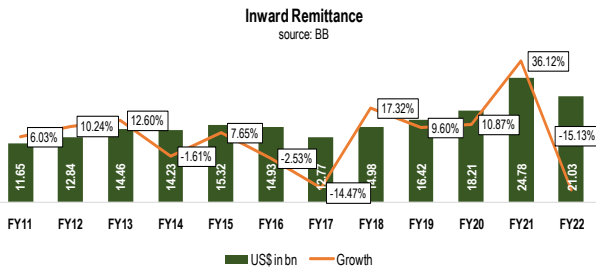


Rural savings accumulate through remittances

Inward remittance from overseas to Bangladesh by the expatriate workforce increased by 12.71% to US\$2.04b in August this year compared with that of US\$1.81b in August 2021. Bangladeshis working abroad sent US\$2.10b in July this year, registering 11.76% growth compared to the corresponding month of last year. The July inflow was the highest after May 2021 when the expatriates sent US\$2.17b. A total of US\$21.03b in remittances was sent in FY2021-22, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) figures. Inward remittance hit a record high with over 36% growth despite the Covid-19 pandemic in the FY21.



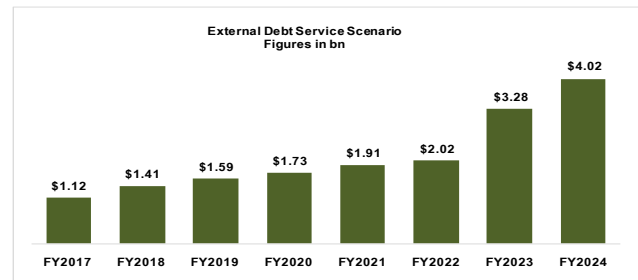
Remittance inflows accumulate rural savings. According to central bank statistics, the growth in rural savings is mainly supported by remittance income, with 90% of remittances being distributed to rural beneficiaries. Private Commercial Banks (PCBs) are increasingly penetrating into rural areas to tap business potential. Deposits are also high in rural areas mostly driven by remittances from expatriate Bangladeshis. As per a BB report, transactions through agent banking rose by 43.34% to Tk5648.44b in FY2021-22 compared to Tk3940.68b in FY2020-21, as a growing number of people are using the new banking window. Bank Asia introduced the first agent banking services in 2014. The number of agent banking outlets rose to 19,738 as of June 2022 from 17,147 in the same month of year 2021. Out of a total of 19,738 agent banking outlets, 17,005 were in rural areas while the rest are in sub-urban areas.

ADB downgrades GDP growth forecast

The Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022 has revised down the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for Bangladesh to 6.6% for FY2022-23 which was earlier projected to be 7.1% in the April outlook. The Bangladesh government has set a growth target of 7.5% for the current fiscal year. Even though the country is facing the blow of global phenomena of European war while trying to recover from the prolonged pandemic shocks, the government has set an ambitious economic growth target for the FY2022-23. ADB's growth projection is 0.9 percentage points lower than the government target. The ADB's forecast is lower than that of the World Bank (WB) which projected 6.7% economic growth for FY2022-23. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) also forecasted a 6.7% GDP growth for Bangladesh in FY23. Inflation is projected to accelerate to 6.7% in FY23 from 6.2% in FY22 due to the rise in food and fuel prices. Despite a wider trade deficit, the current account deficit is expected to narrow from 4.1% of GDP in FY22 to 3.6% of GDP in FY23 due to increased remittances. The ADB 2022 Update also states that with a relatively higher projected increase in expenditure compared to revenue, the budget deficit is expected to increase to 5.5% of GDP in FY23.

External debt repayment rises

The amount of government debt taken from abroad or external sources is increasing. Simultaneously, external debt repayment has increased gradually in recent times aided by an inflow of a huge amount of foreign loans from multilateral and bilateral partners in the forms of project aid and budget support. According to the Economic Relations Division (ERD) reports, Bangladesh repaid US\$2.02b to external lenders in FY2021-22. Of the amount, US\$1.53b was principal and US\$492m interest. ERD figures show Bangladesh had paid US\$1.12b for external debt servicing in FY2016-17 and it took five years to double the repayment to US\$2.02b in FY2021-22. As per ERD estimates, external debt servicing would jump to US\$4.02b in FY2024-25. In FY2017-18 total US1.41b was paid to external creditors. Multilateral and bilateral development partners committed US\$169.49b of loans from FY1971-72 to FY2021-22. At present outstanding debt stands at US\$56.66b and the weighted average interest rate of these loans is 1.5%. The average grace period and maturity of these loans are 7.6 years and 28 years respectively, according to ERD.



