

Dhaka stocks end almost flat

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Dhaka stocks closed almost flat yesterday, with speculative trading dominating the scene. Analysts said although the market is behaving relatively logical, it is still dominated by speculative trading. Among all sectors, the engineering sector recorded the highest turnover, which is a small market capitalisation sector, characterised by numerous low quality shares.

Index increased by 1.47 points, or 0.06 percent to 2,169.47. Majority of the securities traded up on the premier bourse. Of the 268 traded issues, 136 advanced, 125 declined and seven remained unchanged. A total of 2,88,17,442 shares worth Tk 384.42 crore changed hands. Shingepur Ceramics topped the turnover leaders on the DSE, with 24,29,000 shares traded worth Tk 26.15 crore. The other turnover leaders were Titas Gas, S Alam Cold Rolled Steel Mills, Beximco, Beximco Pharma, British-American Tobacco, Summit Power, Jamuna Oil, Aftab Automobiles and Eastern Housing.

Selective Categories Index declined by 9.21 points, or 0.17 percent to 5,133.19. The CSE All Share Price Index also dropped 12.09 points, or 0.15 percent to 7,963.09. A total of 56,45,377 shares worth Tk 49.67 crore changed hands on the port city bourse. Of the 174 traded scrips, 83 advanced, 84 declined and seven remained unchanged. Shingepur Ceramics topped the turnover leaders on the CSE with 3,79,700 traded shares worth Tk 4.11 crore. The other turnover leaders were Titas Gas, Beximco, Beximco Pharma, Jamuna Oil, AIMS 1st Mutual Fund, BSRM Steels, Grameen Mutual Fund One: Scheme Two, Meghna Petroleum and Eastern Housing.

Chittagong Stock Exchange however closed slightly lower. The CSE



Anwarul Amin, vice-chairman of Bank Asia, inaugurates the bank's 35th branch in Tongi yesterday. AM Nurul Islam, another vice-chairman, and Erfanuddin Ahmed, president and managing director, were also present.



MA Yousuf Khan, senior executive vice president of Mercantile Bank, and Sayed Usama Al Musaddek, executive director of Jalalabad Money Transfer, UK, exchange documents after signing a remittance arrangement in Dhaka recently.



Md Ruhul Qudus, executive director of Rural Services Foundation (RSF), and Anand Rajasingham, head of marketing of Citycell, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. RSF, a social development initiative of Rahimafrooz, has selected Citycell to provide communication facilities under its CityOne and Zoom packages.

Currency

Following is Monday's (February 23, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Exchange rate of some currencies. Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Buy, Sell.

Dollar falls against euro

The dollar fell Monday against the euro as reports that Washington may have to partially nationalise some ailing banks stoked fears over the depth of the global financial crisis. In morning London trade, the European single currency advanced to 1.2878 dollars, against 1.2824 late on Friday. Against the Japanese currency on Friday, the dollar firmed to 94.22 yen from 93.29 yen on Friday.

Market Highlights February 23, 2009. Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE -20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE -10 Index, CSE S&P Index, CSE S&P Index, Indicators, DSE, CSE.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk), (%) Share, Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

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

FOOD & ALLIED

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

INVESTMENT

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

ENGINEERING

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

NON BANKING FI... Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, Turnover M.Tk.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table with columns: Company, Meeting Date, Venue, Time.

TRADED ISSUES February 23, 2009

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

PAPER & PACKAGING

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

SAVINGS

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

LEATHER

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

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table with columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 23/2/2009. Table with columns: Berth no., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Non Traded Issues

Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Tk.No), Closing Price, Last Trade Date, DSE.

GERAMIC

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

INDUSTRIES

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Life Insurance... Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, Turnover M.Tk.

Source: Capital Market Authority. All prices are prepared on the basis of the close price of the traded issues. EPS: Earnings per share; BV: Book Value per Share; ...