

Stocks in the red

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Stocks continued to decline for a fifth day, led by a price fall in the shares of non-banking financial institutions, insurers, services and real estate, tannery, pharmaceuticals and cement companies.

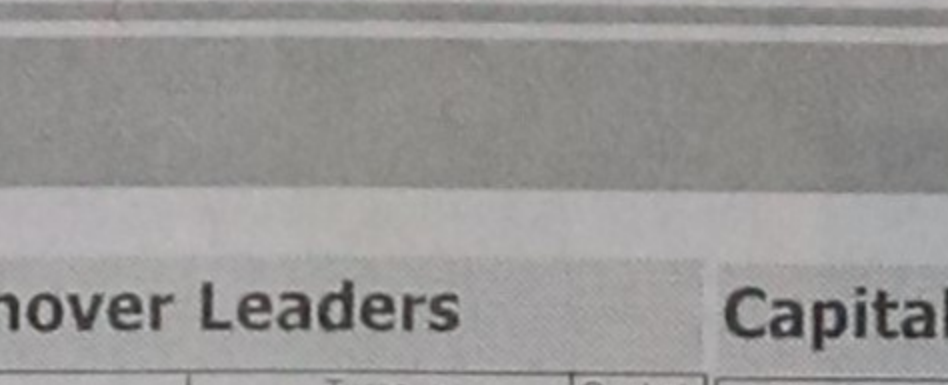
Summit Power topped the turnover leaders with Tk 40.34 crore in 3,53,600 traded shares. The day's other turnover leaders were Beximco, Titas Gas, Beximco Pharma, Eastern Housing, S Alam Cold Rolled Steels, Summit Supply Company and BSRM Steels.

Chittagong stocks recorded a fall. The CSE Selective Categories Index declined 63.45 points, or 1.21 percent, to 5,143.59. The CSE All Share Price Index fell 119.04 points, or 1.47 percent, to 7,949.36.

A total of 55,40,643 shares worth Tk 67.36 crore changed hands on the port city bourse. Of the 165 traded securities, 47 advanced, 172 declined and one remained unchanged.



MA Mani, managing director of Butterfly Marketing Ltd, inaugurates an LG-Butterfly showroom in Shyamoli Ring Road in Dhaka recently.



BUTTERFLY

Steel workers in China protest over salary

Nearly 1,000 steel workers took to the street in central China to demand payment of their salaries and insurance premiums, state media said Sunday.

The workers from an iron and steel company in Henan province blocked a major road Saturday to register their dissatisfaction with a restructuring plan drawn up by the firm, the official Xinhua news agency said.

They were requesting the payment of their salaries, medical and pension insurance premiums and compensation for laid-off workers in the city of Linzhou, according to the news agency.

The workers only dispersed on Sunday, Xinhua said. China sees tens of thousands of protests every year, but the communist leadership is particularly concerned that the global financial crisis will exacerbate tensions as more businesses close down and people lose their jobs.

The export-dependent Chinese economy expanded by nine percent in 2008, down steeply from 13-percent growth the year before.



Members of a Chevron Bangladesh team pose for a photograph as they launch a two-day house-building programme at Madhupur in Tangail recently, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit international organisation.

Currency

Following is Sunday's (March 22, 2009) forex rate statement by Standard Chartered Bank

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

Local Inter-Bank FX Market

Local inter-bank FX market was active on Sunday. USD/BDT rate was similar to the previous working day. The market was liquid.

Money Market

Money market was active on Sunday. Most deals traded at 7.50-8.25 percent. Market was mostly liquid.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 22/03/2009

Table with columns: Birth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L Port, Local Agent, Date of Leaving, Import/Export. Lists various ships and their details.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of Arrival, L Port, Local Agent, Type of Cargo, Loading/Unloading. Lists ships waiting for work.

Vessels not entering

Table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of Arrival, L Port, Local Agent, Type of Cargo, Loading/Unloading. Lists ships that did not enter the port.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of Arrival, L Port, Local Agent, Type of Cargo, Loading/Unloading. Lists ships expected at the anchorage.

Positions of Chittagong port vessels in line with the berthing sheet of CPA provided by IICC

Market Highlights

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, CSE Selected Index. Shows market performance metrics.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M Tk), Big Lot Share. Lists top-performing companies.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn (%), Close Price, Turnover. Lists companies with significant price changes.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table with columns: Company, Meeting Date, Venue, Time. Lists upcoming financial events.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 23-03-09: CENTRALINS, Trade Suspended On 23-03-09: NBL, Normal Trade Start from 23-03-09: EXCELSHORE, PRIMEFIN, etc.

Non Traded Issues

Table with columns: Company, Price, Last Trade Date. Lists companies whose shares are not being traded.

TRADED ISSUES

Table with columns: Company, Price, Last Trade Date. Lists companies whose shares are being traded.

FOOD & ALIED

Table with columns: Company, Price, Last Trade Date. Lists companies in the food and allied sector.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table with columns: Company, Price, Last Trade Date. Lists companies in the paper and packaging sector.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table with columns: Company, Price, Last Trade Date. Lists various other companies.

Source: Capital Gains/Losers are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Firm per Share (DSE) and BV (Dividend) are calculated by special formula which is approximate to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.