

Key Asian currencies mixed against dollar

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Key Asian currencies ended the week mixed against the dollar as the United States announced hefty job loss figures and amid predictions of a US interest rate rise. The Thai baht fell further as foreign investors took flight over domestic concerns.

JAPANESE YEN: The yen fell back to three-month lows against the US dollar on speculation about rises in US interest rates, which could encourage speculators to borrow the Japanese currency to invest overseas.

The yen hit the week's low of 106.26 to the dollar before ending daytime trading at 106.03-05 to the dollar on Friday, down from 105.44-47 to the dollar a week earlier.

The US Labor Department announced late Friday the US unemployment rate jumped unexpectedly by a half percentage point to 5.5 percent in May, the steepest increase in more than two decades.

Financial markets are expected to focus on prospects

of inflation in the United States and Europe in the coming week, the business day Nikkei said.

US Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke signalled that US rates have probably bottomed, sparking speculation that the next move in borrowing costs in the world's largest economy will be an increase.

CHINESE YUAN: The yuan closed at 6.9228 to the dollar Friday on the exchange-traded market, compared with Thursday's close of 6.9455, and a closing price of 6.9434 to the dollar last Friday.

The central bank had set the yuan central parity rate at 6.9238 to the dollar Friday, compared with 6.9394 on Thursday.

HONG KONG DOLLAR: The US-linked Hong Kong dollar finished the week at 7.8108 to the greenback compared with 7.8054 the week before.

INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended the week's trading at 9,310 to the dollar compared to 9,320 to the dollar a week earlier.

PHILIPPINE PESO: The

Philippines peso fell to 44.135 to the dollar on Friday afternoon from 43.750 on May 30.

SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.3665 Singapore dollars on Friday from 1.3660 the previous week.

SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won closed at 1,023.50 won per dollar Thursday, compared with 1,030.10 won against the greenback a week earlier.

The won gained strength for six straight trading days from May 26 before it fell back on Wednesday and then Thursday after a senior finance ministry official reportedly expressed "concern" over the won's appreciation Wednesday.

TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar rose 0.26 percent in the week to June 6 to close at 30.335 against the US dollar. The local currency closed at 30.413 a week ago.

THAI BAHAT: The Thai baht depreciated sharply against the greenback over the last week. The Thai unit closed Friday at a five-month low of 33.12-13 baht to one dollar compared to last week's close of 32.49-50.

Philippine inflation soars to 9yr high

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Filipino households had to pay 14.30 pesos more in May for the same amount of food that had cost them 100 pesos in May last year, according to official inflation data released Thursday.

Food prices jumped 14.3 percent in May from May last year, after rising 12 percent in April from a year earlier, pushing the overall inflation rate to 9.6 percent, the highest in nine years, according to data from the National Statistics Office. Overall inflation was 8.3 percent in April.

Food accounts for about half of the basket of goods and services in the consumer price.

Berger Paints declares 110pc cash dividend

Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd has declared a 110 percent cash dividend for the year 2007.

The dividend was announced at the 35th annual general meeting (AGM) of the company yesterday in Dhaka, says a press release.

Gerald K Adams, chairman of the company, presided over the AGM, while Rupali Chowdhury, managing director, and directors were present.



