

### Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+0.19%) gained 13.93 points and closed the week at 7,342.97 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+2.10%) gained 56.86 points and stood at 2,767.39 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+0.23%) gained 3.69 points and stood at 1,595.79 points. The large cap index CDSET (+1.56%) gained 22.65 points and closed at 1,476.54 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +35.93%, +40.91%, +28.47%, +31.48%, respectively.

**Total Turnover During The Week (DSE):** BDT 127.2 billion (USD 1,494 million)

**Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV):** BDT 25.4 billion ( $\Delta\%$  Week: +14.2%)

**Market P/E:** 20.0x

### Daily Index Movement during the Week:

Market performed five sessions during this week. The market started positively with +0.37% up on Sunday followed by -0.39% down on Monday, and then positive again with +0.05% up on Tuesday. Also the market performed positively on Wednesday and went up +0.27% but went down on Thursday by -0.11%.

### Sectoral Performance:

- All the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. General Insurance experienced the highest loss of -6.80% followed by Life Insurance (-4.28%), NBF1 (-3.49%), Mutual Fund (-1.22%), and Bank (-0.95%).

- All the non-financial sectors posted positive performance this week. Food & Allied booked the highest gain of 3.16% followed by Fuel & Power (+2.02%), Pharmaceutical (+1.04%), Telecommunication (+0.31%), and Engineering (-0.92%).

### Macroeconomic arena:

- World Investor Week had begun on Monday and will continue till 10<sup>th</sup> October. Bangladesh is also forming bilateral trade agreements with Mexico and Algeria, while the US and Netherland are keen on supporting the countries Agro industry. Switzerland has also proposed an aviation agreement with Bangladesh.

- Despite a 14.55% increase in tax revenue, Bangladesh has a BDT 52.12 billion revenue deficit. Similarly despite surpassing the Sept export earning target the countries trade gap has crossed USD 4 billion, which was partly caused by a 19.75% yoy Remittance dip. Bangladesh Bank is on a dollar selling spree to keep BDT steady.

- The BGMEA expects the EU's new GSP proposal to put pressure on Bangladesh's woven apparel export and seeks support from Germany and Denmark. Decade-high cotton price and low investments in the apparel industry are also having an adverse effect on the RMG sector. Textile entrepreneurs are expected to invest USD 2.5 billion by 2023 to mitigate the risk.

- The Pharma industry is thought to be on a BDT 1 trillion journey and its growth rate is expected to increase from 12.1% in the last 5 years to 15-16% in this decade. In the financial sector, MetLife has launched a new health insurance plan, Nagad has received an extension in its interim license, and signed agreements with insurance providers to provide an insurance payment service and a deal with Hindu Welfare trust for disbursement of allowances.

- Bkash has lowered its cash out charge. Most SCBs have missed bad loan recovery target in FY21, and defaults were granted another extension. Bangladesh Bank has asked banks to have provision against unadjusted expenses and other assets.

### Stock Market arena:

- The BSEC has approved a BDT150 Mn IPO of BD Thai Food & Beverage. Asiatic Laboratories has also shown interest in rising BDT 95 Mn through as IPO for implementing a new system in its factory. RFL door and Star Adhesives on the other hand have decided to raise BDT 300 crore from Sukuk and BDT 5 crore through QIO, respectively.

- Beximco Pharma has acquired a majority stake in Sanofi Bangladesh Limited, while Walton has signed a deal with Kargi to export 300,000 compressors to Turkey in 2022. Increased sales combined with a fall in selling expenses has enabled Apex Tannery to return to profitability. The company is expected to lease out a unit to Apex Footwear for 20 years for BDT 693 Mn.

- IFIC Bank has applied to the BSEC to withdraw its BDT 1,000 crore perpetual bond application. Beximco Green-Sukuk AI Istisna experienced only a 56% general investor subscription of the total public offer of BDT 750 crore.

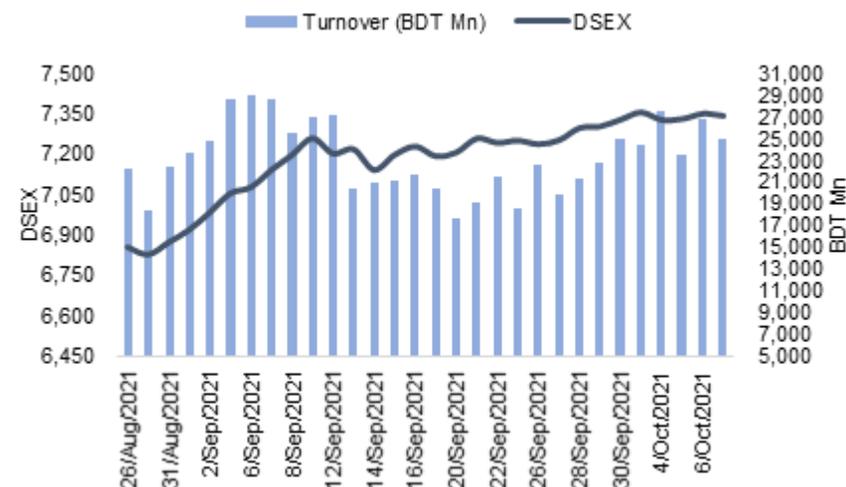
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing	Opening	$\Delta$ (Pts)	30-Dec-2019	$\Delta\%$ Week	$\Delta\%$ YTD
DSEX	7,342.97	7,329.04	+13.93	5,402.07	+0.19%	+35.93%
DS30	2,767.39	2,710.53	+56.86	1,963.96	+2.10%	+40.91%
DSES	1,595.79	1,592.10	+3.69	1,242.11	+0.23%	+28.47%
CDSET	1,476.54	1,453.89	+22.65	1,123.03	+1.56%	+31.48%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	%Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	5,821,243	5,815,431	
	Mn USD	68,324	68,256	+0.1%
Turnover	Mn BDT	127,250	111,457	+14.2%
	Mn USD	1,494	1,308	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	25,450	22,291	+14.2%
	Mn USD	299	262	
Volume	Mn Shares	2,702	2,540	+6.4%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in last four weeks



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**Table 3: Top Ten Gainers**

Company Name	Close	Open	Δ%	Mcap (BDT Mn)	Turnover (BDT Mn)	PE	PB
ADVENT	35.2	26.9	+30.9%	3,214	1,806.4	30.3x	2.6x
GPHISPAT	71.7	59.0	+21.5%	28,472	2,770.1	26.5x	3.9x
SONALIPAPR	538.8	453.9	+18.7%	9,862	957.0	NM	1.7x
FORTUNE	87.5	74.1	+18.1%	13,545	818.4	72.8x	6.4x
SHEPHERD	23.6	20.1	+17.4%	3,547	185.2	NM	1.6x
IBP	26.5	23.4	+13.2%	3,014	704.7	29.0x	1.9x
IFADAUTOS	64.4	56.9	+13.2%	16,290	1,936.9	68.4x	1.6x
SPCERAMICS	39.7	35.3	+12.5%	5,835	1,568.5	NM	1.3x
PTL	82.6	73.5	+12.4%	12,810	2,272.9	20.6x	3.2x
POWERGRID	69.8	63.1	+10.6%	49,748	3,234.5	23.0x	0.9x

