Stocks end slightly higher

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Dhaka stocks ended slightly higher yesterday, driven by sharp gain in the share prices of some state-owned and small market capitalisation companies.

Many investors rushed for the shares of government-run companies on speculation that those will see a business momentum under the newly elected government, market operators said.

"It was nothing but a high speculation," said a member of Dhaka Stock Exchange.

The benchmark index of the premier bourse, DSE General Index, rose 6.16 points, or 0.23 percent to 2,671.06 points. The DSE All Share Price Index also gained 3.53 points, or 0.16 percent to 2,208.28 points.

In the opening 20 minutes or so, the market lost almost 10 points. Then it gained about 18 points in the next 20 to 25 minutes.

In the next 30 minutes the whole gain of the day diminished completely. For the next 75 minutes the market stayed within a band of 5 points.

Then in the following 30 minutes the market lost 6 to 7 points. At the fag end of the session, the market witnessed a rapid rise in the index.

Most securities traded up on the DSE. Of the 254 traded issues, 188 advanced, 61 declined and five remained unchanged.

A total of 2,36,47,560 shares worth Tk 244.62 crore changed hands on the premier bourse.

Beximco Pharma topped the turnover leaders on the DSE with 9,59,850 traded shares worth Tk 16.07 crore. The other turnover leaders were Shinepukur Ceramics, Beximco, Titas Gas, Apex Tannery, Summit Power, Fu-Wang Foods, ACI Formulations, Aftab Automobiles and Quasem Drycells.

Chittagong stocks also posted a slight gain. The CSE Selective Categories Index rose 14.53 points, or 0.27 percent to 5,357.22 points. The CSE All Share Price Index also increased 13.34 points, or 0.16 percent to 8,224.27 points.

A total of 40,88,475 shares worth Tk 33.12 crore changed hands on the Chittagong Stock Exchange. Of the 144 traded scrips on the port city bourse, 86 advanced, 52 declined and six remain unchanged.

Shinepukur Ceramics topped the turnover leaders on the CSE with 2,16,900 traded shares worth Tk 2.48 crore. The other turnover leaders were Beximco, Beximco Pharma, Grameen Mutual Fund One: Scheme Two, BSRM Steels, Apex Tannery, Titas Gas, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Jamuna Oil and AIC Formulations.

BRAC BANK

Muhammad A (Rumee) Ali, chairman of BRAC Bank Limited, inaugurates the bank's branch at Syedpur on Wednesday.

IPOST

Shezan Shams, managing director of IPOST, and Rejwan Bin Farouq, managing director of B2M, exchange documents after signing a deal recently in Dhaka. B2M will provide short-message service solutions to IPOST clients.

PUBALI BANK

Hafiz Ahmed Majumder, chairman of Pubali Bank Limited, chairs the "Regional and Corporate Branch Managers Conference 2009" at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Oil prices gain ground

AFP, London

World oil prices marched upwards on Thursday, winning support from a global equities rally ahead a vital report on crude reserves in the United States, the number one energy consuming nation, dealers said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in March added one dollar to 46.02 dollars a barrel on London's InterContinental Exchange.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 22/1/2009

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo call	L. Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import disch
J/2	Taiyoung Rosa	Rice(p)/log	Myan	Sunshine	20/1	25/1	-
J/3	Great Honour	Gi(st. Bil)	P. Kel	Barwil Qc	19/1	25/1	2022
J/4	Asia Brave	Gi(st.pa)	Sing	Prog	21/1	25/1	1944
J/5	Alam Selamat	Gi(hr.c.st)	Kore	Bar Wil Qc	18/1	23/1	5071
J/7	F. Jahan	Gi(st.bil)	P.s. Vin	Brsl	7/1	25/1	3330
J/11	Kota Raja	Cont	Sing	Pil(bd)	20/1	23/1	551
J/12	Hansa Calypso	Cont	P. Kel	Seacon	20/1	23/1	719
Nct/4	Banglar Doot	-	-	Bsc	R/A	30/1	-
Nct/5	Trakia	Ballast	Hald	Rsa	13/1	26/1	-

Vessels not ready

Mongla	Rice(p)	Yang	Mta	18/1
Banglar Jyoti	C. Oil	K. Dia	Bsc	R/a (18/1)
Aquidneck	Cdso	Darb	Rainbow	18/1
Chanpion Lion	Cdso	Argen	Usl	20/1
Madina-ke-chand	Rice(f)/log	Yang	Cla	11/1
Al Badiyah	Hsd/ms	Kuwa	Mstpl	11/1

