

## Weekly Market Update

### Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-1.53%) lost -98.08 points and closed the week at 6,327.65 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-1.26%) lost -29.34 points and stood at 2,298.60 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-1.45%) lost -20.33 points and stood at 1,382.93 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.00%) lost -12.78 points and closed at 1,261.66 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of -6.35%, -9.24%, -3.37%, -7.17%, respectively.

**Total Turnover During the Week (DSE):** BDT 38.2 billion (USD 411 million)

**Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV):** BDT 7.6 billion (Δ% Week: -11.1%)

**Market P/E:** 15.8x

### Daily Index Movement during the Week

Market performed five sessions during this week. Market started on a negative note (-0.30%) on Sunday. It remains negative (-0.77%) on Monday. It also remains negative (-0.72%) on Tuesday. However, it moved back positive (+0.10%) on Wednesday. Market ended at a positive note (+0.16%) on Thursday.

### Sectoral Performance

• Most of the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. General Insurance experienced the highest loss of -4.13% followed by NBF1 (-1.93%), Mutual Fund (-1.89%), Life Insurance (-1.19%), and Bank (+1.19%).

• Most of the non-financial sectors registered negative performance this week. Engineering experienced the highest loss of 1.37% followed by Food & Allied (-1.15%), Pharmaceutical (-0.84%), Telecommunication (-0.80%), and Fuel & Power (+0.48%).

### Macroeconomic arena

• ADB may lend USD2.3b under dev recipe. 20 businesses get nod for USD326m foreign loan for expansion. Govt moves to ensure Russian wheat supply. Industrial loan growth 33% in Jan-Mar. BB will announce new monetary policy on June 30. Change strings attached to reduced corporate tax. Private credit growth ticks up further. Drive for budget deficit financing gets going. Flat 20pc tax rate for listed cos suggested. Dutch co to invest USD 10.5 Mn in BEPZA economic zone. Local factories can expand car market by ten times. 20 businesses get nod for USD 326 Mn foreign loan for expansion. Gains from Padma Bridge to cross USD 10 Bn, hope experts. Govt's borrowing from banks spikes.

• Employment injury protection scheme launched for RMG workers. Jashore agri-business looks forward to Padma Bridge. Govt cuts spot LNG import. Call money rate rises to 5.03%. 'Non-bank MDs must have 20 years' experience'. Global price hike, war loom large over Bangladesh growth. Govt gives directives on project priorities. Fuel duty cut, trimming expenses suggested. As Taka weakens, foreign investors take away BDT 60,000 Mn from stocks. Inflation hits 8-year high in May. Proposed budget lacks way-out for poor amid price shock. Padma Bridge to jack up trade through Bhomra land port. Export activities at Akhaura land port hampered due to incessant rainfall. Inflation, high dollar rate new challenges: BB governor. 90% startups dry up in 5 years due to tax burden, lack of cooperation: BCI.

### Stock Market arena

• Agrani Bank to pay USD 2.4 Bn in foreign currencies to finance Padma Bridge. Navana Pharma's IPO bidding to start July 4. Fu-Wang Ceramic's Q3 profit unchanged. National Tea advised issuing fresh primary shares to increase paid-up capital. One Bank gets BSEC nod to issue Tk400cr bond. Quasem Industries starts quartz production with export potential. Berger Paints to set up subsidiary to deliver IT-enabled services. Pran-RFL brings food delivery service. BSEC inquiry team to probe Metro, Maksons Spinning's financials. Mir Group increasing stakes in Eastern Bank. City Bank perpetual bond makes debut today. BSEC approves BDT4250 Mn IPO of Global Islami Bank. Thai Foils & Polymer to go public for BDT1200 Mn. Achia Sea Foods' share subscription begins today. Saif Powertec to acquire Saif Maritime LLC.

