

BSEC target directors over unpaid dividends

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission’s (BSEC) recent directive puts listed companies with overdue dividend payouts on notice, underscoring a firm commitment to enforcing dividend disbursement timelines among listed companies. Listed companies are required to distribute approved dividends within 30 days post-approval at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Should they default, directors face joint and collective liability, incurring fines of Tk5,000 for each day of delay. Out of ten companies, nine now face a strict 15 December 2024 deadline to disburse overdue dividends, some dating as far back as FY2021-22 while Advent Pharma has been directed to disburse its due dividends by 30 November 2024. The potential of financial penalty accruing daily could serve as a strong deterrent against lapses in future disbursements. Additionally, the directors (excluding independent directors) must cover shareholder dividends from their own accounts if the payouts are not completed. This follows the DSE’s move in September this year to downgrade 28 firms to the “Z” category due to dividend non-compliance, emphasizing growing regulatory vigilance. The requirement for directors to shoulder fines signals an intensified accountability framework, effectively transferring financial responsibility to corporate leadership. Given the increased emphasis on compliance and the significant penalties involved, companies will likely prioritize adherence, which could positively impact investor sentiment and market stability in the near term.

Companies failed to distribute cash dividend	
Company	Penalties for directors
Safko Spinning Mills	Tk2m each
Pacific Denims	Tk1.3m each
Lub-rref (Bangladesh)	Tk23.5m each
Oryza Agro Industries	Tk4.7m each
Mamun Agro Products	Tk1.3m each
Krishibid Feed	Tk1m each
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BD Paints	Tk9.7m each
Associated Oxygen	Tk19.1m each
Advent Pharma	Tk0.4m each

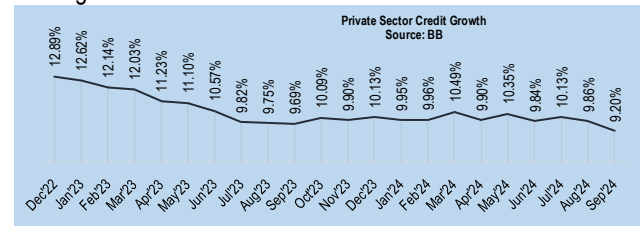
Source: BSEC

Export earnings rise by 10.81%

Export earnings saw a rise of 10.81% (Y-o-Y) in the first four months of FY2024-25, riding on the Readymade Garments (RMG) sector despite labor unrest. As per figures from Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), exporters fetched US\$15.79b in July-October period of FY2024-25 against US\$14.25b in the same period of last year. RMG sector alone contributed US\$12.81b, marking an 11.39% increase from US\$11.5b earlier. Woven garment exports rose by 10.48% to US\$5.6b while knitwear exports by 12.08% to US\$7.2b in July-October of FY2024.25. In October 2024, earnings from RMG sector increased by 22.80% to US\$3.3b compared with those of US\$2.68b in the same period of 2023. Export data was manipulated during the tenure of the previous government, it is alleged. The EPB clarified US\$10b discrepancies in FY2023-24. In FY2022-23, actual exports were US\$46.43b, while miscalculated data reported US\$55.55b. In FY2023-24, actual exports totaled US\$44.46b, while the erroneous data reported US\$55.28b.

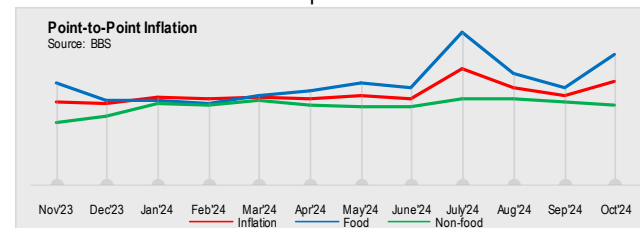
Private sector credit growth hit three-year low

Credit growth rate in the private sector fell sharply to 9.2% in September 2024 from 9.86% a month ago amid turmoil in the banking sector and economic uncertainty. This decrease marked the lowest growth rate since September 2021, when it reached 8.77%. Persistent inflation, rising lending rates, repeated hikes in the policy rate and poor loan recovery weighed on the credit growth. In addition, loan disbursement capacity of banking sector also diminished due to high amount of defaulted loans. Besides, contractionary monetary policy also weighed heavily on the private sector credit growth. The central bank has set the private sector credit growth target at 9.80% for the first half of FY2024-25, September's growth was 0.60 percentage points lower than the target.



