

Stocks surge to record high

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Enthusiasm from investors after a nine-day Eid vacation pushed yesterday the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange to cross 3000 points level in three months.

The DSE All Share Price Index, however, dropped 11.57 points, or 0.46 percent, to 2486.87 points due mainly to price adjustment of Rupali Bank shares.

Market capitalisation stood at Tk 1,03,576.53 crore. Beximco topped the turnover list with 18,24,400 traded shares worth Tk 41.23 crore.

Australian interest rates set to fall

Australia's central bank is expected to cut interest rates by up to 50 basis points due to the global financial crisis when its board meets Tuesday, economists said.



Newly elected Chairman Abdul Baset Mazumder (fourth from right) and Vice-chairman Mostafa Kamal (third from right) of Bangladesh National Insurance Company are seen with Managing Director SM Abdul Mannan (first from left) as the company held its 86th board meeting after its annual general meeting.



Directors of Midas Financing Limited attend its 143th meeting. The recent meeting recommended issuance of one bonus share against every eight shares of the company as well as 5 percent cash dividend.



AAJ Zakaria, managing director of First Security Bank Limited, inaugurates its Senanibash branch at Ka... in Dhaka recently. Deputy general managers and branch managers of the bank are also seen.

CORPORATE BRIEFS

Bangladesh Hotels: The company has reported net profit and preference dividends of Tk 7.54 million with earnings per share at Tk 16.75 in audited accounts as of December 31, 2007 against the net profit of Tk 3 million and EPS at Tk 6.67 as of December 31, 2006, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange website.

BEXIMCO: The company seeks to offload 3,501,180 ordinary shares of Tk 10 each of Shinepukur Ceramics for direct listing on Dhaka and Chittagong stock exchanges, according to the DSE website.

Midas Finance: The company's Board of Directors has recommended 12.5 percent stock dividends (one bonus share for every eight existing shares) and 5 percent cash dividends for 2007-08, the DSE said. The annual general meeting will be held at Trust Milonayoton in Dhaka Cantonment on November 10.

Shipping

Table with columns: Berthing No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L. Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import/Export.

Currency

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, etc.

TRADED ISSUES October 05, 2008

Large table listing traded issues with columns for Company, FV/ML, Price, Turnover, Last AGM, EPS, and CDPS.

Market Highlights October 05, 2008

Table showing market highlights including DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, etc.

Turnover Leaders

Table listing turnover leaders for various companies like BEXIMCO Ltd, Summit Power Ltd, etc.

Capital Gainers

Table listing capital gainers for companies like Golden Star, Altan Industries, etc.

Capital Losers

Table listing capital losers for companies like Rupali Bank, BSC, etc.