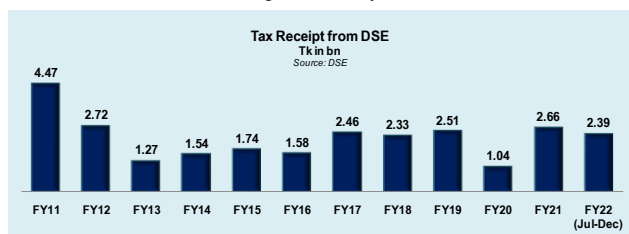


**Depreciation of Taka continues**

Bangladeshi Taka (BDT) depreciated against the US Dollar due to higher demand for the greenback to settle import payments. Dollar was quoted at Tk86 in the interbank market on January 09, 2022 against Tk85.80 of the previous working day. It was Tk84.80 on January 10 last year, according to the recent reports of Bangladesh Bank (BB). The exchange rate for the US dollar in the informal or *kerb* market is more than Tk90 per USD. The exchange rate was stable at Tk84.80 to Tk84.90 against the Dollar for most of the time in 2020 and the first half of 2021. From August last year, the local currency started falling with the push from rising import payments. Meanwhile, BB continued to inject USD into the market to halt the depreciation of the local currency and meet the growing appetite of the economy. The central bank has so far sold US\$2.50b as many banks are facing a shortage of the USD.

**Tax receipts from DSE swells in July-December**

Tax receipts from Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surged 70.71% (Y-o-Y) in the July-December period of FY2021-22 since the trading volume as well as market turnover rose significantly on the back of buoyant participation of the investors riding on supportive regulatory measures. According to the recent statistics of DSE, earnings from the bourse stood at Tk2.39b during the period against Tk1.4b in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Of the total earnings, Tk2.02b came from brokerage commission and the rest Tk367.5m from the tax on share sales by sponsor-directors and placement holders. In the same period of the last fiscal year, Tk1.03b came from brokerage commission while Tk422m from the tax on share sales by sponsor-directors and placement holders. The DSE statistics shows that, revenue earnings in the FY2020-21 from the DSE hit a 10-year high of Tk2.66b, as the DSE turnover recorded a decade-high in few trading sessions in the last fiscal year. However, the prime bourse paid tax worth Tk4.47b in the FY2010-11, the highest in its history, when the market witnessed a wild trend before crashing eventually.

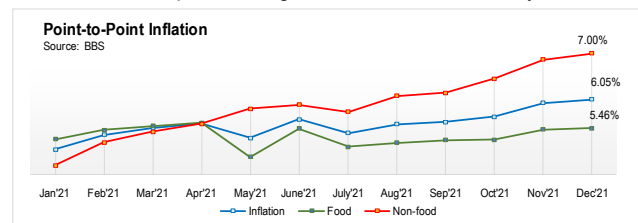


**Interest spread widens in November**

Interest spread in the banking sector widened to 3.16% in November 2021 against 3.14% in the previous month as the banks slashed the deposit rates aiming to reduce cost of fund. The interest spread in the State owned Commercial Banks (SCBs), Private Commercial Banks (PCBs), Foreign Commercial Banks (FCBs) and Specialized Banks (SBs) stood at 2.18%, 3.30%, 5.15%, and 1.54% respectively at the end of November, as per BB reports. In November, weighted average lending rate in the banking sector remained unchanged at 7.15%. On the other hand, weighted average deposit rates declined by 0.02 percentage points to 3.99% from 4.01% in the previous month. In the PCBs, the weighted average lending rate was 7.45%, the rate was 5.97% in FCBs, 6.12% in SCBs and 7.09% in the SBs. Weighted average deposit rate in the PCBS stood at 4.15%, and was 0.82% in FCBs, 3.94% in SCBs and 5.55% in SBs.

