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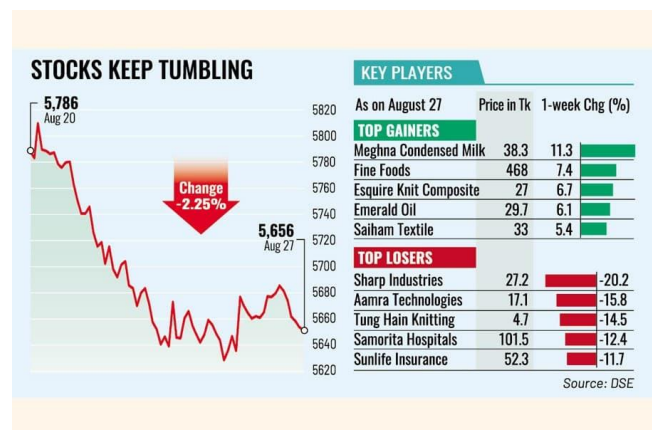
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Stock Market & Company

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

The Financial Express, Aug 29, 2026

- Stocks extended their losing streak for a second consecutive week, with the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) falling below the 5,700-point mark as a prolonged energy crisis heightened concerns over industrial output and corporate earnings.
- Market operators said persistent gas and electricity shortages continued to weigh on investor sentiment, with factory shutdowns, production disruptions and growing reliance on costly alternative energy sources raising concerns over operating costs and profitability.
- The heightened uncertainty prompted investors to reduce their exposure to equities, fearing prolonged production disruptions, higher operating expenses and weaker corporate earnings.
- "The country's macroeconomic outlook is facing fresh challenges from the prevailing energy crisis, discouraging investors from putting fresh funds into equities," said Md Sajedul Islam, a director of the DSE.
- The gas crisis has already disrupted operations at several industrial units, while some factories have been forced to scale back production or rely more heavily on expensive alternative energy sources to keep operations running.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dsex-sinks-below-5700-as-energy-crisis-weighs-on-market-sentiment>

Walton declares 190% dividend for FY26 as profits rise

The Business Standard, Aug 29, 2026

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC has recommended a 180% cash dividend, equivalent to Tk18 per share, along with a 10% stock dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, as its earnings rose year-on-year.
- The decisions were taken at the company's board meeting held today (29 August), following the approval of its audited financial statements.
- According to the price-sensitive disclosure, the company's earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk33.75 for FY2025-26, up from Tk31.11 recorded in the previous financial year.
- Walton attributed the growth in earnings primarily to a significant drop in finance costs, which decreased by Tk267.26 crore to represent 2.45% of sales, compared to Tk448.40 crore (6.33% of sales) in FY2024-25.

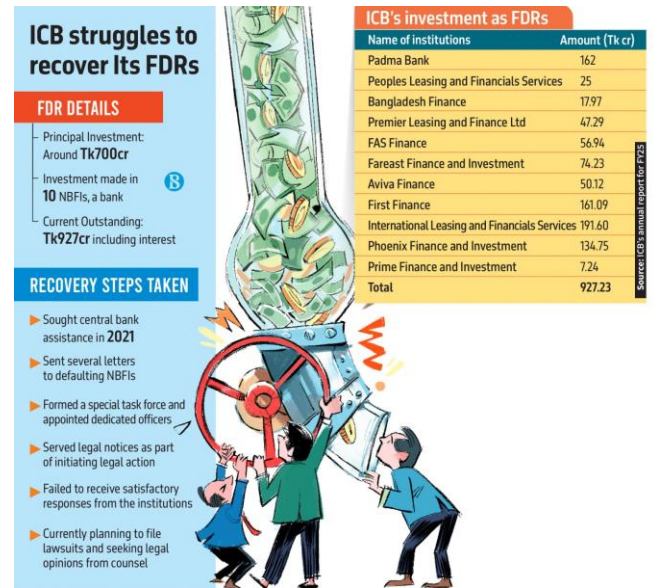
- The electronics giant also reported a strong boost in cash flow. Net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) surged to Tk63.72 for FY26 from Tk52.91 in FY25. This improvement was driven by a Tk694.36 crore (8.84%) increase in customer collections alongside a 2.31% reduction in supplier payments during the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/walton-recommends-180-cash-10-stock-dividend-fy26-1527881>

