

Dhaka stocks slip

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Dhaka stocks fell slightly yesterday amid a spell of confusion that surfaced over the government's pledges about the capital market.

Although the government has sent out a message of its commitment through the market regulator, the investors are waiting for a clear positive statement from the government itself, analysts said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said on Tuesday Finance Minister AMA Muhi will visit the commission soon and sit with the regulator and stock exchanges authorities to discuss the problems and prospects of the market.

"The decline seems irrational. It appears that investor confidence is still low," said Mahmudul Bari, deputy general manager of the merchant banking division of IDLC Finance.

"Investors are failing to look at the bright side of the market," he said, adding that it is however a temporary phenomenon. "The investors will start buying soon," he hoped.

The benchmark index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSE General Index, fell 7.75 points, or 0.29 percent, to 2,664.89 points. The DSE All Share Price Index also declined 3.68 points, or 0.16 percent, to 2,204.75 points.

A DSE delegation meets the finance minister today, as the meeting, set for yesterday, was eventually cancelled.

The market started with a momentum and gained about 40 points in the opening 60 minutes.

In the next 30 minutes, the market lost about 20 points. Then the market gained in a bullish trade that lasted about 30 minutes.

Gainers however dominated the losers on the DSE. Of the 258 traded issues, 146 advanced, 105 declined and

seven remained unchanged. A total of 2,73,06,086 shares worth Tk 299.54 crore changed hands on the premier bourse.

Beximco Pharma topped the turnover leaders on the DSE with 20,31,300 traded shares worth Tk 34.08 crore. The other turnover leaders were Titas Gas, Shimpukur Ceramics, Beximco, BSRM Steels, Summit Power, Apex Tannery, Quasem Drycells, Uttara Bank and Apex Adelchi Footwear.

Chittagong stocks also marked a slight fall. The CSE Selective Categories Index declined 31.19 points, or 0.58 percent, to 5,342.69 points. The CSE All Share Price Index also dropped 40.65 points, or 0.49 percent, to 8,210.92 points.

A total of 46,44,746 shares worth Tk 41.02 crore changed hands on the Chittagong Stock Exchange. Of the 154 traded scrips on the port city bourse, 80 advanced, 70 declined and four remain unchanged.



Employees of Expressions Ltd, an advertising agency, pose for photograph at their "Annual Meet 2009" at Meher Udyan in Gazipur on Saturday.



Mohammad Ebadul Karim, managing director of Beacon Pharmaceuticals Ltd, presides over the "Marketing and Sales Conference 2009" at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka on Monday.

Currency

Table showing major currency exchange rates by Standard Chartered Bank. Columns include Major currency, BC Sell, TT Buy, Per USD, and BDT per Currency. Includes rates for US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish kroner, and Kuwaiti dinar.

Dollar mixed as Obama in

The dollar fell against the euro on Wednesday, rose versus the yen and struck a multi-year high against sterling as US President Barack Obama set to work in the White House on rescuing the ailing economy.

In morning trading here, the euro rose to 1.2932 dollars from 1.2876 dollars in New York late on Tuesday.



Anisur Rahman Sinha, chairman of Bank Asia, inaugurates the bank's 34th branch at Shantinagar in Dhaka yesterday.

Market Highlights

Table with Market Highlights for January 21, 2009. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE 20 Index, DSE All Share Index, CSE -30 Index, CSE Selected Index, and various indicators like Total Turnover, Number of Contract, etc.

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Table of Turnover Leaders listing companies like Beximco Pharma, Titas Gas, Shimpukur Ceramics, Beximco Ltd, BSRM Steels, Summit Power, Apex Tannery, Quasem Drycells, Uttara Bank, and Apex Adelchi.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table of Capital Gainers/Losers listing companies like Shampur Sugar, BMO Monopol, Leco, Beximco Ltd, BSRM Steels, Summit Power, Apex Tannery, Quasem Drycells, Uttara Bank, and Apex Adelchi.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table of Book Closer/Dividend/IPO listing companies like Sawa Refractories, Padma Oil Co, Eastern Lubricants, DEDCO Ltd, Power Grid Co, and others.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table of Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 21/1/2009. Columns include Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving Import, and Disch.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table of Vessels at Kutubdia listing vessel names, cargo, last port, local agent, and date of arrival.

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Vessels due at outer anchorage

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Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with the berthing sheet of CPA provided by ITC.

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Source: Capital Gainers / Loser tables are prepared on the basis of the closed price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, ...