

# Daily Market Commentary

Thursday, April 22, 2021

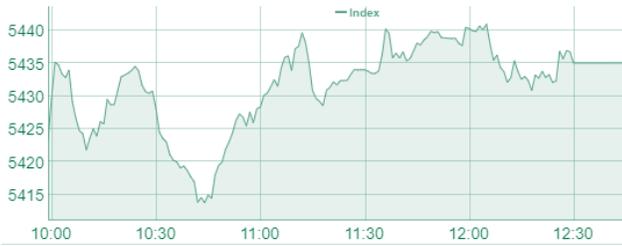


Chart: DSE Broad Index, Source: DSE Website

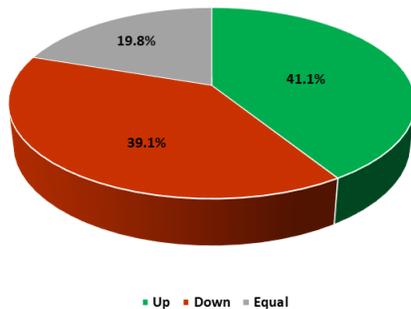
## Index Update

Symbol	Today	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	5435.03	11.81	0.2%
DSES	1237.39	3.90	0.3%
DS30	2087.55	4.05	0.2%

## Market Performance

Particulars	Today	Prev. Day	% Change
Turnover (BDT mn)	8832.93	7766.72	13.7%
Trade Volume	229295064	198891189	15.3%
Total No. of Trade	150287	131887	14.0%

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website



Source: NRBCBSL Research & Stock Bangladesh Website

## Top 10 Gainers

Code	LTP	YCP	Change	Volume
NFML	18.8	17.1	9.9%	2885400
UNITEDINS	52.1	47.4	9.9%	411585
DHAKAINS	62.4	56.8	9.9%	1091750
NAHEEACP	39.5	36.4	8.5%	974173
SPCERAMICS	27.1	25.1	8.0%	4509250
PURABIGEN	36	33.5	7.5%	5603840
TAKAFULINS	49	45.6	7.5%	475918
JUTESPINN	99	92.7	6.8%	843
INTECH	40.1	37.6	6.7%	519454
PHENIXINS	42.3	39.8	6.3%	878242

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

## Market ended moderately positive for 8th consecutive day

Index gained 11.81 points today climbing up to 5435.03 points. Market started with a drop in the beginning of today's session but turned back eventually and ended positive after facing some volatility. There are some positive macro news to support the market's bullishness such as country's economy is doing well amid lockdown. In addition, money is cheaper than ever in the banking sector right now providing only 3 to 4 percent interest against deposits which means savings are most likely to divert towards the capital market. Therefore, market positivity is expected to continue. Insurance sector and some other small cap continued to surge today as well without any price sensitive information available.

Market witnessed significant level of participation today generating a trade volume of 229295064 from a total trade of 150287, generating BDT 8832.93mn turnover today which is around 14% more than yesterday.

LANKABAFIN, BDFINANCE, PURABIGEN, LHBL mainly moved the market positively. On the other hand, BEXIMCO, BXPHERMA, ROBI, BATBC were the negative forces today.

NFML, UNITEDINS, DHAKAINS, NAHEEACP, SPCERAMICS were among the top gainers and PARAMOUNT, MICEMENT, EMERALDOIL, AZIZPIPES, GENNEXT were among the top companies to lose price today.

