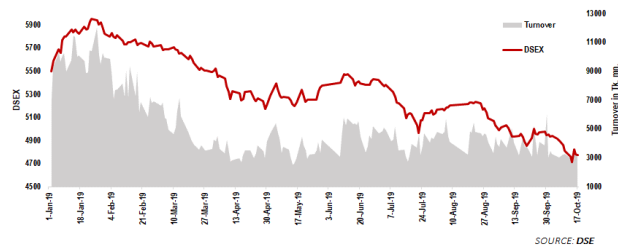


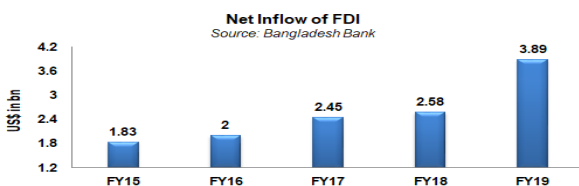
Government fails to revive confidence among investors

The market supportive measures taken by the government continued to fail in restoring confidence among stock investors. The recent steps to support the moribund market include creating a scope for the scheduled banks to borrow from the central bank in the form of Repurchase Agreement (Repo) at 6% interest to invest in the stock market. Bangladesh Bank (BB) took the measure to enhance the investment capacity of banks in the stock market, hoping that it might bring some liquidity in the market. Previously, BB excluded the investment in non-listed companies from the calculation of banks' exposure in stock market, raising the investment capacity of banks to increase liquidity. The central bank also back tracked from its previous stance to lower Advance-Deposit Ratio (ADR) limit of banks before its scheduled deadline, alleviating the pressure from them. The state-owned Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) announced recently that they have been set to raise Tk10b from the state-owned banks by issuing bonds to support the ailing stock market. As per the declaration, the investment enterprise of the government has already raised Tk2b from Sonali Bank to that purpose. Moreover, BB also made an announcement revealing that a private scheduled bank, The City Bank Limited, availed the loan against Repo offered by BB and the central bank released Tk500m to the bank to invest in the stock market. Despite all these supportive measures, the stock market stayed dull and negative as the worry among investors remain. The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, plunged to three-year low at 4,770.99 points as of October 17, 2019. The persistent bear-run wiped off Tk322.49b in market capitalization from DSE since January 01, 2019 when the market capitalization was at Tk3.9-trillion.



Net FDI inflow jumped to US\$3.89b in FY19

Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bangladesh swelled to US\$3.89b in FY2018-19, up by 50.71% (Y-o-Y) from US\$2.58b in the previous fiscal year, according to the latest statistics of Bangladesh Bank (BB). The figures revealed that the gross inflow of FDI stood at US\$4.94b before subtracting the value of disinvestment, loan repayments and losses to determine the net FDI as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF) guideline. BB reported that US\$1.36b of net FDI was sourced by reinvestment made by the existing multinational entities in Bangladesh while equity investment and investment through intra-company loans reached US\$1.19b and US\$1.33b respectively in the concluded fiscal year. Economists praised this robust growth of FDI inflow as it helped relax burden on the Balance of Payments (BoP) in FY2018-19.

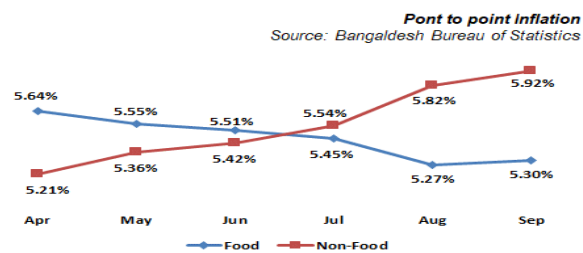


BSEC directs Trustee to call meeting of DBH MF

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) instructed the trustee of the close-end DBH First Mutual Fund, to convene unit holders meeting as Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited, trustee of the fund, sought guidance from the regulator on the fate of the fund. The tenure of the fund was scheduled to end on February 07, 2020. After getting green signal, the trustee of the fund asked LR Global Bangladesh, the asset manager of the fund, to submit their opinion on the issue within October 21, 2019. On August 23, 2019, LR Global extended the tenure of the fund for another 10 years as per the order of the BSEC issued on October 02, 2018 though the order on tenure extension retained ambiguity on who would decide on the extension of tenure. On the flip side, the majority of unit holders including the sponsor were against the decision to extend the tenure. Later, a group of unit holders comprising 78.42% of the total fund of the MF requested the trustee to arrange a meeting to convert the closed-end fund into an open-end one. According to the Directive (issued on July 08, 2015), a closed-end MF can be converted into an open-end one, with the prior approval of the BSEC, if at least 75% of its unit holders favor such a decision.

