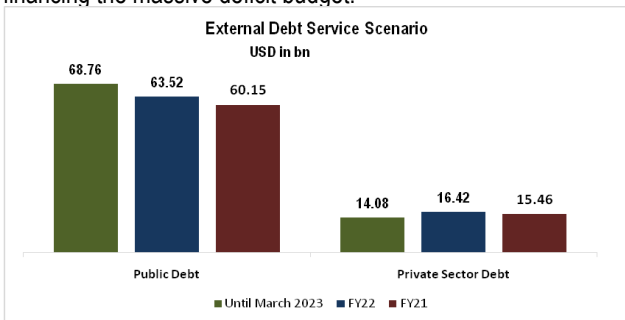


Foreign debt surges to US\$82.85b

According to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) reports, foreign debts had piled up to US\$82.85b by the third quarter of 2023 as government borrowing increases year on year. Out of the amount, the public debt had increased to US\$68.76b till March this year from US\$63.52b at the end of 2022. Meanwhile, the private-sector debt as of March 2023 decreased to US\$14.08b from US\$16.42b at the end of 2022. The foreign debt is likely to increase further in the next fiscal year, as the government has set a target to borrow Tk1.02-trillion from the external sources for financing the massive deficit budget.



Tax from DSE drops 29.60% in FY2022-23

Tax receipts from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dropped by 29.60% in the financial year 2022-23 compared with that in the same period of the previous financial year, due to a deep decline in turnover. According to the figures from DSE, earnings from the bourse stood at Tk2.77b during the period against Tk3.59b in the same period of the previous fiscal year. The capital market endured a painful and hopeless fiscal year, suffering deterioration in all indicators. The unique floor price mechanism squeezed average daily turnover by 40.27% (Y-o-Y) to Tk7.93b in FY2022-23 from Tk13.27b of the previous fiscal year. DSE statistics show that, the prime bourse paid tax worth Tk4.47b in FY2010-11, the highest in its history, when the market witnessed a wild trend before crashing eventually.

Negative net sale of NSCs in July-May

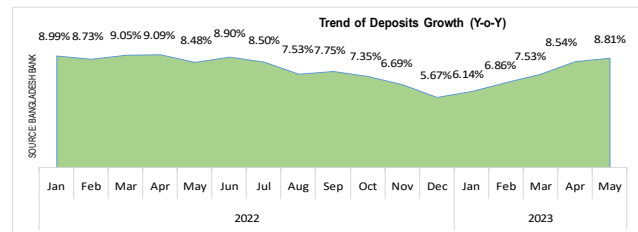
As per the latest figures from the National Savings Directorate (NSD), the net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) were Tk30.28b negative in the first eleven months of the just concluded financial year 2022-23. The government borrowed Tk747.18b against repayment of Tk777.47b during the period. The net sales of NSCs witnessed a negative growth due to various factors, such as imposition of tighter investment rules, reduction of interest rate on the certificates and rising inflationary pressure. Initially, the government planned to borrow Tk350b through savings certificates in FY2022-23 but the target was later reduced to Tk200b. Meanwhile, the scope for investment in saving certificates has been squeezed further and set at Tk180b for the FY2023-24.

Trade deficit narrows in July-May

The trade deficit during the first eleven months of the FY2022-23 stood at US\$17.16b, decreasing by 44.32% (Y-o-Y), due to a fall in imports in the wake of Dollar shortage. As per Bangladesh Bank (BB) figures, import payments declined by 14.11% to US\$64.76b while exports increased by 6.77% to US\$47.6b in the July-May period of FY2022-23. Meanwhile, the current account deficit shrank 73.91% (Y-on-Y) in July-May to US\$4.5b. According to BB updates, the trade deficit rose to US\$33.25b in FY2021-22 from US\$23.78b a year before.

Deposit in banks rises

The amount of bank deposits increased by more than Tk153.01b in May this year though the country has been facing an economic crisis and inflationary pressure for quite some time. Bangladesh Bank (BB) figures revealed the deposit growth in May was a 11-month high of 8.81%. The growth in deposits during 2022 was much lower than in recent times, with rates of 5.67% in December 2022. Such growth in deposits was 9.19% in December 2021, 13.48% in December 2020 and 12.58% in December 2019.