June 23, 2022 (Week: June 19, 2022 – June 23, 2022)

Dhaka Stock Exchange

**DSEX ended Red (-1.53%) in the week**

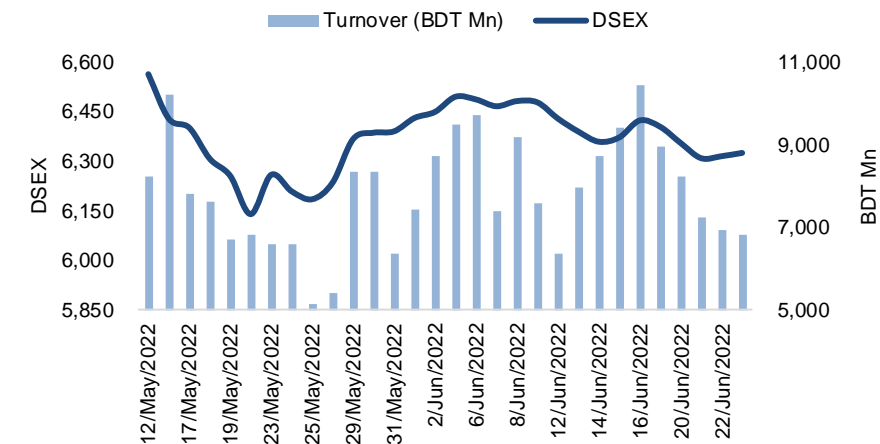
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2021	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	6,327.65	6,425.74	-98.08	6,756.66	-1.53%	-6.35%
DS30	2,298.60	2,327.95	-29.34	2,532.58	-1.26%	-9.24%
DSES	1,382.93	1,403.26	-20.33	1,431.12	-1.45%	-3.37%
CDSET	1,261.66	1,274.44	-12.78	1,359.13	-1.00%	-7.17%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	5,143,165	5,193,117	-1.0%
	Mn USD	55,333	55,870	-1.0%
Turnover	Mn BDT	38,222	43,000	-11.1%
	Mn USD	411	463	-11.1%
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	7,644	8,600	-11.1%
	Mn USD	82	93	-11.1%
Volume	Mn Shares	995	1,104	-9.9%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in last four weeks



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**Table 3: Top Ten Gainers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
MEGHNAINS	30.9	0.0	+60.1%	1,236	0.5	42.7x	2.2x
IMAMBUTTON	115.0	96.0	+19.8%	886	76.9	NM	23.9x
ISNLTD	53.1	46.8	+13.5%	580	151.2	NM	18.3x
EMERALDOIL	43.1	38.4	+12.2%	2,574	214.8	NM	2.7x
SONARGAON	39.3	35.3	+11.3%	1,040	255.8	NM	3.5x
AL-HAJTEX	117.9	107.9	+9.3%	2,629	407.6	NM	13.2x
FINEFOODS	47.6	43.6	+9.2%	665	132.2	NM	4.5x
SINOBANGLA	59.0	54.1	+9.1%	1,180	219.9	33.4x	2.2x
TITASGAS	41.8	38.5	+8.6%	41,349	298.0	12.4x	0.6x
MEGHNAPET	33.0	30.4	+8.6%	396	18.7	NM	NM

**Table 4: Top Ten Losers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
APEXTANRY	147.1	162.3	-9.4%	2,242	49.5	NM	2.3x
PEOPLESINS	46.5	51.2	-9.2%	2,148	88.5	17.7x	1.5x
OAL	11.0	12.0	-8.3%	1,865	50.3	NM	0.8x
EASTLAND	28.7	31.3	-8.3%	2,407	20.6	18.9x	1.4x
YPL	21.4	23.3	-8.2%	1,577	128.1	42.8x	1.8x
PARAMOUNT	52.7	57.3	-8.0%	2,143	23.2	17.8x	2.0x
RDFOOD	44.0	47.6	-7.6%	3,343	171.0	29.5x	2.9x
ASIAINS	57.5	62.0	-7.3%	2,707	74.3	18.5x	2.1x
SUNLIFEINS	44.1	47.4	-7.0%	1,577	62.7	NM	NM
BNICL	68.7	73.8	-6.9%	3,040	40.7	20.6x	3.0x

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

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
BEXIMCO	134.8	134.6	+0.1%	118,128	3,188.7	8.2x	1.5x
SPCERAMICS	50.2	50.3	-0.2%	7,378	1,448.9	NM	1.6x
JHRML	84.0	83.6	+0.5%	10,525	1,199.2	28.4x	2.7x
BSC	116.5	116.0	+0.4%	17,770	1,073.6	8.6x	1.7x
ANWARGALV	420.4	417.2	+0.8%	7,050	902.6	38.7x	25.0x
FUWANGFOOD	23.4	22.3	+4.9%	2,594	686.3	NM	2.0x
IPDC	56.8	58.6	-3.1%	21,078	664.2	23.5x	3.2x
RAK CERAMIC	49.6	52.3	-5.2%	21,227	659.8	22.6x	2.9x
MONNOFABR	27.3	29.2	-6.5%	3,140	585.1	NM	1.1x
SAIFPOWER	32.4	34.6	-6.4%	12,291	442.0	15.5x	2.0x

**Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Company Name	Close*	YTD Δ%	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	56.8	+47.2%	21,078	23.5x	3.2x
UNIQUEHRL	62.7	+24.9%	18,459	21.4x	0.6x
ADNTEL	65.2	+24.4%	4,215	25.3x	2.4x
SQUARETEXT	64.7	+23.9%	12,762	7.4x	1.5x
SHASHADNIM	28.6	+16.7%	4,034	15.6x	0.7x
TITASGAS	41.8	+15.2%	41,349	12.4x	0.6x
DOREENPWR	76.5	+12.8%	12,371	7.6x	1.5x
CROWNCEMNT	69.7	+12.1%	10,350	35.4x	1.4x
GHAL	18.4	+11.5%	3,971	NM	1.3x
MARICO	2,424.5	+5.4%	76,372	21.5x	28.4x

\*BDT  
\*\*BDT Mn

**Table 7: Sector Indices**

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,431.9	1,415.1	1,589.69	+1.19%	-9.93%
NBFI	1,984.3	2,023.4	2,327.63	-1.93%	-14.75%
Mutual Fund	869.6	886.3	882.99	-1.89%	-1.52%
General Insurance	3,401.5	3,548.0	4,698.62	-4.13%	-27.61%
Life Insurance	2,300.7	2,328.3	2,687.55	-1.19%	-14.39%
Telecommunication	5,053.7	5,094.6	5,800.37	-0.80%	-12.87%
Pharmaceutical	3,770.8	3,802.8	3,866.63	-0.84%	-2.48%
Fuel & Power	1,804.7	1,796.0	1,792.97	+0.48%	+0.65%
Cement	2,418.4	2,469.4	2,534.76	-2.07%	-4.59%
Services & Real Estate	1,421.7	1,481.6	1,309.43	-4.04%	+8.58%
Engineering	4,634.2	4,698.6	4,727.46	-1.37%	-1.97%
Food & Allied	21,964.0	22,219.1	25,222.81	-1.15%	-12.92%
IT	2,640.0	2,708.3	3,274.61	-2.52%	-19.38%
Textile	1,559.9	1,587.0	1,470.60	-1.71%	+6.07%
Paper & Printing	7,300.2	7,289.3	9,680.03	+0.15%	-24.59%
Tannery	3,314.0	3,419.3	3,236.76	-3.08%	+2.39%
Jute	8,306.3	8,496.4	8,747.84	-2.24%	-5.05%
Ceramics	797.6	832.1	675.88	-4.14%	+18.01%
Miscellaneous	4,507.7	4,458.8	4,625.39	+1.10%	-2.54%

**Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix**

Sector Name	Daily average this Week	Daily average last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	338.6	401.2	-15.59%	+5.33%	7.8x	0.8x
NBFI	295.7	673.1	-56.06%	+4.66%	NM	3.6x
Mutual Fund	41.6	69.2	-39.88%	+0.66%	NM	0.8x
General Insurance	240.5	412.6	-41.71%	+3.79%	16.0x	1.6x
Life Insurance	103.8	188.3	-44.91%	+1.63%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	65.2	64.8	+0.65%	+1.03%	15.9x	4.4x
Pharmaceutical	568.2	779.1	-27.07%	+8.95%	17.4x	2.5x
Fuel & Power	322.7	276.5	+16.71%	+5.08%	11.7x	1.2x
Cement	80.6	109.9	-26.66%	+1.27%	25.1x	2.6x
Services & Real Estate	224.8	252.8	-11.07%	+3.54%	88.3x	1.0x
Engineering	640.9	794.4	-19.32%	+10.09%	18.9x	1.9x
Food & Allied	436.2	430.5	+1.33%	+6.87%	23.6x	9.2x
IT	219.2	308.9	-29.06%	+3.45%	27.1x	2.3x
Textile	850.6	1,071.3	-20.60%	+13.40%	25.1x	1.0x
Paper & Printing	116.9	86.4	+35.20%	+1.84%	NM	1.8x
Tannery	106.9	114.4	-6.51%	+1.68%	50.0x	3.5x
Jute	3.8	7.9	-51.37%	+0.06%	NM	27.0x
Ceramics	480.1	783.4	-38.72%	+7.56%	33.7x	2.2x
Miscellaneous	1,213.0	949.3	+27.78%	+19.10%	12.3x	2.1x