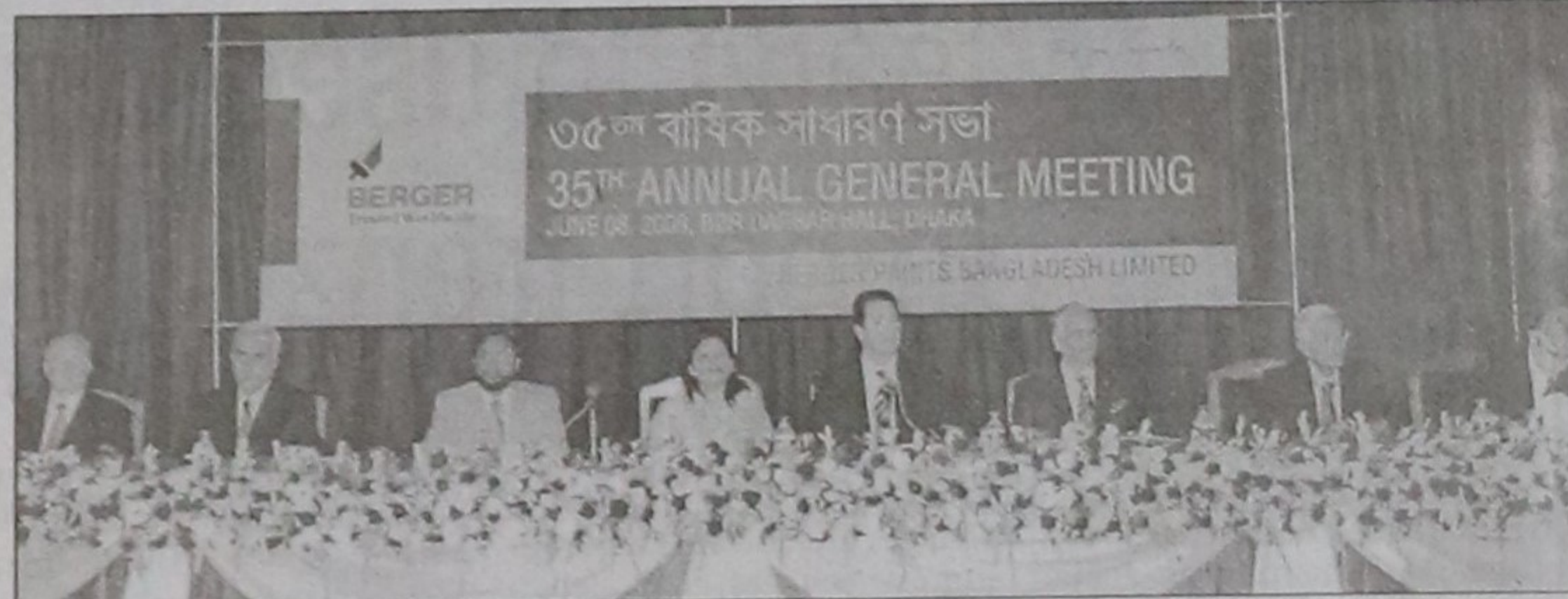
Standard Bank Ltd celebrated its ninth founding anniversary on Tuesday in Dhaka. Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed, chairman of the bank, Mohammad Shamsul Alam, vice chairman, and senior officials, among others, were present.



Ilias Kanchan, senior deputy director of RB Group, the marketer of Walton brand home appliances, inaugurates a showroom of Walton at Madhabpur in Hobiganj recently. Senior officials, among others, were present at the inauguration.



Unilever Bangladesh Ltd organised a daylong workshop with its leading distributors under the banner of 'Distributor Think Tank' in Dhaka recently. Rakesh Mohan, chairman and managing director of the company, and senior officials, among others, were present at the workshop.



Gerald K Adams, chairman of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, presides over the 35th annual general meeting of the company in Dhaka yesterday. Directors and managing director, among others, were present at the AGM.