**Table 4: Top Ten Losers**

Company Name	Close	Open	Δ%	Mcap (BDT Mn)	Turnover (BDT Mn)	PE	PB
ICBIBANK	5.1	6.7	-23.9%	3,390	72.7	NM	NM
NHFIL	62.8	81.5	-22.9%	7,350	1,240.1	19.4x	3.5x
SHURWID	18.6	23.4	-20.5%	1,067	121.7	8.5x	1.4x
EASTERNINS	114.6	142.4	-19.5%	4,940	201.4	31.9x	2.3x
DSHGARME	185.1	226.9	-18.4%	1,395	105.2	NM	9.7x
ICBAMCL2ND	11.9	14.1	-15.6%	595	170.8	NM	1.9x
AZIZPIPES	126.1	149.1	-15.4%	674	67.2	NM	NM
TAMIJTEX	138.4	162.7	-14.9%	4,161	5.1	NM	1.7x
BNICL	133.1	155.5	-14.4%	5,890	49.4	36.9x	6.4x
AMANFEED	56.6	66.0	-14.2%	7,413	423.7	21.2x	1.5x

**Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares**

Company Name	Close	Open	Δ%	Mcap (BDT Mn)	Turnover (BDT Mn)	PE	PB
LHBL	97.6	92.4	+5.6%	113,350	9,302	31.0x	6.2x
ORIONPHARM	103.4	94.0	+10.0%	24,196	7,019	33.7x	1.3x
BEXIMCO	140.8	137.2	+2.6%	123,386	6,349	33.9x	1.9x
POWERGRID	69.8	63.1	+10.6%	49,748	3,234	23.0x	0.9x
LANKABAFIN	44.7	45.7	-2.2%	24,086	3,027	18.8x	2.5x
GPHISPAT	71.7	59.0	+21.5%	28,472	2,770	26.5x	3.9x
BXPBARMA	248.7	240.3	+3.5%	110,948	2,579	24.3x	3.1x
PTL	82.6	73.5	+12.4%	12,810	2,273	20.6x	3.2x
SAIFPOWER	46.2	44.3	+4.3%	16,533	2,144	57.6x	2.9x
IFADAUTOS	64.4	56.9	+13.2%	16,290	1,937	68.4x	1.6x

**Table 8: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Top 10 Most Appreciated Stocks	Close	Δ% YTD	Mcap (BDT Mn)	P/E	P/B
EGEN	63.0	+530.0%	4,725	48.5x	2.5x
HEIDELBCEM	358.6	+139.7%	20,262	27.8x	4.6x
GPHISPAT	71.7	+134.3%	28,472	26.5x	3.9x
LHBL	97.6	+104.2%	113,350	31.0x	6.2x
BSRMLTD	119.2	+98.0%	28,139	10.0x	1.0x
ENVOYTEX	47.0	+91.1%	7,884	NM	1.2x
ACTIVEFINE	32.1	+89.9%	7,702	NM	1.5x
BSRMSTEEL	79.0	+85.9%	29,700	11.4x	1.4x
MICEMENT	84.3	+81.7%	12,519	17.6x	1.7x
SQUARETEXT	52.7	+76.8%	10,395	57.5x	1.4x

**Table 6: Sector Indices**

Sector Name	Week Close	Week Open	Year Open	%Δ Week	%Δ YTD
Bank	1,640.77	1,656.47	1,372.63	-0.95%	+19.53%
NBFI	2,779.72	2,880.26	2,033.53	-3.49%	+36.69%
Mutual Fund	976.95	989.04	959.61	-1.22%	+1.81%
General Insurance	5,302.46	5,689.46	4,103.56	-6.80%	+29.22%
Life Insurance	2,801.01	2,926.34	2,162.58	-4.28%	+29.52%
Telecommunication	6,485.32	6,465.55	5,463.26	+0.31%	+18.71%
Pharmaceutical	4,260.23	4,216.22	3,306.03	+1.04%	+28.86%
Fuel & Power	2,067.98	2,026.96	1,618.11	+2.02%	+27.80%
Cement	3,171.65	3,076.56	1,416.18	+3.09%	+123.96%
Services & Real Estate	1,561.82	1,569.06	1,083.79	-0.46%	+44.11%
Engineering	5,184.69	5,232.58	3,959.20	-0.92%	+30.95%
Food & Allied	26,694.12	25,875.27	14,705.76	+3.16%	+81.52%
IT	3,527.56	3,585.68	2,350.28	-1.62%	+50.09%
Textile	1,714.15	1,764.35	1,087.41	-2.84%	+57.64%
Paper & Printing	7,630.03	7,171.50	5,487.56	+6.39%	+39.04%
Tannery	2,983.99	2,827.91	1,771.77	+5.52%	+68.42%
Jute	8,904.34	9,707.44	12,154.61	-8.27%	-26.74%
Ceramics	789.70	757.86	472.38	+4.20%	+67.18%
Miscellaneous	4,840.98	4,796.63	2,539.70	+0.92%	+90.61%

**Table 7: Sector Trading Matrix**

Sector Name	Daily average this Week	Daily average last week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	P/E	P/B
Bank	1,078.7	1,046.9	+3.0%	4.4%	8.2x	0.9x
NBFI	2,138.1	2,095.7	+2.0%	8.7%	23.9x	4.3x
Mutual Fund	213.7	179.8	+18.8%	0.9%	NM	0.9x
General Insurance	820.0	1,080.9	-24.1%	3.3%	21.6x	2.4x
Life Insurance	520.4	674.2	-22.8%	2.1%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	406.5	289.1	+40.6%	1.7%	19.2x	6.3x
Pharmaceutical	4,135.0	3,366.9	+22.8%	16.8%	25.3x	3.1x
Fuel & Power	2,636.4	1,796.5	+46.8%	10.7%	15.1x	1.7x
Cement	2,081.0	1,679.4	+23.9%	8.5%	25.0x	3.7x
Services & Real Estate	913.3	933.0	-2.1%	3.7%	NM	1.3x
Engineering	3,019.3	2,413.5	+25.1%	12.3%	23.3x	2.4x
Food & Allied	685.1	554.3	+23.6%	2.8%	35.4x	10.2x
IT	549.2	714.8	-23.2%	2.2%	37.9x	3.0x
Textile	2,549.4	2,751.1	-7.3%	10.4%	NM	1.2x
Paper & Printing	239.6	147.8	+62.1%	1.0%	60.3x	1.5x
Tannery	209.2	173.3	+20.7%	0.8%	NM	3.3x
Jute	14.0	15.7	-10.9%	0.1%	NM	15.6x
Ceramics	563.3	209.4	+169.0%	2.3%	42.8x	2.5x
Miscellaneous	1,844.2	1,303.7	+41.5%	7.5%	32.2x	2.4x

**Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Top 10 Least Appreciated Stocks	Close	Δ% YTD	Mcap (BDT Mn)	P/E	P/B
MTB	20.2	-7.8%	16,412	26.6x	0.9x
SHAHJABANK	21.7	-0.5%	22,331	8.1x	1.2x
OLYMPIC	190.5	-0.3%	38,088	18.4x	4.3x
UNILEVERCL	2,900.2	+3.2%	34,937	80.2x	29.7x
DBH	83.4	+3.6%	14,784	13.7x	2.2x
MPETROLEUM	206.8	+4.4%	22,379	7.9x	1.2x
KPCL	47.7	+5.3%	18,957	14.1x	2.0x
ADNTEL	67.8	+5.4%	4,383	22.1x	2.7x
GP	373.5	+7.6%	504,337	13.8x	10.1x
MARICO	2,335.0	+9.2%	73,553	23.0x	27.1x

## Important News: Business & Economy

### World Investor Week begins on Monday

- The fifth World Investor Week 2021 will begin on Monday with a call for the protection of investors against securities fraud, price manipulation, misreporting, and insider trading.
- Based on the two themes - sustainable finance, and frauds and scams prevention, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is observing the week in cooperation with capital market stakeholders.
- The programme will start at 4 pm on the BSEC premises on Monday and continue until 10 October.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/world-investor-week-begins-today-310954>

### The second Global Business Summit was held in Dubai

- At the summit, Mahtabur Rahman highlighted the potential for investment and expatriates in Bangladesh and demanded the creation of a separate economic zone for expatriates and also demand a 4% incentive for sending remittance instead of 2%.
- In reply, both Ministers said, that all kinds of demands of non-resident Bangladeshis will be presented through NRB CIP Association and that they will look after these issues carefully.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/the-second-global-business-summit-was-held-in-dubai>

### Mexico-Bangladesh bilateral trade expected to grow to USD 1 billion

- Following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 28th September between Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) and Mexican Business Council for Foreign Trade, Investment and Technology (COMCE), bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Mexico is expected to reach USD 1 billion, increasing from the current USD 400 million according to a press release.
- Under the agreement, the two organizations agreed to increase investment in joint ventures and to provide maximum assistance in overcoming all obstacles to expanding bilateral trade.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/mexico-bangladesh-bilateral-trade-expected-grow-1bn-310948>

### FTA with Algeria to boost bilateral trade: DCCI

- President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Rizwan Rahman said on Monday that signing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Bangladesh and Algeria would boost bilateral trade between the two countries, reports UNB.
- He said this during a meeting with Algerian Ambassador to Bangladesh Rabah Larbi at the DCCI office. They discussed the issues of mutual interests. At the meeting, Rizwan Rahman said bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Algeria reached USD 98.28 million in

FY 2019-20, of which, Bangladesh's export was USD 5.90 million and import was USD 92.38 million.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/thrift-sales-and-marketing-expenses-apex-tannery-returns-profit-310960>

### ADB puts in pipeline USD 10-12 billion in aid

- Launching its fresh country partnership strategy (CPS), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) put in aid pipeline USD 10 - USD 12 billion for funding Bangladesh's development recipe over five years to 2025. Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal launched Monday the new CPS of the ADB for Bangladesh, to be implemented during 2021-2025 period, ceremonially at a hotel in Dhaka.
- An ADB statement on the occasion says during the CPS-implementation period, it will increase its lending operations to USD 10 billion-USD 12 billion for Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-puts-in-pipeline-10-12-billion-in-aid-1633373067>

### Netherlands keen to support in agro processing, exports

- The Netherlands is interested to support Bangladesh in agro-processing and the country's farm product exports. The two countries will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) soon on the matter aiming to increase mutual cooperation in the agriculture sector.
- It was revealed on Monday at a meeting between Agriculture Minister Dr Md Abdur Razzaque and Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh Anne Gerard van Leeuwen, said a press release issued by the Agriculture Ministry on the day. During the meeting, Mr Razzaque noted that though Bangladesh has achieved a tremendous success in agricultural production, the country is still lagging in farm-produce export and agro-processing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/netherlands-keen-to-support-in-agro-processing-exports-1633372231>

### EU's new GSP proposal to put pressure on Bangladesh's woven apparel export: BGMEA

- Japanese companies are looking at Bangladesh as a new frontier of investment in Asia, said ITO Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh at a digital seminar on Banking Support for Bangladesh-Japan Trade and Business Growth jointly organized by Eastern Bank Limited (EBL) and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) on Monday, said a statement.
- At present, Bangladesh ready-made garments industry depends on 60% imported woven fabric, and to reduce this dependency the sector has to develop local woven textile industries, said the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/eus-new-gsp-proposal-put-pressure-bangladeshs-woven-apparel-export-bgmea-310561>

### **Tax revenue up as economy rebounds**

- Transitional period in economy after the anti-Covid lockdowns has helped the tax authority hammer in a 14.55-per cent growth in the first two months of the current fiscal year (FY), provisional data with the National Board of Revenue (NBR) show. The revenue growth was negative 1.50 per cent in the same period last fiscal year-the period when the mortal global pandemic had upended normal order of life and business.

- However, the NBR counted a shortfall against its target worth BDT 52.12 billion for the past July-August period. The taxmen collected BDT 345.48 billion in tax revenue in the first two months against its target for BDT 397.59 billion. Collection of import and export duties registered the highest growth at 15.72% while VAT collection from domestic sources grew 14.21%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tax-revenue-up-as-economy-rebounds-1633372577>

### **Revenue deficit of BDT 5,210 Crore despite highest growth in a month**

- After the first month of the current 2021-22 fiscal year (FY), August ended with a revenue shortfall of BDT 5,210 crore according to NRB's target.

- Provisional data of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) shows a growth of 14.55% in the first two months of the current financial year.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/05/revenue-deficit-of-5-210c-despite-highest-growth-in-a-month>

### **NBR sets installation charges for EFDs, SDC devices**

- The value-added tax wing of the National Board of Revenue has set charges for installation of electronic fiscal devices and sales data controller devices mandatory for all retail shops out of the package VAT system.

