

Premier
Cement profit
plunges 82%
in FY25

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Premier Cement Mills Ltd reported an 82 percent drop in profit for the year that ended on June 30 this year, according to a disclosure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange website yesterday.

The cement maker posted consolidated earnings per share of Tk 1.29, down sharply from Tk 7.04 in the previous financial year.

Consolidated net operating cash flow per share rose to Tk 7.20 from Tk 6.27 a year earlier.

The board of directors recommended a 10 percent cash dividend for the fiscal year (FY) 2025, lower than the 21.50 percent declared the previous year.

As of September 30, sponsors and directors of the company held 43.58 percent of its shares, institutions 26.77 percent, foreign investors 0.01 percent and the public 29.64 percent.

Premier Cement, one of Bangladesh's leading cement producers, began operations in 2001 and now has an annual capacity of 2.4 million tonnes.

Apex Footwear profits
drop 12% in Q3

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Profits of Apex Footwear dropped in the third quarter of this year due to higher income tax expenses and provision.

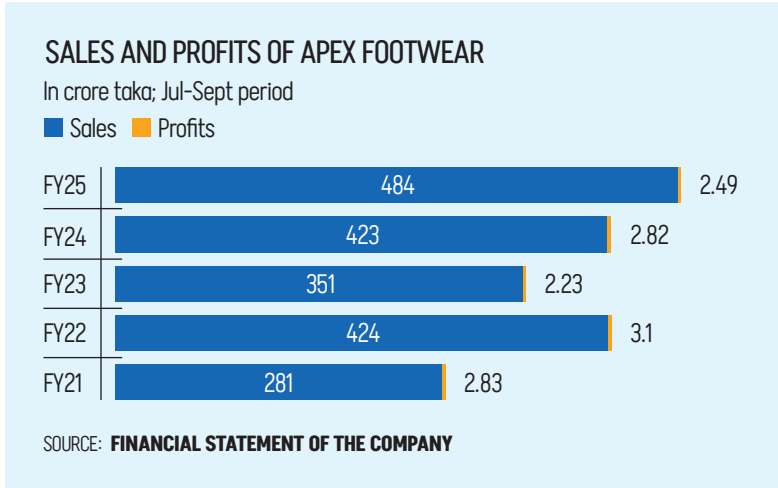
The shoemaker's profits dropped 12 percent to nearly Tk 2.50 crore during July to September period.

The company provided a disclosure yesterday, saying its earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 1.59 for the quarter as against Tk 1.80 in the same period of the previous year

The company said the main reason behind this decrease in EPS caused by the increase in income

Apex Footwear's Q3 profit fell due mainly to higher income tax expenses and provisions, causing earnings per share to drop from Tk 1.80 to Tk 1.59.

tax expenses and provision, net income tax expenses and provision during the period. Tax expense was



63 percent against profit before tax which was 42 percent in the same period of last year.

Tax provision against domestic sales of Tk 480 crore increased by 40 percent for change in rate through Finance Act, it added.

Yesterday, Apex Footwear's stocks dropped 1.6 percent to Tk 197 at the Dhaka Stock Exchange. The company provided 25 percent cash and 25 percent stock dividend for fiscal year

2023-24, which was 35 percent and 10 percent in the previous fiscal year.

The company got listed in 1993, has a paid-up capital of Tk 19 crore, according to the DSE data. Its reserve and surplus were Tk 303 crore.

The company remains in A category whose 31 percent shares are held by sponsors or directors while institutional investors hold 26.2 percent, and general investors hold 42.7 percent.

Dhaka Bank
profit flat in
July-Sept

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Dhaka Bank Ltd posted a profit of Tk 25.10 crore for the July-September quarter of 2025, identical to the same period a year earlier, according to a price-sensitive disclosure.

Consolidated earnings per share stood at Tk 0.24 for the quarter, unchanged from July-September 2024.

