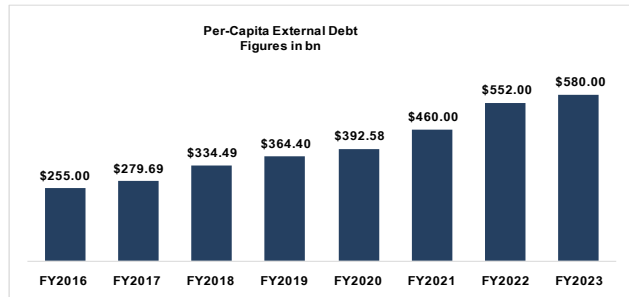


New Rules for stock brokers & dealers drafted

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has prepared a new draft of rules for stockbrokers and dealers titled "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Stock Dealer, Stockbroker and Authorized Representative) Rules, 2023". According to the draft, owners of brokerage houses will not be allowed to serve as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Also, the appointment or termination of the CEO must be approved by the BSEC. The stockbrokers will also have to appoint a board representative on behalf of clients if the rules are brought into effect. The brokerage houses would have to include a representative from the investors in its board. Further, stock exchanges are going to investigate every brokerage house and their branch offices at least once every two years to reduce misuse of investors' funds. The regulator can run special audits any time while stock exchanges also can conduct audits any time by taking approval from the BSEC. The minimum paid-up capital is set at Tk50m for a local entrepreneur to get a broker license. For the same license, joint ventures with foreign entrepreneurs would need to keep at least Tk80m and fully foreign ownerships Tk100m. In the case of stock dealer licensing, the paid-up capital for local entrepreneurs should be at least Tk100m. If an entity wants to operate as both stockbroker and stock dealer, it must have a paid-up capital of at least Tk150m, which is Tk200m for a joint venture or a fully foreign entity. Meanwhile, the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has urged to put the formulation of the new rules on hold until June 2024.

Per capita foreign debt hits US\$580

Bangladesh is taking an increasingly higher level of debt to fund infrastructure spending. Per-capita foreign debt rose to US\$580 in FY2022-23, from US\$552 a year before, as reported by Bangladesh Bank (BB). Total outstanding external debt stood at US\$98.93b at the end of June 2023, up 5.54% from a year ago. Out of US\$98.93b in foreign debts, public sector took US\$76.67b while the private sector foreign loans stood at US\$22.26b. The increasingly higher level of debt has created pressure on the foreign exchange reserve due to repayment obligations. The reserve meanwhile fell to US\$19.5b as on 12 November 2023.



Banks' lending rate rise

The lending rate ceiling in banks has reached nearly 11% in November 2023 from 10.7% in the previous month. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) on 04 October 2023 raised the policy rate by 75 basis points to 7.25% from 6.50%. In June 2023 the lending rate cap has been replaced by a market based but controlled corridor named SMART reference rate, calculated on the average rate of 182 days Treasury Bills with a 3% top up margin for banks and 5% for non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs).

DSE register low net profit in FY2022-23

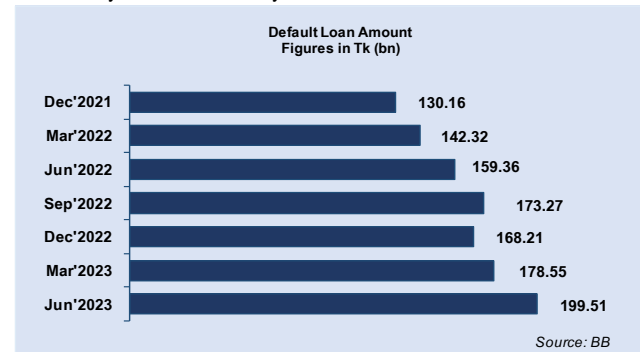
According to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), in FY2022-23 the revenue of DSE fell by 25% to Tk2.38b, hitting the lowest since FY2019-20, due to volatile market condition and low transactions amid floor price regulations. Bear-run and volatility infested the stock market sentiments from the beginning of the fiscal year. The capital market experienced persistent crises of confidence and was stuck in the stagnant floor price trap. A significant portion of the investors has been showing reluctance to actively involve in the market. Net profit after tax of DSE also declined to Tk800m, 35% lower than the previous fiscal year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the DSE experienced a significant setback in FY2019-20. Owing to lower number of trading sessions as the market remained closed during the long countryside shutdown, net profit of the premiere bourse tumbled by 75% (Y-on-Y) to Tk270m in FY2019-20, hitting the lowest since FY2006-07.