- In order to install the EFDs, businesses have to pay BDT 20,500 while they have to pay BDT 24,000 for installation of the SDC devices.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/151003/nbr-sets-installation-charges-for-efds-sdc-devices>

### **Bangladesh surpasses Sept export earnings target by 39%**

- The country's export earnings in September 2021 stood at USD 4.16 billion registering a 38% growth year-on-year riding on the readymade garment (RMG) amid the pandemic. Bangladesh fetched USD 3.01 billion from merchandise shipments in September last year, according to data released by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) on Monday.

- The September earnings also surpassed the target set for the month by 39.17%. The country's overall merchandise exports during the first three months of the current fiscal year of 2021-22 also grew by 11.37% to USD11.02 billion.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-surpasses-sept-export-earnings-target-by-39-percent-1633333503>

### **Exporters can now send documents abroad directly**

- According to a circular by Bangladesh Bank, exporters can send export documents to foreign importers or their representatives through their own websites or secure channels from now on, provided some specific conditions are met.

- Authorized dealer banks would endorse the original transport documents in the name of the party concerned after receiving the export income information.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/exporters-can-now-send-documents-abroad-directly-310951>

### **Remittance dips to 16-month low in September**

- The remittance inflow dipped 19.75% year-on-year in September to USD 1.73 billion, which is also the lowest in 16 months.

- Bangladeshi diaspora sent home USD 1.73 billion compared to USD 2.15 billion sent in September 2020.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-drops-20-sept-310930>

### **Trade gap crosses USD 4.0b in July-Aug**

- Bangladesh's merchandise trade gap with the rest of the world crossed USD 4.0 billion in the first two months of the current fiscal year (FY22). Bangladesh Bank statistics showed that trade gap stood at USD 4.11 billion in July-August period of the current fiscal year which was only USD 697 million in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal (FY21).

- A big surge in merchandise imports against a tiny growth in exports widened the trade deficit.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/trade-gap-crosses-40b-in-july-aug-1633431485>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/jul-aug-trade-deficit-shoots-412b-311524>

## Bangladesh Bank on dollar selling spree to keep taka steady

- The foreign exchange regime has made an about-face in the last two months as the Bangladesh Bank continues to inject US dollars into the market to halt the depreciation of the local currency and meet the growing appetite of the economy.
- The BB had bought a record amount of US dollars amounting to USD 7.93 billion from local banks in the last fiscal year as a part of its move to rein in the devaluation of taka.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/bb-dollar-selling-sprees-keep-taka-steady-2191726>

## Bangladesh Bank asks financial institutions to keep provision against 'other assets'

- All unadjusted prepaid entries, unadjusted prepaid legal expenses, protested (uncollectible debt) bills and other expenses or losses of financial institutions are now shown as 'other assets', classified as bad or lost.
- A central bank circular, issued Sunday, says the FIs concerned must maintain provisioning of up to cent % against such dud money or asset.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bb-asks-financial-institutions-to-keep-provision-against-other-assets-1633316438>

## Bangladesh Bank suspends payment gateway Foster's operations

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has ordered to suspend all transactions and refund activities of Foster, a payment gateway for controversial e-commerce platform Qcoom, until further notice.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-suspends-payment-gateway-fosters-operations-311746>

## Most SCBs miss bad loan recovery target in FY21

- Two out of six state-owned commercial banks have failed to achieve their annual performance indicator target of limiting defaulted loans in the past financial year following the Covid outbreak.
- The banks are Janata and Bangladesh Small Industries and Commerce Bank Limited.
- Four other banks — Sonali, Agrani, Rupali, Bangladesh Development Bank Limited — become successful to keep their defaulted loan within their respective targets, but the defaulted loan increased by BDT 3,950 crore from the over target of BDT 38,300 crore due to the failure of Janata and BASIC bank.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/150764/most-scbs-miss-bad-loan-recovery-target-in-fy21>

## Financial institutions must have provision against unadjusted expenses

- As per Bangladesh Bank, financial institutions can no longer include unadjusted expenses in their assets. Payments like advance salaries, travel and recreational expenses, advertisement cost and business development expenses must be recorded as individual provisions. Based on the latest directive, if such funds remain unadjusted for 12 months or more, they should be classified 'bad and loss' and have 100% provision against those.
- The Bangladesh Bank also instructed the financial institutions to update classification of assets and record provisions every three months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/financial-institutions-must-have-provision-against-unadjusted-expenses-bb-311032>

## Defaulters get yet another extension

- The loan defaulters, who were granted special loan rescheduling or 'one-time exit' facility under a central bank scheme, known as the loan-restructuring facility, will get time extension to repay their outstanding loans until December 31 of this year, according to a Bangladesh Bank (BB) circular -- issued on Monday.
- In 2019, the central bank allowed the defaulters to enjoy a waiver of their whole unrealized interest, if they applied to pay back their loans within one year by giving a 2.0% down payment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/defaulters-get-yet-another-extension-1633372752>

## No fear of debt trap for BD

- Planning Minister MA Mannan on Monday said there is no scope for Bangladesh to get stuck in debt trap, noting that its foreign-currency reserves are growing with lower rate of borrowing in comparison with the size of GDP, reports UNB.
- "There's no fear for Bangladesh to get into debt trap," he said while addressing a webinar. Speaking as the chief guest, Minister Mannan said Bangladesh takes loan considering all aspects and thinking well before taking a decision.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/no-fear-of-debt-trap-for-bd-1633369547>

## BGMEA: Focus on price negotiation, calculation

- According to Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Faruque Hassan, the entrepreneurs in the apparel sector of the country need to be more focused on price calculation and be more careful with price negotiations with foreign buyers.
- He said: "Selling products at a price lower than the cost of production will not benefit any of them in the long run rather it will only make the situation more difficult."

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/bgmea-focus-on-price-negotiation-calculation>

### **BGMEA urges Danish ambassador to share positive stories of RMG industry**

- During a courtesy call, Faruque Hassan, president of the BGMEA urged the Ambassador of Denmark to Bangladesh Winnie Estrup Petersen to share positive stories of the apparel industries of Bangladesh with the Danish brands and consumers.
- Faruque Hassan sought the support of the Government of Denmark in securing the continuation of duty-benefit for Bangladesh in the European Union for 12 years after the graduation from LDC in 2026 to ensure a smoother transition.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/03/bgmea-urges-danish-ambassador-to-share-positive-stories-of-rmg-industry>

### **BGMEA seeks Germany's support for duty benefits in EU**

- The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has sought Germany's support for the continuation of duty- and quota-free access for Bangladeshi goods to the European Union for a period of 12 years, following the country's graduation from LDC status in 2026, reports UNB.
- The continuation of the benefits is essential to ensure a smooth transition out of the LDC status for Bangladesh. At present it is able to avail the benefits under the EU's Everything But Arms initiative for LDCs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bgmea-seeks-germanys-support-for-duty-benefits-in-eu-1633369661>