Inflation back in double digits

The double-digit inflation came back again in October after a one-month gap. According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), inflation made an upswing by 95 basis points to 10.87% in October 2024 due to a sharp increase in the food inflation rate, which rose to 12.66%, up from 10.40% in September. Non-food inflation slightly declined to 9.34% from 9.50%. In September, overall inflation lost some steam to cool a bit to 9.92% from a higher trajectory of 10.49% in August. The point-to-point inflation jumped to a 13-year high of 11.66% in July 2024. In rural areas, the inflation rate went up to 11.26% from 10.15% in September. In urban areas, it rose slightly to 10.44% in October from 10.38% in the previous month.



Treasury yield keeps rising

Yields on government treasury instruments have started rising amid tightened liquidity situation in the financial sector. The interest rate of 91-day Treasury Bills was 11.75% on 11 November 2024, which was 10% on 13 November 2023. Similarly, the interest rate of 182-day Treasury Bills also increased to 11.90%, which was 10.20% last November. For the 364-day Treasury Bills, the interest rate increased to 11.99%, which was 10.30% last November. The yields on long-term treasury instruments rose substantially as well. The cut-off yield on Treasury-Bonds with a maturity of 2-years, 5-years, 10-years, 15-years and 20-years stood at 12.30%, 12.30%, 12.44%, 12.70% and 12.79% in the last auction. As per the figures from the Bangladesh Bank, Tk628.12b was mobilized by issuing bills and bonds in FY2023-24 up from Tk134.56b in FY2022-23. Out of Tk628.12b, the government borrowed Tk211.29b through the auction of treasury bonds and the rest Tk416.83b through treasury bills.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	5,870.62	5,995.54	-2.08
FTSE 100	8,063.61	8,072.39	-0.11
Nikkei 225	38,642.91	39,500.37	-2.17
SENSEX	77,580.31	79,486.32	-2.40
KSE 100	94,703.62	93,406.04	1.39

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	5,355.33	5,316.33	0.73
Total Turnover, Tk	27,701.08	30,290.68	-8.55
Market Capital, Tk	3,654,565,937,522	3,641,959,427,038	0.35
No of Issue Gain	148	254	
No of Issue Loss	205	111	
No of Unchanged Issues	31	29	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
Shyampur Sugar Mill	90.20	114.50	26.94	25.17
Meghna Insurance	21.60	26.90	24.54	45.61
Paramount Ins.	36.20	44.20	22.10	86.01
Desh General Ins.	21.30	25.80	21.13	27.45
Sonar Bangla Ins.	25.10	30.40	21.12	25.18
Asia Insurance	26.60	31.70	19.17	43.97
Global Insurance	21.60	25.70	18.98	35.33
WMSHIPYARD	6.50	7.70	18.46	24.80
Provati Insurance	28.10	33.20	18.15	53.29
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mill	85.30	100.30	17.58	5.38

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
Sonali Aansh Industries	330.90	269.10	-18.68	459.62
Premier Cement Mills	63.70	53.20	-16.48	60.82
Aramit Cement	14.00	12.00	-14.29	2.00
Anwar Galvanizing	83.10	71.50	-13.96	60.08
Ambee Pharma.	831.30	721.30	-13.23	26.12
BD Monospool Paper	139.40	122.60	-12.05	38.64
New Line Clothings	15.20	13.40	-11.84	2.21
Fu Wang Food	15.00	13.30	-11.33	143.92
Nahee Aluminum	22.00	19.60	-10.91	24.34
Baraka Patenga Power	12.40	11.10	-10.48	42.00