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

Company Name	Close*	YTD Δ%	Mcap**	PE	PB
PIONEERINS	83.2	-28.8%	6,405	10.7x	1.6x
BRACBANK	38.4	-25.4%	57,469	10.8x	1.1x
LANKABAFIN	28.3	-24.1%	15,249	11.8x	1.4x
OLYMPIC	124.4	-22.5%	24,872	14.8x	2.8x
HEIDELBCEM	211.3	-22.4%	11,939	NM	3.3x
BXPBARMA	158.7	-17.6%	70,798	12.3x	1.8x
ACTIVEFINE	21.1	-17.6%	5,063	91.7x	1.0x
CITYBANK	22.6	-17.2%	24,119	4.5x	0.7x
ROBI	28.7	-17.1%	150,329	82.0x	2.3x
RECKITBEN	4,770.7	-16.7%	22,542	29.7x	21.7x

## Important News: Business & Economy

### ADB may lend USD2.3b under dev recipe

- The ADB may pledge to lend Bangladesh USD2.3 Bn during 2023-2025 under an overall development recipe, at a time when the country launches a search for foreign-exchange support. Of the total sum, USD758 Mn can come in 2023, USD803 Mn in 2024, and USD803 Mn in 2025-the crucial period leading up to Bangladesh's graduation from LDC status.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-may-lend-23b-under-dev-recipe-1655922533>

### 20 businesses get nod for USD326m foreign loan for expansion

- Large groups, such as Akij, Beximco Group, Abul Khair, and Envoy, are now going to expand their businesses with foreign loans, signalling good times for Bangladesh's economy even at this time of global uncertainty caused by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- This month at least 20 such companies have secured approval from the scrutiny committee of the Board of Investment, chaired by Bangladesh Bank governor, for getting loans to the tune of USD352 Mn

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/20-businesses-get-nod-326m-foreign-loan-expansion-444494>

### Private credit growth ticks up further

- Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh accelerated to 12.94 % in May, the highest in more than three years, but rising inflation and deepening volatility in the exchange rate have paled the attainment. The credit growth in the first 11 months of the current FY is, however, below the Bangladesh Bank's ceiling of 14.80 % for the entire year. Economists say both the government and the central bank should focus on containing inflation, instead of GDP growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/private-credit-growth-ticks-further-3054266>

### Govt moves to ensure Russian wheat supply

- The government has made a move to ensure continued wheat supply from Russia in the upcoming FY, 2022-23, to boost food security in the country. The official noted that Bangladesh has already imported 0.3 Mn tonnes of wheat from Russia through G2G initiative during the outgoing FY, 2021-22. The cost of Russian wheat is USD419 per tonne.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-moves-to-ensure-russian-wheat-supply-1655922769>

### Industrial loan growth 33% in Jan-Mar

- As banks lent BDT1248.65 Bn to the industries in the October-December quarter last year, January-March industrial loan disbursement rose by BDT28.06 Bn compared to previous quarter. Industrial loan disbursement registered 33.75% growth in the January-March quarter of the current fiscal year compared to the corresponding period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industrial-loan-growth-33-jan-mar-445170>

### BB will announce new monetary policy on June 30

- Bangladesh Bank will announce monetary policy for the new FY 22-23 on June 30 amid challenges of growing inflation rate and BDT weakening against USD.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-will-announce-new-monetary-policy-on-june-30-1655922928>

### Drive for budget deficit financing gets going

- An aggressive drive gets going for Bangladesh's budget-deficit financing as government officials are set to sit with the World Bank tomorrow (Thursday) for fund negotiations to begin with.
- The government is expecting USD 500 Mn to USD 750 Mn worth of budgetary support titled 'Green resilient and inclusive development policy credit (GRID)' from the WB over next three years to meet the deficit in the budget outlay

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/drive-for-budget-deficit-financing-gets-going-1655835881>

