

### Perpetual bonds of 11 banks to be listed

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directed the issuers that got approval to raise capital through issuing perpetual bonds, to allocate at least 10% of the bonds through public offerings. The commission issued a directive on May 23, 2021 asking that perpetual bonds which will be issued by the banks must be listed on the bourses through direct listing method in order to increase liquidity in the market. The commission also decided that market intermediaries, including merchant banks and portfolio managers, asset management companies and stock dealers, must invest at least 3% of their own portfolios in the listed debt securities within June 30, 2022. Mutual funds will have to invest at least 3% of their funds into listed debt securities and it will be ensured by the respective trustee of the funds. The 11 commercial banks that have already got approval to collect Tk51b in total by issuing perpetual bonds for strengthening the Tier-I capital base in compliance with Basel- III guidelines are - The City Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Trust Bank, Jamuna Bank, One Bank, Standard Bank, NCC Bank, First Securities Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, United Commercial Bank and EXIM Bank. Every issuer of perpetual bond must, in each year, make at least 20% provision in addition to annual interest or coupon payment of its perpetual bond, which shall be accumulated, as per the directive. If there is any shortage of fund or profit for the year to make any payment of such interest or coupon, the issuer of perpetual bond must make payment of due interest in full using funds from the accumulated coupon or interest provision account, the directive further said.

### Tk308.24b whitened in last 50 years

Since 1971, different political governments have entertained calls for money whitening facilities in the annual budgets. But in these 50 years, till 2021, Tk308.24b has been whitened against which the exchequer received Tk39b as revenue. In the first nine months of the current fiscal year a record Tk142b undisclosed assets has been legalized. In the upcoming fiscal year's budget the government intends to keep the provision of money whitening schemes. Legalizing such black money in the budget is morally unacceptable as it creates discrimination between honest and dishonest taxpayers conscious citizens claim.

Ligatization of Black Money and Tax Paid		
Period	Declared Income	(Tk in mn)
		Tax
1971-75	22.5	1.9
1976-80	507.6	8.1
1981-90	458.9	45.9
1991-96	1507.9	150.8
1997-00	9504.1	1412.2
2001-06	8277.4	1027.7
2007-09	16829.9	9113.2
2010-13	18050.1	2304.1
2014-20	111074.3	10735.1
2020-21 (July-March)	142007	14200.7

Source: NBR

### Bangladesh to lend to Sri Lanka

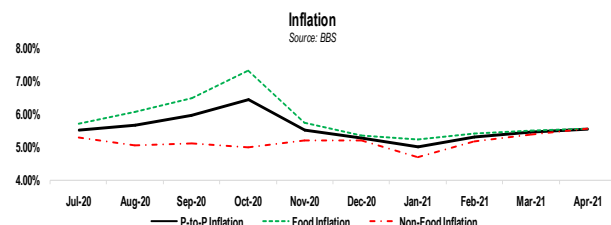
The first ever loan from the foreign exchange (forex) reserve has been made available to a country through a currency swap deal. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) is going to provide US\$200m loan to debt-ridden Sri Lanka from the reserve. The deal will be for one year. Sri Lanka will keep deposit of equivalent amount of Lankan Rupees with BB. The central bank of Sri Lanka is expected to return the amount in three months at an interest rate of LIBOR + 2%. If the tenure goes up to six months, the interest rate would be LIBOR + 2.5%, as per BB. Sri Lanka has taken funds through such swap deals also from India and China. Foreign exchange reserve of Bangladesh reached a record US\$45.10b for the first time on May 03, 2021. While the government sees the move as a historic one, economists criticize the idea of using the reserve in such deals, which is customarily used to meet import bills.

