



DSEX 5,315.45  -0.54% ▼  
CSCX 9,163.87  -0.58% ▼







Gold (Ounce)  \$ 3,399.80 ▼  
Oil (Barrel)  \$ 66.21 ▼







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13<sup>th</sup> August 2025



Dollar  122.00  123.00   
Euro  135.00  140.00 

GBP  155.00  162.00   
Rupee  1.38  1.45 



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## MACROECONOMY

### EXPORT TARGET SET AT \$63.5B, EYING US TARIFF ADVANTAGE

- The government has set a high export target of \$63.5 billion for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, hoping to boost shipments to the United States by capitalising on Bangladesh's favourable position under the new US tariff regime.
- Despite failing in the last three years, exporters are hopeful of achieving the target this time if the existing challenges, such as energy shortages, banking issues and customs hurdles, are resolved.
- Of the total target, \$55 billion is expected from goods exports, a 13.4 percent increase over last year, while services exports aim for \$8.5 billion, marking an 18.7 percent rise, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/export-target-set-635b-eying-us-tariff-advantage-3961451>

### GROWTH SLUGGISH AMID EARLY TURNAROUND SIGNS

- The outgoing fiscal year (FY), 2024-25, ended with mixed outcomes for Bangladesh's economy, the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) has said.
- "Though growth remains sluggish, the quarter under review (Q4 of FY25) showed early signs of a turnaround," the MCCI said in its quarterly economic review for April-June 2025 released on Tuesday.
- Increased export earnings and remittance inflows have helped stabilise foreign currency reserves and inject some vitality into the economy, according to the country's oldest chamber. "Still, several structural issues continue to weigh heavily on recovery," the MCCI said, adding that weak private sector credit growth, declining imports of capital machinery, and falling investment levels have all contributed to slower economic momentum. Furthermore, longstanding problems in the banking sector, including regulatory gaps and widespread loan irregularities, have hampered broader recovery efforts, it added.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/growth-sluggish-amid-early-turnaround-signs-1755023031>

## BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### BANKS SHIFT FOCUS FROM DEPOSIT DRIVE TO BB'S LIQUIDITY TOOLS

- Commercial banks in Bangladesh are scaling back efforts to grow deposits as slowing economic activity reduces investment opportunities, prompting a shift towards maximising the use of Bangladesh Bank's short-term liquidity instruments.
- Top executives from several banks told The Financial Express in recent weeks that the sluggish economy has left them reluctant to take on additional liabilities, particularly costly deposits, given the limited avenues for deploying funds profitably. Instead, they are leaning more heavily on central bank facilities to meet day-to-day liquidity needs.
- According to BB data, banks borrowed Tk 1.80 trillion in April, with monthly borrowing surging to over Tk 2.25 trillion by June.

Source: <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-shift-focus-from-deposit-drive-to-bbs-liquidity-tools-1755023161>

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## INSURANCE

### PRAGATI LIFE FACES TK47.63CR IN DOUBTFUL INVESTMENTS

- The auditor has flagged that Tk47.63 crore of Pragati Life Insurance's investments are doubtful in terms of recovery, warning that the amount could result in a significant financial loss for the company.
- According to the auditor's opinion for 2024 published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today, Pragati Life holds Tk95.39 crore in balances with other banks and financial institutions, along with an investment of Tk98.50 lakh in the UFS-Pragati Life Unit Fund. The auditor also noted an advance and deposit of Tk79.80 lakh to Jamuna Resort Limited. Out of these amounts, Tk47.63 crore investments are doubtful in terms of recovery, said the auditor in the audit report for 2024.
- Despite these concerns, Pragati Life has made a provision of only Tk6.70 crore against the potentially impaired investments. The board has approved a plan to fully make the provision within five years and is also considering legal action to recover the funds.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pragati-life-faces-tk4763cr-doubtful-investments-1210886>

## MISCELLANEOUS

### SHIPPING CORP TO ACQUIRE TK934CR BULK CARRIERS FROM US FIRM HELLENIC

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), the state-owned oceangoing vessel management authority, has selected a US-based company, Hellenic Dry Bulk Ventures LLC, to purchase two bulk carriers for \$76.698 million, equivalent to Tk935 crore.
- In a strategic move to expand its presence in the shipping industry and grow its fleet, BSC will invest its own funds to procure the vessels – each having a capacity of carrying 55,000-66,000 DWT – for the first time in its history.
- The ships are expected to be delivered by November this year, with the first handover in September and the second by November, according to company officials.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shipping-corp-acquire-tk934cr-bulk-carriers-us-firm-hellenic-1210896>

## CAPITAL MARKET

### DHAKA STOCKS CONTINUE TO FALL

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange continued its bearish trend yesterday, extending its losses for the sixth consecutive day.
- The DSEX, the main index of the bourse, declined 28.60 points, or 0.53 percent, to settle at 5,315.44. The other indices also posted negative performances before the end of the day's trading. The Shariah-compliant DSES fell 0.82 percent to 1,152.5, while the DS30, comprising blue-chip shares, declined 0.76 percent to close at 2,051.29.
- However, turnover, a key gauge of investor participation, hit Tk 666.51 crore, up from Tk 610.86 crore of the previous session.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dhaka-stocks-continue-fall-3961411>

### DRAFT MARGIN RULES APPROVED: CREDIT ACCESS LIMITED TO A-CLASS STOCKS

- The securities regulator has approved the draft of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Margin) Rules, 2025, allowing credits for purchasing 'A' category stocks only.
- The draft rules also prohibit margin loans to investors having less than Tk 1.0 million in equity investment.
- "Investors do not need margin loans to purchase debt securities as such instruments offer fixed income," said BSEC spokesperson Md. Abul Kalam.

Source: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/draft-margin-rules-approved-credit-access-limited-to-a-class-stocks>





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## CSE'S APPLICATION TO LIST 35% SHARES ON DSE REJECTED

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has had its application to list 35% of its blocked shares on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rejected.
- The main reasons for the rejection include a prohibition on the direct listing of shares of companies other than government-owned enterprises on the stock exchange. Additionally, the proposed method of offloading shares—20% through private placement and 15% through public placement—conflicts with the provisions of the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013.
- Furthermore, the applicant lacks an operating profit from its core business. The application was also incomplete, missing required supporting documents such as the information document (prospectus), and copies of the board of directors' meeting and shareholders' general meeting resolutions were not submitted.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cses-application-list-35-shares-dse-rejected-1210926>