### Flat 20pc tax rate for listed cos suggested

- The proposed budgetary measure for a reduction in corporate tax by 2.5% for listed companies will do little to woo good companies because of conditions, speakers tell a post-budget discussion.
- "If the listed companies only fulfil the first condition, the tax rate will be 22.5%. If they don't meet both conditions, the rate will be 25%. So, it will benefit the companies little," says Suborna Barua, research fellow at Bangladesh Institute of Capital Market (BICM).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/flat-20pc-tax-rate-for-listed-cos-suggested-1655835925>

### **Change strings attached to reduced corporate tax**

- The Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday suggested a few changes in the conditions attached to the proposed cut in corporate tax by 2.5%. It also urged the government to revoke the provision, proposed in the Finance Bill 2022, imposing tax on a company's contribution to the WPPF.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/change-strings-attached-to-reduced-corporate-tax-1655922422>

### **Dutch co to invest USD 10.5 Mn in BEPZA economic zone**

- Checkpoint System Bangladesh Limited-Unit 2, a Netherlands-owned company, is going to establish a garments accessories manufacturing industry in the BEPZA Economic Zone, reports BSS.
- The company will invest USD 10.52 Mn to produce 1,319 million units of different types of Hang Tag, tickets, stickers and labels annually, said a press release.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/dutch-co-to-invest-105m-in-bepza-economic-zone-1655833048>

### **Local factories can expand car market by ten times**

- The new progressive manufacturing policy and incentives offered for car-making are smart moves by the government which have unleashed the potential to expand the local market by ten times, industry players said at a webinar hosted by The Business Standard.
- The government earlier this month offered to waive all taxes and duties, except customs duty (CD), on imported components for up to 2,500cc cars if a company invests in a local modern plant for assembling cars and painting car bodies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/local-factories-can-expand-car-market-ten-times-444498>

### **20 businesses get nod for USD 326 Mn foreign loan for expansion**

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- Some 11 companies will spend USD 326 Mn of the external loans approved on 5 June on importing capital machinery to implement their new investment plans, according to minutes of the loan scrutiny committee.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/20-businesses-get-nod-326m-foreign-loan-expansion-444494>

### **Gains from Padma Bridge to cross USD 10 Bn, hope experts**

- Bangladesh will receive benefits worth more than USD 10 Bn, which is three and a half times more than the construction cost, from the Padma Bridge during its economic life, according to transportation experts, economists and businessmen as they emphasised gaining even more by completing other projects in line with the mega-structure quickly.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/infrastructure/gains-padma-bridge-cross-10b-hope-experts-444474>

### **Govt's borrowing from banks spikes**

- Government borrowing from banking sources has gone up significantly this month as it is now on a spending spree to materialise different development and non-development programmes by the time this fiscal year ends. The government had borrowed BDT 267,410 Mn from banks from July 1 to May 26 of fiscal year 2021-22 against its fiscal target of BDT 764,520 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-borrowing-banks-spikes-3053346>

### **Jashore agri-business looks forward to Padma Bridge**

- It is uncertain if passengers to and from Jashore will benefit from the Padma Bridge, but businessmen there are hopeful that agriculture in the district and external trades through the Benapole land port will benefit the most.
- The Jashore, often dubbed the flower capital of Bangladesh, grows flowers on around 1,200 hectares of land every year. The district's florists register BDT 4,000 Mn annual transactions, as the produce are mainly sent to Dhaka market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/jashore-agri-business-looks-forward-padma-bridge-443150>

### **Govt cuts spot LNG import**

- Fuel frugality already shuts shops after 8pm across Bangladesh and now comes curbs on gas import under government austerity action to save country's foreign-exchange reserves at a time of global commodity market volatility.
- Proper Bangladesh has purchased its latest spot LNG cargo for June 22-23 delivery at the Moheshkhali floating, storage and regasification unit at USD 24.75 per Mn British thermal unit (MMBtu) to Gunvor Singapore Pte Ltd. for a 138,000-cubic-meter cargo.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-cuts-spot-lng-import-1655748908>

### **Employment injury protection scheme launched for RMG workers**

- The labour ministry in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation on Tuesday launched an employment injury protection scheme in the readymade garment sector to provide income protection to the victims of work-related accidents and occupational diseases.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/173935/employment-injury-protection-scheme-launched-for-rmg-workers>

### **Call money rate rises to 5.03%**

- The rising trend in interbank call money rate continues as the country's banks on Monday borrowed from each other at an overnight rate of 5.03%, equaling the previous peak recorded on 16 June 2020.
- Though Industry insiders have said if the supply of money does not increase, the cash shortage may exacerbate ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/call-money-rate-rises-503-443578>

