

Asian markets down

AFP, Hong Kong Most Asian stock markets slipped on Thursday amid more grim economic news from Japan and China, with the broad market index in Tokyo sinking to a 25-year low.

points to 2,133.88. A slowdown in retail sales growth in January and February -- to 15.2 percent from 20.2 percent in the same period last year -- sparked concerns that domestic demand in China is on the wane.

positive news from Wall Street overnight, dealers said. Banking shares dropped but property shares closed up. KUALA LUMPUR: Down 1.4 percent. The KLCSI lost 11.98 points to 838.39.

TOKYO: Down 2.41 percent. The Nikkei-225 shed 177.87 points to 7,198.25. The broader Topix index of all first-section shares slipped 21.35 points, or 2.96 percent, to 709.93, levels last seen in December 1983.

HONG KONG: Up 0.6 percent. The Hang Seng gained 70.87 points to 12,001.53. Investors were cautious amid the new gloomy news from China, as fears mounted that Beijing would be unable to meet its target of eight percent economic growth for 2009, dealers said.

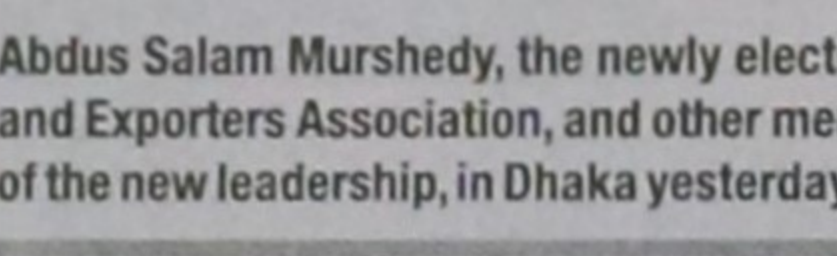
THAILAND: Down 0.80 percent. The SET lost 11.98 points to 1,493.53. Skittish traders largely ignored



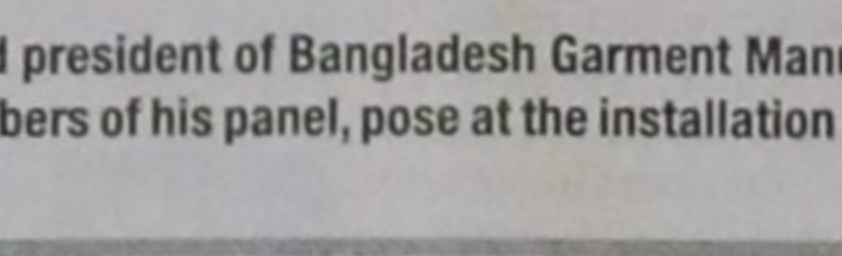
Mahbubul Alam, managing director of Prime Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's relocated Uttara branch in Dhaka on Monday.



Md Saifur Islam, president of Leather Goods and Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh, speaks at the association's annual general meeting in Dhaka recently.



Abdus Salam Murshedy, the newly elected president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, and other members of his panel, pose at the installation ceremony of the new leadership, in Dhaka yesterday.



A group of men in suits, likely officials or industry leaders, standing together.

Dollar hits 2-week low

AFP, London The dollar struck a two-week low versus the yen on Thursday as a slight improvement in confidence trimmed the US currency's attractiveness as a safehaven, traders said.

The dollar has found support in recent months on the view that however bad the financial crisis gets, the unit offers a better refuge than others in the storm.

Currency

Table showing Thursday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank, including exchange rates for major currencies like US Dollar, Euro, Indian Rupee, etc.

Market Highlights

Table with Market Highlights for March 12, 2009, including DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, and various indicators.

Turnover Leaders

Table with Turnover Leaders listing companies like Shipelex Ceramics, S Alam Ceram, and their respective turnover figures.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with Capital Gainers/Losers listing companies like S Alam Ceram, BDM, and their price changes.

Book Closes/Dividend/IPO

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Shipping

Table with Shipping information including berth names, vessel names, cargo, and arrival/departure dates.

Table with Vessels awaiting employment/Institution, listing vessel names, agents, and destinations.

Table with Vessels not entering, listing vessel names, agents, and destinations.

Table with Vessels due at outer anchorage, listing vessel names, agents, and destinations.

STOCK

Large table with various stock market data, including company names, prices, and market indices.

TRADED ISSUES March 12, 2009

Table with Traded Issues for March 12, 2009, listing companies like LankaBelt, BDF, and their trading volumes.

FOOD & ALLIED

Table with Food & Allied products listing companies like LankaBelt, BDF, and their market performance.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table with Paper & Packaging products listing companies like LankaBelt, BDF, and their market performance.

Non Traded Issues

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