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Banglar Moni	Repair	Mumb	Bsc	R/A (2/10)
Guru Krupa	-	-	Seacom	R/A (10/10)
Golden Mars	Repair	-	Bsl	R/A (18/11)
Santa Suria-ii	Ballast	Mong	Seacom	13/12
Banglar Robi	-	-	Bsc	R/A (16/12)

Vessels not entering

Brave Royal	C. Clink	Visa	Brsl	12/1
Port Menter	C. Clink	Kore	Elite	16/1
Maris	C. Clink	Kant	Litmond	19/1
Kerkyra	Raw Sugar	C. Town	Park	20/1
Marry Falcon	Tsp(bag)	Sing	Litmond	20/1
Sanko Falcon	Wheat(p)	Sing	Mutual	11/1

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Cape Benry	22/1	Col	Apl	Cont	Col
Oel Freedom	22/1	Sing	Pssl	Cont	Sing
Castello De Delmonte	23/1	Rott	Uniglobal	Scraping	-
Alitis	22/1	Ukra	Litmond	Wheat(p)	-
Asian Trader	23/1	P.kel	Everbest	Cont	Sing

Tanker due

Al Deerah	22/1	Kuwa	Mstpl	Hsd/jet A-1	-
Clayton-ii	23/1	Hald	Fsa	Bitumen	Rm/3
Ems Gas	23/1	Sing	Mbl	Ammonia	K/a

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

Currency

Following is Thursday's (January 22, 2009) forex statement by **Standard Chartered Bank**

Major currency exchange rates

	BC Sell	TT Buy
US dollar	69.40	68.40
Euro	92.00	87.35
Pound	98.38	93.51
Australian dollar	46.88	43.30
Japanese yen	0.81	0.76
Swiss franc	61.63	57.79
Swedish kroner	8.91	8.07
Canadian dollar	56.01	53.84
Hong Kong dollar	8.96	8.80
Singapore dollar	47.49	45.59
UAE dirham	19.05	18.47
Saudi riyal	18.65	18.10
Danish kroner	12.55	11.55
Kuwaiti dinar	237.83	234.18

Exchange rate of some currencies

	Per USD	BDT per Currency
Indian rupee	48.64	1.40
Pak rupee	80.05	0.85
Lankan rupee	113.90	0.60
Thai baht	34.93	1.95
Malaysian ringgit	3.61	18.82

USD forward rate against BDT

	Buy	Sell
1 M	68.74	69.64
2 M	68.74	69.80
3 M	68.87	70.53
6 M	69.50	71.87

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Market Highlights

January 22, 2009

DSE All Share Index :	2208.28187	(+)	0.16%
DSE General Index :	2671.06142	(+)	0.23%
DSE - 20 Index :	2189.20645	(+)	0.14%
CSE All Share Index:	8224.27380	(+)	0.16%
CSE - 30 Index :	7008.32600	(+)	0.03%
CSE Selected Index :	5357.22670	(+)	0.27%

Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	2,446,236,436.40	331,251,369.15
Total Turnover (Volume)	23,647,560	4,088,475
Number of Contract	68,547	10,806
Total Traded Issues	254	144
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	130	65
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	121	78
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. P. Basis)	3	1
Market Cap. (Taka)	838,218,017,923	806,932,473,174
Market Cap. (US$)	12,236,769,386	11,780,036,105
Price Earning Ratio	19.12	19.02
Earning Per Share (%)	25.65	25.37

Turnover Leaders

	Company	Turnover (Vol.)	Turnover (M.Tk.)	Turnover (%) T	Big Lot Share
D	Beximco Pharma* -A	960,414	160.88	6.58	5,000
	Shinepukur Ceramics	1,245,300	142.54	5.83	100,000
	BEXIMCO Ltd.* -A	579,705	121.45	4.96	3,000
	Titas Gas TDCL*N	226,250	108.62	4.44	1,000
	Apex Tannery* -A	91,588	102.95	4.21	440
	Summit Power* -A	98,303	91.98	3.76	1,000
	Fu-Wang Food -B	2,153,825	65.67	2.68	25,000
	ACI Formulations Ltd*-N	278,900	60.11	2.46	2,000
	Aftab Auto.* -A	141,790	57.15	2.34	1,055
	Quasem Drycells *-A	1,006,600	55.68	2.28	8,500
C	Shinepukur Ceramics*	216,900	24.90	7.52	5,000
	BEXIMCO Ltd.* -A	107,405	22.59	6.82	3,700
	Beximco Pharma* -A	114,796	19.22	5.80	2,000
	Grameen1:Scheme2* -A	284,500	15.99	4.83	5,000
	BSRM Steels Ltd*-N	30,200	15.29	4.62	4,500
	Apex Tannery* -A	12,290	13.80	4.17	400
	Titas Gas TDCL*N	24,600	11.85	3.58	500
	Dutch Bangla B*- A	3,150	11.58	3.50	100
	Jamuna Oil* -A	65,100	10.00	3.02	4,000
	ACI Formulations Ltd*-N	44,200	9.56	2.89	1,000

