



DSEX 5,829.37



0.42% ▲

CSCX 10,016.22



0.61% ▲

Gold (Ounce)



\$ 2,534.00 ▲

Oil (Barrel)



\$ 76.77 ▼

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Dollar \$ 117.00 118.00

Euro € 125.00 131.00

GBP £ 144.00 150.00

Rupee ₹ 1.32 1.45





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MACRO ECONOMY

ADP IMPLEMENTATION RATE 1% IN FIRST MONTH OF FY25

- In the first month (July) of fiscal year 2024-25, the government's ministries and departments spent Tk2,922 crore from Annual Development Programme (ADP) allocation.
- The spent amount is only 1.05% of the total allocation for the fiscal year, according to the latest report of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Department (IMED).
- IMED officials said the ADP implementation rate usually remains low at the beginning of the fiscal year as project officials remain busy with preparatory work in this period. The rate in July this year remained low due to the blockades and political unrest across the country, they said.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adp-implementation-rate-1-first-month-fy25-931031>

AUGUST REMITTANCE INFLOW SURGES 39% YOY, HITTING \$2.2B

- Bangladesh received a whopping \$2.2 billion in remittances in the just concluded August, registering a 39% year-on-year increase, according to Bangladesh Bank data.
- In August 2023, expatriates sent \$1.6 billion in remittances. Compared to July 2024, remittance inflow in August surged by 16%. In July, the country's banks received \$1.91 billion in remittances.
- Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and chief executive officer of Mutual Trust Bank, told The Business Standard, "Due to nationwide unrest, remittances during the first 10 days of August did not meet expectations. However, by the end of August, remittances had come in at a satisfactory level." He added, "Typically, we receive close to \$2 billion in remittances every month. Increasing this amount further would be beneficial for our economy."

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-surges-39-august-reaching-22-billion-930991>

IMF MAY LEND \$3.0B MORE

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials were found positive about a Bangladesh proposal seeking US\$3.0 billion more in budget support in addition to the ongoing loan package, said the Finance and Commerce Adviser.
- "The IMF wanted to know about the interim government's plans on reforms under the existing loan programme," Dr Salehuddin Ahmed Sunday told newsmen at his secretariat office in Dhaka.
- "I gave them hints that the reforms have started and we are committed to doing so," said the adviser.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-may-lend-30b-more-1725213099>

EXPORT-ORIENTED UNITS TO GET LOAN FOR EMPLOYEE SALARIES

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday announced that it would allow loan facilities to export-oriented units for the payment of employee salaries.
- These units have been facing difficulties due to the recent domestic political situation and the global economic environment. As a result, many industrial units have struggled to pay their employees. To ensure uninterrupted production, BB will extend loan facilities to these export-oriented industries.
- Term loans will be provided to active export-oriented industries to cover salaries and allowances for August 2024. These loans will be based on the banker-customer relationship, and the amount will not exceed the average salary and allowance paid by the borrower over the last three months.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/export-oriented-units-to-get-loan-for-employee-salaries-1725213046>

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BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

BB RECONSTITUTES FSIB BOARD

- The Bangladesh Bank has reconstituted the Board of Directors of S Alam Group's Fast Security Islami Bank (FSIB) and appointed Abdul Mannan, former managing director of Islami Bank, as chairman.
- The central bank sent a letter in this regard on Sunday to the managing director of Fast Security Islami Bank for immediate execution, reports UNB.
- The five-member board also includes BB's former executive director Azizur Rahman, Uttara Bank's former deputy managing director Abdul Quddus, Dhaka University Professor Saiful Alam, and Chartered Accountant Ragib Ahsan.

Source: <https://businesspostbd.com/economy/banking/bb-reconstitutes-fsib-board>

REPAYMENT RULES RELAXED FOR FLOOD AFFECTED SMALL BORROWERS

- Borrowers of agricultural and cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise sectors in the areas affected by recent floods in the country would get relaxed loan repayment facilities, according to a Bangladesh Bank circular yesterday.
- The notice said the instalments of loans, which are payable between August and September, can be paid in the next three months.
- Borrowers who would be eligible include those from areas identified by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, including Feni, Noakhali, Lakshmipur, Cumilla and Chattogram. The banks have been asked not to impose any extra interest or charge other than the initial interest on the late repayment.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/repayment-rules-relaxed-flood-affected-small-borrowers-3692301>

TEXTILE

RMG OWNERS TO GET SOFT LOAN TO PAY WORKERS

- Bangladesh Bank has decided to provide a soft loan to readymade garment (RMG) factory owners to help them pay workers' salaries for August, due to the ongoing unstable situation.
- Speaking to The Business Post, BGMEA President Khandoker Rafiqul Islam said, "We were already in negative export growth and we failed to continue production at least for 10 days in July-August due to the recent student revolution." "We urged the government and the central bank to provide a soft loan to pay the workers' salaries for August, and they have finally approved it," he said.
- Rafiqul further added that around Tk 2,800 crore is needed to pay a single month's salary for the workers. According to sources from the central bank and BGMEA, the loan is likely to be repaid within six months. The central bank has instructed all commercial banks to ensure the loan is repaid on time and the loan amount will be directly transferred to the workers' bank accounts or mobile financial services accounts.