### **As Taka weakens, foreign investors take away BDT 60,000 Mn from stocks**

- Currency devaluation has led to a steep selloff in foreign investment portfolios in the stock market as a weakening taka against dollar erodes foreign investors' profit.
- The The outflow of foreign investment from the stock market was BDT 10,000 Mn in the first four months of this year, while the inflow was only BDT 3,000 Mn, according to data of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). Last year, outflow of foreign investment was BDT 50,000 Mn, while inflow was BDT 20,000 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/taka-weakens-foreign-investors-take-away-tk6000cr-stocks-443062>

### **Fuel duty cut, trimming expenses suggested**

- The government should go for a duty cut on fuel imports, adjusting public expenditure as per income, and increasing lending rate for ensuring macroeconomic stability in the next fiscal year, economist Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya said on Sunday.
- Though the proposed budget for the next fiscal year (FY2022-23) has focused on increasing income, there is hardly any initiative to prioritise the sectors of expenditure despite global forecasts for continuous hikes in food and fuel prices in 2023 and 2024, he said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/fuel-duty-cut-trimming-expenses-suggested-1655662000>

### **'Non-bank MDs must have 20 years' experience'**

- The Bangladesh Bank today said the interested candidates for the post of managing directors of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) have to obtain at least 20 years of working experience at banks or NBFIs. The candidate also has to have two years' experience of working in the immediate lower post of a managing director, according to a Bangladesh Bank notice.
- The NBFIs which have lower than BDT 10 billion in their financial balance sheet will be allowed to recruit the general managers of state banks and executive vice presidents of private banks as their MDs. The candidate also has to have 20 years of working experience, including 5 years as a manager of a branch.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/non-bank-mds-must-have-20-years-experience-3052121>

### **Global price hike, war loom large over Bangladesh growth**

- The Bangladesh Bank has said that the country's growth prospect is clouded by a number of uncertainties, including higher input costs and a decline in exports in Europe amid the Russia-Ukraine war.
- The caution came at a time when the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics estimated Bangladesh's gross domestic product at 7.25% for the financial year 2021-2022 and set the growth target at 7.5% for FY 2022-23.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/173828/global-price-hike-war-loom-large-over-bangladesh-growth>

### **Govt gives directives on project priorities**

- Government high-ups ask the ministries and departments concerned to concentrate on timely implementation of ongoing projects instead of taking less-important new ones to stay within means in crunch times.
- Proper use of resources and getting expected outcome from project implementation are two cardinal considerations in the belt-tightening instructions, coming in the wake of global economic instability and Russia-Ukraine war which squeeze inflow of foreign finances and thus lower foreign-exchange reserves.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-gives-directives-on-project-priorities-1655661945>

### **Inflation hits 8-year high in May**

- Inflation in May soared to 7.42% – an eight-year high – in Bangladesh, mainly driven by massive increase of prices of food items, reveals a report by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- Food inflation stood at 8.3% in the last month, a jump by 2.07 percentage points from April, while inflation for non-food items fell by 0.31 percentage points in the same period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-sees-highest-inflation-8-years-may-442886>

### **Proposed budget lacks way-out for poor amid price shock**

- The proposed budget for the financial year 2022-2023 lacks a way-out for the left-behind people who are facing three dimensional crises, including commodity price shock, said Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh on Sunday.
- The platform also said that the rich people, corrupts and money launderers were highly benefited in the proposed budget for FY23, on one hand, and the poor, left-behind people and the middle-class people were imposed upon with fresh burden, on the other.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/173730/proposed-budget-lacks-way-out-for-poor-amid-price-shock>

### **Padma Bridge to jack up trade through Bhomra land port**

- MFS With the launch of the Padma Bridge, the Bhomra land port in Satkhira is expected to see a big surge in export-import activities with India – mainly because of its closer proximity to the West Bengal capital Kolkata.
- At present, the annual revenue collected through Bhomra land port is BDT 8000-10,000 Mn, while the Benapole port collects about BDT 45,000 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/padma-bridge-jack-trade-through-bhomra-land-port-442078>