Capital Gainers/Losers

	Company	Price Chn. (%) Close	Price Chn. (%) Avg.	Close Price	Turnover M.Tk
D ↑	Al Amin Chemical- Z	18.87	16.29	6.30	0.540
	Shampur Sugar -Z	18.78	15.22	21.50	9.548
	Quasem Silk Mills -Z	16.33	15.29	5.70	0.040
	M. Hossain Gar. -Z	15.25	14.35	17.00	0.170
	Maq Paper -Z	14.47	12.97	21.75	0.181
C ↑	Al Amin Chemical- Z	20.00	19.80	6.00	0.111
	BCIL - Z	19.51	19.51	49.00	0.022
	M. Hossain Gar. -Z	19.30	19.30	17.00	0.002
	Bengal Biscuits -Z	16.54	12.87	77.50	0.041
	BD Luggage -Z	15.91	16.32	25.50	0.038
D ↓	Eagle Star Tex -Z	-6.25	0.00	7.50	0.001
	Sinobangla Industries -B	-5.33	-7.48	49.70	14.094
	Legacy Footwear -B	-5.15	-2.14	27.60	9.789
	BSC -A	-3.49	-3.49	2,173.75	0.239
	Federal Insurance*-A	-3.41	-3.23	261.75	0.053
C ↓	Sinobangla Industries	-11.46	-11.54	50.20	0.70
	Anwar Galvanizing -Z	-7.14	-7.14	130.00	0.01
	Legacy Footwear -B	-6.19	-2.34	27.30	0.81
	Apex Foods -A	-6.03	-6.03	900.00	0.05
	Samata LeatheR -Z	-5.73	-6.44	82.25	0.02

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Company	Meeting Date	Venue, Time
Savar Refractories -Z	8-Jan	Hotel Sundarban 11am
Padma Oil Co.* -A	31-Jan	Main Installation, Ctg. 11am
Eastern Lubricants -A	7-Feb	Padma Bhaban, Ctg. 11am
DESCO Ltd* -A	10-Feb	Bashundhara CC, Bandhara 11am
Power Grid Co.* -A	5-Mar	11am
Samorita Hospital -A	19-Mar	10am
Anwar Galvanizing -Z	25-Mar	BCIC Aud. Dilkusha 10:30am

Company	R.Day	BC	Spot	Div	Meeting Date
Samorita Hospital -A	05-03	02-03	10%	AGM	19-03
Padma Oil Co.* -A	18-01	13-01	50%,100%B	AGM	31-01
Orion Infusions -Z	22-12	17-12	10%	AGM	28-12
Bata Shoe Ltd.* -A	23-12	18-12	115%(I)		
Social Invest. Bk	15-12	04-12	1R:1 sub: 25-01 to 22-02		
National Polymar	15-12	04-12	2R:1 sub: 04-01 to 20-01		
Eastern Bank	15-12	04-12	1R:2 sub. 01-01 to 21-01		
Sonali Ansh -Z	24-12	15-12	10%	AGM	31-12
Bangla Process -B	26-12	21-12	6%	AGM	30-12
Maksons Spinning*-N	29-01	26-01	15%B	AGM	15-02
Sinobangla Industries -B	10-02	05-02	10%, 1R:1	A/EGM	24-02

Record day only applicable for bonus share, not right offer.

IPO Subscription Dates:

Bay leasing & Investment Ltd. 18 - 25 January 09, NRB up to January 31

News from Trade Servers

PLFSL

SEC has issued show-cause cum hearing notice to the Company, its Directors, Managing Director, Company Secretary and M/s Syful Shamsul Alam & Co. (statutory auditor of the Company) for non-compliance with securities related laws in connection with the audited financial statements for the year ended on December 31, 2007.

Subscription Dt for Bay lease extends :

Bay Leasing & Investment Ltd. has informed that it has extended the subscription collection date for IPO by one working day i.e, up to 25 Jan '09 because of the Upo Zilla Election.