Source: <https://businesspostbd.com/economy/rmg/rmg-owners-to-get-soft-loan-to-pay-workers>

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SIMTEX INVESTORS DEMAND BOD DISSOLUTION OVER ALLEGED CORRUPTION

- Investors of Simtex Industries Limited, a publicly listed firm, are urging the dissolution of the company's Board of Directors (BoD) amid allegations of severe financial irregularities. Accusations have surfaced against certain directors and officials, including ties to known banking sector scammer PK Halder, of turning the company into a "bottomless basket" through corruption and money laundering.
- Last week, Md Mohiuddin Mintu, president of Pujibazar Biniyogkari Kallan Forum, formally raised these concerns with a letter sent to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), urging the regulatory body's immediate intervention.
- According to the letter, scammer PK Halder's accomplice Siddiquir Raman and his son Niaz Rahman Shakib occupied Simtex Industries and started laundering money from it. This act of financial theft found merit in the BSEC's investigation as well. The letter also reveals that Siddiquir Raman was the sole signatory on Simtex's bank account, allowing him to withdraw funds without any limits.

Source: <https://businesspostbd.com/stocks/simtex-investors-demand-bod-dissolution-over-alleged-corruption>

ENGINEERING

MOTORCYCLE SALES TUMBLE TO SEVEN-YEAR LOW

- The hope of manufacturers for a scaled-up motorcycle market – to reach a million units a year by 2027 – now seems to be fading away.
- The economic slowdown, coupled with a sharp rise in costs and selling prices, has instead dragged sales down to a seven-year low.
- Data from industry insiders reveal that annual sales, which took off with the local manufacturing wave in 2017, peaked at over 6.4 lakh units in the fiscal 2021-22 due to price reductions and commuters' need for social distancing at the time. In FY24, national sales dropped for the second consecutive year to 3.84 lakh units.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/transport/motorcycle-sales-tumble-seven-year-low-931301>

CAPITAL MARKET

STOCKS RISE DESPITE WEAK LARGE-CAP SHARES

- Stocks saw an uptick today, driven by gains in the insurance sector and weak, loss-making shares, despite a significant drop in large-cap stocks, raising concerns of potential market manipulation.
- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose by 24 points to 5,829, marking its third consecutive day of gains. The blue-chip DS30 index also increased by 4 points, closing at 2,128. However, turnover at the DSE fell by 3% to Tk933 crore, reflecting reduced investor participation. Out of the traded scrips, 255 advanced, 100 declined, and 35 remained unchanged.
- EBL Securities noted in its daily market review that the week began positively for the capital market, with the benchmark index continuing its upward trend due to renewed investor confidence. This optimism was driven by expectations of favourable market conditions following recent regulatory reforms.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-edge-opening-session-930581>

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REGULATOR FORMS BODY TO PROBE BEXIMCO SUKUK, IFIC AMAR BOND, OTHER STOCK SCAMS

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has formed a probe committee to investigate past irregularities, manipulation, and corruption in the capital market including issues related to Beximco Sukuk and Sreepur Township bonds linked to Salman F Rahman.
- The committee will also examine the selection of ABG Limited, a concern of Bashundhara Group, as a strategic investor in the Chittagong Stock Exchange, its acquisition and pricing of stock exchange shares, as well as Best Holdings Ltd's Tk450 crore raise through the book building method and its IPO issues.
- The committee will be headed by Zia Uddin Ahmed, chairman of Terra Resources International and VIPB Asset Management. It will investigate 12 issues in the first phase and submit a report to the commission within 60 days.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/body-formed-probe-salman-f-rahmans-green-sukuk-bashundharas-strategic-partnership>

SUMMIT POWER, EXIM BANK AMONG 10 FIRMS REMOVED FROM CSE30 INDEX

- The port city bourse Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has removed 10 companies including Apex Footwear, Exim Bank, Pubali Bank, Mercantile Bank and Summit Power from its blue-chip index CSE30.
- After removing them, the CSE has included the same number of firms including Bank Asia, BAT Bangladesh, BSRM Steels, Square Textiles and NRBC Bank.
- The CSE30 Index is reviewed twice a year. The revised index will be effective from 10 September, according to a CSE press release.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-power-exim-bank-among-10-firms-removed-cse30-index-931176>

DHAKA BOURSE GETS SEVEN INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has appointed seven new independent directors for the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- In a press statement today (1 September), the commission stated that the DSE board consists of 13 directors. Among them, seven are independent, five are shareholders and strategic investors, and one is an ex-officio managing director with voting rights.
- The independent directors are K A M Majedur Rahman, former MD at DSE; Professor Major General (Retd) Mohammad Quamruzzaman; Dr Nahid Hossain, joint secretary at Financial Institutions Division; Dr Mohammed Helal Uddin, director research at Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP); Brigadier General Md Mofizul Islam Rashed; Syed Hammadul Karim, former GM of Metlife Bangladesh; Mohammed Ishaque Miah, MD and CEO of Bangladesh Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site, and chief information security officer of Bangladesh bank (Lien).

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-bourse-gets-seven-independent-directors-931136>

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