### **IndustriALL calls for an end to police interference in trade union activities in Bangladesh**

- IndustriALL Global Union represents more than 50 million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing industries, including readymade garments, in over 140 countries, including Bangladesh.
- IndustriALL Global Union called for an end to police interference in the activities of the trade union in Bangladesh, according to a press release.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/industriall-calls-for-an-end-to-police-interference-in-trade-union-activities-in-bd>

### **A disruptive RMG factory: When less is more**

- Cute Dress Industries Ltd, a high-value knitwear manufacturer, located at Dhamrai, is blazing its own trail dealing exclusively with smaller orders while also charting a pathway for western startups to establish their own brand.
- The factory is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certified one in the Platinum category under the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The company currently has 600 employees and about USD 5 million in apparel exports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/disruptive-rmg-factory-when-less-more-311041>

### **Textile entrepreneurs to invest USD 2.5 billion by 2023**

- The country's textile factory owners are set to invest USD 2.5 billion in the sector by 2023 to boost production capacity to meet growing demand.
- The investments will mostly go into adopting new technologies. The fresh injection is also expected to generate employment opportunities for about one lakh people at 25 units according to Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) President Mohammad Ali Khokon.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/textile-entrepreneurs-invest-25-billion-2023-312004>

### **Low investment, skill gap cost Bangladesh's entry into multi-billion-dollar apparel market**

- Bangladesh's apparel industry could not grab its share up to the potential in a multibillion-dollar global technical textiles trade for a lack of awareness of market requirements and adequate technical expertise.
- A German agency in a study revealed such missed opportunity of Bangladesh for tapping prospects of technical textiles (TT), including personal protective equipment (PPE), while these medical apparel products topped global supply chain during the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/low-investment-skill-gap-cost-bangladeshs-entry-into-multi-billion-dollar-apparel-market-1633315102>

### **Decade-high cotton prices set to make RMG costlier**

- Textile manufacturers have warned that Bangladesh's main export, readymade garment (RMG), is poised to be costlier as global cotton-price index hit a decade-high with its cascading impact on the entire industrial chain.
- Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has stated that the price spiral of imported cotton could boost the price of locally produced yarns by 15%, and, in turn, it would add up to the prices of exportable RMG products.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/decade-high-cotton-prices-set-to-make-rmg-costlier-1633457679>

### **bKash cuts cash withdrawal charge**

- Mobile financial service provider bKash is marking its 10th anniversary offering customers cash withdrawals at a reduced rate of BDT 14.90 per BDT 1,000 through one agent of their choice and ATMs of several commercial banks.
- When availing cash from any other agent or over BDT 25,000 a month, the charge will be BDT 18.50, says a press release. Previously the charge was BDT 20.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/bkash-cuts-cash-withdrawal-charge-2189451>

### **Nagad's interim license gets another extension from Bangladesh Bank**

- The extension came on Thursday following the failure of the Bangladesh Post Office to form a subsidiary with the mobile financial service provider
- The Bangladesh Bank has approved another extension to Nagad's interim license — its fourth extension so far.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/nagad-s-interim-license-gets-another-extension-from-bangladesh-bank>

### **Nagad inks deal with Hindu Welfare Trust**

- Nagad, the Postal Department's mobile financial service, signed an agreement with the Hindu Religious Welfare Trust, under the Ministry of Religious Affairs, for disbursement of allowance, reports BSS.
- Dr Dilip Kumar Gosh said: "Hindu Religious Welfare Trust disburses around BDT 50 million to BDT 80 million for monastery, temple, priest, education stipend and social welfare allowance every year."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/stock/news/stock-market-regulator-sue-directors-shurwid-industries-2189866>

### **Sirajganjshop swindles Nagad's BDT 47 crore in just 2 days**

- Controversial e-commerce platform SirajganjShop has reportedly embezzled over BDT 47.43 crore in just two days through fraudulence.
- According to the case statement, the e-commerce site embezzled the money through lots of refund requests to different customer accounts from 30-31 August.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/sirajganjshop-swindles-nagads-tk47-crore-just-2-days-310744>

### **BCSA seeks BDT 9 subsidy over per kg of potato**

- The annual demand for potatoes in Bangladesh is about 9 million tons. The Bangladesh Cold Storage Association (BCSA) urged the government to provide a BDT9 subsidy over per kilogram of potato stored in various cold storages in the country.
- BCSA President Md Mosharaf Hossain said that over 11 million tons of potatoes are being produced due to the cultivation in more lands in the current year.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/bcsa-seeks-tk9-subsidy-over-per-kg-of-potato>

### **Pharma on a BDT 1 trillion journey**

- Industry experts and analysts estimate that the pharmaceutical industry in the country is well-poised for a significant takeoff to grow threefold to an annual size of BDT 1 trillion in a decade. The annual growth rate of the industry may go as high as 15-16% this decade, which has been 12.1% over the last five years.

- Alongside a local market boom, the country's pharmaceutical sector is expected to rake in over USD 1.5 billion or around BDT 13,000 crore in export earnings per year by 2030 – almost nine times higher than USD 169 million earned in FY21.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/pharma-tk1-trillion-journey-311038>

### **Avery Dennison, Youngone to set up manufacturing unit in Bangladesh**

- Avery Dennison has launched a manufacturing facility in Bangladesh in partnership with Youngone Corporation. As per the two partners, the 2,052-sqm unit, located in the Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) in Chattogram, will enable strong service quality and flexibility to local customers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/avery-dennison-youngone-set-manufacturing-unit-bangladesh-310888>

### **MetLife launches health insurance plan offering financial protection for 52 'critical' illnesses**

- MetLife Bangladesh has launched a 'Critical Illness Insurance Protection Plan' - the first of its kind in Bangladesh - offering customers financial protection from 52 common critical illnesses, including the leading causes of death in Bangladesh: heart attack, stroke, respiratory diseases, cancer and kidney diseases.
- According to a press release, the insurance plan will provide financial protection up to BDT 1 Crore until the age of 80, for 52 critical illnesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/metlife-launches-health-insurance-plan-offering-financial-protection-52-critical>

### **New e-commerce platform comes into being**

- Let's GO Mart has started its operations as a new e-commerce platform as the company organized its commercial launch at The Daily Star Centre.
- Let's GO Mart is a part of Let's GO Tech Ltd, a private company that commenced operations from February 11, 2018.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/e-commerce/news/new-e-commerce-platform-comes-being-2191701>

### **Poultry farming fueling rural economic growth**

- Poor families in particular are taking it as a boon, while many educated youths are taking poultry rearing as a vocation to become small entrepreneurs. The veterinary office in the district is trying to provide support in different ways to the poultry farmers--ensuring smooth Medicare service to prevent different deadly diseases like 'Rani khet' and 'bird flu' and other problems of chickens at the poultry farms.