Cannot repay': Investees tell ICB over Tk927cr money refund

The Business Standard, Aug 29, 2026

- 'Cannot repay now' — that was the blunt response from several non-bank financial institutions to the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), rendering the state-owned investment bank's efforts to recover over Tk927 crore in trapped fixed deposits with principle and interest completely in vain.
- Niranjan Chandra Debnath, managing director of ICB, told The Business Standard, "We are trying to recover the funds, but we have failed. The majority of the institutions expressed regret over their inability to repay, while some have requested more time."
- "We served legal notices to them, but we are not satisfied with their response. We are planning to file suits against the defaulting institutions and will seek legal opinion before proceeding," he added.
- Having received clear expressions of inability — and regret — from defaulting investee entities, the ICB is planning to file suit against the default institutions, according to sources.
- "After receiving legal opinions, the corporation will move forward to file lawsuits against the defaulting entities, as it has no other options to recover the funds. The corporation tried every available avenue for recovery, leaving no option untapped," said ICB officials familiar with the matter.

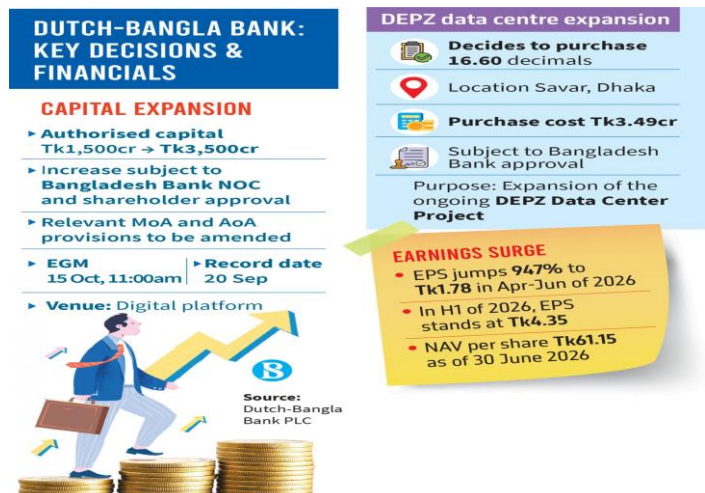


<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cannot-repay-investees-tell-icb-over-tk927cr-money-refund-1528046>

Dutch-Bangla Bank eyes Tk3,500cr capital ceiling to meet BB's dividend threshold

The Business Standard, Aug 27, 2026

- Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC (DBBL) has decided to more than double its authorised capital to Tk3,500 crore, creating room for future equity issuance as it prepares to meet Bangladesh Bank's new capital requirement for cash dividends.
- The board approved the decision at its meeting on Tuesday (25 August), according to a price-sensitive disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (27 August).
- The board approved raising authorised capital from Tk1,500 crore to Tk3,500 crore. The proposal will be placed before shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 15 October, with 20 September set as the record date.



- Following the disclosure, DBBL's share price rose 1.10% to Tk46.10 on the DSE.
- The move comes after Bangladesh Bank, in a circular issued on 23 May, set a minimum paid-up capital requirement of Tk2,000 crore for commercial banks to remain eligible to declare cash dividends from 31 December 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dutch-bangla-bank-eyes-tk3500cr-capital-ceiling-meet-bbs-dividend-threshold-1526661>

Follow the cash, not just the profit: BSEC chief urges forensic scrutiny of financial statements