However, for the first nine months of 2025, its profit fell 21 percent year-on-year to Tk 140.37 crore.

Consolidated earnings per share dropped to Tk 1.33 from Tk 1.67 in the same period of 2024, which the private commercial lender attributed to lower operating profit.

Consolidated net operating cash flow per share rose to Tk 21.90 in January-September 2025, compared with a negative Tk 10.40 a year earlier, supported by higher customer deposits.

Gold prices dip
by Tk 1,038 per
bhuri after record
high last week



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Jewellers have reduced gold prices by Tk 1,038 per bhuri, five days after a fall in the rates of pure gold in the local market.

From tomorrow, each bhuri (11.664 grammes) of 22-carat gold ornaments will cost Tk 207,957, down from Tk 208,995, according to a press release by Bangladesh Jewellers Association (Bajus).

On October 19, gold prices soared to a historic high of Tk 217,381 per bhuri. Later prices began to fall, reverting from the upward trend registered for the last couple of months, influenced by an uptick in the international market.

Industry insiders attributed the recent surge to rising prices in the international bullion market, the depreciation of the taka, economic uncertainty, and high inflation.

Although Bangladesh does not import large quantities of gold, domestic prices remain closely linked to global trends.

Capital imports rebound

FROM PAGE B1 numbers aren't big enough to suggest a strong turnaround, he added.

"The 22 percent growth is in capital machinery imports. But in absolute terms, it's only about \$400-\$500 million. For a \$400-billion economy with 180 million people, that's not much; it's mostly machinery replacement," Hussain said.

He said that the first quarter of the last fiscal year was abnormal, as trade was disrupted by the mass uprising against the Sheikh Hasina-led government.

"Now, the situation looks somewhat normal. But I wouldn't call it a recovery yet. From this data, we don't see a clear sign of a turnaround," he added.

Hussain suggested replicating the model of the

recent university students' representative elections in the upcoming national election.

After witnessing the lower growth in Bangladesh, at least three multilateral development partners projected that growth may increase moderately, which aligns with central bank data.

The World Bank, in a recent report, projected Bangladesh's real GDP growth to be 4.8 percent in FY26, which would be an improvement from FY25 but still below its past 10-year average of 6.3 percent.

The increase is anticipated to be supported by a gradual recovery in private consumption as inflationary pressures ease. Private investment growth is expected to recover only marginally to 1.9 percent in

FY26, remaining well below its last decade's average of 7.4 percent.

The multilateral lender stated that persistent policy uncertainty surrounding the national election and fragilities in the banking sector are likely to weigh on private sector activity.

Similarly, public investment growth is expected to remain subdued ahead of the election and in light of the authorities' intent to implement development projects more prudently.

Export growth is expected to remain robust, as the new tariff schedule announced by the US is not likely to hurt. Import growth is expected to pick up as domestic demand improves and external pressures that constrained imports in the prior year ease.

Exports to US rise

FROM PAGE B1 Beximco said pharmaceutical exports to the US are also growing despite concerns about the new tariff rates.

"Following the Trump tariffs, there were fears that our exports would decline. Some even projected a \$1.2 billion drop. But the reality is quite the opposite; exports are increasing," he said.

Haider said the US has become Beximco's largest export destination.

The tariffs, he said, mainly target branded drugs from multinational companies, while generic medicines, which make up most of Bangladesh's pharmaceutical exports, are unaffected.

"Trump's policies have not had any negative impact on generics so far," he said, adding that Bangladesh was emerging as a strong alternative to China and India in the global pharmaceutical supply chain.

In 5 months, Starlink gets

FROM PAGE B1 a local Tier-III certified data centre providing infrastructure support.

Another gateway has been built in Rajshahi, managed by Bondstein Technologies, while Summit Communications has connected the site to Kaliakair through high-capacity fibre links.

In Jashore, a gateway with multiple antennas has also been constructed, while work continues on another section of the site. FIDC is also managing this

gateway, with Fiber@Home supplying additional large-scale connectivity for both the Jashore and Kaliakair gateways.