- According to the livestock office sources here, more than 4,015 big, medium and small-size poultry farms have been set up in the district, with the prime goal of alleviating poverty from the area.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/poultry-farming-fuelling-rural-economic-growth-1633320888>

### **Experts suggest creating a separate ministry to unlock full potentials of blue economy**

- Bangladesh should urgently create a new ministry to lead and oversee coordinated efforts in unlocking the full potentials of the blue economy ranging from the sustainable development of marine fisheries to sea and coastal tourism, experts working on this field have said, reports UNB.

- They suggested the formation of a separate ministry on blue economy noting that the existing Blue Economy Cell under the Energy and Mineral Resources Division has failed to make any breakthrough to exploit the potentials in the Bay of Bengal.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/experts-suggest-creating-a-separate-ministry-to-unlock-full-potentials-of-blue-economy-1633261686>

### **Biman to inaugurate Saidpur-Cox's Bazar direct flight from Oct 7**

- National flag carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines will launch direct flights on Saidpur-Cox's Bazar route from October 7 and Cox's Bazar- Saidpur route on October 9. Biman has announced a 15% rebate on the base fare for opening the flights.

- The opening flight in this route, BG 592, will leave Saidpur domestic airport at 10:30 am on October 7 (Thursday).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/biman-to-inaugurate-saidpur-coxs-bazar-direct-flight-from-oct-7-1633360221>

### **High fuel prices to take toll on government subsidy, power bills**

- The power and energy divisions fear that the amount of subsidy in power generation and LNG import may need to be doubled this fiscal year if the primary fuel price in the global market remains volatile.

- A surge in global fuel prices is set to either increase subsidy pressure on the government or lead to another hike in electricity prices for consumers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-fuel-prices-take-toll-govt-subsidy-power-bills-311518>

### **High Prices of Essentials: Double blow for those with fixed income**

- Prices of almost all daily essentials have shot up in the kitchen market, adding woes to the fixed-income people who are reeling from the economic slowdown caused by the pandemic. In the last couple of weeks, prices of sugar, flour, chicken, fish, cooking oil, spices and vegetables have gone up due to supply constraints amid recovering demand from the pandemic and soaring prices in the international commodity market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/high-prices-essentials-double-blow-those-fixed-income-2190746>

### **Facebook, Instagram, Whatsapp go down in major global outage**

- Facebook Inc's suite of apps –including popular photo-sharing platform Instagram and messaging app WhatsApp– have gone down in a major outage in several parts of the world.

- The apps completely stopped working shortly before 10:00 pm (Bangladesh time), report Reuters and [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk) citing outage tracking website Downtetector.com.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/sci-tech/facebook-instagram-whatsapp-go-down-in-major-global-outage-1633365991>

### **USDA to invest USD 27Mn to accelerate import, export of agro products**

- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will invest USD 27 million in Bangladesh to increase its exports and facilitate imports of agricultural and agro-processed products.

- The funding will go into infrastructural development under the USDA-funded Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project. The project will emphasise creating one cold chain each at the Chattogram port and the Shahjalal International Airport.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/dropped/trade/usda-invest-27m-accelerate-import-export-agro-products-312442>

### **Switzerland proposes aviation agreement with Bangladesh**

- Swiss Ambassador Nathalie Chuard handed over a proposal for an aviation agreement while meeting state minister for civil aviation Md Mahub Ali at the latter's office at Secretariat.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/switzerland-proposes-aviation-agreement-bangladesh-2192586>

### **Government to procure 67.20 lakh MMBtu LNG, 1 lakh MT wheat**

- The government will procure some 67.20 lakh MMBtu LNG, 1 lakh metric tons of wheat and 60,000 metric tons of fertiliser to meet the growing demand in the country. Proposals for the procurements were approved at the 34th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP).

- In another proposal, the BCIC would procure 30,000 metric tons of bagged prilled urea fertilizer from Muntajat, Qatar also under state-level agreement at a cost of around BDT 129.85 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-procure-6720-lakh-mmbtu-lng-1-lakh-mt-wheat-312301>

### **Inward remittance flow to return to normal in 3 months**

- Amid falling remittance earnings in recent months, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal stated that inward remittance flow should increase gradually and earnings could return to normal in three months.

- Citing a reason for fall in remittance flow, Kamal said that not all the expatriate Bangladeshis who returned home during the pandemic could go abroad, but they are doing so now.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-become-normal-2-3-months-finance-minister-312292>

### **Investors jittery as input prices soar**

- At a time when businesses in Bangladesh are putting all their efforts to recover from Covid-19 impact, new crises are emerging one after another as prices of all inputs—from energy to cotton to base metals – are skyrocketing.

- As soaring raw material prices are rising production costs, exorbitant freight charges are eating into whatever small profit margin they still have.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/investors-jittery-input-prices-soar-312487>

### **BGMEA president says Bangladesh RMG industry growing sustainably**

- At a webinar titled "Lean into the Future of Green Transition - Greentech for Industrial Processes & Sustainable Buildings" hosted by the Trade Council of Denmark - Bangladesh, in collaboration with BGMEA, the president of BGMEA Faruque Hassan talked about the sustainable growth of the RMG sector.

- He stated that the industry has 148 LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green factories certified by the US Green Building Council (USGBC), of which 44 are Platinum rated and 91 are Gold rated. Moreover, 40 out of top 100 green factories of the world belong to Bangladesh while 500 more are in the process of getting certification.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bgmea-president-says-bangladesh-rmg-industry-growing-sustainably-1633525194>

### **Burgeoning local demand to spur call centre business**

- The country's call centre industry is set to undergo fast growth as the government alongside private entities such as banks have started to provide many services through helplines.

- Local entrepreneurs are now hopeful of further expansion of the sector as the government now provides anything from legal assistance to health services through call centres run by private entities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/burgeoning-local-demand-spur-call-centre-business-2192571>

### **Firms' registration begins in a month**

- The government will begin registering e-commerce and F-commerce firms within a month in a bid to restore discipline in the emerging industry and protect customers and merchants from dodgy business practices.

- The commerce ministry has already finalized the draft of the registration form to provide a unique number to online e-commerce platforms.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/e-commerce/news/firms-registration-begins-month-2192556>

### **Government to hold majority stake in Nagad**

- The process has begun to include government's majority stake in Nagad. With the move, the postal department will own 51% of the company, while the remaining 49% share will be held by Third Wave Technologies.

- The postal department has already renamed the MFS provider as "Nagad Bangladesh PLC".

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/govt-hold-majority-stake-nagad-312157>

### **Insurance payment on fingertip with Nagad**

- The customers of the Postal Department's mobile financial service Nagad can now pay their insurance premiums to almost all the companies in an easier way.

