

Asian currencies mixed

AFP, Hong Kong
Asian currencies ended the week mixed against the dollar ahead of a major US economic stimulus plan expected to be unveiled next week.

JAPANESE YEN: The yen fell slightly against the dollar over the week as investors lacked direction in the face of mounting worries about the outlook for the global economy.

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR: The Australian dollar closed Friday at 65.40 US cents, up from the previous week's close of 64.56 US cents, as the central bank reduced expectations of further large interest rate cuts.

HONG KONG DOLLAR: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit was at 7.754 to the dollar, from 7.757 a week earlier.

INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 11,800 to the dollar, down from 11,425 the week before.

PHILIPPINE PESO: The peso rose to 47.195 to the dollar on Friday afternoon compared with 47.390 on January 30.

SINGAPOREAN DOLLAR: The Singaporean dollar was at 1.5064 to the US dollar on Friday from 1,5084 the previous week.

SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won closed at 1,383.80 won to the dollar Friday, compared with 1,379.50 won a week earlier.

TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar closed at 37.750 against the US unit, up from 33.801 a week before the prolonged Lunar New Year holiday.

THAI BAHT: The baht weakened against the dollar over the past week as investors were concerned over economists' pessimistic projections for Thailand's economy, dealers said.

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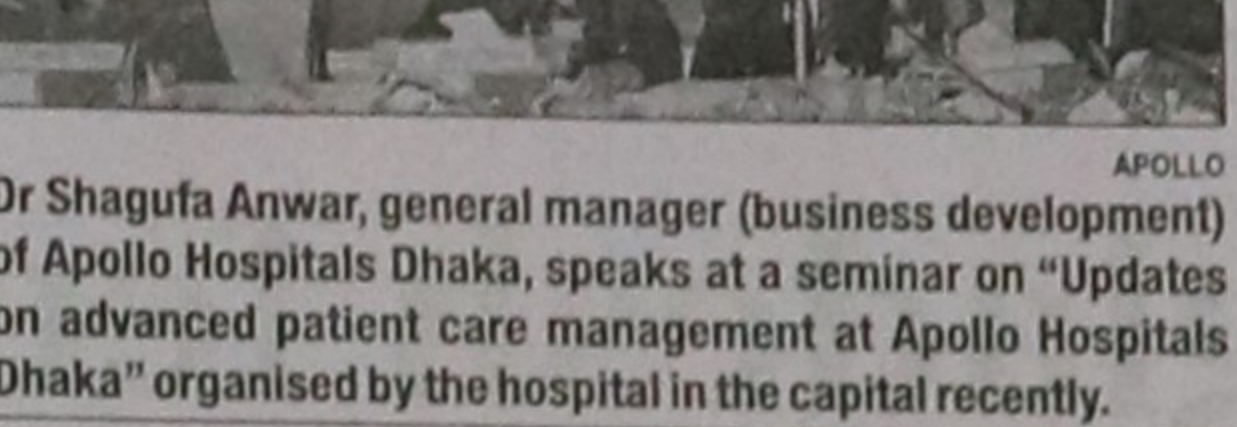
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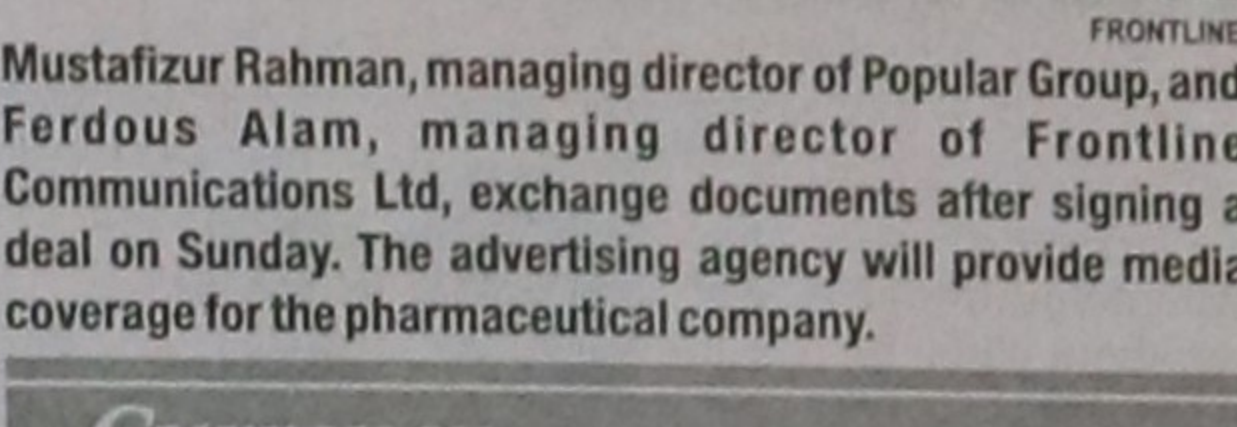
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Dr Shagufa Anwar, general manager (business development) of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, speaks at a seminar on "Updates on advanced patient care management at Apollo Hospitals Dhaka" organised by the hospital in the capital recently.



Mustafizur Rahman, managing director of Popular Group, and Ferdous Alam, managing director of Frontline Communications Ltd, exchange documents after signing a deal on Sunday. The advertising agency will provide media coverage for the pharmaceutical company.

Table with 4 columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Per USD, BDT per currency.

Fortis holder to vote against BNP bid

Fortis' largest shareholder, China's Ping An Insurance, said Sunday it would vote against a revised bid by France's BNP Paribas to take over the collapsed Belgian bank.

Market Highlights

Table with 2 columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, etc.

Turnover Leaders

Table with 3 columns: Company, Turnover (Vol), (M Tk), (% T) Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Chn. (%), Close, Turnover.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table with 10 columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 8/2/2009.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table with 4 columns: Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port, Local agent.

Vessels at outer anchorage

Table with 4 columns: Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port, Local agent.

Vessels awaiting employment/instruction

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Vessels not entering

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News from Trade Servers

ICB M. FUNDS: On the close of operation on 31.01.09, the ICB Mutual Funds have reported Net Asset Value (NAV) for First ICB M.F. of Tk. 5,434.95.

TRADED ISSUES February 08, 2009

Large table listing traded issues with columns for Company, Price, Chn. (%), Close, Turnover.

Source: Capital Gainers/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the close price of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, % indicates CDDL, Landed, Category is mentioned beside company name after CDDL mark. All EPS & BV are disclosed in (B) applicable units. Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS-BV of Landed Category was calculated by special formula which is appropriate just to compare the companies under the same industry category. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.