### Digital banking transactions up in pandemic

Digital banking transactions went up sharply as people are getting used to it amid the Covid-19 pandemic. General people started depending heavily on internet banking services since March last year when the government imposed a bar on public movement to control the spread of corona virus pandemic. According to the recent statistics of Bangladesh Bank (BB), the volume of transactions through internet banking surged 57.42% (Y-o-Y) to Tk103.71b in March this year against Tk65.88b in March 2020. It was Tk85.43b and Tk84.77b in last January and February respectively. Meanwhile, transactions through both credit and debit cards have increased as well. The volume of transactions using debit cards grew 45.33% (Y-o-Y) to Tk220b in March. Similarly, banks advanced Tk17.83b through credit card payments, up by 57% (Y-o-Y) in March, as per the central bank. The issuance of credit cards stood at 1.73m at the end of March from 1.71m in February as well as the issuance of debit cards increased to 22.4m from 22m a month ago.

### Inflation hits six months high at 5.56%

The point-to-point inflation increased by 0.09 percentage points to 5.56% in April, hitting six months high rate, from 5.47% in the previous month due mainly to the price hike of both food and non-food items on account of the countryside lockdown to prevent further spread of infections. However, the twelve-months average inflation (May 2020 to April 2021) stood at 5.60%, which was 5.63% between May 2019 and April 2020, according to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS). Food inflation grew by 0.06 percentage points to 5.57% in April, 2021 from 5.51% a month ago. Similarly, non-food inflation surged by 0.16 percentage points and stood at 5.55% in April, 2021 from 5.39% in March. In April, inflation in both urban and rural areas has also increased to 5.39% and 5.66%, which was 5.31% and 5.55% respectively in the past month.



## Stock Market Movement



### Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	4,204.11	4,155.86	1.16
FTSE 100	7,022.61	7,018.05	0.06
Nikkei 225	29,149.41	28,317.83	2.94
SENSEX	51,422.88	50,540.48	1.75
KSE 100	47,126.29	45,914.98	2.64

### DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	5,985.82	5,813.07	2.97
Total Turnover, Tk	76,837,873,115	84,244,623,640	-8.79
Market Capital, Tk	4,429,089,751,500	4,326,466,489,173	2.37
No of Issue Gain	237	169	
No of Issue Loss	92	149	
No of Unchanged Issues	41	53	

### Top Gainers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (Tk)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Salvo Chemical Ind.	13.00	17.80	36.92	237,109,000
Green Delta Ins.	66.20	89.50	35.20	944,728,000
Northern Islami Ins.	45.50	60.60	33.19	1,030,335,000
AB Bank	12.00	15.70	30.83	944,472,000
Aman Feed	32.00	41.80	30.63	513,931,000
NRB Bank	28.00	36.30	29.64	1,640,244,000
Kattali Textile	13.50	17.50	29.63	790,910,000
GSP Finance	17.70	22.90	29.38	211,003,000
Reliance Insurance	60.30	76.80	27.36	223,961,000
Aman Cotton Fibrous	29.40	37.00	25.85	303,791,000

### Top Losers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (Tk)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Continental Insurance	55.40	48.30	-12.82	580,186,000
Shurwid Industries	17.20	16.00	-6.98	78,930,000
M.L. Dyeing	32.70	30.50	-6.73	298,150,000
Rahima Food	229.50	214.90	-6.36	160,788,000
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills	103.10	96.70	-6.21	2,280,000
National Feed Mill	34.80	32.70	-6.03	1,067,442,000
GQ Ball Pen Industries	124.40	117.40	-5.63	37,672,000
BEXIMCO	90.80	85.70	-5.62	5,235,454,000
Savar Refractories	164.40	155.60	-5.35	2,180,000
Shyampur Sugar Mills	50.50	47.80	-5.35	2,446,000

### Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	343.05	333.84	2.76	1,571.69	1,438.19	9.28
Cement	642.07	646.52	-0.69	325.28	564.20	-42.35
Ceramic	7,198.17	6,967.67	3.31	3,577.48	4,551.73	-21.40
Engineering	5,020.59	5,054.68	-0.67	2,380.35	3,288.79	-27.62
Food & Al.	3,916.97	3,919.49	-0.06	3,566.38	4,966.65	-28.19
Fuel & Pow.	2,797.08	2,547.13	9.81	17,423.54	15,217.52	14.50
Insurance	476.56	455.13	4.71	2,104.46	2,523.89	-16.62
IT	1,159.88	1,193.96	-2.85	45.58	52.54	-13.23
Jute	2,076.57	2,093.45	-0.81	7,457.11	9,933.90	-24.93
Misc.	558.09	533.27	4.65	1,908.70	1,742.51	9.54
Mutual Fund	1,189.76	1,151.30	3.34	4,418.43	4,587.23	-3.68
NBFI	6,275.05	6,239.65	0.57	103.59	92.97	11.43
Paper	1,365.45	1,376.25	-0.78	3,408.57	4,577.99	-25.54
Pharma	1,236.06	1,249.11	-1.04	1,673.57	2,667.54	-37.26
Service	613.57	613.13	0.07	346.74	754.88	-54.07
Tannery	4,906.76	4,836.66	1.45	2,297.47	2,521.26	-8.88
Telecom	1,196.49	1,155.90	3.51	6,237.06	6,355.06	-1.86
Textile	502.55	501.47	0.22	45.65	58.97	-22.59
Travel & Leis	343.05	333.84	2.76	1,571.69	1,438.19	9.28

## Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks advanced in the past week, stretching the gaining streak to the seventh week, as investors kept buying shares, especially those of financial sector companies. Share prices of many financial companies including banks and insurance firms remained lucrative that provoked the investors to buy the companies' shares. The market remained closed on May 26, 2021 due to government holiday. The key index advanced in three out of four trading days in the past week. Trading time was extended by 30 minutes to 2:00pm from Monday in line with the banking hours. Among the major sectors, Insurance increased by 9.81% over the week followed by Banks 8.57%, Mutual Funds 4.65%, Textile 3.51% and Engineering 3.31%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 5,985.82 points after increasing by 172.75 points or 2.97% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk76837.87m, which was 8.79% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 2.37% and stood at Tk4429.09b (\$52.17b) at the weekend against Tk4326.47b. DSE 30 increased by 11.27 points or 0.52% and closed at 2,189.74 points against 2,178.47 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 18.24 which was 17.83 previous week.

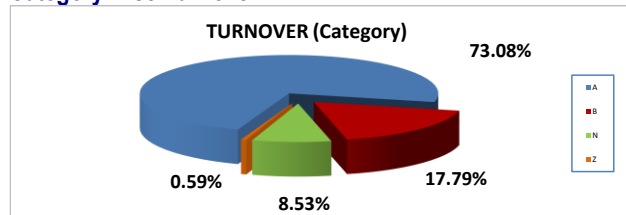
### Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Beximco	59,535,701	5,235,454,000	6.81
Prime Bank	82,955,785	2,144,488,000	2.79
LankaBangla Finance	45,929,602	1,653,804,000	2.15
NRB Bank	48,131,704	1,640,244,000	2.13
Pioneer Insurance	13,036,869	1,579,056,000	2.06
SAIF Powertec	59,533,722	1,556,485,000	2.03

### Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	In million
GP	468,149	United Power	146,505
Walton Hi-Tech	391,505	RENATA	112,872
BATBC	298,728	Berger Paint	82,863
ROBI	246,183	Beximco Pharma	75,363
Square Pharma	178,894	ICB	75,101

### Category wise Turnover



### Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,906.30	1,884.80	1.14
Silver (USD/t oz.)	28.07	27.66	1.48
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	69.04	66.64	3.60

### Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	84.90	84.95	84.90	84.95	0.00	0.00
EUR	105.58	105.64	105.52	105.58	0.06	0.06
GBP	122.81	122.88	122.94	122.91	-0.11	-0.02
AUD	66.02	66.06	66.05	66.09	-0.05	-0.05
JPY	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.00	0.00
CAD	70.38	70.42	70.45	70.49	-0.10	-0.10
SAR	22.75	22.76	22.75	22.77	0.00	-0.04

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)
Sonali Life Ins. Co. Ltd.	May 30-Jun 03, 2021	10	190