Non Traded Issues

Company	FV/ML (Tk/No)	DSE Closing Price	DSE Last Trade Date
BANK			
UCBL -Z	100/5	3190.00	06/08/08
INVESTMENT			
1st ICB M.F.* -A	100/5	5100.00	21/01/09
4th ICB M.F.* -A	100/10	1047.00	21/01/09
7th ICB M.F.* -A	100/50	670.75	21/01/09
ENGINEERING			
Monno Jutex -A	100/5	956.50	06/01/09
Monno Stafllers -A	100/5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Metalex Corporation -Z	100/5	122.25	14/01/09
FOOD & ALLIED			
JUTE			
Jute Spinners -A	100/5	680.00	21/01/09
INSURANCE			
[illegible]	100/5	3595.00	21/01/09

TRADED ISSUES January 22, 2009

Company CDBL mark Category Mark Face Value/Market Lot | EPS | BV | Latest Dividend :- YearEnd

DSE/CSE: Closing ⇓⇑ Change % LastDay | Average | High / Low # Trade Volume (Share)

BANK

AB Bank * - A 100/5 | 85.37 | 269.00 | 200%B :-1207
D: 739.8 ⇓ 0.74% 745.3 | 741.05 | 751.0 / 735.0 # 26923
C: 743.3 ⇓ 0.57% 747.5 | 744.23 | 753.0 / 740.0 # 6435
City Bank * - A 100/5 | 25.14 | 210.39 | 10%B :-1206
D: 426.3 ⇓ 0.23% 427.3 | 426.40 | 429.5 / 423.0 # 5958
C: 425.8 ⇑ 0.59% 423.3 | 425.56 | 429.0 / 423.0 # 1477
IFIC Bank* - A 100/5 | 71.93 | 244.85 | 1B:1 :-1207
D: 1002 ⇓ 0.02% 1002 | 998.86 | 1010 / 990.0 # 23585
C: 1004 ⇑ 0.63% 997.8 | 998.80 | 1009 / 993.3 # 435
Islami Bank BD* - A 100/10 | 43.12 | 269.19 | 25%B :-1207
D: 520.8 ⇓ 0.05% 521.0 | 519.72 | 524.5 / 512.5 # 22478
C: 519.3 ⇓ 0.10% 519.8 | 519.85 | 525.0 / 515.0 # 7030
National Bank * - A 100/20 | 66.11 | 243.94 | 55%B :-1207
D: 872.8 ⇓ 0.51% 877.3 | 872.65 | 882.0 / 865.8 # 38930
C: 876.5 ⇓ 0.28% 879.0 | 874.62 | 886.0 / 868.0 # 4280
Pubali Bank * - A 100/5 | 46.04 | 198.20 | 40%B :-1207
D: 479.8 ⇓ 0.72% 483.3 | 481.02 | 487.0 / 478.0 # 4205
C: 483.8 ⇓ 0.10% 484.3 | 482.66 | 489.5 / 480.0 # 1225
Rupali Bank - Z 100/10 | 11.58 | 26.29 | -1206
D: 627.8 ⇓ 2.83% 646.0 | 632.77 | 654.0 / 622.0 # 3030
C: 627.0 ⇓ 2.22% 641.3 | 630.24 | 648.0 / 625.0 # 1940
Uttara Bank * - A 100/5 | 51.28 | 307.21 | 1B:1 :-1207
D: 3084 ⇑ 0.70% 3063 | 3075 | 3110 / 3021 # 16965
C: 3083 ⇑ 0.59% 3065 | 3080 | 3100 / 3060 # 755
ICB Islamic Bank*-Z 1000/5 | -43.12 | -2923.42 | -1207
D: 1070 ⇓ 0.60% 1076 | 1073 | 1092 / 1066 # 2641
Eastern Bank * - A 100/20 | 30.19 | 267.63 | 34%B :-1207
D: 509.3 ⇑ 0.64% 506.0 | 512.17 | 518.0 / 508.0 # 2325
C: 508.8 ⇑ 0.64% 505.5 | 508.71 | 510.0 / 506.0 # 340
Al Arafa Islami B*-A 100/50 | 25.10 | 163.91 | 20%B :-1207
D: 418.3 ⇑ 0.00% 418.3 | 417.78 | 419.0 / 416.8 # 4320
Prime Bank*-A 100/50 | 49.25 | 184.63 | 10% 25%B :-1207
D: 487.0 ⇑ 0.26% 485.8 | 486.46 | 490.0 / 480.0 # 14141
C: 490.5 ⇓ 0.15% 491.3 | 487.22 | 495.0 / 485.0 # 1360
Southeast Bank*-A 100/50 | 44.84 | 213.30 | 15% 25%B :-1207
D: 282.8 ⇓ 0.79% 285.0 | 284.76 | 290.0 / 280.3 # 49583
C: 287.5 ⇓ 1.29% 291.3 | 288.52 | 305.0 / 286.5 # 2618
Dhaka Bank * -A 100/50 | 36.39 | 161.60 | 25%B :-1207
D: 382.0 ⇓ 0.13% 382.5 | 381.72 | 384.0 / 378.3 # 11695
C: 379.5 ⇓ 2.13% 387.8 | 381.71 | 387.8 / 379.0 # 1904