-Quazi Naureen Ahmed

## Market Value

Particulars	Today	Prev. Day	% Change
Market Cap. (BDT mn)	4683168.17	4685197.00	0.0%
Market P/E	14.09	14.07	0.1%
Market Cap. To GDP	13.5%	13.5%	0.0%

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

## Top 10 Losers

Code	LTP	YCP	Change	Volume
PARAMOUNT	105	111.1	-5.5%	574490
MICEMENT	49.8	51.9	-4.1%	31241
EMERALDOIL	17.2	17.9	-3.9%	233364
AZIZPIPES	99.5	103.2	-3.6%	171896
GENNEXT	3	3.1	-3.2%	182438
ENVOYTEX	22.3	23	-3.0%	1112
GQBALLPEN	130.9	134.8	-2.9%	47735
ICBIBANK	3.5	3.6	-2.8%	239196
SONALIANSH	532	546.3	-2.6%	32156
AMCL(PRAN)	190	195	-2.6%	308

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

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## **Major News**

### **National Economy**

#### **Government treasury bonds to allow nominees**

If there is more than one nominee, the ownership portion of each nominee should be mentioned in percentage terms. The finance department has made a draft of Bangladesh Government Treasury Bond Rules 2021, including the provision of nominees to smoothen the ownership handover process of government treasury bonds in the event of an investor's death.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/government-treasury-bonds-allow-nominees-235309>

#### **Middle class savings under pressure**

Most banks are currently offering interest rates ranging from 3% to 4% against savings, which is far below the 5.63% inflation rate as of February this year. In the banking sector, money is now cheaper than ever before. Low interest rates are a blessing for borrowers but a curse for the middle class depositors who depend on interest earnings. Money in the bank is now a loss for them.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/middle-class-savings-under-pressure-235321>

#### **Dutch investors urged to invest in Bangladesh's aquaculture sector**

Covid-19 has badly affected the fisheries sector, increasing its consumption and hiking prices of fish feed drastically. Speakers at a webinar urged Dutch entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh's aquaculture sector for steady growth and diversification during Covid-19 pandemic situation.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade/invest-bds-aquaculture-sector-speakers-dutch-investors-235213>

### **Construction**

#### **Steel structure business slumps 50% in pandemic**

Private entrepreneurs' reluctance to invest more in new projects caused the downturn. The steel structure industry witnessed a 50% decline in business during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, according to the Steel Building Manufacturers Association of Bangladesh. Industry insiders said private entrepreneurs are reluctant to invest more in new projects, which caused the slump.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/steel-structure-business-slumps-50-pandemic-235249>

### **Telecom**

#### **Telecom/ BTRC revokes licences of 122 call centres**

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has revoked the licences of 122 call centres as the entities either failed to file applications for renewal or refrained from applying for licence within the stipulated time.

**News link:** <https://www.newagebd.net/article/136002/telecom-btrc-revokes-licences-of-122-call-centres>

### **RMG**

#### **Bangladesh to remain as major apparel supplier to brands, says CPD-IPS study**

Despite the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic, international clothing brands are confident that Bangladesh will remain a major source of apparels in the coming months, according to a new study. The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a think-tank based in Dhaka, and the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) of Sri Lanka, carried out the study.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/clothing-brands-still-see-bangladesh-major-supplier-2081669>

#### **Apparel exporters express frustration over buyers' mistreatment during pandemic**

Mostafiz Uddin, founder and CEO of Bangladesh Apparel Exchange, has expressed his frustration over the way the buyers mistreated the garments suppliers since the pandemic hit. He said he was surprised when his client of 20 years ignored his calls and did not clear the payment during the coronavirus pandemic.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/apparel-exporters-express-frustration-over-buyers-mistreatment-during-pandemic-235282>

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## Bank & NBFi

### Banking stocks lose grace for high defaulted loans

Once known to many for their attractive stocks, banks are a long way from raising adequate interest among stock market investors as confidence has been sunk by high amounts of non-performing loans and low asset value. Among the listed 31 banks, 21 are witnessing their stocks of a face value of Tk 10 being traded at less than Tk 20.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banking-stocks-lose-grace-high-defaulted-loans-2081673>

### Brac Bank registers Tk 454cr net profit

Brac Bank registered a net profit of Tk 454 crore last year, sidestepping the business slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The net profit, however, stood at Tk 403 crore on a consolidated basis given the performance of all its subsidiary companies, according to a press release issued by the bank.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/brac-bank-registers-tk-454cr-net-profit-2081661>

### Bangladesh Bank allows NBFIs to operate on limited scale in Apr 22-28

The Bangladesh Bank on Wednesday allowed non-bank financial institutions to operate for four hours in April 22-28, excluding weekly holidays and other government holidays. Two branches of each NBFi — one in Dhaka and another outside Dhaka — would be allowed to remain open from 10:00am to 2:00pm, said a BB circular issued on the day.