Inflation hikes to 5.54% in September

Inflation inched up by five basis points to 5.54% in September, the highest in the last nine months, compared to the rate of 5.49% in August, riding on the spiraling prices of both food and non-food items. The rate of food inflation witnessed a marginal rise in September to 5.30% from 5.27% in August due to the price hike of some food items notably onion, ginger and some other vegetables, according to the statistics of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS). On the other hand, the rate of non-food inflation increased by 10 basis points to 5.92% in September mainly for the higher cost of health treatment and the price of educational items.



Net sales of NSCs falls sharply in July-August

The net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) plunged by 59.59% (Y-o-Y) to Tk36.60b in the first two months of the FY2019-20 from Tk90.57b in the same period of the previous fiscal year, mainly for digitalizing the selling process of the instruments and increasing source tax. However, the instruments retained the attractive interest rates for savers, ranging from 11.04% to 11.76%, according to the statistics of Department of National Savings. In the current fiscal, the government launched National Savings Scheme Online Management System to refrain the high net worth individuals from excessive purchase. Alongside, a hike in the source tax to 10% on savings tools worth up to Tk0.50m contributed to the fall in sales of the savings instruments. Consequently, the government depended on the banking system to meet the budgetary expenditure. The government borrowed Tk206.58b from the banking system in just 86 days of the fiscal year against its net repayment of Tk8.51b in the same period of the last fiscal year.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	2,986.20	2,970.27	0.54
FTSE 100	7,150.57	7,247.08	-1.33
Nikkei 225	22,492.68	21,798.87	3.18
SENSEX	39,298.38	38,127.08	3.07
KSE 100	33,870.15	34,475.69	-1.76

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	4,771.00	4,810.22	-0.82
Total Turnover, Tk	15,638,712,718.00	12,768,708,303.00	22.48
Market Capital, Tk	3,006,188,992,152	3,048,963,575,513	-1.40
No of Issue Gain	128	36	
No of Issue Loss	209	305	
No of Unchanged Issues	18	14	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Mercantile Ins	25.90	30.60	18.15	67,644,000
Eastern Insurance	45.90	52.30	13.94	229,125,000
City General Ins	20.00	22.60	13.00	113,806,000
Northern General	21.40	23.90	11.68	53,472,000
Golden Harvest Agro	24.30	26.80	10.29	48,041,000
Paramount Ins	23.50	25.80	9.79	153,675,000
Bengal Windsor	21.00	23.00	9.52	19,894,000
Islami Insurance BD.	22.70	24.70	8.81	38,219,000
Asia Insurance Co.	23.30	25.30	8.58	32,942,000
Nitol Insurance Co.	26.60	28.70	7.89	29,081,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Standard Ceramic	740.50	525.50	-29.03	355,535,000
R.N. Spinning Mills Ltd.	4.30	3.10	-27.91	24,565,000
Al-Hajj Textile Mills	38.70	30.40	-21.45	71,672,000
Mozaffar Hossain	8.40	7.00	-16.67	9,452,000
Argon Denims Limited	22.00	18.70	-15.00	11,388,000
Evince Textiles Limited	11.50	9.80	-14.78	7,246,000
National Polymer	79.80	69.20	-13.28	115,262,000
GQ Ball Pen Industries	73.40	63.90	-12.94	18,110,000
Doreen Power	73.50	64.00	-12.93	159,364,000
Meghna Condensed	16.40	14.30	-12.80	268,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	383.11	379.59	0.93	1,049.98	670.14	56.68
Cement	219.42	231.89	-5.38	115.02	54.78	109.97
Ceramic	615.76	671.92	-8.36	627.85	614.18	2.23
Engineering	2,185.95	2,224.02	-1.71	2,716.81	2,587.17	5.01
Food & Al.	3,684.82	3,728.43	-1.17	458.98	354.44	29.49
Fuel & Pow.	3,709.89	3,771.10	-1.62	1,218.83	1,027.80	18.59
Insurance	1,591.37	1,565.11	1.68	1,976.73	1,005.58	96.58
IT	313.14	326.15	-3.99	192.34	244.43	-21.31
Jute	1,755.58	1,720.70	2.03	137.42	91.15	50.76
Misc.	1,181.51	1,203.83	-1.85	914.85	679.90	34.56
Mutual Fund	398.56	403.08	-1.12	512.89	1,008.44	-49.14
NBFI	926.16	939.39	-1.41	275.31	211.46	30.19
Paper	6,810.98	6,885.62	-1.08	48.06	40.24	19.43
Pharma	1,178.17	1,176.44	0.15	2,437.61	1,880.78	29.61
Service	886.41	908.04	-2.38	47.40	31.77	49.18
Tannery	742.42	756.85	-1.91	372.76	272.56	36.76
Telecom	2,950.74	3,093.23	-4.61	602.98	349.13	72.71
Textile	1,111.08	1,154.49	-3.76	1,235.00	980.94	25.90
Travel & Leis	450.50	466.13	-3.35	63.41	57.85	9.62

