Daily Market Commentary

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

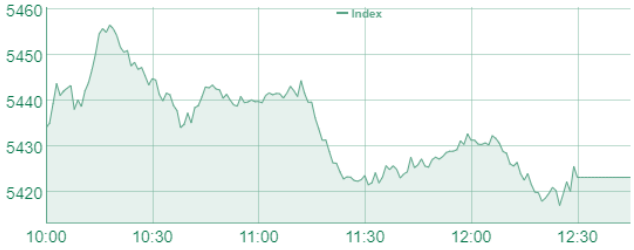


Chart: DSE Broad Index, Source: DSE Website

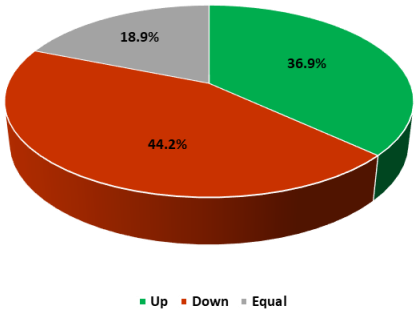
Index Update

Symbol	Today	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	5423.22	1.44	0.0%
DSES	1233.49	-0.04	0.0%
DS30	2083.50	0.68	0.0%

Market Performance

Particulars	Today	Prev. Day	% Change
Turnover (BDT mn)	7766.72	12998.44	-40.2%
Trade Volume	198891189	256084890	-22.3%
Total No. of Trade	131887	154673	-14.7%

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website



Source: NRBCBSL Research & Stock Bangladesh Website

Market ended marginally positive after a volatile session

Index moved up only 1.44 point and settled at 5423.22 points after a highly volatile session making it the 7th consecutive day of the market's positive trajectory. Market started the day with a positive trend but soon turned back and wind up to be slightly positive at the end. Many small cap and financially weak company shares are generating huge volumes of trade without any valid reason indicating formations of price bubbles in the market. In addition, the high volatility is implying short term trading behavior of the investors.

Market witnessed comparatively lower level of activity today than yesterdays extra ordinary level of participation generating a trade volume of 198891189 from a total trade of 131887, resulting in BDT 7766.72mn turnover which is around 40% less than the last day.

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

ACTIVEFINE, DHAKAINS, AGRANINS, IBP, DULAMIACOT were among the top gainers and JAMUNABANK, JUTESPINN, CAPMIBBLMF, CAPMBDBLMF, HEIDELBCEM were among the top companies to lose price today.

-Quazi Naureen Ahmed

Market Value

Particulars	Today	Prev. Day	% Change
Market Cap. (BDT mn)	4685197.00	4690956.97	-0.1%
Market P/E	14.07	14.33	-1.8%
Market Cap. To GDP	13.5%	13.5%	-0.1%

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

Top 10 Gainers

Code	LTP	YCP	Change	Volume
ACTIVEFINE	15.5	14.1	9.9%	1953680
DHAKAINS	56.8	51.7	9.9%	1120910
AGRANINS	50.2	45.7	9.9%	2561870
IBP	16.5	15.1	9.3%	2560240
DULAMIACOT	41.7	38.2	9.2%	2016
PRAGATIINS	60.8	56	8.6%	910522
CRYSTALINS	50.8	46.8	8.6%	2039590
BDTHAI	23.1	21.4	7.9%	1922660
ASIAPACINS	73.2	67.9	7.8%	3553900
GQBALLPEN	134.8	125.6	7.3%	79945

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

Top 10 Losers

Code	LTP	YCP	Change	Volume
JAMUNABANK	16.9	18.7	-9.6%	281495
JUTESPINN	92.7	101	-8.2%	127
CAPMIBBLMF	21.1	22.4	-5.8%	827912
CAPMBDBLMF	9	9.5	-5.3%	897726
HEIDELBCEM	222.3	233.6	-4.8%	119741
PREMIERLEA	6.2	6.5	-4.6%	430230
FASFIN	4.8	5	-4.0%	453249
PROVATIINS	125.5	130.4	-3.8%	111761
BDFINANCE	36.2	37.6	-3.7%	9446850
MHSML	13.1	13.6	-3.7%	58248

Source: NRBCBSL Research & DSE Website

Major News

National Economy

NBR faces uphill battle in achieving VAT collection target

With just over 41 per cent VAT collection target met in the first seven months of this fiscal year, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is mounting pressure on its field offices to boost the collection to shore up revenues amid the challenges posed by the pandemic.

News link: NBR faces uphill battle in achieving VAT collection target (thefinancialexpress.com.bd)

Bangladesh sees 25m new poor, debt burden doubles during pandemic: Survey

The army of the 'new poor', struggling to return to pre-Covid occupations and income levels, is in danger of being stuck in a poverty trap, says a joint survey released on Tuesday. It estimated that the new poor constituted 21.2 per cent of the national population in June 2020, and now they constitute 14.8, which stands at 24.5 million people.