- Recently Nagad has signed few agreements with Guardian Life Insurance, Rupali Life Insurance and Chartered Life Insurance in this regard. Earlier, Nagad signed a similar agreement with 27 other insurance companies including JibanBima Corporation and MetLife and now the numbers reached 30.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/06/insurance-payment-on-fingertip-with-nagad>

## Comviva launches next gen digital wallet mobiquity Pay X

- Comviva has announced the launch of mobiquity Pay X, its next generation digital wallet and payment platform in Bangladesh. Mobiquity Pay is amongst the world's largest digital financial services platforms, powering over 70 digital wallets and payment services for 130+ million consumers and processing over seven billion transactions exceeding USD 130 billion annually in more than 50 countries.
- This new platform is completely built on microservices based architecture with fully independent and reusable components. It significantly strengthens security with robust authentication and authorisation modules.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/151100/comviva-launches-next-gen-digital-wallet-mobiquity-pay-x>

## Important News: Capital Market

### DSE assign Saifur Rahman Mazumdar as public information officer

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has assigned its Chief Operating Officer (COO) M Saifur Rahman Mazumdar as the public information officer (PIO).
- Mazumdar will be responsible to ensure the availability of all the necessary information regarding the bourse, the capital market for DSE brokers, investors, and journalists.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-assign-saifur-rahman-mazumdar-public-information-officer-311938>

### BSEC approves BDT 150 Mn IPO of BD Thai Food & Beverage

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) approved the initial public offering (IPO) proposal of BD Thai Food & Beverage Ltd to raise a capital worth BDT 150 million from the capital market. The company will utilize the IPO proceeds for purchasing machinery and equipment, land development, building construction and bearing the IPO expenses.
- The BSEC has also decided to allow the BD Thai Food & Beverage to disburse 15% of IPO shares to its employees and lock-in period for two years.
- BLI Capital and Unicap Investment will jointly act as the issue manager for the IPO process.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-approves-tk-150m-ipo-of-bd-thai-food-beverage-1633274378>

## Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to sue directors of Shurwid Industries

- BSEC has decided to file a case against the board of directors of Shurwid Industries for recommending dividend to manipulate the share price of the company.
- The PVC product manufacturer announced a 10% cash dividend on November 3, 2019, for the year ended on June 30 of 2019. However, the company did not pay the dividend to the shareholders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/stock/news/stock-market-regulator-sue-directors-shurwid-industries-2189866>

### Shurwid Ind price wobbles after BSEC's case file news

- Shurwid Industries' stocks tumbled on Monday, a day after the securities regulator has decided to file a case against its board of directors for recommending dividends for fiscal year 2018-19 in an attempt to manipulate its share prices.
- The PVC product manufacturer's share price plunged 9.65% to close at BDT 20.60 each on Monday. The company was also the day's top loser on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/shurwid-ind-price-wobbles-after-bsecs-case-file-news-1633366539>

### Stocks rally to record highs on large caps cos

- Dhaka stocks advanced to hit a new high in the past week despite a fall in share prices of around two-thirds of the companies as a section of investors went for buying shares, especially those of large capitalised companies, while many others remained cautious on the trading floor.
- DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 1.08 %, or 78.44 points, over the past week to hit an all-time high of 7,329.04 points on September 30, the last trading session of the week after gaining 22.29 points in the previous week.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/150733/stocks-rally-to-record-highs-on-large-caps-cos>

### Star Adhesives to be listed on SME platform

- Star Adhesives Limited, a concern of Partex Group, has decided to raise BDT 5 crore through a qualified investor offer (QIO) under the small medium enterprise platform. The net proceeds from the QIO will be used for factory renovation and meet up working capital requirement and loan payment.
- AAA Finance & Investment Limited is the issue manager of the QIO.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/151105/star-adhesives-to-be-listed-on-sme-platform>

### Price surge of two large-cap stocks draws DSE notice

- Two large-cap stocks from Beximco and LafargeHolcim are witnessing an unprecedented price surge and increased volume of trading in recent times, inviting the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) notice for explanation.
- Share price of Beximco jumped about 29% within a month to close over two-year high at BDT 148.30 on Tuesday. LafargeHolcim's stock price also more than doubled within 6 months.
- Following the 'abnormal' price hike and increase in volume of shares, the DSE Tuesday served show-cause notice on the company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/price-surge-of-two-large-cap-stocks-draws-dse-notice-1633457781>

### Foreign investors pull BDT 381cr from stocks in July-Aug

- Foreign investors on the Dhaka Stock Exchange withdrew BDT 381.6 crore from the bourse in the July-August period following a relentless surge on the market.
- The overseas investors pulled BDT 205.4 crore from the market in August and BDT 176.2 crore in July this year.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/150719/foreign-investors-pull-tk-381cr-from-stocks-in-july-aug>

### Stocks tumble despite blue-chips boost

- The prime index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dropped on Monday, snapping a five-day winning streak, despite a rise in prices of blue-chip stocks amid increased purchase by institutional investors. DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, plunged by 28.49 points or 0.38% to settle at 7,327, after gaining 119 points in the past five trading days. However, the blue-chip index, DS30, rose by 23.55 points or 0.85% to close at a new peak at 2,765.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/stocks-tumble-despite-blue-chips-boost-1633347421>

### ACI Motors launches 'Nolan and X-Lite' helmets

- The Nolan and X-Lite brand helmets are used by many riders in the Moto GP, the world championship for motorcycle racing.
- ACI Motors has launched motorcycle helmets of renowned brands Nolan and X-Lite, as the sole distributor in Bangladesh.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/aci-motors-launched-nolan-and-x-lite-helmets>

### Beximco Pharma acquires majority stake in Sanofi Bangladesh Limited

- The deal was made in line with the strategy to expand core capabilities and product offering
- The country's leading manufacturer and exporter of medicine Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited have completed its acquisition of the majority stake (54.6%) in Sanofi Bangladesh Limited.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/02/beximco-pharma-completes-acquisition-of-a-majority-stake-in-sanofi-bangladesh-limited>

### Walton inks deal with Kargi to export 300,000 compressors to Turkey in 2022

- As per a press release, Walton have set a target of exporting 1 million units of compressor to Turkey by 2023. The company has already shipped out 200,000 compressors.
- To further export 300,000 units of compressors in 2022, Walton has inked another fresh deal with the Turkish company named 'Kargi Sogutma Isitma San Ve Tic Ltd,' a renowned brand in Turkey that deals with imports, exports and marketing of hi-tech spare parts for domestic and industrial products with comprehensive range of customer portfolio throughout Turkey and also abroad, especially in Europe.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/150813/walton-inks-deal-with-kargi-to-export-300000-compressors-to-turkey-in-2022>

