Bangladesh Market	
Major Indices	**Last closing**
DSEX Index	5,786.52
% change	-0.30%
DS30 Index	2,133.10
% change	-0.05%
DSES Index	1,237.48
% change	0.08%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,265.05
Turnover (USD mn)	60.54
% change	-31.82%
Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange	

International Market	
Major Indices	**Last closing**
Dow Jones Industrial Average	40,936.93
% change	-1.51%
S&P 500	5,528.93
% change	-2.12%
Nikkei 225	38,686.31
% change	-0.04%
FTSE 100	8,298.46
% change	-0.78%
Source: Bloomberg	

Exchange rate		
Major Currencies	**Low (BDT)**	**High (BDT)**
USD	120.00	120.00
EUR	132.85	132.88
GBP	157.79	157.82
INR	1.43	1.43
Source: BB		

Money market		
Date	**Call Money Rate Range (%)**	**Weighted Average**
03-Sep-24	8.95 - 10.50	9.09
02-Sep-24	8.85 - 10.50	9.11
Source: BB		

Commodities		
Major Commodities	**Price**	**% Change**
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	73.39	-0.49%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	2,495.39	0.10%
Cotton, USD/lb.	69.90	-0.85%
Source: Bloomberg		

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX lost 0.30% in the last trading day, closing at 5,786.52 points.
- The daily turnover decreased 31.82% in the last trading day.

Global Market

- Majority of the leading global indices posted negative returns as Dow Jones posted 1.51% loss, S&P 500 posted 2.12% loss and FTSE 100 posted 0.78% loss.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI posted 0.04% loss yesterday.

Key macro indicators

- All the major currencies rose against BDT yesterday.
- The average overnight rate is falling in the past week.
- The current weighted average overnight rate stood at 9.09% with a high rate of 10.50% and low rate of 8.95%.
- The oil price decreased 0.49% in the last trading day.

Bangladesh Macro Update

'White paper' panel to look into foreign loan deals: Debapriya

- The committee on the preparation for "White Paper on the State of Bangladesh Economy" will look into the loan agreements signed over the years, especially those signed in the energy sector, according to its head Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya.
- If the agreements on foreign loans that were signed over the years are available, then we will evaluate and definitely look into those.
- We have especially thought of looking into the agreements on the energy sector, he added.
- Dr Bhattacharya, also a distinguished fellow at Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and convener of the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, also said that they decided to look into specific issues which will get priority.
- Allocation of work has also been distributed among the members of the committee.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/committee-white-paper-look-foreign-loan-agreements-signed-over-years-debapriya-932706

Dhaka expressway fetches Tk 1.04b

- Dhaka Elevated Expressway (DEE), the country's first road-access-control infrastructure, celebrated one year of inauguration on Tuesday, recording 12.7-million traffic during the period with domination of the lowest-toll-charged vehicles.
- BDT 1.04 billion was collected in tolls for using the 11.5-km DEE since its opening on 03 September 2023, according to data.
- However, 98% of the tolls came from private cars and microbuses which pay BDT 80 for using the expressway from any of the six entrance points.
- As only 11.5-km DEE from Airport to Farmgate and Kawran Bazar has been opened for traffic after inauguration by Sheikh Hasina, the number of buses has increased with some special services.
- But trucks both small and big were hardly avail the short-distance expressway due to unable to complete rest part of the DEE which is to connect Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to Kutubkhali of Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

News Source:

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-expressway-fetches-tk-104b-1725386483

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs and Insurance

NPLs reach record-high Tk 2.11tn

- Banks' non-performing loan (NPL) volume reaches a record-high of over BDT 2.11 trillion as of last June-end, according to official statistics and economists worry over its domino effect.
- Bankers and economists said that the pressure on the banking sector continues mounting under the load of NPLs or classified loans and weakens the financial health of the key financial sector.

- In fact, they think, the actual size of the stressed assets in banks would be much higher than the NPL amount if the volumes of loan rescheduling, under-trial disputed loans and write-offs are taken into account.
- The bad loans increased by over BDT 290 billion in just three months from March 2024 when the volume of classified loans was over BDT 1.82 trillion, according to the central bank data released Tuesday.
- At the end of June this year, the total disbursed loans stood at BDT 16.83 trillion, of which BDT 2.11 trillion became defaulted-the highest in the history of Bangladesh.