News link: Bangladesh sees 25m new poor, debt burden doubles during pandemic: Survey (thefinancialexpress.com.bd)

25,000 imported containers stuck in transhipment ports

The delivery at Chattogram Port has been reduced by about 30-40% compared to normal times due to the ongoing lockdown. There have been uncertainties regarding the arrival and delivery of imported cargo containers at Chattogram Port due to the congestion at transhipment ports in Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia, hampering production owing to a lack of raw materials and so causing financial losses to traders.

News link: 25,000 imported containers stuck in transhipment ports (tbsnews.net)

Bank & NBFI

Banks open for limited hours till April 28

Bangladesh Bank has asked lenders to continue operating on a limited scale until the second week of the ongoing lockdown ends on April 28, all aimed at curbing the spread of Covid-19. Clients will be allowed to conduct banking activities from 10:00am to 1:00pm in this period. However, branches will remain open until 2:30pm to complete their regular procedures, according to a central bank circular issued yesterday.

News link: Banks open for limited hours till April 28 | The Daily Star

NBFI borrowers can defer repayments till June

Borrowers of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) will get a fresh repayment deferral support of three months till June 30 this year. Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday said such borrowers who were facing trouble in paying instalments during the Covid-19 pandemic would be eligible.

News link: NBFI borrowers can defer repayments till June | The Daily Star

Nagad reaches 4-crore user landmark

Nagad, the digital financial arm of Bangladesh Postal Department, has surpassed the four crore-user landmark recently, said a press release. The mobile financial service's daily transaction has topped Tk 400 crore.

News link: Nagad reaches 4-crore user landmark (newagebd.net)

Bank borrowers' loan repayment relaxed until June 30

Bank borrowers can repay their loans by June 30 instead of the earlier deadline of March 31 without being defaulters, said a Bangladesh Bank circular. The measure was taken considering the ongoing pandemic's negative impact on Bangladesh's economy, said the circular issued on Tuesday, reports UNB.

News link: Bank borrowers' loan repayment relaxed until June 30 (thefinancialexpress.com.bd)

UCB's upay offers lowest cash-out fee

The cash-out charge for upay clients is 1.4% or Tk14 per Tk1,000 from agent points, which is inclusive of VAT and taxes. upay, the mobile financial service platform of United Commercial Bank, offers the cheapest cash withdrawal fee for its customers who use

the mobile phone's USSD facility for transactions.
News link: UCB's upay offers lowest cash-out fee (tbsnews.net)

Telecom

Grameenphone net profit drops by 16.68pc to Tk 890.63cr in Q1
The net profit of leading mobile phone operator Grameenphone dropped by 16.68 per cent or Tk 178.34 crore year-on-year in the first quarter of the year 2021 amid the Covid-19 outbreak in the country. In January-March quarter of 2021, the net profit after tax of GP dropped to Tk 890.63 crore from Tk 1,068.97 crore in the same period of the previous year.
News link: Grameenphone net profit drops by 16.68pc to Tk 890.63cr in Q1 (newagebd.net)

Construction

Construction costs burdened with cement price rise
The price of each 50-kilogramme bag of cement has increased by around 12 per cent, or Tk 50, to Tk 450 to Tk 460 -- a development that will push up construction costs, be it the government's development projects or privately-owned buildings. The price increased in mid-March as a knock-on effect from a rise in prices of clinker, the main raw material, in the international market alongside that of shipping costs.
News link: Construction costs burdened with cement price rise | The Daily Star

Capital Market

HeidelbergCement stocks soar 38% in six days
The German cement maker said there was no undisclosed information behind the unusual price hike. The share price of HeidelbergCement Bangladesh – which incurred massive losses in the first nine months of 2020 – soared by 38% to Tk233.6, from Tk168.6 each, in the last six days.
News link: HeidelbergCement stocks soar 38% in six days (tbsnews.net)

International Economy

Wall St headed for lower open as focus turns to tech earnings
Futures pointed to a lower open for Wall Street's main indexes on Tuesday as investors banked on results from Netflix and other major technology-related companies this week to sustain the positive start to the earnings season.
News link: European shares hit highs as markets upbeat about recovery prospects | The Daily Star

DBS, StanChart weigh bids as Citi retreats from Asia consumer business
Banks including DBS Group, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, OCBC and Standard Chartered are set to bid for parts of Citigroup's consumer business in Asia, people with direct knowledge of the matter said.
News link: DBS, StanChart weigh bids as Citi retreats from Asia consumer business | The Daily Star

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