Globally, Starlink markets primarily to individual users through its Residential and Roam packages, which can be ordered directly from its website. For corporate and government clients, it relies on authorised resellers under its Business and Priority plans.

In Bangladesh, Robi Axiata PLC and Bangladesh

Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) have already signed \$2.5 million deals with Starlink, making them its authorised resellers.

Under the agreement, Robi will offer two service tiers, Local Priority and Global Priority, covering both fixed and portable use cases.

Asked about current sales, Shahed Alam, chief corporate and regulatory affairs officer at Robi, said the uptake is at an expected level.

"A huge number of orders are still pending due to logistical challenges," he said.

BSEC forms shariah

FROM PAGE B1 Of the others, Mohammad Monzur-E-Elahi is a professor of Islamic studies of National University, Mufti Masum Billah is a senior mufti and muhaddis of Jamia Islamia Darul Uloom, Mufti Abdullah Masum is

a senior deputy mufti of Jamia Shariah Malibagh and Md Ruhul Amin is an assistant professor of the Department of Islamic Studies at Manarat International University.

Prof Mohammad Kabir Hassan, a professor of the Department of Economics

and Finance of the University of New Orleans of USA, Omar Sadat, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, AKM Majedur Rahman, CEO of Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre, and Mohammad Abdur Rahim, CFO of Islami Bank, are also in the council.

US wheat costing

FROM PAGE B1 "The guaranteed supply of wheat from Russia and Ukraine may be disrupted at any time due to communication breakdowns caused by the war," Rahman said.

He also expressed concern that wheat-carrying ships might be at risk of being sunk during the conflict. "Our bilateral trade with Russia and Ukraine is not significant, even though they are jointly the world's largest wheat suppliers," he added.

Rahman noted that while the private sector is free to import wheat at lower prices from Russia, the government's initiative is aimed at reducing Bangladesh's trade deficit with the US.

This effort includes purchasing Boeing aircraft and increasing imports of other American

agricultural products such as LNG, wheat, cotton, and soybeans, he said.

Taslim Shahrir, deputy general manager of the Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), a leading importer, said his company sources wheat from the global market based on price competitiveness.

"However, the quality of US wheat is comparatively better than that of Russian wheat," he said, adding that the MGI imports a significant amount of soybean from the US due to competitive pricing.

"But in the case of wheat, we do not import large volumes from the US," he said.

He also mentioned that the price of US soybean products has recently dropped significantly after China, the largest importer, shifted its sourcing to Brazil and Argentina.

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"সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৯ম আহবান)"

০১। ইজারা কোটেশন নং	:	০১ (ইজারা)/বিজ্ঞপ্তি/২০২৪-২০২৫
০২। ইজারার বিবরণ	:	বরিশাল সড়ক বিভাগখীন ঢাকা (যাত্রাবাড়ি)-মাওয়া-ভাঙ্গা-বরিশাল-পটুয়াখালী জাতীয় মহাসড়কের ১৪৮তম কিলোমিটারে বীরশ্রেষ্ঠ ক্যাপ্টেন মহিউদ্দিন জাহাঙ্গীর সেতু (সোয়াকিরা সেতু) ও ১৪৬তম কিলোমিটারে মেজর এম. এ. জলিল সেতুর (শিকারপুর সেতু) টোল আদায়ের জন্য ইজারা প্রদান।
০৩। ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	:	৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (১০৯৬ দিন)।
০৪। ইজারা কোটেশনের সিউটল মুদ্রা	:	টাকা ৫,০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫। জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ	:	উক্ত মুদ্রার ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাকট / পেমেন্ট অর্ডারে।
০৬। ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৯/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৭। মুদ্রাধ্ব অবস্থার ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১০/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮। ইজারা ভাঙে অংশ গ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	:	ভাট ও আয়কর সমন্বয়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারি/বেসরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত, সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধি।
০৯। যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	:	বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল / জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল / নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল / জেলা / বাসকারী / পিরোজপুর / গ্রামিণ বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
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১১। ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	:	স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। তারিখঃ ১০/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ। সময়ঃ বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকা।
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In US tariff talks,
Brazil's rare earths a
'trump card'

AFP, Brasilia

Brazil holds a trump card in tariff negotiations with the United States: its subsoil is rich in rare earth minerals coveted by manufacturers in a sector dominated by China.

