

Stocks mostly down

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Dhaka stocks fell with a topsy-turvy trading yesterday, showing a lack of investors' confidence.

The price fluctuations throughout the day reflected that the investors were yet to get back their confidence fully, according to experts.

They said institutional investors remained aloof from the market, taking its recent behavioural pattern into consideration.

The DSE General Index (DGEN), declined by 17.07 points, or 0.62 percent to 2,695.57 points. The DSE All Share Price Index also fell by 14.28 points, or 0.63 percent to 2,227.16 points.

Most of the securities traded down on the DSE. Of the 244 traded issues, 72 advanced, 162 declined and 10 remain unchanged.

Within the opening 15 minutes, DGEN gained about 5 points. In the following 30 minutes, the market lost over 10 points.

Then the market started witnessing ups and downs and this trend continued to the end of trading.

A total of 2,88,82,354 shares worth Tk 330.14 crore changed hands on the premier bourse.



Directors and senior officials of Opso Saline Limited pose for photograph at the '22nd Annual Marketing and Sales Conference' in Dhaka recently.

MARKET HIGHLIGHTS January 15, 2009

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Oil falls to near \$36

AP, Singapore

Oil prices fell to near \$36 a barrel Thursday in Asia as barrel crude inventories and falling retail sales in the U.S. provided investors with further evidence of faltering consumer demand.

Light, sweet crude for February delivery was down \$1.00 to \$36.28 a barrel by afternoon in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices have fallen 27 percent since last week and analysts say they may test a five-year low reached last month of \$33.87 a barrel.

U.S. oil inventories have been rising for months, proof the current recession is biting into demand for crude products. The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that crude inventories grew by 1.2 million barrels for the week ended Friday after jumping 6.7 million barrels the previous week.

Gasoline inventories rose by 2.1 million barrels and distillates increased by 6.4 million barrels. "It just points to the doom and gloom in the American economy," said Gerard Rigby, an energy analyst with Fuel First Consulting in Sydney.



AR Hasan Mirza, director of operations of Silva Pharmaceuticals Ltd, inaugurates its Annual Sales Conference 2009 at BIAM auditorium in Dhaka on Tuesday.



K Mahmood Sattar, managing director of City Bank, inaugurates the bank's 'Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Service Centre' in Gazipur recently.

Currency

Table showing major currency exchange rates for US Dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian Dollar, Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, Swedish Kroner, Canadian Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar, Singapore Dollar, UAE Dirham, Saudi Riyal, Danish Kroner, and Kuwaiti Dinar.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port, including vessel name, cargo, local agent, date of arrival, and leaving port.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table showing vessels at Kutubdia, including vessel name, cargo, last port, local agent, and date of arrival.

Vessels at outer anchorage

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