shares of NBFIs lost the most at 1.67 percent, followed by pharmaceuticals at 0.77 percent, fuel and power at 0.68 percent, engineering at 0.61 percent, banks at 0.52 percent, food and allied at 0.30 percent and telecom at 0.09 percent.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbfi-pharma-drag-dhaka-stocks-down-3996711>

CVO Petrochemical's profit surges by 63%, declares 20% dividends

The Business Standard, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- Based on the profit growth, the firm has doubled its dividend payout, recommending 20% dividends – 11% in cash and 9% in stock – the highest since FY16, according to available DSE data.
- The stock dividend, which is subject to approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), is intended to meet regulatory requirements to raise capital to maintain a minimum paid-up capital of Tk30 crore.
- Following the annual corporate declaration, CVO's share price rose by 2.09% to Tk170.7 each on the DSE yesterday.
- According to the disclosure, CVO Petrochemical reported an earnings per share (EPS) of Tk3.82, with total profit standing at Tk10.61 crore in FY25.
- A year earlier, in FY24, its profit was Tk6.50 crore with an EPS of Tk2.34, when it paid a 10% cash dividend to shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemicals-profit-surges-63-declares-20-dividends-1248286>

Asiatic Labs joins hands with China firm to build 32-storey 'Time Square' at Tejgaon

The Business Standard, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- The project, named "Time Square – Dhaka," will rise on a 20-katha plot located in the capital's Tejgaon Commercial Area, a prime location known for its growing concentration of corporate offices and commercial hubs.
- Under the agreement, Asiatic Laboratories will provide the land while China State Construction Engineering Corporation will oversee the construction of the building. Ownership of the completed project will be split equally between Asiatic and the Chinese construction giant, with each holding a 50% stake.
- For Asiatic Laboratories, the Time Square project marks a bold diversification strategy that could help the company strengthen its asset base and secure a steady flow of income independent of the challenges in the pharmaceutical market. Industry insiders note that such ventures can provide long-term stability to listed companies, especially when coupled with prime real estate in Dhaka's growing commercial zones.
- Construction of Time Square is expected to begin in early January 2026, with completion targeted between 2029 and 2030. Once operational, the building is anticipated to generate rental income for Asiatic Laboratories, while also providing space for its head office and storage facilities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/asiatic-labs-joins-hands-china-firm-build-32-storey-time-square-tejgaon-1248281>

Envoy Textile begins fabric recycling

New Age, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- Envoy Textile has commenced full-scale commercial operations at its state-of-the-art Waste Fabric Recycling Plant.
- The plant, established at their existing factory premises, is processing 12 tonnes of waste fabrics per day, said a DSE report.
- The plant processes pre-industrial and post-consumer waste fabrics (including garment cuttings and denim), converting them into high-quality recycled fiber, certified under Global Recycled Standard (GRS) and Recycled Claim Standard (RCS).
- This certified fiber is directly reintroduced into their yarn production cycle, creating a closed-loop system.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/277429/envoy-textile-begins-fabric-recycling>

Economy & Industry

Foreign aid use jumps 64% in July-August

The Daily Star, Mon Sept 29, 2025

- Bangladesh used \$750 million in foreign aid during the first two months of the current fiscal year, a 64 percent rise compared to the same period last year, according to data released by the Economic Relations Division (ERD).
- Officials said the sharp increase came after a period of disruption caused by nationwide protests. The student-led movement severely hampered regular administrative work in the July-August period last year.
- Among the development partners, Russia provided the highest amount at \$315.40 million, followed by the World Bank with \$254 million and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with \$99.12 million.
- Japan gave \$20.70 million and India \$20.95 million in the first two months of fiscal year 2025-26. No money was released from China during the period.
- During the period, new aid commitments surged twelvefold and reached \$244 million, compared to just \$20 million a year earlier. Of this total, \$150 million came from a single ADB loan agreement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/foreign-aid-use-jumps-64-july-august-3997116>

External debt servicing rises 13.22% in Jul-Aug

The Daily Star, Mon Sept 29, 2025

- Bangladesh's external debt servicing surged by 13.22 percent year-on-year to \$667.11 million in the first two months of the current fiscal year, according to data from the Economic Relations Division released today.
- Of the amount, the government repaid \$488.79 million in principal and \$178.32 million in interest, compared to \$415.62 million in principal and \$173.60 million in interest during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/external-debt-servicing-rises-1322-jul-aug-3996766>

Merger of govt banks recommended: BB governor

New Age, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- Bangladesh Bank governor Ahsan H Mansur said that they had recommended the merger of state-owned banks to accelerate the reform in the banking sector hamstrung during the Awami League regime before being ousted on August 5 in the wake of a mass uprising.
- Without naming the weak banks, he said that the merger between a weak public bank with Sonali Bank could be made, said the BB governor who was appointed as the central bank chief on August 14, 2024, a week after the interim government assumed power on August 8, 2024.
- The BB governor revealed the plan when the central bank has already taken a step to merge First Security Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank, Union Bank, Social Islami Bank, and EXIM Bank with the average non-performing loans of these sharia-based private banks reaching over 72 per cent.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/277367/merger-of-govt-banks-recommended-bb-governor>