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	480.75	479.96	0.16	3,129.48	4,577.68	-31.64
Cement	282.13	289.30	-2.48	273.40	286.83	-4.68
Ceramic	413.83	428.29	-3.38	288.90	338.47	-14.65
Engineering	3,589.30	3,703.25	-3.08	1,785.90	2,250.87	-20.66
Food & Al.	4,076.87	4,039.33	0.93	1,594.54	1,684.96	-5.37
Fuel & Pow.	2,717.29	2,664.80	1.97	2,160.43	1,771.01	21.99
Insurance	1,987.48	1,840.73	7.97	2,419.07	1,563.90	54.68
IT	438.65	450.28	-2.58	962.76	1,581.44	-39.12
Jute	1,902.14	2,274.94	-16.39	461.38	402.59	14.60
Misc.	2,525.23	2,484.80	1.63	1,725.97	1,278.62	34.99
Mutual Fund	338.37	345.93	-2.19	369.19	789.02	-53.21
NBFI	780.98	792.43	-1.45	969.86	1,282.09	-24.35
Paper	5,064.12	5,186.79	-2.36	218.60	402.09	-45.63
Pharma	1,303.79	1,303.18	0.05	3,924.55	5,785.32	-32.16
Service	1,085.18	1,073.46	1.09	325.23	443.36	-26.64
Tannery	735.41	736.27	-0.12	163.15	124.43	31.11
Telecom	3,948.92	3,911.61	0.95	659.74	885.24	-25.47
Textile	1,239.00	1,228.85	0.83	2,348.12	2,606.99	-9.93
Travel & Leis.	997.34	1,066.08	-6.45	936.16	1,294.85	-27.70

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks gained slightly in the previous week largely driven by fundamentally strong stocks. Among the major sectors, Insurance increased by 7.97% followed by Fuel & Power 1.97%, Telecom 0.95% and Food & Allied 0.93%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 5,355.33 points after increasing by 39 points or 0.73% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk27701.08m, which was 8.55% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.35% and stood at Tk3654.57b (US\$30.45b) at the weekend against Tk3641.96b. DSE 30 increased by 20.87 points or 1.06% and closed at 1,986.41 points against 1,965.54 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 9.83 which was 10.15 in previous week.

Based on the weekly chart of index movement, which is used to track short-term trend, technical readings are as under:

Relative Strength Index (RSI) & Money Flow Index (MFI)

The RSI illustrates if the change of price movements is in overbought or oversold territory. MFI also depicts the same however; it incorporates trade volume along with the price change. Both weekly RSI and MFI stood at 46.07 and 48.35 rising from 44.88 and 51.79 respectively, indicating a downtrend.

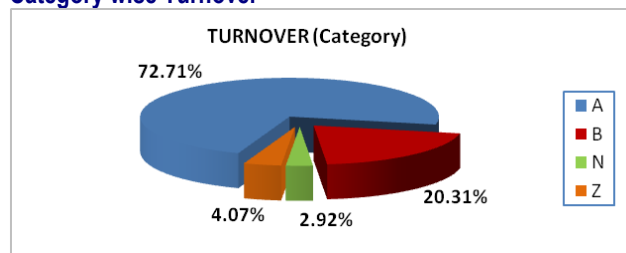
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
BSC	12,235,553	1,204.43	4.35
Islami Bank	12,351,438	720.49	2.60
MJL Bangladesh	6,595,669	651.11	2.35
Square Pharma	2,696,029	603.42	2.18
Far East Knitting	28,598,781	602.94	2.18
Beximco Pharma	6,412,548	549.71	1.98

Top 10 Market Capital

			In million
GP	440,198	BEXIMCO	103,842
BATBC	203,148	Islami Bank	92,252
Square Pharma	199,363	Brac Bank	91,317
Walton Hi-Tech	149,162	Berger Paint	82,780
Robi	139,853	United Power	81,795

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	2,567.40	2,691.70	-4.62
Silver (USD/t oz.)	30.34	31.43	-3.47
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	71.04	73.97	-3.96

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	132.83	132.83	135.06	135.06	-1.65	-1.65
GBP	159.05	159.05	162.86	162.86	-2.34	-2.34
AUD	77.94	77.94	79.43	79.43	-1.88	-1.88
JPY	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.00	0.00
CAD	85.60	85.60	86.71	86.71	-1.28	-1.28
SAR	32.13	32.13	32.11	32.11	0.06	0.06

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)
-	-	-	-