Import LC openings drops 35.91%

In the FY2021-22 a total of US\$94.27b worth of Letters of Credit (LCs) were opened which dropped by 35.91% (Y-on-Y) to US\$69.36b in FY2022-23 due to various restrictions imposed by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) and the ongoing Dollar crisis. In June of FY2022-23, import LCs worth US\$4.75b were opened, which was the lowest in the entire fiscal year. To deal with the Dollar crisis, the central bank continued to sell greenbacks from the reserve. A record US\$13.58b was sold from reserves in the financial year 2022-23, whereas in FY2021-22 it sold US\$7.62b from the reserves. As a result, the forex reserve is also decreasing. The foreign currency reserves stood at US\$23.56b on 12 July 2023, as per the definition of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

ADB upgrades GDP growth forecast

The Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) for July 2023 has raised its projection for the economic growth of Bangladesh to 6% for FY2022-23, up from 5.3% it forecasted in April, 2023. However, for the FY2023-24, ADB has kept its forecasted growth unchanged at 6.5%. The projection remains higher than the World Bank's estimate of 6.2% and aligns with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) forecast of 6.5%. However, it falls short of the government's ambitious target of 7.5% growth set for the FY2023-24. Meanwhile, for FY2022-23 the government has revised down the economic growth projection to 6.3% from the previous estimate of 7.2%. Experts, however, say that 6.3% GDP growth is still an ambitious target as the country is facing the blow of global phenomena of Russia-Ukraine war while trying to recover from the prolonged pandemic shocks.

Agent banking accounts continue to grow

As per a Bangladesh Bank (BB) report, transactions through agent banking rose to Tk324.06b in May 2023 compared to Tk315.31b in the same period of earlier year, as a growing number of people are using the new banking window. Agent banking service was launched in 2014. Out of 61 scheduled banks, 29 banks are operating agent banking service and Brac Bank held the leading position in terms of lending with over 60% market share followed by Bank Asia, The City Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank and Al-Arafah Islami Bank. The number of agent banking outlets rose to 19,738 in FY2021-22 from 17,147 in the FY2020-21.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	4,536.34	4,505.42	0.69
FTSE 100	7,663.73	7,434.57	3.08
Nikkei 225	32,304.25	32,391.26	-0.27
SENSEX	66,684.26	66,060.90	0.94
KSE 100	45,888.25	45,071.94	1.81

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	6,365.61	6,341.10	0.39
Total Turnover, Tk	47,354,131,516	42,572,227,027	11.23
Market Capital, Tk	4,512,834,854,096	4,499,378,383,920	0.30
No of Issue Gain	118	70	
No of Issue Loss	23	127	
No of Unchanged Issues	197	194	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Janata Insurance	29.90	43.10	44.15	367,654,000
Continental Ins.	30.70	43.30	41.04	432,728,000
Crystal Insurance	41.20	53.60	30.10	191,726,000
Aziz Pipes	100.60	129.50	28.73	363,143,000
KBPPWBIL	29.30	36.10	23.21	1,511,978,000
Asia Pacific Ins.	45.70	55.70	21.88	87,584,000
Paramount Ins.	42.50	51.20	20.47	115,210,000
Global Insurance	31.40	37.80	20.38	248,584,000
Legacy Footwear	105.00	125.90	19.90	591,958,000
Deshbandhu Polymer	24.30	29.00	19.34	451,454,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Rupali Life Insurance	215.20	156.20	-27.42	677,637,000
Fu Wang Food	42.90	36.80	-14.22	3,106,702,000
Fu-Wang Ceramic	21.20	18.80	-11.32	447,954,000
Generation Next Fashion	8.20	7.50	-8.54	426,226,000
Central Pharma	15.30	14.00	-8.50	323,218,000
Progressive Life Ins.	83.70	77.30	-7.65	29,835,000
Emerald Oil	178.40	165.10	-7.46	584,172,000
Meghna Pet Industries	39.50	36.60	-7.34	15,688,000
Dacca Dyeing	16.90	15.70	-7.10	100,537,000
Lub-rref (Bangladesh)	38.70	36.20	-6.46	1,447,952,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	463.67	462.01	0.36	1,463.83	639.37	128.95
Cement	363.48	360.81	0.74	1,384.21	877.75	57.70
Ceramic	803.33	814.29	-1.35	581.98	938.30	-37.98
Engineering	8,263.72	6,669.05	23.91	4,397.47	3,739.08	17.61
Food & Al.	5,163.36	5,167.23	-0.07	7,844.46	6,332.33	23.88
Fuel & Pow.	3,906.25	3,913.83	-0.19	3,388.77	4,105.88	-17.47
Insurance	2,699.02	2,573.56	4.88	7,613.78	5,488.87	38.71
IT	684.94	678.12	1.01	2,258.94	1,932.70	16.88
Jute	2,218.47	2,072.85	7.03	392.87	146.52	168.13
Misc.	2,499.71	2,487.58	0.49	3,284.64	2,123.28	54.70
Mutual Fund	450.13	449.89	0.05	116.13	158.59	-26.78
NBFI	1,198.01	1,198.88	-0.07	348.52	638.40	-45.41
Paper	14,507.38	14,602.58	-0.65	1,016.04	981.48	3.52
Pharma	1,638.68	1,638.03	0.04	3,481.70	3,172.36	9.75
Service	1,776.06	1,792.05	-0.89	423.57	441.80	-4.13
Tannery	1,249.25	1,242.20	0.57	791.43	461.22	71.59
Telecom	3,822.47	3,822.47	0.00	37.78	7.21	423.85
Textile	1,917.60	1,913.99	0.19	3,234.23	4,565.27	-29.16
Travel & Leis.	1,187.48	1,183.48	0.34	1,626.15	1,461.87	11.24