Trade deficit widen in July

Trade deficit in the first month of the current fiscal year surged to US\$1.98b from that of US\$1.35b in the same period of the previous fiscal year due to massive surge in import payments. Although both import and export grew substantially, the growth in imports were higher than the export earnings that kept the trade deficit high. As per Bangladesh Bank (BB) figures, in the first month of FY23, import payments rose by 23.37% to US\$5.86b from US\$4.75b in the same month of the past year. On the other hand, export increased by 14.12% to US\$3.88b from US\$3.4b in July of FY22. As a result of the sharp increase in import payments against a contraction in export earnings, Bangladeshi Taka (BDT) depreciated and faced a steep devaluation against the US Dollar. The deficit in current account rose to US\$321m which is an increase from US\$293m in the same month a year ago. The current account faced to a record deficit of US\$18.25b in the FY22. In FY21, the current account deficit was at US\$4.57b. The previous widest deficit in the current account was US\$9.56b recorded in FY18. Trade deficit rose to US\$33.25b in FY22 from US\$23.78b a year before, according to BB figures.

Revenue collection up by 21.12%

According to latest figures from the National Board of Revenue (NBR), revenue collection in the July-August period of FY2022-23 was Tk402.07b, registering a growth of 21.12% (Y-o-Y) from Tk332.47b in the same period of the last fiscal year. Among the three wings of NBR, Value Added Tax (VAT) collection was the highest at Tk150.34b followed by customs duty at Tk148.63b and from the income tax wing at Tk103.73b. Total revenue earnings have been estimated at Tk4.33-trillion for the current fiscal year. Of this, NBR will collect Tk3.70-trillion and another Tk630b will be collected from other sources.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	3,693.23	3,873.33	-4.65
FTSE 100	7,018.60	7,236.68	-3.01
Nikkei 225	27,153.83	27,567.65	-1.50
SENSEX	58,098.92	58,840.79	-1.26
KSE 100	40,620.21	41,679.49	-2.54

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	6,564.00	6,515.01	0.75
Total Turnover, Tk	101,103,908,789	70,829,299,724	42.74
Market Capital, Tk	4,552,789,692,093	4,527,745,576,467	0.55
No of Issue Gain	86	96	
No of Issue Loss	166	183	
No of Unchanged Issues	134	109	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
BDCOM Online	36.30	55.40	52.62	1,623,220,000
Sea Pearl Resort	85.50	125.20	46.43	838,657,000
Bashundhara Paper	68.50	89.90	31.24	1,423,739,000
Aziz Pipes	104.80	137.00	30.73	259,355,000
Orion Pharma	116.20	149.60	28.74	12,404,795,000
BSC	135.40	168.90	24.74	4,797,041,000
Index Agro Industries	111.80	138.10	23.52	418,740,000
Orion Infusion	467.40	575.60	23.15	1,523,467,000
BD Thai Food	42.50	51.70	21.65	346,515,000
ADN Telecom	60.80	72.60	19.41	253,539,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Sonargaon Textiles	62.90	51.00	-18.92	247,194,000
Northern Jute	288.30	242.00	-16.06	89,589,000
Sonali Aansh Industries	721.20	618.30	-14.27	284,385,000
Sinobangla Industries	71.20	62.20	-12.64	228,123,000
Ambee Pharma	604.60	531.10	-12.16	82,833,000
JMI Syringes	439.90	391.50	-11.00	504,811,000
Wata Chemicals	247.90	221.50	-10.65	62,913,000
Apex Foods	237.10	212.00	-10.59	100,540,000
Nahee Aluminum	76.00	68.20	-10.26	1,031,838,000
Rahim Textile Mills	239.90	215.30	-10.25	43,109,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	453.24	457.25	-0.88	1,910.05	1,925.58	-0.81
Cement	385.77	388.86	-0.80	3,044.90	1,811.14	68.12
Ceramic	846.95	861.76	-1.72	2,651.55	1,897.71	39.72
Engineering	6,742.23	6,738.16	0.06	8,645.32	6,106.91	41.57
Food & Al.	4,903.37	4,926.41	-0.47	2,893.24	2,487.39	16.32
Fuel & Pow.	4,051.14	3,973.26	1.96	5,875.51	3,114.62	88.64
Insurance	2,329.92	2,336.68	-0.29	5,150.52	2,886.98	78.41
IT	569.35	525.85	8.27	5,641.84	2,011.60	180.47
Jute	1,400.27	1,609.61	-13.01	393.85	536.17	-26.54
Misc.	2,915.82	2,850.90	2.28	22,208.75	12,970.34	71.23
Mutual Fund	465.45	465.64	-0.04	104.26	95.89	8.73
NBFI	1,217.71	1,237.54	-1.60	2,323.87	2,725.35	-14.73
Paper	14,890.59	13,572.10	9.71	2,751.24	1,277.53	115.36
Pharma	1,763.40	1,733.86	1.70	26,324.29	13,249.89	98.68
Service	1,941.71	1,868.68	3.91	3,490.36	1,793.47	94.62
Tannery	1,109.53	1,116.70	-0.64	347.44	432.87	-19.74
Telecom	3,836.92	3,834.09	0.07	1,140.20	918.19	24.18
Textile	1,885.97	1,920.04	-1.77	5,456.80	5,563.00	-1.91
Travel & Leis.	968.78	804.26	20.46	3,449.96	1,439.52	139.66