News Source:

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/npls-reach-record-high-tk-211tn-1725386366

S Alam's grip on banks' boards ends

- With the central bank restructuring the boards of two more banks, all eight banks that were either partially or fully controlled by S Alam have now been freed from the grip of the controversial business group.
- The central bank reconstituted the boards of directors for Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC (AIBL) and Bangladesh Commerce Bank Ltd and issued separate notices to the managing directors of these banks regarding the changes.
- Previously, the Bangladesh Bank restructured the boards of six banks- Islami Bank Bangladesh, First Security Islami, Social Islami, Global Islami, Union Bank, and National Bank.
- A total of eight independent directors were appointed to the boards of Al-Arafah and Commerce banks, while two previously appointed directors were retained.
- Aviva Finance Limited, a non-bank financial institution (NBFI), has also been freed from the control of the Chattogram-based S Alam Group, which was implicated in laundering after obtaining massive funds from various banks.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/s-alams-grip-banks-boards-ends-932981

Islamic bank deposits grow despite irregularities

- The country's Islamic banking sector registered growth in deposits in June although several Shariah-based lenders are facing widespread scams and irregularities.
- In June, total deposits with Islamic banks increased by BDT 11,625 crore, or 2.71%, to BDT 440,427 crore from that in the previous month, according to a Bangladesh Bank report.
- Meanwhile, other key banking indicators such loans taken in order to be invested and inflow of remittance also showed a positive growth, suggesting that client confidence had remained quite unscathed, according to the report.
- Bankers credited the performance to the sector's overall growth.
- The amount of loans taken in order to be invested reached BDT 513,734 crore, a rise of 1.91% from that in the preceding month, according to the report.

News Source:

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/islamic-bank-deposits-grow-despite-irregularities-3693926

Apparel and Textile

Brig Gen Sakhawat seeks Pakistani investment in textile, jute sectors

- Adviser for the Ministry of Textiles and Jute Brigadier General (retd) Sakhawat Hossain sought Pakistani investment in Bangladesh's textile and jute sectors.
- Pakistani investors can come forward to invest in the closed state-owned textiles and jute mills in Bangladesh, he said when Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Syed Ahmed Maroof made a courtesy call on him at his Secretariat office.
- The Pakistani diplomat also gave an invitation to Bangladesh to participate in the Textile Expo in Pakistan, scheduled to be held in October.
- The system will help to take forward the eco-social relations of the two countries, he added.
- To materialise the goal, he said that Bangladesh Shipping Corporation and Pakistan Shipping Corporation can jointly work to this end.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/brig-gen-sakhawat-seeks-pakistani-investment-textile-jute-sectors-932641

Energy

Petrobangla grapples with Tk 24,293cr dues

- The state-run Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) is grappling with substantial outstanding dues amounting to over BDT 24,293 crore, including USD 722 million (around BDT 8,664 crore) owed to foreign companies for the purchase of natural gas and the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG).
- Of this total, Petrobangla has accrued around BDT 15,629.40 crore in dues to the Chattogram Customs House as of August 2024 due to unpaid duties and VAT related to LNG imports.
- Meanwhile, as of June 2024, local power generation plants, fertiliser factories, and various public and private institutions owe Petrobangla around BDT 28,707 crore.
- Officials indicated that the company is unable to settle its outstanding debts to foreign companies because the Finance Division has not released the necessary funds, worsened by a dollar shortage in the domestic market.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/petrobangla-grapples-tk24293cr-dues-933051

Capital Market

Price fall in large-cap drives stocks down

- The country's bourses Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE)- on Tuesday plunged due to mainly price fall in large-cap securities.
- DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 17.19 points or 0.30% to 5,786.52.

- The DSE 30 Index, comprising blue chips, also followed the same trend with 1.02 points down at 2,133.09.
- But, the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) closed the day with 1 point up at 1,237.48.
- Turnover, a crucial indicator of the market, decreased to BDT 7,265.05 million, which was BDT 10,655.44 million in the previous session of the week.

News Source:

https://businesspostbd.com/stocks/price-fall-in-large-cap-drives-stocks-down-3sep

Foreign stock investors rebound after Hasina's fall

- After years of a continued meltdown, foreign investor participation in Bangladesh's capital market has made a visible comeback following the end of Sheikh Hasina's 15-year rule through her ouster.
- During the first half of August, stock trading by foreign investors surged by 501%, reaching BDT 404.82 crore, according to DSE Data.
- A year ago, from 1 to 15 August, foreign turnover at the country's premier bourse was only BDT 67.31 crore.
- After Hasina's fall on 5 August, both turnover and indices at the DSE increased considerably, with the benchmark index climbing by 786 points over the four trading sessions up to 11 August.
- With the new interim government headed by Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus taking over, foreign investors gained a significant boost in confidence in the market, according to market stakeholders.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-stock-investors-rebound-after-hasinas-fall-933021