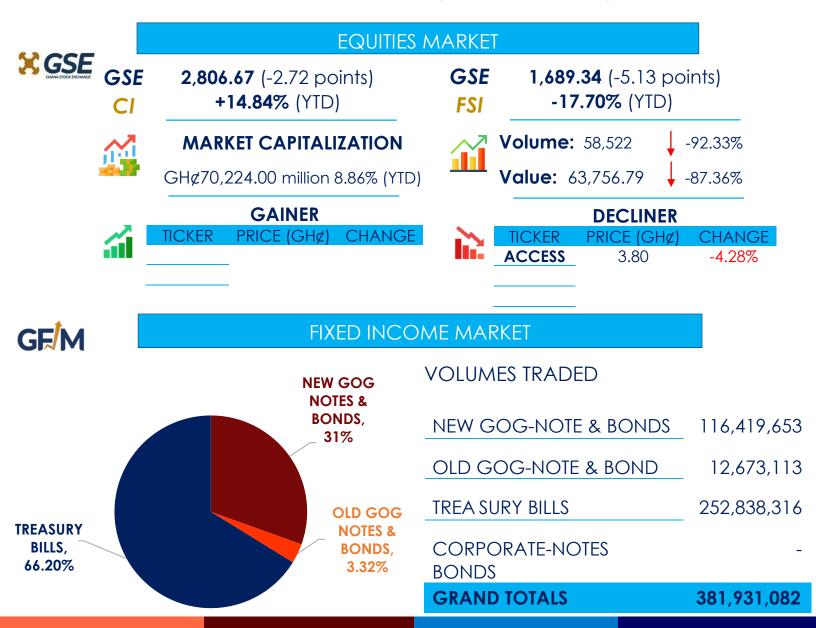


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NEWS HEADLINES

- Indebtedness of GNPC, TOR, VRA, ECG and 4 other energy-sector SOEs hit \$2.4 billion: Deputy Minister for Energy, William Owuraku Aidoo, has revealed in Parliament that eight State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in the energy sector have a total debt of approximately \$2.4 billion as of December 2021. The disclosed figure was based on the validated debt matrix published by Deloitte in May 2023. The eight SOEs include the Volta River Authority (VRA), Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo), Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRIDCo), and the Tema Oil Refinery (TOR). The remaining entities are the Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company Limited (BOST), Bui Power Authority, and the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC). The disclosure follows demands from Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for the government to settle a \$1.73 billion debt owed to them, warning of potential shutdowns if payments were not made by today, June 30. (Norvanreports)
- Power 'blackout' looms over US\$1.9bn debt to IPPs: Barring any last-minute intervention by the government, Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are set to go off the national grid effective July 1, 2023. The IPPs, which account for about 46 percent of power generation, are threatening to withdraw their services over a US\$1.9 billion debt owed them for power bought. The power producers said the unpaid money has resulted in the IPPs defaulting on loans contracted to build plants, and they are also unable to buy operational logistics to keep their operations going. The group is therefore demanding a 30 percent payment on the amount owed from government by close of today, June 30, 2023. Failure to meet this condition will result in the withdrawal of their services. (Business & Financial Times)





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