The Financial Express, Aug 29, 2026

- Evaluating a company's financial health must begin with its underlying economic reality rather than relying solely on reported figures, said Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Masud Khan.
- Presenting the keynote at an ICAB webinar titled "Practical Approach to Financial Statements Analysis" today (29 August), the regulator chief outlined a comprehensive framework for forensic financial reviews, warning that artificial profits inevitably leave balance-sheet footprints.
- "The numbers must tell the same story as the business," Masud said during the online event hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB).
- He explained that questionable income generally accumulates somewhere on the balance sheet – manifesting as inflated receivables, overstated inventory, capitalised expenses in capital work-in-progress (CWIP), or unrecorded liabilities.
- He highlighted common manipulation techniques used to inflate reported results, such as premature revenue recognition, omitted cost of goods sold (COGS), circular related-party transactions, and improper reversal of provisions. To uncover these distortions, analysts must test the physical reality of the business alongside standard ratio analyses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/follow-cash-not-just-profit-bsec-chief-urges-forensic-scrutiny-financial-statements>

Economy & Industry

Maersk keen to invest in Bangladesh's shipbuilding industry

The Business Standard, Aug 29, 2026

- Danish shipping and logistics giant Maersk Line has expressed interest in making direct investments in Bangladesh's shipbuilding industry.
- The company also discussed the possibility of investing in the country's ship recycling sector.
- The issues were discussed at a meeting held at the residence of Commerce, Industry, and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir in Dhaka today (29 August).
- Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh Christian Briks Moller and Rene Pil Pedersen, managing director of AP Moller Singapore Pte Ltd, attended the meeting.
- During the meeting, the Danish ambassador said Maersk Line was interested in making direct investments in Bangladesh's shipbuilding industry.
- Maersk has long operated ships and conducted shipping and logistics businesses globally.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/maersk-keen-invest-bangladeshs-shipbuilding-industry-1527961>

Army plans to turn defunct Jalil Textile Mills site into defence export hub

The Business Standard, Aug 29, 2026

- The Bangladesh Army plans to transform the 54.99-acre site of the defunct Jalil Textile Mills in Chattogram into an export-oriented defence manufacturing hub, following the formal handover of the land today (27 August).

- The 54.99-acre site at Bhatiary was handed over by the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) to the Bangladesh Army for expansion of the Bangladesh Ordnance Factory (BOF), the country's second modern arms manufacturing facility after the one in Gazipur.
- An agreement between the commerce ministry and BOF was signed at the Jalil Textile premises to formalise the handover. Commerce and Industries Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir Chowdhury and Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman attended the event.
- General Waker said the expanded factory would produce weapons and ammunition not only for domestic defence needs but also for export. "We are not only trying to meet our own defence requirements. We want to transform this into an export-oriented industry."
- The army chief said the location was chosen partly because of its proximity to Chattogram Port, which would make it easier to export defence products to international markets.



Chattogram Port proximity to facilitate exports

- ▶ Assault rifles, ammunition already have foreign demand
- ▶ Army seeks faster defence export approvals



Factory to supply armed forces, police, Ansar



Muktadir backs defence exports and local R&D

Project expected to boost defence-industrial capability

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/army-plans-turn-defunct-jalil-textile-mills-site-defence-export-hub-1526561>

International

Dollar rallies

The Daily Star, Aug 25, 2026

- Wall Street stocks dipped while the dollar rallied Friday after Federal Reserve chief Kevin Warsh flagged fighting high inflation as a priority in a speech received as more hawkish than expected.
- "We must be confident that underlying inflation is moving to our objective, clearly and at sufficient speed. Otherwise, we have work to do," Warsh said in a highly anticipated speech.
- Short-term US Treasury bonds, which reflect monetary policy expectations, saw yields spike in anticipation of a higher Fed rate after the speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
- Futures markets also raised the odds of a rate hike in September, while the dollar jumped against the euro and other major currencies.
- At 3.7 percent, inflation in the world's biggest economy is nearly double the Fed's target of two percent, and investors worry that high energy prices from the Iran war could persist as winter approaches.
- "On the price-stability side of our mandate, the numbers are more concerning," Warsh said, even as he said he was "impressed" with US economic performance, with employment "doing well".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-rallies-4259671>

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