

Asian currencies mixed

AFP, Hong Kong
Asian currencies ended the week mixed against the dollar as hopes of an economic recovery prompted speculators to sell the yen and take more risks.
JAPANESE YEN: The yen kept sliding over the past week, ducking under 100 against the dollar for the first time in five months amid signs of a recovery in the United States, dealers said.
It stood at 100.29 against the dollar in New York late Friday, down from 97.96 a week earlier.
The Japanese unit lost ground against the greenback as market players welcomed a pledge by world leaders at a Group of 20 summit to step up efforts to tackle the economic crisis.
"The actions by Washington and leaders of the 20 largest economies have helped to restore risk appetite," said Kathy Lien at Global Forex Trading in New York.
Hopes of an economic recovery prompted speculators to take more risks and to sell the Japanese currency, which had soared in the last year with investors seeking shelter from the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s.
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR: The Australian dollar closed Friday at 71.35 US cents, up from the previous week's close of 69.96 US cents.
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR: The New Zealand dollar finished Friday at 58.56 US cents, up from 57.57 cents the previous week.
HONG KONG: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit was at 7.51, unchanged from a week earlier.
INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 11,525 to the dollar, down from 11,505 the week before.
PHILIPPINE PESO: The peso traded higher at 47.87 to the dollar on Friday from 48.19 the previous week.
SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.5034 Singapore dollars Friday from 1.5078 a week earlier.
SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won further strengthened to 1,340.50 to the dollar Friday, compared with 1,349.00 a week earlier, as local stock prices surged and the country's foreign exchange reserves increased considerably in March.
TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar closed at 33.380 to the US dollar, up from 33.779 the week before.
THAI BAHT: The baht was relatively stable against the dollar during a week of light trade that moved in line with regional currencies, dealers said.



Shahidul Hoque, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, and Syed Mahbubur Rahman, deputy managing director of BRAC Bank Ltd, inaugurating a One Stop Service Centre at DC Police Office in Tejgaon, Dhaka recently.

The Distributors' Conference 2009 of Shinepukur Ceramics Ltd was held in Dhaka on Friday. The company launched five new products at the conference where General Manager Faruk Ali, among other senior officials, was present.

Currency

Table showing Major currency exchange rates and Chartered Bank Exchange rate of some currencies. Includes columns for BC Sell, TT Buy, Per US Dollar, and BDT per Currency.

Delays in WTO bid irritate Russia
AFP, Moscow
President Dmitry Medvedev said Saturday that delays in Russia's bid to join the World Trade Organisation "irritate" Moscow but added that his country was still ready to join the global trade body.
"Russia is ready for accession on normal, non-discriminatory terms. We will do everything that is necessary. This process has dragged out and this irritates us," Medvedev said in televised remarks.
Shareholders at the 20th annual general meeting (AGM) of United Leasing Company Ltd at Bangladesh-China Conference Centre in Dhaka on Thursday. The AGM declared a cash dividend of Tk 20 per share and one bonus share for every seven shares for the year 2008.

Market Highlights April 05, 2009. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, and CSE Selected Index.

Turnover Leaders. Table with columns for Company, Turnover (Vol), (M.TK), (% T), and Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers. Table with columns for Company, Price Chn (%), Close, and Turnover.

Dividend/BD/BC/IPO. Table with columns for Company, Dividend, BD, BC, and IPO.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade from 05-04-09. UNIONCAP, PUBAL BANK, Normal Trade Start from 05-04-09. PRIMEFIN, SPORTS, BRAC BANK, Trade Suspended on 05-04-09. ANACOL, NOCBANK, LANAKABAN, UNITEKES, TRADE SUSPENDED ON 05-04-09. ANACOL, NOCBANK, LANAKABAN, UNITEKES, TRADE SUSPENDED ON 05-04-09.

Non Traded Issues

Table with columns for Company, FV(M), Closing Price, and Last Trade Date.

IT INDUSTRIES

Table listing IT industries with columns for Company, FV(M), Closing Price, and Last Trade Date.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table listing paper and packaging companies with columns for Company, FV(M), Closing Price, and Last Trade Date.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 5/4/2009. Includes columns for Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, and Import disch.

Up Coming AGM

Table with columns for Company, Meeting Date, Venue, and Time.

General Insurance

Table listing general insurance companies with columns for Company, FV(M), Closing Price, and Last Trade Date.

Debture

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Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Table listing pharmaceutical and chemical companies with columns for Company, FV(M), Closing Price, and Last Trade Date.

S/Note: Capital Gains/Losers are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share; BV-Book Value per Share; % indicates CDBL Listed. Company as mentioned beside company name are CDBL market. All EPS & BV are distributed/retained (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV will be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.