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Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price		Turnover	Share	Last AGM	EPS (Tk.)	CDS (%)	Div (%)
		Closing	Chg (%) Pre/Day						
BANK									
AB Bank*-A	10005	1359.00	-4.67	425.50	52643	1363.00	-3.95	1419.00	20075
City Bank*-A	10005	1433.00	-5.22	512.00	18657	1433.00	-4.92	1512.00	26750
ICBL Bank*-A	10005	1433.00	-5.22	512.00	18657	1433.00	-4.92	1512.00	26750
Islami Bank BD*-A	10001	6244.25	2.31	6103.00	3723	6150.00	0.85	6098.50	813
National Bank*-A	10020	955.00	-2.13	975.00	18008	951.75	-1.91	970.25	2387
Punjab Bank*-A	10005	1000.00	-0.54	1025.00	51017	1000.00	-0.54	1025.00	51017
UCLB*-A	10005	6820.75	-3.34	6229.00	12265	6870.00	-3.45	6287.00	12265
Urbana Bank*-A	10005	2831.75	-0.68	2851.25	18008	2816.00	-0.79	2838.50	2290
IDLC Finance*-A	10020	2116.00	2.08	2660.75	25427	2121.50	3.65	2625.75	1238
Eastern Bank*-A	10020	1004.00	-2.09	923.25	7978	1012.50	-0.57	916.50	633
United Leasing*-A	10020	1104.00	2.82	1074.25	44050	1104.00	2.82	1074.25	44050
Urbana Finance*-A	10005	953.50	3.67	919.75	41416	950.25	4.62	908.25	8200
Al Arafa Islami Bank*-A	10050	560.00	1.63	551.00	18359	555.00	1.56	546.00	20750
Prime Bank Ltd*-A	10005	638.00	-2.22	615.00	62268	631.25	-1.75	642.50	11650
South Bengal Bank*-A	10005	434.75	-0.29	436.00	32394	435.00	-0.40	437.00	1584
Dhaka Bank*-A	10005	497.00	2.26	486.00	24259	490.00	1.03	485.00	2500
NCC Bank*-A	10005	418.00	-2.38	412.25	15356	420.00	-2.09	410.00	25482
Social Invest. Bank*-Z	10050	414.50	0.12	414.00	6950	409.00	-1.39	414.75	7850
Dutch Bangla Bank*-A	10050	3618.50	-1.38	3669.00	6924	3616.00	-1.74	3680.00	400
Midas Finance*-A	10050	621.00	14.99	540.00	10965	617.50	14.99	537.00	3210
Mutual Trust Bank*-A	10050	429.75	-1.55	436.00	14779	430.00	-1.55	444.00	1275
First Lease*-A	10005	538.00	16.14	463.25	78897	532.50	16.14	463.25	78897
Standard Bank*-A	10005	395.25	-4.22	385.00	50101	393.75	-1.67	398.75	8200
One Bank*-A	10005	436.00	-3.70	453.25	60152	437.00	-3.31	452.50	10425
Bank Asia*-A	10005	429.25	-2.28	439.25	3352	430.00	-2.28	444.00	1275
Mercantile Bank*-A	10005	318.00	-0.86	321.25	11398	322.00	-0.86	324.25	400
People's Leasing*-A	10005	434.75	-0.31	452.50	19669	441.25	-1.45	447.75	29362
People's Leasing*-A	10005	509.75	-0.30	508.00	66000	518.25	-0.30	509.50	8850
Prime Finance*-A	10005	1433.00	-5.22	1512.00	26857	1433.00	-5.22	1512.00	27070
Premier Leasing*-A	10005	340.00	8.18	314.75	8080	339.25	8.18	313.75	19120
Islamic Finance*-A	10005	424.00	2.54	413.50	62680	424.00	3.10	411.25	10400
Jamuna Bank*-A	10005	300.75	-1.23	304.00	22769	295.25	-1.15	302.00	27000
LankaBengla Finance*-B	10050	205.20	-2.20	210.00	76800	206.50	-2.20	212.00	76800
BIF*-A	10005	395.75	14.79	344.75	96624	390.00	15.90	344.25	11200
IFD*-A	10005	709.50	1.10	701.75	91766	716.00	4.49	713.00	11657
Shahjalil Islami Bank*-A	10050	1031.25	-4.11	1075.00	85543	1040.25	-2.98	1074.00	15798
Brac Bank*-A	10005	327.00	-3.18	338.25	13350	327.00	-3.18	335.00	30770
Premier Bank*-A	10005	246.00	-7.61	266.25	61100	243.25	-7.20	255.00	19750
Union Capital Ltd*-N	10050	150.70	-4.22	158.00	66250	148.40	-3.13	159.00	171000
BD Finance*-N	10005	437.00	-0.83	404.50	75795	437.00	-0.83	402.00	66000
Intl. Leasing*-A	10005	1209.25	11.92	1080.00	58980	1202.00	10.85	1085.25	4925
Phoenix Finance*-N	10005	60.75	-5.49	57.42	82450	62.00	-5.49	57.25	8750
Trust Bank*-A	10005	641.25	-0.66	645.00	10150	641.25	-0.75	642.50	10600
Fidelity Assets*-N	10005	100.00	-0.54	102.50	75000	100.00	-0.54	103.50	46500
Delta Bce HFC*-A	10005	1639.00	7.61	1523.00	4600	1606.00	6.56	1506.00	3950
INVESTMENT									
ICB*-A	10005	429.25	-2.28	439.25	3352	430.00	-2.28	439.25	3352
1st ICB MF*-A	10005	3942.50	-4.81	9418.50	1800	4000.00	-4.81	9418.50	1800