Technical Talk

Stocks bounced back in the previous week as a section of investors mostly focused on sector-wise lucrative stocks. Out of its five trading sessions, three sessions ended higher while two other sessions suffered losses. Among the major sectors, Travel and Leisure increased by 20.46% followed by Fuel & Power 1.96%, and Pharma 1.70%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,564 points after increasing by 48.99 points or 0.75% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk101103.91m, which was 42.74% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.55% and stood at Tk4552.79b (\$43.17b) at the weekend against Tk4527.75b. DSE 30 increased by 19.34 points or 0.82% and closed at 2,365.69 points against 2,346.35 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.79 which was 14.71 previous week.

Based on the daily charts of DSE movement, which is used to track short-term trend, technical readings are as under:

Relative Strength Index (RSI)

The RSI indicator illustrates if the change of price movements is in overbought or oversold territory. RSI stood at 53.58.

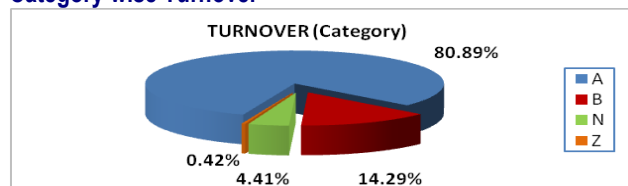
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Orion Pharma	87,538,070	12,404,795,000	12.27
BEXIMCO	81,878,919	11,367,389,000	11.24
BSC	30,200,492	4,797,041,000	4.74
JMI Hospital Requisite	28,402,705	3,580,363,000	3.54
LafargeHolcim	30,822,844	2,429,155,000	2.40
Unique Hotel	27,909,559	2,028,023,000	2.01

Top 10 Market Capital

			In million
GP	386,996	United Power	140,634
Walton Hi-Tech	317,378	RENATA	139,694
BATBC	280,098	Beximco	117,865
Square Pharma	185,977	LafargeHolcim	89,774
Robi	157,138	Berger Paint	81,027

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,651.70	1,684.50	-1.95
Silver (USD/t oz.)	18.84	19.62	-3.98
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	86.75	91.58	-5.27

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	105.45	105.45	106.80	106.80	-1.26	-1.26
EUR	105.66	105.66	108.65	108.65	-2.75	-2.75
GBP	120.86	120.86	125.58	125.58	-3.76	-3.76
AUD	69.87	69.87	72.55	72.55	-3.69	-3.69
JPY	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.75	-1.33	-1.33
CAD	78.45	78.45	81.52	81.52	-3.77	-3.77
SAR	28.17	28.17	28.55	28.55	-1.33	-1.33

Based on Standard Chartered selling rates to public in Taka. Notes: USD-US Dollar, GBP-Great Britain Pound, AUD-Australian Dollar, JPY- Japanese Yen, CAD-Canadian Dollar, SAR-Saudi Riyal.

Last Public Offerings

Company	Subscription Period	Offer Price	IPO (M.Tk)
Navana Pharma	13 Sep - 19 Sep, 2022	24	750
Chartered Life Insurance	25 Sep-29 Sep, 2022	10	150
Global Islami Bank	16 Oct-20 Oct, 2022	10	4250