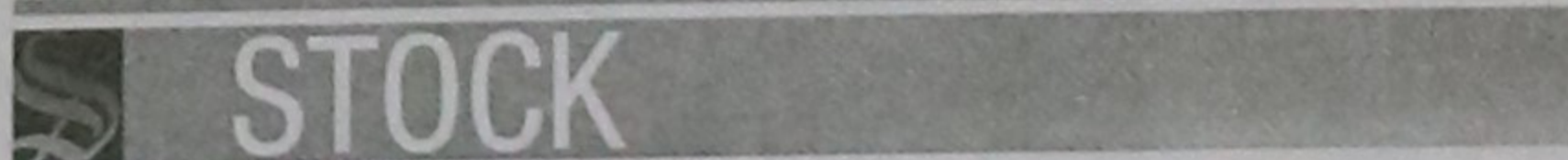


Asian stocks in quiet trade

Stocks in Asia were mainly lower Thursday as quiet trade saw dealers take profits from earlier gains, while also being weighed down by another set of poor data from the United States. Tokyo lost more than one percent, Seoul dropped 1.5 percent, Sydney 0.3 percent, Taipei 0.61 percent and Singapore 0.16 percent.

Shanghai had started higher amid hopes of further industry-boosting measures from Beijing, but investors soon decided to cash in, sending the market into negative territory. However, Hong Kong finished 0.9 percent up, despite profit-taking on gains made on China's stimulus hopes.

Some dealers were reacting to a US survey that showed 522,000 private sector jobs were lost in January, sug-



DH Choudhury, deputy managing director of City Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's SME Service Centre in Habiganj recently.

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Table with columns: Market Index, Turnover Leaders, Capital Gainers/Losers, Book Closer/Dividend/TPO, News from Trade Servers, Non Traded Issues. Includes DSE All Share Index, BSE Sensex, and various company names.

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Large table listing traded issues with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover, and various market data points.

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Earlier euphoria faded in late afternoon on profit taking and worries over the domestic economy and weak corporate profits, dealers said.

SEOUL: Down 1.5 percent. The KOSPI fell 17.49 points to 1,177.88.

SINGAPORE: Down 0.16 percent. The STI closed 2.79 points lower at 1,704.60.

Trade was light with no real catalyst to boost buying sentiment.

Euro in 2-month trough

The euro languished in a two-month trough against the dollar in Asian trade Thursday over fears that the rapid slowdown of Eastern European economies may drag the eurozone deeper into recession.

The single European currency was pressured ahead of a central bank meeting that may lower its key lending rate in the face of falling inflation and a persistent credit crunch.

Currency

Table showing currency exchange 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.

Shipping

Table titled 'Chittagong Port' showing berthing position and performance of vessels as of 5/2/2009. Columns include Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving import, and Disch.

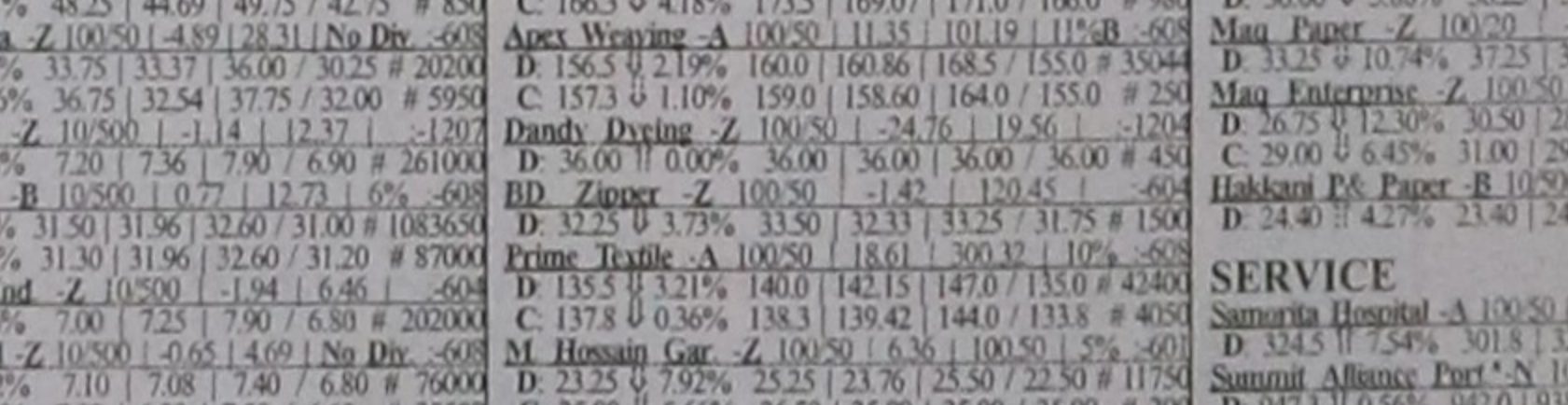
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Table titled 'Vessels due at outer anchorage' listing vessels like Aegean Falcon, Wood-e-Arafat, Oel Freedom, etc., with their arrival dates and agents.

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

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