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks extended the gaining streak for the second straight week as a section of investors put fresh funds particularly in general insurance, in anticipation of short-term gains. On the other hand, some low-cap stocks, which saw sharp gain in the past few days, experienced price correction. Among the major sectors, Engineering increased by 23.91% followed by Insurance 4.88%, IT 1.01% and Bank 0.36%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,365.61 points after increasing by 24.51 points or 0.39% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk47354.13m, which was 11.23% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.30% and stood at Tk4512.83b (\$41.40b) at the weekend against Tk4499.38b. DSE 30 decreased by 0.24 points or 0.01% and closed at 2,196.79 points against 2,197.03 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.46 which was 14.31 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 57.68.

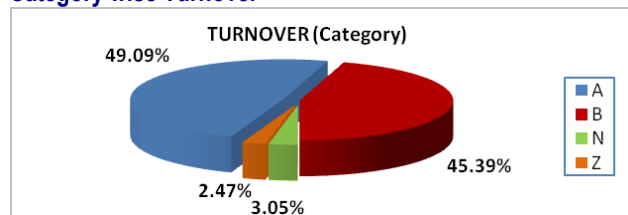
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Fu Wang Food	76,417,763	3,106,702,000	6.56
Rangpur Dairy & Food	31,340,658	1,768,062,000	3.73
KBPPWBIL	42,193,989	1,511,978,000	3.19
Lub-rref (Bangladesh)	36,860,359	1,447,952,000	3.06
Sea Pearl Resort	5,548,328	1,259,903,000	2.66
Delta Life Insurance	6,430,440	1,061,708,000	2.24

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
GP	386,996	RENETA	139,689
Walton Hi-Tech	317,378	United Power	135,475
BATBC	280,098	BEXIMCO	103,571
Square Pharma	187,130	Berger Paint	81,389
Robi	157,138	LafargeHolcim BD	80,483

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t.oz)	1,963.90	1,959.30	0.23
Silver (USD/t.oz)	24.78	25.16	-1.51
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	80.73	79.68	1.32

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	109.00	109.00	109.00	109.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	123.71	123.71	124.87	124.87	-0.93	-0.93
GBP	142.97	142.97	145.56	145.56	-1.78	-1.78
AUD	73.71	73.71	74.93	74.93	-1.63	-1.63
JPY	0.78	0.78	0.79	0.79	-1.27	-1.27
CAD	82.85	82.85	82.89	82.89	-0.05	-0.05
SAR	29.22	29.22	29.20	29.20	0.07	0.07

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)
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