Economy slides further

The overall economic situation has deteriorated further because of the foreign currency crisis, runaway inflation, and a sharp decrease in monthly export income which at the end kept the balance of payments under constant pressure. Monthly export income in October dropped by 13.56% to US\$3.76b compared to US\$4.35b in the same month of FY2022-23, which might complicate the situation further amid unrest in the ready-made garment sector over new minimum wage demand. Ballooning inflation gave most people problems in maintaining their daily expenses with limited incomes. According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), food inflation surged 12.56% in October, the highest in the last 12 years. The overall inflation in October stood at 9.93%, also the highest in the last five months. In the first quarter of the current fiscal year, financial accounts experienced a deficit of US\$3.9b against a surplus of US\$839m in the same period last year. Sluggish foreign direct investment, reduced net foreign loans and grants and a decline in foreign portfolio investments contributed to the deficit in the financial account.

Crisis in NBFIs sector

As per Bangladesh Bank (BB) stress test report, out of 35 Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIs) 14 were in the red zone. Most of these institutions are also facing an image crisis due to a wide range of corruption and maladministration. The volume of Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) in the NBFIs rose to Tk199.51b at the end of June 2023 from Tk178.55b at the end of March, which was Tk168.21b in December 2022, according to BB. The central bank has instructed NBFIs to reduce their NPLs and capital shortfall by December this year.



Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

		This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	↑	4,514.02	4,415.24	2.24
FTSE 100	↑	7,504.25	7,360.55	1.95
Nikkei 225	↑	33,585.20	32,568.11	3.12
SENSEX	↑	65,794.73	64,904.68	1.37
KSE 100	↑	57,016.96	55,399.66	2.92

DSE Indicators

		This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	↓	6,257.15	6,271.84	-0.23
Total Turnover, Tk	↓	21,752.74	25,975.69	-16.26
Market Capital, Tk	↓	4,468,242,069,870	4,476,668,957,286	-0.19
No of Issue Gain		50	75	
No of Issue Loss		105	69	
No of Unchanged Issues		213	226	

Top Gainers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (in BDTmn)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Pacific Denims	9.90	12.70	28.28	440.90
Bd.Thai Aluminium	15.70	19.60	24.84	521.02
KBPPWBIL	56.40	68.60	21.63	668.79
Khulna Printing	17.80	20.30	14.04	548.53
Continental Ins.	38.40	43.60	13.54	226.94
Evince Textiles	9.40	10.60	12.77	121.67
Dacca Dyeing	13.20	14.80	12.12	119.60
SK Trims	27.30	30.20	10.62	234.62
Kamaphuli Insurance	33.40	36.90	10.48	189.55
Central Pharma	14.10	15.20	7.80	430.39

Top Losers

Company	Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)			Turnover (in BDTmn)
	Last Week	This Week	Change %	
Gemini Sea Food	716.00	555.30	-22.44	534.50
Apex Footwear	319.10	265.60	-16.77	395.44
ADN Telecom	112.30	96.00	-14.51	275.62
Monno Agro	620.10	540.50	-12.84	81.01
Aramit	304.40	265.50	-12.78	46.92
Samorita Hospital	103.80	93.00	-10.40	215.67
CAPITECGBF	13.80	12.40	-10.14	267.12
Oimex Electrode	24.10	21.70	-9.96	108.32
GQ Ball Pen Industries	125.80	113.40	-9.86	42.63
Kay & Que	222.80	200.90	-9.83	19.24