### **Export activities at Akhaura land port hampered due to incessant rainfall**

- China The export activities at the Akhaura land port in Brahmanbaria are being disrupted due to the incessant rain and onrush of hilly water forcing the goods-laden trucks to remain trapped at the port.
- Only five trucks carrying fish and gas could enter the Agartala land port on Saturday while another 20 trucks carrying rod, cement and cotton were trapped.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/export-activities-akhaura-land-port-hampered-due-incessant-rainfall-442322>

### **Inflation, high dollar rate new challenges: BB governor**

- Rising inflation and high dollar exchange rate have become new challenges to the economic recovery after Covid-19, said Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir.
- The central bank bought USD 7.9 Bn from other banks in the last fiscal year because of the need to reduce import costs due to Covid at that time. It has been selling dollars to banks in line with demand as import spending has risen since the beginning of the current financial year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/inflation-high-dollar-rate-now-biggest-challenges-bb-governor-442238>

### **90% startups dry up in 5 years due to tax burden, lack of cooperation: BCI**

- About 90% of startups dry up within just five years of their journey due mainly to excessive tax burden and lack of cooperation from the authorities concerned, believes the Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, also known as BCI.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/90-startups-dry-5-years-due-tax-burden-lack-cooperation-bci-442374>

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## Important News: Capital Market

### Agrani Bank to pay USD 2.4 Bn in foreign currencies to finance Padma Bridge

- An State-owned Agrani Bank will pay USD 2.4 Bn in foreign currencies to the Padma Bridge project. So far, it has supplied USD 1.45 Bn up to the third week of June amid the ongoing volatility in the country's forex market.
- The total cost for the 6.15km bridge is USD 3.56 Bn. Of this, USD 2.4 Bn needs to be paid in foreign currency and the rest in the local currency.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/agrani-bank-to-pay-us-24b-in-foreign-currencies-to-finance-padma-bridge-1655921131>

### Navana Pharma's IPO bidding to start July 4

- The bidding for eligible investors (EIs) to explore the cut-off price of IPO shares of Navana Pharmaceuticals will begin on July 4, aiming to raise BDT 750 Mn under the book-building method. Navana Pharmaceuticals received regulatory approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on June 8 for raising BDT 750 Mn by issuing IPO shares under the book-building method.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/navana-pharmas-ipo-bidding-to-start-july-4-1655921180>

### Fu-Wang Ceramic's Q3 profit unchanged

- Fu-Wang Ceramic Industries Ltd's earnings did not see any change in the third quarter of the current financial year. The ceramics maker reported earnings per share of BDT 0.06 for the January-March quarter against BDT 0.06 registered in the same period a year ago, according to its un-audited financial statement. The EPS, however, fell to BDT 0.23 during the July-March period from BDT 0.28 for the identical nine-month period last year.
- The Net Operating Cash Flows Per Share, a measure of a firm's financial strength, was a minus BDT 1.65 in the July-March period, way lower than BDT 0.61 reported during a similar period a year ago. The net asset value, which shows a company's total assets minus its total liabilities, was BDT 11.78 per share on March 31 this year and BDT 11.70 on June 30 last year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/fu-wang-ceramics-q3-profit-unchanged-3053256>

### National Tea advised issuing fresh primary shares to increase paid-up capital

- The stock market regulator has suggested National Tea Company issue fresh primary shares – known as Repeat Public Offering (RPO) – to increase its paid-up capital to comply with regulatory requirements – instead of issuing the right shares. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) came up with the advice this week in response to an application the company had filed earlier seeking permission to issue the right shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-tea-advised-issuing-fresh-primary-shares-increase-paid-capital-444454>

### One Bank gets BSEC nod to issue Tk400cr bond

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has allowed One Bank Ltd to issue a BDT 4 billion fully redeemable subordinated bond. With the bond proceeds, the private sector commercial bank would strengthen its Tier-II capital base, BSEC said in a statement on Tuesday. The bond will be an unsecured, non-convertible one with floating rates of interest to be paid to the investors. Its tenure will be seven years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/one-bank-gets-bsec-nod-issue-tk400cr-bond-444350>

### Quasem Industries starts quartz production with export potential

- Quasem Industries – the manufacturer of SUNLITE batteries – has finally gone into the production of artificial quartz one year behind the schedule with export potential, and also for the local market. According to the company, Quasem Industries started the production on 20 June as the first company in Bangladesh to have manufactured quartz – a surface covering material.
- The cost was estimated at BDT 920 million. BDT 300 million will come from the company's own fund, and BDT 293.6 million from banks, while BDT 290 million will be borrowed from the market as suppliers' credit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/quasem-industries-starts-quartz-production-export-potential-443666>

