

Stocks end nearly flat

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Dhaka stocks ended the week virtually unchanged with investors wandering from one sector to another looking for profit.
The market witnessed a cyclical profit-taking trend, analysts said, adding that the investors, especially the individuals, were randomly switching sides - sometimes influenced by rumours - to make profits.
"A short-term profit-taking trend appeared in the market. The investors want to book whatever the profit is after four or five days of trade," said Arif Khan, general manager of IDLC Finance, yesterday.
The benchmark index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSE General Index (DGEN), fell 3.92 or 0.14 percent, to 2,649.49 points. The DSE All Share Price Index however rose 2.1 points, or 0.37 percent, to 2,196.96 points.
A total of 2,93,97,643 shares worth Tk 297.58 crore changed hands on the DSE. Of the 263 traded securities on the DSE, 159 advanced, 97 declined and seven remained unchanged.
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leaders on the DSE with 20,93,100 traded shares worth Tk 36.55 crore. The other turnover leaders were Shineeupur Ceramics, Beximco, Aftab Automobiles, Summit Power, Lafarge Surma Cement, Titas Gas, LankaBangla Finance, AIMS 1st Mutual Fund and Grameen Mutual Fund One: Scheme Two.
Chittagong stocks recorded a slight fell yesterday. The CSE Selective Categories Index declined 21.42 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,282.19 points. The CSE All Share Price Index also fell 11.3 points, or 0.13 percent, to 8,157.31 points.
A total of 63,91,118 shares worth Tk 49.38 crore changed hands on the Chittagong Stock Exchange. Of the 159 traded scrips on the port city bourse, 81 advanced, 74 declined and four remain unchanged.
Beximco Pharma topped the turnover leaders on the CSE with 3,85,650 traded shares worth Tk 6.73 crore. The other turnover leaders were Beximco, AIMS 1st Mutual Fund, Shineeupur Ceramics, Grameen Mutual Fund One: Scheme Two, AB Bank, Bextex, BSRM Steels, LankaBangla Finance and Union Capital.
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Dollar gains in Asia

AFP, Tokyo
The dollar strengthened in Asian trade Thursday on hopes that President Barack Obama will take bold action to get the US economy back on its feet.
The dollar rose to 90.43 yen in Tokyo morning trade on 90.27 in New York late Wednesday. The euro slipped to 1.3128 dollars from 1.3164 and to 118.69 yen from 118.83.
The divided US House of Representatives on Wednesday approved a stimulus package worth 819 billion dollars that Obama says is crucial to remedy the crippled economy.
"Market hopes over Obama's policy measures are making it hard to sell the greenback. All eyes are on how his policies will bear fruit," Hachijun Bank strategist Sho Komamura said, create millions of new jobs.
Markets were watching whether the dollar would break through the 91-yen level and settle there, which would signal a bottoming out of the greenback and spur optimism about prospects for Japanese exporters, said Komamura.
A weaker currency helps exporters stay competitive and boosts their repatriated earnings.



Aazarul Islam, chairman of Uttara Bank Limited, speaks at the "Zonal Heads' Conference 2009" in Cox's Bazar recently.



Mahabub Khan, chairman of the Shippers' Council of Bangladesh, presides over its 27th annual general meeting in Dhaka recently.

Currency

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Per USD, BDT per Currency. Includes US dollar, Euro, Indian rupee, etc.



M Ehsanul Haque, managing director of Prime Bank Limited, and Arshi Haider, managing director of Building Technologies and Ideas (BTI), exchange documents after signing a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, the real estate company will promote the bank's home loan scheme to its clients.

Market Highlights

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE -20 Index, CSE All Share Index, etc.

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk.), (% T. Share), Big Lot Share. Lists companies like Beximco Pharma, Shineeupur Ceramics, etc.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover (M.Tk.). Lists companies like Rangmat Food, Beximco Pharma, etc.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table with columns: Company, Meeting Date, Dividend, IPO. Lists companies like Prime Bank, etc.

News from Trade Servers

Table with columns: Normal Trade Start, Half yearly un-audited accounts. Lists companies like Beximco, etc.

TRADED ISSUES January 29, 2009

Large table listing traded issues with columns: Company, Price, Volume, etc. Includes various banks and financial institutions.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Table listing pharmaceutical and chemical products with prices and volumes.

FOOD & ALLIED

Table listing food and allied products with prices and volumes.

ENGINEERING

Table listing engineering products with prices and volumes.

CERAMIC

Table listing ceramic products with prices and volumes.

TEXTILE

Table listing textile products with prices and volumes.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table listing paper and packaging products with prices and volumes.

INDUSTRIES

Table listing industrial products with prices and volumes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table listing miscellaneous products with prices and volumes.

GENERAL INSURANCE

Table listing general insurance products with prices and volumes.

Shipping

Table with columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 29/01/2009. Includes columns for Vessel Name, Cargo, L. Port, Local Agent, Date of Arrival, Leaving Import Disch.

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Source: Capital Gainers/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the close price range of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BVV-Bid Value per Share, ...