2nd ICB MF*-A	10005	4310.00	-2.73	4432.00	1800	4320.00	-2.73	4432.00	1800
3rd ICB MF*-A	10005	4280.00	-1.61	2114.00	495	4280.00	-1.61	2114.00	495
4th ICB MF*-A	10005	10226.75	-3.46	2306.75	270	10226.75	-3.46	2306.75	270
5th ICB MF*-A	10005	406.75	-1.49	406.75	270	406.75	-1.49	406.75	270
6th ICB MF*-A	10005	1190.25	-1.02	1178.25	2990	1182.25	-1.49	1200.00	570
7th ICB MF*-A	10005	1960.00	-2.84	1907.75	3400	1948.00	-2.84	1900.00	50
8th ICB MF*-A	10005	1208.00	-1.19	1223.00	3700	1242.00	-1.19	1242.00	3700
9th ICB MF*-A	10005	1838.00	-3.18	1896.00	8710	1838.00	-3.18	1896.00	8710
AIMS Fint*-A	10005	275.25	-5.58	282.89	30500	277.00	-5.58	281.00	30500
ICB AMCL 1st MF*-A	10050	745.75	-1.43	735.25	10300	759.00	-1.44	732.50	10300
ICB AMCL Islamic MF*-A	10050	1039.00	-0.05	538.75	18000	1035.00	-1.47	542.50	18000
Greenway MF One*-A	10050	179.50	1.40	179.50	75000	179.50	1.40	179.50	75000
ICB AMCL 1st NRB*-A	10050	632.25	2.09	623.25	13800	638.00	2.09	623.50	12350
ENGINEERING									
Alfa Automobiles*-A	10005	460.50	0.71	457.25	32524	463.25	1.58	458.00	7655
Asip Pipes*-Z	10005	226.50	0.67	225.00	12000	225.00	0.67	225.00	12000
Olympic Industries*-A	10005	42.00	-0.16	42.75	23342	42.00	-0.16	42.75	23342
Bangladesh Lamps*-A	10005	124.00	-0.74	114.75	5650	120.00	-0.74	114.00	5650
Eastern Cables*-A	10005	815.00	-0.76	821.25	12810	810.75	-1.04	819.25	2060
Tosno Lamps*-A	10005	41.00	-0.16	41.00	12000	41.00	-0.16	41.00	12000
Monno Scaffolds*-A	10005	115.00	1.88	90.00	10	115.00	1.88	90.00	10
Singer Bangladesh*-A	10005	2229.00	-5.11	2263.25	31883	2211.50	-2.25	2262.50	3200
Atlas Bangladesh*-A	10005	391.70	-0.10	393.30	32981	391.70	-0.10	393.30	32981
BD Autocon*-A	10005	187.75	-1.18	190.00	1200	187.75	-1.18	190.00	1200
Quamam Drycells*-A	10005	46.70	-0.89	46.00	41620	46.60	-0.89	46.00	41620
Renwick Jaisowab*-A	10005	440.50	-1.34	440.50	10	440.50	-1.34	440.50	10
Metalex Corporation*-Z	10005	310.00	-0.38	299.00	10	310.00	-0.38	299.00	10
Metalex Tubes*-A	10005	234.00	-1.93	234.00	12000	234.00	-1.93	234.00	12000
BD. The Alam*-Z	10005	179.50	1.40	179.50	75000	179.50	1.40	179.50	75000
Acwar Galvanizing*-Z	10005	127.50	-1.16	129.00	3900	127.50	-1.16	129.00	3900
Key & Co (BD)*-B	10005	454.75	-7.15	489.00	8400	460.00	-7.15	489.00	8400
Wooden Lath Toys*-Z	10005	58.00	-1.69	59.00	1200	58.00	-1.69	59.00	1200
Bangpur Foundry*-Z	10005	67.80	-0.89	68.00	6000	68.10	-0.58	68.50	8000
S. Alam C.R. Steels*-A	10005	421.50	-5.51	399.50	25290	426.75	0.80	405.50	12500
Golden Son*-N	10005	32.70	0.93	32.70	76000	32.80	1.10	31.90	103500
FOOD									
Amann Food*-Z	10005	198.00	9.09	181.50	5	198.00	9.09	181.50	5
Agnes Foods*-A	10005	1452.50	3.31	1367.25	7210	1401.00	3.31	1395.00	25
Tript Industries*-Z	10005	65.50	-3.32	67.25	1200	67.00	-3.32	67.00	1200
Bangas*-A	10005	551.50	-4.14	552.25	1200	551.50	-4.14	552.25	1200
BATBCL*-A	10005	118.00	-7.26	169.50	74750	118.00	-7.03	169.20	153700
Gemini Sea Food*-A	10005	609.50	2.01	597.50	30	609.50	2.01	597.50	30
1st National Tea Co*-A	10005	1544.50	-0.35	1555.00	1200	1546.00	-0.35	1555.00	1200
2nd National Tea Co*-A	10005	123.00	-1.48	120.00	17400	123.00	-1.48	120.00	17400
Beximco Fisheries*-Z	10010	43.75	-2.78	45.00	150	43.25	-1.00	44.00	150
Bengal Biscuits*-Z	10020	39.50	13.67	34.75	28240	37.25	7.19	34.75	5400
Bengal Biscuits*-Z	10020	68.75	-4.88	68.75	1200	68.75	-4.88	68.75	1200
Majlis Sweets*-A	10005	58.00	-1.69	59.00	3300	40.00	-0.00	40.00	40
Alamara Pramp*-A	10010	1236.50	-1.67	1227.50	9000	1241.50	-0.80	1231.50	9000
Dhaka Fisheries*-Z	10005	83.00	9.21	76.00	3900	72.25	-1.00	72.25	3900
Shamspur Sugar Mills*-Z	10100	14.00	-8.50	15.00	3300	14.00	-8.50	15.00	3300
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