



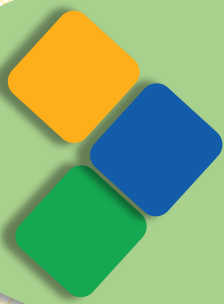
DSEX 6,277.20  0.27% ▲
 CSCX 11,063.85  0.23% ▲

Gold (Ounce)  \$ 1,995.50 ▼
 Oil (Barrel)  \$ 75.01 ▼

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Dollar  108.00  BUY ▲ 109.00  Sell
 Euro  119.10  BUY ▲ 124.10  Sell






GBP  130.20  BUY ▲ 138.20  Sell
 Rupee  1.29  BUY ▲ 1.36  Sell



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MACRO ECONOMY

LOWER AGRI, INDUSTRIAL OUTPUTS DRAG DOWN GDP IN FY23

- A fall in production in the agriculture, manufacturing and service sectors led to a slowdown in Bangladesh's gross domestic product (GDP).
- The growth in the agriculture sector for the fiscal 2022-23 slowed to 2.61%, down from 3.05% in the previous fiscal year. The industrial sector also registered a drop in production from 9.86% to 8.18% in FY2022-23.
- Former lead economist of the World Bank Dhaka office Zahid Hussain said the effect of high inflation affected all sectors. On the demand side, it led to a reduction in people's purchasing power capacity. On the other hand, the dollar crisis affected growth as it made it difficult to import machinery and raw materials, which in turn affected supply, he said.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/lower-agri-industrial-outputs-drag-down-gdp-fy23-633034>

GOVT TO RELY MORE ON BANKS TO FINANCE BUDGET DEFICIT

- The government is going to rely heavily on the banking system to finance the budget deficit for the next fiscal year — a move that analysts say could potentially crowd out the private sector from the loan market and eventually slow investment growth.
- The budget deficit is estimated to be Tk2.60 lakh crore, of which Tk 1.36 lakh crore is targeted to be sourced from the banking system, according to a finance ministry document obtained by The Business Standard.
- According to Finance Division officials, the government will borrow 28% more than the target of the current fiscal year from the banking system to meet the budget deficit in the next financial year.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-rely-more-banks-finance-budget-deficit-633070>

IMPORTS DROP WITH DOMINO EFFECT ON BD ECONOMY

- Ongoing belt-tightening measures the government has undertaken to ease pressures on its foreign-exchange reserves continues squeezing imports as letter of credit (LC) opening plummeted around 27 per cent during ten months to April.
- During the July-April period of the current fiscal year, 2022-2023, the total opening of LCs was recorded at US\$56.36 billion--down 26.80 per cent from the same period a year earlier when LCs worth US\$76.65 billion were opened.
- A breakdown of the data on restrictive import trade shows the opening of LCs against intermediate goods dropped by 30.39 per cent during the ten months, capital machinery as high as 56.91 per cent, industrial raw materials by 31.85 per cent, consumer goods by 18.19 per cent, machinery for miscellaneous industries by 45.59 per cent and others by 19.53 per cent.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imports-drop-with-domino-effect-on-bd-economy-1684261752>

INTERBANK DOLLAR RATE RISES TO TK108.50

- Within a week, the interbank exchange rate for dollars rose from Tk108 to Tk108.50, which is the highest in the country's history.
- According to central bank data, the dollar traded at the lowest rate of Tk107.26 and highest rate of Tk108.50 on Monday (16 May).
- Bankers said the interbank dollar rate has increased mainly due to the increase in remittance rates.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/interbank-dollar-rate-rises-tk10850-632962>

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BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

BANKS DIVERT FUNDS TO BONDS TO TACKLE INCOME LOSS FROM LENDING, STOCKS

- Banks have diverted attention to risk-free treasury bonds and corporate debt securities amid the stock market volatility and liquidity crunch, which has reflected in their rising shift in income between 2021 and 2022.
- "Banks were not supposed to keep their funds idle", said Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank Ltd, when the stock market was badly hurt by economic uncertainties and the private sector credit flow shrank. So, they took positions in government debt securities with fixed returns in 2022.
- "Their decision was right and prudent and the banks were able to ensure huge returns from treasury bonds," Mr. Iftekhar said.

