

Stocks rise in hope for improved business climate

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Investor optimism soared yesterday, buoyed by stock prices on improved business and political climate after the national poll Monday.

closed unchanged. Turnover reached the highest since mid-October. Total turnover rose to Tk 430.94 crore yesterday from Tk 407.18 crore the previous trading day (Sunday).



ICAB gets new president

Nasir Uddin Ahmed
STAR BUSINESS DESK
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) elected Nasir Uddin Ahmed as its president for the year 2009 in a meeting of the council on Saturday, according to a press release.

Oil prices near \$40

Oil prices hovered near 40 dollars a barrel in Asian trade Tuesday afternoon on the fourth day of Israel's military campaign against Hamas in the Gaza Strip.
New York's main contract, light sweet crude for February delivery, fell 35 cents to 39.67 dollars a barrel following a 2.31 dollar rise to 40.02 on Monday at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

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Abdul Hafiz Choudhury, the new president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka, addresses the chamber members at its 104th annual general meeting in the capital yesterday.



Syed Manzur Elahi, founder chairman of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 36th branch at Tollygunge. Managing Director Kazi Md Shafiqul Rahman and other senior officials were present.

Market Highlights

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, CSE Selected Index.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tr.), (% T), Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Price Close, Turnover M.Tr.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

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News from Trade Servers

SPICERAMS: As reported by the Issue Manager of the company, total 1,64,43,000 shares were sold up to 28.12.08 out of 3,50,11,800 shares.

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Investment

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Engineering

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Fuel & Power

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Pharmaceutical & Chemical

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Non Traded Issues

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Source: Capital Gainer/ Loser tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded shares. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, etc.