Technical Talk

Dhaka bourse again closed in red trajectory in the last week that ended on Thursday as panicked investors continued their selling binge amid acute deficiency of confidence. The intention of government to appoint administrator at GP over unpaid dues dragged the market down. Consequently, share price of GP, the largest company by capital, slipped by 4.56% in the last week as the shaky investors dumped GP shares. Among the major losers, Telecom sector decreased by 4.61% over the week followed by Textile 3.76%, Engineering 1.71%, Fuel & Power 1.62%, NBFI 1.41% and Mutual Fund 1.12%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) reached 4,771 points decreased by 39.22 points or 0.82% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk15638.71m which was 22.48% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization decreased by 1.40% and stood at Tk3006.19b (\$35.49b) at the weekend against Tk3048.96b. DSE 30 decreased by 25.52 points or 1.50% and closed at 1,679.02 points against 1,704.54 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 12.72 which was 12.90 previous week.

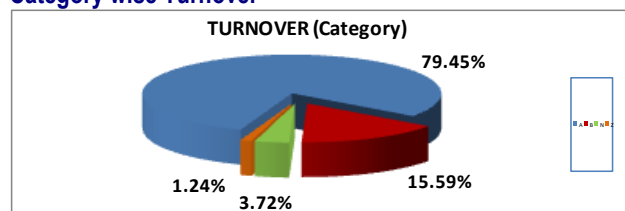
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
National tubes Ltd.	4,597,006	865,380,000	5.53
Bangladesh Shipping	9,929,631	524,643,000	3.35
Square Pharmaceuticals	2,135,269	511,706,000	3.27
Wata Chemicals Limited	638,401	419,040,000	2.68
Monno Jute Staffers Ltd.	256,823	375,970,000	2.40
Summit Power Ltd.	8,804,850	364,195,000	2.33

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
GP	429,125	BRACBANK	72,399
BATBC	198,054	BERGERPBL	69,409
Square Pharma	187,942	ICB	62,163
United Power	133,962	MARICO	55,119
RENATA	104,576	Summit Power	44,103

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t.oz.)	1,492.30	1,494.80	-0.17
Silver (USD/t.oz.)	17.54	17.52	0.09
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	59.91	59.10	1.37

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	84.70	84.75	84.70	84.75	0.00	0.00
EUR	95.11	95.16	94.01	94.07	1.17	1.17
GBP	110.16	110.23	107.42	107.49	2.55	2.55
AUD	58.37	58.40	57.81	57.84	0.97	0.97
JPY	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	-0.03	-0.01
CAD	64.86	64.90	64.51	64.55	0.55	0.55
SAR	22.70	22.71	22.70	22.71	0.00	0.00

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)
Ring Shine Textile	Aug 25 - Sep 09, 2019	10	1500