**Inflation hits 14-month high**

Inflation hit a 14-month high after October 2020, in the closing months of 2021, fuelled by the escalating level of non- food inflation. It kept rising on account of hike in energy prices, such as diesel and kerosene, which eventually fuelled the cost of food as well as non-food items. As per the recent release from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the point-to-point inflation stood at 6.05% in December this year, rising 7-basis points from 5.98% in the preceding month. The last 12-months average inflation, which stood at 5.54%, exceeded the monetary target of 5.30% set for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Non-food inflation soared 13-basis points to 7% in December from 6.87% in November. Meanwhile, food inflation rose slightly by 3-basis points to stand at 5.46% in the last month. Dwellers of both rural and urban areas felt the bite of ballooning inflation that stood at 6.27% and 5.66% respectively in December from 6.20% and 5.59% in November respectively. Inflation has been on the rise since August 2021. Surge in prices in that month scored 5.54% inflation that has now crossed the 6%-mark. Mainly fuel price hike along with rising trend in the global supply chain disruption as well as currency devaluation elevated the inflation rate in the last five months and it may sustain for some more months as the knock-on effects pass through the rest of the economy.



**WB project 6.4% growth**

The World Bank (WB) in its latest "Global Economic Prospects" report has kept its projection unchanged for the economic growth of Bangladesh at 6.4% for FY2021-22, but the figure is still lower than the 7.2% target forecasted by the government. In October, 2021 the global lender revised upward the growth rate at 6.4% from the previous estimate of 5.1% made in June 2021. The WB report also added that the economy is expected to see a 6.9% growth in FY2022-23. The report said, strong export growth, supported by returning readymade garment demand from abroad and a rebound in domestic demand with improving labour income and remittance inflows supported the recovery. In December 2021, US-based multinational lender International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected 6.6% economic growth of Bangladesh in FY22. Meanwhile, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected GDP growth at 6.8% in FY2021-22.

**Revenue collection up by 14.22% in H1**

Revenue collection by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) went up by 14.22% (Y-o-Y) in the six months of the current fiscal year, indicating recovery of business activities from the Covid-induced slowdown. The revenue board managed to bag Tk1262.09b during the period, however, total tax receipts fell Tk170.82b short of the target of Tk1432.91b set for the first half of FY22. Among the three wings of the NBR, the Value Added Tax (VAT) wing fetched the highest revenue of Tk465.85b, registering 9.5% (Y-o-Y) growth in the first six months of this fiscal year. Custom duty surged by 19.5% (Y-o-Y) to Tk402.02b and income tax 15% (Y-o-Y) to Tk394.21b in the mentioned period, NBR reported.

## Stock Market Movement



### Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	4,662.85	4,677.03	-0.30
FTSE 100	7,542.95	7,485.28	0.77
Nikkei 225	28,124.28	28,478.56	-1.24
SENSEX	61,223.03	59,744.65	2.47
KSE 100	45,763.45	45,345.65	0.92

### DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	7,017.23	6,987.45	0.43
Total Turnover, Tk	78,324,400,128	64,881,506,689.00	20.72
Market Capital, Tk	4,972,612,721,660	4,933,585,382,179	0.79
No of Issue Gain	146	286	
No of Issue Loss	219	86	
No of Unchanged Issues	19	10	

### Top Gainers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (Tk)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Fareast Life Ins.	68.30	98.30	43.92	1,801,170,000
Rangpur Foundry	145.80	207.10	42.04	315,410,000
AMCL(PRAN)	265.60	365.70	37.69	405,089,000
Bashundhara Paper	51.20	67.70	32.23	783,257,000
RAK Ceramics	45.10	55.70	23.50	1,379,997,000
Titas Gas	40.90	49.60	21.27	2,151,817,000
BSC	104.60	125.90	20.36	3,642,208,000
Taufika Foods	43.60	51.80	18.81	1,230,392,000
Anwar Galvanizing	364.90	430.10	17.87	618,662,000
Wata Chemicals	265.60	305.40	14.98	136,846,000

### Top Losers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (Tk)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Delta Life Insurance	212.40	186.30	-12.29	1,920,747,000
KDS Accessories	70.90	64.00	-9.73	373,864,000
Emerald Oil Industries	40.70	36.90	-9.34	84,655,000
SALAMCRST	30.40	27.80	-8.55	19,354,000
Peoples Insurance	60.90	55.90	-8.21	226,705,000
Shyampur Sugar Mills	89.60	82.30	-8.15	8,174,000
Sea Pearl Beach Resort	46.30	42.70	-7.78	71,514,000
eGeneration	55.90	51.60	-7.69	42,248,000
Agni Systems	23.50	21.80	-7.23	128,168,000
R.N. Spinning Mills	7.10	6.60	-7.04	33,736,000

### Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	503.22	509.92	-1.31	4,895.23	4,937.08	-0.85
Cement	424.00	427.36	-0.79	2,175.55	1,158.48	87.79
Ceramic	912.80	793.38	15.05	1,784.22	339.20	426.00
Engineering	7,235.73	7,205.61	0.42	7,433.47	3,880.26	91.57
Food & Al.	5,872.68	5,882.91	-0.17	3,585.07	2,994.99	19.70
Fuel & Pow.	4,506.03	4,375.14	2.99	10,508.30	5,025.92	109.08
Insurance	3,014.79	3,100.71	-2.77	8,312.84	8,590.54	-3.23
IT	663.76	682.33	-2.72	1,144.29	1,691.34	-32.34
Jute	1,104.82	1,083.52	1.97	53.52	52.86	1.25
Misc.	2,844.87	2,812.74	1.14	9,292.07	10,303.96	-9.82
Mutual Fund	520.60	518.57	0.39	598.07	427.32	39.96
NBFI	1,464.92	1,479.33	-0.97	4,019.21	2,977.11	35.00
Paper	14,089.77	13,055.15	7.93	1,473.61	1,128.55	30.58
Pharma	1,680.44	1,662.61	1.07	6,150.67	5,999.99	2.51
Service	1,809.22	1,837.87	-1.56	1,595.30	1,184.61	34.67
Tannery	1,291.47	1,219.16	5.93	2,950.09	2,833.25	4.12
Telecom	4,855.97	4,690.35	3.53	3,171.55	1,353.01	134.41
Textile	1,794.51	1,801.19	-0.37	5,313.22	4,763.82	11.53
Travel & Leis	589.39	599.49	-1.69	1,043.71	1,121.26	-6.92

## Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks advanced in the last week, extended the winning streak for the third straight week as a section of investors kept buying shares, especially those of state-run companies. Out of its five trading sessions, three sessions gained while two other saw corrections. Among the major sectors, Ceramic increased by 15.05%, followed by Telecom 3.53%, Fuel & Power 2.99% and Pharma 1.07%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 7,017.23 points after increasing by 29.78 points or 0.43% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk78324.40m, which was 20.72% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.79% and stood at Tk4972.61b (\$57.82b) at the weekend against Tk4933.59b. DSE 30 increased by 13.21 points or 0.51% and closed at 2,616.30 points against 2,603.09 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 16.94 which was 16.81 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 of DSEX showed gradual recovery last week as it increased to 58.54.

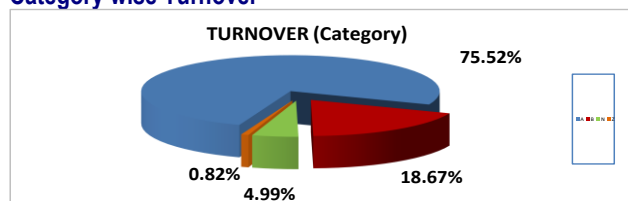
### Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
BEXIMCO	31,579,255	4,738,802,000	6.05
Power Grid	57,349,898	4,227,694,000	5.40
BSC	31,122,780	3,642,208,000	4.65
Fortune Shoes	22,253,052	2,677,407,000	3.42
Titas Gas	45,092,738	2,151,817,000	2.75
BD Submarine Cable	9,006,216	2,125,825,000	2.71

### Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Market Capital (Tk)	Value (Tk)	In million
GP	485,163	United Power	149,214
BATBC	350,784	Beximco Ltd.	130,572
Walton Hi-Tech	344,945	RENATA	127,647
ROBI	213,708	ICB	104,756
Square Pharma	197,147	LafargeHolcim	93,491

### Category wise Turnover



### Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t.oz)	1,817.30	1,796.50	1.16
Silver (USD/t.oz)	22.99	22.39	2.70
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	86.25	81.91	5.30

### Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	86.00	86.05	86.00	86.05	0.00	0.00
EUR	100.38	100.44	99.27	99.33	1.12	1.12
GBP	120.29	120.36	118.75	118.82	1.30	1.30
AUD	62.97	63.01	62.17	62.21	1.29	1.29
JPY	0.76	0.76	0.75	0.75	1.33	1.33
CAD	69.13	69.17	67.61	67.65	2.25	2.25
SAR	23.03	23.04	23.01	23.03	0.09	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)
-	-	-	-