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	463.65	463.39	0.06	139.68	183.95	-24.07
Cement	352.99	353.68	-0.20	388.58	507.52	-23.44
Ceramic	796.86	792.11	0.60	151.05	1.80	8,314.87
Engineering	6,642.19	6,645.95	-0.06	2,682.54	2,764.70	-2.97
Food & Al.	5,085.84	5,115.85	-0.59	2,876.16	4,635.85	-37.96
Fuel & Pow.	3,905.93	3,911.06	-0.13	668.34	1,186.51	-43.67
Insurance	2,597.35	2,612.81	-0.59	2,755.36	4,879.13	-43.53
IT	587.62	616.81	-4.73	790.83	1,137.08	-30.45
Jute	2,312.25	2,302.40	0.43	121.84	272.92	-55.36
Misc.	2,484.83	2,486.03	-0.05	1,508.34	1,517.00	-0.57
Mutual Fund	468.95	472.00	-0.65	295.26	408.79	-27.77
NBFI	1,194.22	1,193.89	0.03	48.52	58.27	-16.73
Paper	13,618.56	13,792.20	-1.26	1,144.97	1,560.91	-26.65
Pharma	1,635.61	1,635.88	-0.02	1,572.00	2,130.23	-26.21
Service	1,726.36	1,759.25	-1.87	306.40	746.94	-58.98
Tannery	1,191.00	1,219.12	-2.31	567.76	763.34	-25.62
Telecom	3,822.47	3,822.47	0.00	1.34	1.51	-11.69
Textile	1,912.23	1,902.83	0.49	1,732.60	892.58	94.11
Travel & Leis.	990.78	1,021.37	-2.99	498.56	564.75	-11.72

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks closed in red trajectory in the last week ended on Thursday after a single-week break, as investor confidence waned due to increasing political uncertainties ahead of the national election. Of the five trading sessions, three sessions experienced declines while the remaining two saw modest gains. Among the major sectors, IT decreased by 4.73% followed by Mutual Fund 0.65% and Insurance by 0.59%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,257.15 points after decreasing by 14.69 points or 0.23% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk21,752.74m, which was 16.26% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization decreased by 0.19% and stood at Tk4468.24m (\$40.25b) at the weekend against Tk4476.67b. DSE 30 decreased by 8.90 points or 0.42% and closed at 2,118.94 points against 2,127.84 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.46 which was 14.49 in 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 45.17.

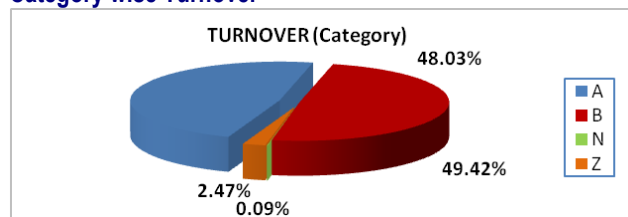
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
Fu Wang Food	21,813,397	707.93	3.25
KBPPWBIL	10,644,240	668.79	3.07
Emerald Oil	5,538,056	649.59	2.99
Khulna Printing	30,988,651	548.53	2.52
Gemini Sea Food	863,969	534.50	2.46
Bd.Thai Aluminium	28,172,430	521.02	2.40

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% 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	187,839	LafargeHolcim BD	80,715
ROBI	157,138	Berger Paint	80,238

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,983.50	1,942.70	2.10
Silver (USD/t oz.)	23.78	22.31	6.59
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	80.59	81.70	-1.36

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	111.00	111.00	111.00	111.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	125.09	125.09	123.35	123.35	1.41	1.41
GBP	141.01	141.01	139.10	139.10	1.37	1.37
AUD	72.15	72.15	71.02	71.02	1.59	1.59
JPY	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.00	0.00
CAD	81.39	81.39	80.84	80.84	0.68	0.68
SAR	29.77	29.77	29.74	29.74	0.10	0.10

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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