Ceramics makers battered by real estate slump, credit crunch

The Daily Star, Mon Sept 29, 2025

- Bangladesh's ceramic industry is going through its harshest downturn in more than 10 years, with demand for tiles and sanitaryware collapsing by as much as 30 percent, according to industry insiders.
- According to the Bangladesh Ceramic Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BCMEA), the country has 62 ceramic companies, including 11 tableware, 12 sanitaryware, and 39 tile manufacturers. Together, they have a combined annual production capacity of 207 million square metres of tiles, 32 million pieces of tableware, and 1.6 crore pieces of sanitaryware.
- Local manufacturers meet 87.29 percent of domestic demand, which has been growing at an average annual rate of 12.71 percent. Domestic consumption stands at around \$633 million for tiles, \$180 million for sanitaryware, and \$75 million for tableware.
- Tiles have been hit hardest, with demand plummeting by 25-30 percent over the past two years.
- Akij Ceramic, a unit of the group, can produce 65,000 square metres of tiles a day but is now running nearly 30 percent below that capacity. "We are caught in a price compression cycle. Costs are climbing, but we can't pass them on to consumers. Prices remain flat despite inflation."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ceramics-makers-battered-real-estate-slump-credit-crunch-3997141>

BB proposes administrators for Islamic banks

New Age, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- Bangladesh Bank has finalised five proposed names as administrators for Islamic banks that are under consideration for a merger.
- Md Shawkat Ullah Alam, Executive Director of the central bank, has been proposed as administrator for EXIM Bank, while another Executive Director, Muhammad Badiul Alam Didar, has been proposed for Social Islami Bank (SIBL).
- Three directors have been proposed for the remaining banks: Md Salahuddin for First Security Islami Bank (FSIBL), Mohammad Abul Hashem for Union Bank, and Maksudul Alam for Global Islami Bank.
- Officials said the central bank is moving ahead to appoint administrators and merge these banks to safeguard depositors' money.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/277415/bb-proposes-administrators-for-islamic-banks>

Banks' dollar holdings drop despite high inflow

New Age, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- According to the latest Bangladesh Bank data, commercial banks' gross foreign currency balance stood at \$4.36 billion in August 2025, down from \$5.27 billion in the same month last year.
- Bankers explained that banks' dollar liquidity had improved over the past year, supported by a sharp rise in both remittance inflows and export receipts.
- However, the surplus dollars created downward pressure on the exchange rate, pushing the market rate of the dollar down to Tk 119 in June.
- To prevent further depreciation and ensure stability, Bangladesh Bank intervened by buying nearly \$2 billion from commercial banks since July.

- Export earnings also rose, reaching \$48.3 billion in FY25, up 8.6 percent from \$44.47 billion in FY24, according to Export Promotion Bureau data.
- As of September 25, the country's gross foreign exchange reserves increased to around \$26.4 billion, calculated under the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6).

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/277449/banks-dollar-holdings-drop-despite-high-inflow>

IMF limits Bangladesh's foreign borrowing

The Financial Express, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has for the first time set a maximum US\$ 8.44 billion ceiling for foreign borrowing for Bangladesh for the fiscal year 2025-26.
- The new condition was revealed in the IMF's 'Bangladesh Country Report,' published recently after the approval and release of the fourth and fifth tranches of the loan, totalling \$1.34 billion.
- The report stipulates quarterly ceilings to monitor the country's debt management closely. A maximum of \$1.91 billion in external borrowing in the first three months, \$3.34 billion by the six-month mark, \$4.34 billion after nine months, and the overall limit of \$8.44 billion for the full fiscal year.
- According to the DSA, the debt-to-export ratio soared to 162.7 per cent in the FY2023-24, significantly surpassing the projected 116-118 per cent range.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/imf-limits-bangladeshs-foreign-borrowing>

International

US buyers push Bangladeshi exporters to partly absorb tariff costs

The Business Standard, Sun Sept 28, 2025

- US imposes 20% reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi apparel
- Buyers push suppliers to absorb part of tariff costs
- Some factories accept losses; others risk losing US orders
- Industry groups urge fair price negotiations with US buyers
- Bangladesh's apparel exports to US rise 22% despite tariffs
- Competitive edge fades as cost-sharing pressures undercut tariff advantage

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/us-buyers-push-bangladeshi-exporters-partly-absorb-tariff-costs-1247541>

Taiwan seeks bigger tech presence in India

The Daily Star, Mon Sept 29, 2025

- Taiwan is seeking to double its exports of chips and electronics to India over the next five to seven years as smartphone shipments from the country ramp up thanks to demand from the US, the head of the island's main trade body said.
- India's smartphone exports to the US, which are currently exempt from elevated tariffs, jumped nearly 40 percent from a year earlier to \$8.43 billion in the first five months of the fiscal year that started in April, according to industry estimates, driven largely by demand for Apple's iPhones.
- Major Taiwanese firms have to date invested about \$5 billion in Indian manufacturing, according to Taiwanese officials. Last year, Powerchip Semiconductor joined with Tata Electronics in an \$11 billion venture to build India's first chip plant to be driven by artificial intelligence. The plant, in Gujarat state, was part of a \$10 billion government incentive scheme.

- Taiwan's exports to India topped \$10 billion in 2024, led by chips, electronic components and machinery. Just five years earlier, the total stood at about \$4 billion, according to data from the Indian government.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/taiwan-seeks-bigger-tech-presence-india-3997091>

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