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## Stock Market & Company

### DSE extends losing streak to third day amid earnings jitters

The Business Standard, Sep 28, 2026

- The capital market extended its losing streak for a third consecutive session today (28 September) as investor sentiment remained cautious amid ongoing fiscal year-end earnings and dividend announcements from June-closing companies.
- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange edged down by 6 points to close at 5,525, bringing cumulative losses over the past three sessions to 71 points.
- The blue-chip DS30 index also slipped 1 point to settle at 2,097.
- Market breadth favoured the bears, with 224 issues declining against 125 advances and 45 remaining unchanged, while daily turnover posted a modest 3% rise to reach Tk746 crore.
- According to Sheltech Brokerage Limited, market movement was characterised by a sharp tug-of-war between selling pressure and bargain hunting. The index initially gained momentum to touch an intraday high of 5,561 points before profit-booking set in. Mid-session recovery attempts lacked conviction, and late-session selling dragged the benchmark index down to an intraday low of 5,525 points, near which it closed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-extends-losing-streak-third-day-amid-earnings-jitters-1556746>

### BSEC pushes unified back-office system to curb investor fund embezzlement

The Business Standard, Sep 28, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is pushing for a unified, secure back-office software system for brokerage houses to prevent the misuse of investors' funds and detect financial irregularities in real time.
- The system would give regulators real-time access to brokers' bank balances and funds held in customer clearing accounts (CCAs), enabling daily reconciliation and early detection of any shortfall, BSEC Chairman Masud Khan said today (28 September).
- "We need a unified back-office software that will be highly protected and provide real-time data from brokers so that we can conduct complete reconciliation every day," he said at a programme in Dhaka.
- He was speaking at the inauguration of the distribution of Investor Protection Fund (IPF) money to investors affected by financial irregularities at brokerage houses. The event was organised by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) at DSE Tower.
- Masud said financial irregularities involving five securities houses had affected 17,967 investors, with Tk492 crore involved in the cases.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-pushes-unified-back-office-system-curb-investor-fund-embezzlement-1556786>

## Phoenix Finance to sell 20 lakh fund units after 263% price surge

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- Phoenix Finance and Investments Ltd, sponsor of Phoenix Finance 1st Mutual Fund, plans to sell 20 lakh units of the closed-end fund after its unit price surged 263% in recent months.
- The sponsor will sell the units from its 1.2 crore-unit holding at the prevailing market price through the Dhaka Stock Exchange by tomorrow (28 September), according to a disclosure.
- The fund's unit price rose to Tk18.50 on 22 September from Tk5.10 on 8 April, before undergoing some correction. Following the announcement, the price fell 3.89% on Monday to close at Tk17.30.
- At the latest market price, the planned sale would be worth around Tk3.46 crore. Phoenix Finance had earlier sold 10 lakh units of the fund in the last week of April, according to market data.
- The planned sell-off comes despite weak fundamentals and the fund's decision to pay no dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

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## 17,332 investors to get refunds from DSE IPF

The Financial Express, Sep 28, 2026

- Speaking at the DSE's inauguration ceremony for IPF disbursement, Mominul said investing in the capital market can bring both profit and loss, and share price fluctuations are natural, reports UNB.
- "But when investors suffer because of irregularities by a market intermediary, it seriously damages their confidence in the market. Such incidents are not acceptable in any way," he said.
- Mominul said several brokerage houses failed to discharge their responsibilities in the past. "Five of them diverted investors' money or shares into their own accounts and later failed to return them."
- According to the DSE, 17,967 investors are currently affected.
- Of them, 17,332 will get their full money, up to Tk 500,000 each, from the IPF in this phase.
- For investors who will not receive their full money at this stage, he said, initiatives will be taken to return it quickly. "The DSE and other market stakeholders will work on this through legal means."

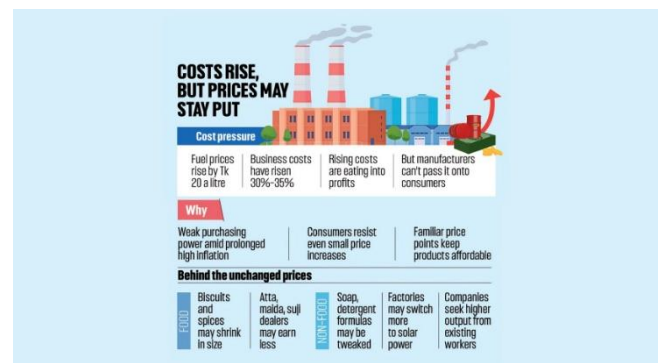
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## Economy & Industry

### Companies are dodging price shock by cutting costs

The Daily Star, Sep 28, 2026

- In the coming weeks, biscuits and spices may start arriving in slightly smaller packets, while dealers and retailers of atta, maida and suji may receive lower commissions on each packet sold.
- Some companies may also tweak their recipes. Liquid soap and detergents, for example, could contain less active material while maintaining product performance. Inside factory premises, manufacturers may also increasingly turn to cheaper solar power and try to get more from their existing workforces.



- All the changes are aimed at keeping retail prices unchanged even though the latest fuel price hike has raised production and transport costs. Local fast-moving consumer goods companies say they simply cannot pass on those costs to consumers as high inflation continues to erode purchasing power for years.
- In the third week of September, the latest round of fuel price adjustments increased prices of diesel, petrol and octane by Tk 20 a litre, citing volatile global market rates and rising subsidies. The increase pushed up the prices of almost everything, from fresh vegetables, poultry and meat to basic grocery items.
- Amid fuel and energy shocks that have raised overall business costs by around 30 percent in recent years, local conglomerates say they are absorbing the higher costs rather than raising product prices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/companies-are-dodging-price-shock-cutting-costs-4285476>

## Govt picks 18 countries for export diversification push

The Daily Star, Sep 27, 2026

- The government is preparing separate export strategies for 18 key trading destinations as part of its export diversification drive.
- The destinations are the United States, China, the United Kingdom, India, France, Russia, Malaysia, South Korea, Switzerland, Iran, Brazil, Türkiye, Japan, Canada, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.
- Commerce Secretary Md Ataur Rahman Khan disclosed the plan at a workshop on export diversification at the commerce ministry's conference room in the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday, according to a ministry press statement.
- The strategies aim to increase export earnings and reduce Bangladesh's reliance on garments by diversifying both products and markets, the ministry said.
- Equal emphasis is being given to both product and market diversification to make exports stronger and more sustainable, said Secretary Ataur.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-picks-18-countries-export-diversification-push-4285471>

## International

### Oil gains over 2%

The Daily Star, Sep 27, 2026

- Brent crude oil rebounded more than 2 percent on Monday after US President Donald Trump rejected a peace deal from Iran to resolve their conflict and reopen the Strait of Hormuz.
- Brent futures rose \$2.60, or 2.49 percent, to \$106.92 a barrel at 0803 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$94.49 a barrel, up \$2.08 or 2.25 percent.
- "Oil prices appeared to have jumped on the back of President Trump rejecting Iran's peace proposal," said Hamad Hussain, senior climate and commodities economist at Capital Economics.
- Iran announced a peace proposal last week at the UN General Assembly in New York, saying it had been transmitted to the Americans via Qatari mediators. Trump said on Saturday he rejected the plan, but told Axios in a phone interview on Sunday that he expected US negotiators to engage in more talks this week.
- "While greater flows through the Strait of Hormuz is easing some of the upward pressure on prices, the bigger picture is that the oil market remains in a deficit," Hussain said.

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