### Pran-RFL brings food delivery service

- Pran-RFL Group launched its new food delivery service "FOODANO" at the group's head office in Badda, Dhaka yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/pran-rfl-brings-food-delivery-service-3051551>

### **Berger Paints to set up subsidiary to deliver IT-enabled services**

- Berger Paints is going to set up a subsidiary to deliver information technology-enabled services (ITES) here in Bangladesh. The listed paint maker would invest BDT 2.5 million to establish Berger Tech Consulting Ltd, according to a decision taken by its board today.
- In March this year, Berger through a joint venture with Fosroc International Ltd opened a construction chemicals plant near Dhaka to cater for the growing domestic market for chemicals and cut import dependence. The joint venture entity invested around BDT 1 billion to build the plant, Berger said earlier. Net profit of Berger Paints rose 19 % year-on-year in the April to December period of 2021-22 financial year, according to its financial statement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/berger-paints-set-subsi-dary-deliver-it-enabled-services-3051686>

### **BSEC inquiry team to probe Metro, Maksons Spinning's financials**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Sunday has formed an inquiry committee to review the financial statements of two listed firms of Maksons Group - Maksons Spinning Mills Ltd and Metro Spinning Ltd.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-inquiry-team-probe-metro-maksons-spinnings-financials-442954>

### **BSEC approves BDT4250 Mn IPO of Global Islami Bank**

- The BSEC has allowed Global Islami Bank Ltd – a new generation Shariah-based private sector lender – to raise BDT4250 Mn through an IPO. According to a BSEC statement, the bank will use the fund to invest in Treasury securities and publicly traded securities and to meet the IPO expenses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-tk425cr-ipo-global-islami-bank-440378>

### **Mir Group increasing stakes in Eastern Bank**

- Mir Group of Companies – one of the country's largest business conglomerates – has decided to increase its stake in Eastern Bank, a leading private sector lender. The group has large businesses in the country's construction and IT sectors.
- Coloasia Limited, a concern of Mir Group, has announced on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) that it will buy 1.97% shares of the bank at the prevailing market price in the block market through DSE. Currently, Coloasia holds 2% shares of Eastern Bank and the company nominated Ruslan Nasir to the lender's board as a director. After completion of buying shares, Coloasia's stake will be 3.97% in the bank.

- Besides, Mir Holdings Limited, another concern of Mir Group, holds 2.99% shares of Eastern Bank. Mir Nasir Hossain, managing director of Mir Akhter Hossain Limited, represents Mir Holdings on the lender's board.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mir-group-increasing-stakes-eastern-bank-442950>

### **City Bank perpetual bond makes debut today**

- Trading of The City Bank Perpetual Bond will commence on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) today (Monday) under the settlement category 'N'. The bond is an unsecured, non-convertible, floating rate perpetual bond. The coupon rate will be 11 per cent to 14 per cent, as per the regulatory approval.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/city-bank-perpetual-bond-makes-debut-today-1655656276>

### **Thai Foils & Polymer to go public for BDT1200 Mn**

- Thai Foils & Polymer Industries Limited, an Al-Mostafa Group concern and a leading manufacturer of packaging materials, is considering raising about BDT1200 Mn through an IPO to expand its business and repay debts. The company has appointed local investment bank Green Delta Capital as the issue manager of the deal, according to a press statement on Wednesday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/thai-foils-polymer-go-public-tk120cr-440418>

### **Achia Sea Foods' share subscription begins today**

- The subscription for shares of Achia Sea Foods through qualified investor offer (QIO) will begin today (Sunday), aiming to raise BDT150 Mn under the fixed price method. The frozen food exporter's share subscription through ESS of the exchanges will continue until 5:30pm on June 23, according to a disclosure posted on the DSE website.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/achia-sea-foods-share-subscription-begins-today-1655566985>

### **Saif Powertec to acquire Saif Maritime LLC**

- Saif Powertec Ltd, a listed company, has decided to take over 100% stake of Saif Maritime LLC at a cost of BDT12.69 Mn. Saif Maritime LLC is incorporated in the UAE led by a team of qualified shipping professionals. It is a subsidiary of the Saif Power Group.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/saif-powertec-to-acquire-saif-maritime-llc-1655567305>



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