The South American giant holds the world's second-largest reserves of these elements used in everything from electric vehicles, solar panels and smart phones to jet engines and guided missiles.

China, a US rival which like Brazil is in a tariff standoff with President Donald Trump's administration, holds a near-monopoly on rare earths production.

And for Brazil's Minister of Mines and Energy, Alexandre Silva, there is "a convergence of interests between our mineral potential and American

weekend between Trump and Brazil's leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on the sidelines of a summit of Southeast Asian nations (ASEAN) in Kuala Lumpur.

Lula himself said Friday he was willing to "talk about everything" with Trump, "from Gaza to Ukraine, Russia, Venezuela, critical minerals, rare earths."

Brazil is subject to a punitive 50-percent tariff on certain exports to the United States over the coup trial of Lula's rightwing predecessor Jair Bolsonaro in what Trump has labeled a "witch hunt."Bolsonaro was sentenced to 27 years in prison last month.

Rare earths are a group of 17 heavy metals considered so critical that it gives them "geopolitical leverage," according to Gilberto Fernandes de Sa, founder of the rare earth laboratory at the Federal University of Pernambuco in northeastern Brazil.

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-2 TO TENDERERS

This is to inform to all concerned that the following correction for Serial 9, 10, 11 of IFT has been made in the "Invitation for Tender" vide this office Memo No. 1542 Date: 23/09/2025 and it's "CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-1" vide this office Memo No. 1960 Date: 15/10/2025 Tender Package no-Eden/ACE2738/2025-26/Outsourcing/PSN-2 for Supplying of 123 nos. manpower (forash jamadar, forash, cleaner jamadar, cleaner, plumber, plumber helper, carpenter, carpenter helper, glass technician, glass technician helper, pump operator, gardener, assistant gardener, supervisor) for newly constructed 20-storied office building, 6-storied utility building and 6-storied mosque at Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Item No.	Description of Item	Information (Terms & Conditions)	
		As advertised earlier	Corrections being made
IFT SL 9	Tender Last Selling Date	27/10/2025, during Office Hours	03/11/2025, during Office Hours
IFT SL 10	Tender Closing Date and Time	28/10/2025, 12:00 PM	04/11/2025, 12:00 PM
IFT SL 11	Tender Opening Date and Time	28/10/2025, 03:00 PM	04/11/2025, 03:00 PM

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Memo No: 46.02.3605.902.99.001.25- 460 Date: 26-10-2025

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of works as stated as below:

Tender ID & Package No.	Name of Work	Last Date and Time of document selling	Date and Time of Opening & Closing
1153272, e-Tender/PEDP4/HBG/BA H/2025-26/W/15.0415	Construction of Head Teacher's Room with attached toilet of HARATEKA Govt. Primary School under PEDP4	10-Nov-2025; 16:00	11-Nov-2025; 14:00
1153273, e-Tender/PEDP4/HBG/BA H/2025-26/W/15.00834	Construction of Head Teacher's Room with attached toilet of SNAN GHAT Govt. Primary School under PEDP4.	10-Nov-2025; 16:00	11-Nov-2025; 14:00
1153274, e-Tender/PEDP4/HBG/BA H/2025-26/W/15-01762	Construction of Head Teacher's Room with attached toilet of BIHARIPUR , LAMATASHI and KARIMPUR Govt. Primary School under PEDP4.	10-Nov-2025; 16:00	11-Nov-2025; 14:00

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