Source: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/banks-divert-funds-to-bonds-to-tackle-income-loss-from-lending-stocks>

TEXTILE

APPAREL EXPORTS MAY BOUNCE BACK BY DECEMBER

- RMG buyers, technology suppliers as well as fabrics and garments manufacturers are hoping Bangladesh's apparel exports will make a return to positive trends in the next six months.
- Global demand is expected to be higher than in the previous year as most brands and retailers will have their stocks cleared by that time frame, apparel stakeholders told The Business Standard during the Bangladesh Denim Expo on Tuesday.
- In April, exports for the RMG sector stood at \$3.32 billion, which is a significant decline of 15.48% compared to April of 2022.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/apparel-exports-may-bounce-back-december-633066>

Q1 DENIM EXPORTS TO EU, US WITNESS NEGATIVE GROWTH

- Though Bangladesh dominates the global denim market, it witnessed a negative export growth of the items in both the European Union and USA during the first quarter (Q1) of this calendar year.
- Exporters have attributed the fall to a sluggish demand in the markets due to economic slowdown triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war-induced high inflation that forced the consumers to prioritise their basic needs.
- Exports of denim garments to the USA in January-March period of 2023 recorded over 33 per cent negative growth to US\$131.44 million which was \$196.25 million during the same quarter last year, according to data from OTEXA, an affiliate of the US Department of Commerce.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/apparel-exports-may-bounce-back-december-633066>

TELECOMMUNICATION

EXPORT CASH INCENTIVE CUTS, VAT ON MOBILE HANDSETS PLANNED

- In preparation for the post-LDC era beginning in 2026, when cash incentives will no longer be permitted under WTO rules, the government has decided to gradually reduce cash incentives for exporters.
- There is a proposal in principle to decrease cash incentives for exports by a range of 0.5 to 2 percentage points starting in the next fiscal year.
- The government has also decided to impose value-added tax (VAT) on mobile handsets manufactured and assembled locally in the next fiscal year, commerce ministry officials said.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget/export-cash-incentive-cuts-vat-mobile-handsets-planned-633082>



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PHARMACEUTICAL & CHEMICALS

GOVT SITS WITH STAKEHOLDERS TODAY

- The government is scheduled to sit with stakeholders today (Wednesday) to find reasons behind a recent hike in prices of medicines and medical equipment.
- Today's meeting is part of an instruction from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA), which is authorised to approve prices of medicines, will hold the meeting on its premises.
- Pharmaceutical company representatives, chemists and druggists, law-enforcers, intelligence officials, medical device and instrument importers association, pharmaceutical importers association and Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) have been invited to the meeting.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-sits-with-stakeholders-today-1684261708>

CAPITAL MARKET

INSURANCE STOCKS UP ON THIRD LOSING DAY FOR DSEX

- Equity indices on the Dhaka and Chattogram bourses closed lower for the third consecutive session as cautious investors kept booking some of their recent quick profits amid the uncertainties related to the upcoming national budget.
- DSEX, the broad-based index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), closed 0.05% lower at 6,260 on Monday.
- Stock brokers said during the dividend season many investors poured their free cash into oversold non-life insurance stocks counting on a decent 3%-4% dividend yield alongside the hope for some capital gains and that triggered a spark in demand for the stocks.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/insurance-stocks-third-losing-day-dsex-632554>

FIRMS TO FACE MUSIC FOR FAILURE TO TRANSFER UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is becoming stricter in realising unclaimed and undisbursed dividends from companies listed on the country's stock market.
- The companies will have until 30 June to deposit the undisbursed dividends to the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF). In the event of default, they will be required to pay a surcharge of 2.5% of the undisbursed amount every month.
- According to CMSF officials, while some companies transferred 100% cash or bonus dividend deposits, others gave nothing. In particular, some have deposited cash dividends but not yet transferred bonus dividends. However, there are questions about the legality of the formation of the fund by the BSEC.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/firms-face-music-failure-transfer-unclaimed-dividends-633078>

SME BOARD INVESTORS CAN TRADE SHARES ON BLOCK MARKET FROM 21 MAY

- Investors of the small and medium enterprise (SME) companies can trade shares on the block market from 21 May, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- In a block market, buyers and sellers set a price in advance and then trade shares in this market. But shares cannot be bought or sold for less than Tk5 lakh here.
- At present, 15 companies are listed on the SME platform.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sme-board-investors-can-trade-shares-block-market-21-may-633014>

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BSEC REJECTS DBL GROUP CONCERN'S SME BOARD LISTING

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected the qualified investor offer (QIO) of Parkway Packaging and Printing PLC – a concern of the DBL Group – because of some major non-compliances by the firm.
- According to BSEC officials, the company applied for the QIO by submitting financial statements for the July to December period of 2022, that too without any document verification system (DVS) number.
- Earlier, the company applied to the BSEC for raising Tk5 crore from the Small Capital Platform of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) through a QIO under the fixed price method. The company wanted to use the fund for working capital and meeting QIO expenses. Seeking anonymity, a top official at the company said they want to apply for QIO again after June this year.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-dbl-group-concerns-sme-board-listing-633022>



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