**News link:** <https://www.newagebd.net/article/135999/bangladesh-bank-allows-nbfis-to-operate-on-limited-scale-in-apr-22-28>

### Cut-off time for cheque presentment now 11am, return cut-off 12 noon

The Bangladesh Bank has changed the daily timings for interbank cheque clearing and electronic fund transfer as banks are operating on a limited scale amid coronavirus lockdown.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cut-time-cheque-presentment-now-11am-return-cut-12-noon-235204>

## Fuel & Power

### Govt to buy more LNG from spot market

The government yesterday approved a proposal to buy another 33.60 lakh MMBtus of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the spot market to meet the growing demand for the super-chilled fuel. Vitol Asia Pte of Singapore will supply the fuel. Each MMBtu (Metric Million British thermal units) will cost \$8.012.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-buy-more-lng-spot-market-2081653>

## IT

### Construction work of first private hi-tech park begins

The construction of the Korean EPZ Hi-Tech Park in Anwara upazila of Chattogram began yesterday as its owner looks to set up Bangladesh's first private enclave for information technology firms and startups. The ground-breaking ceremony was virtually attended by Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for ICT, and LEE Jang-keun, ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, with the physical presence of Kihak Sung, chairman & CEO of Youngone Corp and the KEPZ, according to a press release.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/construction-work-first-private-hi-tech-park-begins-2081657>

## Tannery

### Footwear business caught in doldrums again before Eid

Lockdown hits shoe industry again as it started recovering. The shoe industry logs one third of the annual sales ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. Hoping for maximum return, businessmen make preparations to grab the market.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/footwear-business-caught-doldrums-again-eid-234745>

## Food & Allied

### RD Food corporate director to buy 7.37 lakh shares

Concrete and Steel Technologies Limited – a corporate director of Rangpur Dairy and Food Products Ltd (RD Food) – has an-

nounced it will buy more than 7.37 lakh shares of the listed company from the open market.

**News link:** <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stock/rd-food-corporate-director-buy-737-lakh-shares-235258>

## Capital Market

### **Investors suffer for malfunctioning DSE mobile app**

Investors yesterday faced prolonged malfunctioning of the DSE mobile app while trying to execute trade, all at a time when the digital mode is enabling the stock market to stay open amidst the ongoing lockdown. As a result, mobile trading dropped yesterday. Order submission through the app dropped 38 per cent to 26,321 yesterday from that the day before.

**News link:** <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/investors-suffer-malfunctioning-dse-mobile-app-2081649>

### **Ten most-traded stocks grab 48pc turnover**

Bangladesh Export Import Company (Beximco) - the flagship company of Beximco Group, continued to lead the Dhaka bourse's turnover list while the ten most-traded stocks grabbed 48 per cent transaction on Wednesday. The concerns of Beximco Group are leading the market from the front in the past few months as Beximco and Beximco Pharmaceuticals continued to feature in the turnover board, market insiders said.

**News link:** <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/ten-most-traded-stocks-grab-48pc-turnover-1619066637>

### **DSE finds 51 firms eligible for TREC**

The Dhaka Stock Exchange has found 51 out of 66 applicants eligible for the bourse's trading right entitlement certificate (TREC) and has sent their names to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission. The DSE narrowed down the names of 51 companies eligible for TREC issued by the bourse at a board meeting held on April 20, DSE officials said.

**News link:** <https://www.newagebd.net/article/136001/dse-finds-51-firms-eligible-for-trec>

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