### Standard Bank gets new DMD

- Standard Bank Limited has recently appointed M Latif Hasan as the new deputy managing director and chief business officer.
- The new DMD previously served Eastern Bank Limited as head of credit risk management and has also worked for Citibank NA Bangladesh and Prime Bank Limited. He was also a member of the BASEL II Core Implementation Team and the Tax Reform Committee.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/standard-bank-gets-new-dmd-2190171>

### Thrift in sales and marketing expenses, Apex Tannery returns to profit

- Apex Tannery Ltd has returned to profit in FY21 riding on an increase in sales and thrift in sales and marketing expenses following the pandemic where sales decreased by 38% in FY20 compared to the previous year due to lower demand in the export destinations and it incurred losses.
- The company has recommended a 10% cash dividend for its shareholders for FY21.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/thrift-sales-and-marketing-expenses-apex-tannery-returns-profit-310960>

### **Apex Footwear takes Apex Tannery's unit-2 on lease for another 20 years**

- A lease agreement with Apex Tannery was extended to facilitate Apex Footwear production. The lease agreement will be effective from 1 October, 2021, to 30 September, 2041.
- For the first 10 years, the monthly rent will be BDT 27.50 lakh and for the next 10 years it will be BDT 30.25 lakh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/apex-footwear-takes-apex-tannerys-unit-2-lease-another-20-years-311980>

### **IFIC Bank to withdraw its BDT 1,000 crore perpetual bond application**

- IFIC Bank will withdraw the application it had submitted to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) seeking approval for issuing perpetual bonds worth BDT 1,000 crore.
- According to the bank, the withdrawal was required since another application is under process to issue a non-convertible subordinated bond of BDT 500 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ific-bank-withdraw-its-tk1000cr-perpetual-bond-application-310957>

### **Bproperty and LankaBangla collaborate to provide easier home loan solutions**

- Bproperty has recently signed an agreement with LankaBangla Finance. Under this understanding, LankaBangla Finance will provide a special rate of interest, faster home loan processing, and much more to the clients of Bproperty.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/05/bproperty-and-lankabangla-come-together-to-provide-easier-home-loan-solutions>

### **Beximco Sukuk bond: General investors subscribe 56% of the public offer**

- General investors have subscribed only 56% of the total public offer of BDT 750 crore of the Beximco Green-Sukuk Al Istisna – the first-ever asset-backed security by a private sector entity in Bangladesh.
- Sources at BSEC said general investors have subscribed for Tk422 crore of the total offer amount.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/beximco-sukuk-bond-general-investors-subscribe-56-public-offer-312007>

### **Moody's changes City Bank outlook to stable**

- Moody's Investors Service has changed the outlook to "stable" from "negative" and affirmed issuer rating at B1 for City Bank Limited.
- The outlook reflects Moody's expectation that Bangladesh's robust economic growth and the pandemic-related forbearance measures that eased debt repayment burden of affected borrowers would limit the banks' asset quality deterioration and support their solvency over the next 12 to 18 months.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/moodys-changes-city-bank-outlook-stable-2191641>

### **Energypac introduces motor vehicle service center in Bogura**

- The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of Energypac Power Generation Limited (EPGL) has inaugurated a motor vehicle service center on October 5 in Bogura, with a view to providing 360-degree vehicle services to the customers and catering all their vehicle-related necessities.
- The centre will provide 360-degree vehicle services for JAC trucks and pickups, JCB and Heli construction machineries, Shacman heavy-duty trucks, and Ankai buses.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/05/energypac-introduces-motor-vehicle-service-center-in-bogura>

### **Premier Bank inks agreement with SME Foundation**

- The Premier Bank Limited signed an agreement with **SME Foundation** for providing loan facility to the SME Business in rural & sub urban area of Bangladesh affected for pandemic of COVID-19.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/premier-bank-inks-agreement-with-sme-foundation-1633534135>

### **Standard Chartered Bank unveils banking services for expatriates living in Bangladesh**

- Standard Chartered Bangladesh has announced the launch of expat banking services, through which expatriates residing in Bangladesh will enjoy access to a full range of banking services, seamlessly integrating their banking experience across Bangladesh and their home countries.
- As part of the service, the bank introduced the first dedicated helpdesk called Non-Resident Indian (NRI) desk, catering to the banking needs of Indian expatriates

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/stanchart-unveils-banking-services-expatriates-living-bangladesh-2192146>

### **Nialco Alloys to set up new plants**

- Nialco Alloys Limited will set up two new plants to manufacture finished products to expand its business.
- An official at Nialco Alloys said it will invest more than BDT 2 crore in the new plants – an Aluminium Manufacturing Plant and an Aluminium Zink Recycling Plant – and the project cost will come from the bank credits.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/dropped/industry/nialco-alloys-set-new-plants-312430>

### **Berger introduces first-ever acrylic paint made in Bangladesh**

- Berger Paints Bangladesh has launched Berger Artista — the first-ever acrylic paint for artists made in Bangladesh.
- The leading paints solution brand has opted to inspire creativity and support artists of the country with this introduction of cost-efficient acrylic paints, which come in seven elementary shades: Titanium White, Black, Cobalt Blue, Viridian Green, Cadmium Yellow, Yellow Ochre and Vermilion.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2021/10/06/berger-introduces-first-ever-acrylic-paint-made-in-bangladesh>

### **Mika Securities signs deal with technological partners**

- Mika Securities Ltd, a brokerage firm of Dhaka Stock Exchange, has partnered with DirectFN and Magnus Corporation for better brokerage management.
- In addition to the Brokerage Management Solution (BMS), the Next Generation Trading Platform (NTP) along with a whole suite of innovative features for a superior customer experience will be launched for clients of Mika Securities Ltd.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mika-securities-signs-deal-technological-partners-312406>

### **RFL door maker to offer BDT 300 crore Sukuk for expansion**

- Banga Building Material Ltd (BBML), the maker of RFL uPVC doors, sheets, ceiling panels, and furniture, is going to raise BDT 300 crore through Sukuk for capacity expansion at its Habiganj industrial park unit.
- The sister concern of the RFL Group has appointed City Bank Capital Resources as the arranger and adviser for the issuance of the Shariah-compliant asset-backed securities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rfl-door-maker-offer-tk300cr-sukuk-expansion-312451>

### **Asiatic Laboratories to go public for business expansion**

- Asiatic Laboratories Limited, a medium-sized pharmaceuticals company, wants to raise BDT 95 crore with an initial public offering (IPO) under the book building method. It will

spend the IPO proceeds on implementing new projects at its existing factory premises in Gazipur. The company also wants a premium on the face value of BDT 10 of its primary shares.

- Shahjalal Equity Management Limited has already signed an agreement with the company to provide issue management services.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/asiatic-laboratories-go-public-business-expansion-312460>

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