

Stocks pass second week in the red

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Sayeed Islam, managing director of SSL Wireless, and Kazi Saifuddin Munir, chief executive officer of IT Consultants Limited, exchange documents after signing an agreement in Dhaka on Thursday. Under the deal, account holders and cardholders of more than 27 banks will enjoy banking services from mobile phones.



Officials of One Bank Limited speak to the press in Dhaka recently. One Bank launches a new product, called 'School Banking', a savings account for school students.

Weekly Currency Roundup

Jan 11, 2009-Jan 15, 2009

Local FX Market

This week, the market was active and US dollar was stable against the Bangladesh Taka. There was demand for dollar in the market.

Money Market

Overnight money market was stable this week with ample liquidity. The call money rate was steady and settled near 8.00-8.50 percent range.

Commodities

Crude oil traded little changed in New York after US fuel demand fell the most in five years as crumbling economic confidence reined in consumer spending.

International Markets

This week the dollar gained ground against the euro and the sterling, while the yen found support against the others. The euro struggled to make headway while the yen found support with global economic pressure mounting and investors focused on the European Central Bank's rate decision.

The euro zone's biggest economy moved into sharp focus with Standard & Poor's cutting its credit rating on Greek sovereign debt on Wednesday, stoking fears downgrades to other members of the 16-country euro zone could follow.

Wariness over the outlook also lingered after Prime Minister Brian Cowen denied a report that he might call on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for economic help.

Data this week summed up a bleak picture in Europe, showing Germany's economy grew at its slowest pace in three years in 2008. The euro zone's biggest economy contracted by between 1.5 percent and 2.0 percent in the final three months of the year.

Standard Chartered Bank

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