

Asian currencies mixed

HONG KONG: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit was at 7.751, unchanged from a week earlier.
INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 10,805 to the dollar, down from 10,725 the week before.
PHILIPPINE PESO: The Philippines peso fell to 48.46 to the dollar on Friday afternoon from 47.86 on April 17.
SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.4960 Singapore dollars from 1.4987 the previous week.
SOUTH KOREAN WON: The South Korean currency weakened over the past week to close at 1,343.20 won per dollar Friday, compared with 1,332.00 won a week earlier, as the won slumped Tuesday following sharp falls in US stocks.
TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar rose 0.31 percent in the week to April 24 to close at 37.11 against the US dollar. The local currency closed at 33.816 a week earlier.

Fed to stay aggressive, but prepare for recovery
The Federal Reserve is likely to maintain its aggressive efforts to lift the US economy out of deep recession but also seek to lay the groundwork for a potential recovery, analysts say.

The Federal Open Market Committee, which opens a two-day meeting on Tuesday, is likely to signal no change in policy since its March gathering, when it added over one trillion dollars to its arsenal to fight the economic crisis.

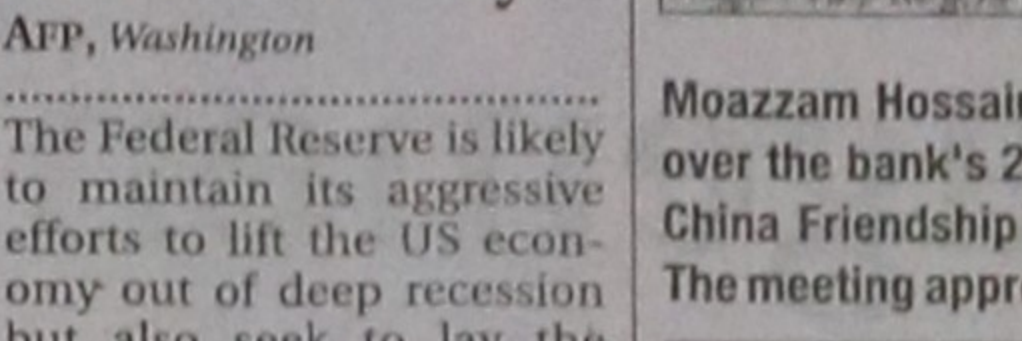
The FOMC statement due Wednesday is expected to depict a weak economy that still needs extraordinary support, justifying its policy of near-zero interest rates and vast lending facilities to pump up credit availability.

"I don't think the Fed wants to create any excessive optimism," said Adolfo Laurenti, senior economist at Mesrow Financial.

"I think the Fed is encouraged (by recent economic data) but it is too early to announce any turnaround."

Laurenti said the Fed led by chairman Ben Bernanke will be trying to manage expectations as financial markets await the impact of the central bank's massive stimulus effort.

Moazzam Hossain, chairman of National Bank Ltd, presides over the bank's 26th annual general meeting at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka on Thursday. The meeting approved 52 percent bonus shares for 2008.



NATIONAL BANK

Currency

Table showing major currency exchange rates and exchange rates of some currencies. Columns include Major currency exchange rates (BC Sell, TT Buy) and Exchange rate of some currencies (Per USD, BDT per Currency).

Local Market FX

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 25-50 percent. Market was very liquid.

International Market

The international markets were closed on Sunday. The euro against the dollar on Friday for a fourth straight session as improved business sentiment in Germany added to hopes that the euro-zone economy may already have seen the worst of the recession.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels as of 26/4/2009. Columns include Berth No., Vessel Name, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of Leaving, Import disch.

Vessels at outer anchorage

Table showing vessels ready and vessels not ready at outer anchorage. Columns include Vessel Name, Cont, L Port, Local agent, Date of Leaving, Import disch.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table showing vessels due at outer anchorage. Columns include Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.



AL Gooneratne, managing director of Commercial Bank of Ceylon, together with V Krishnamoorthy, Sri Lankan chief commissioner to Bangladesh, inaugurates the bank's seventh branch in Dhaka yesterday.

STOCK

Market Highlights

Table showing market highlights for April 26, 2009. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 30 Index, CSE Selected Index, and various indicators.

Turnover Leaders

Table showing turnover leaders for various companies. Columns include Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M.Tk.), Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table showing capital gainers and losers for various companies. Columns include Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table showing dividend, RD, BC, and IPO information for various companies. Columns include Company, R.D.B.C. Spot, Div. Meeting Date.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 27-04-09. TRUSTBANK BSRMSTEEL Normal Trade Start from 27-04-09. BDFINANCE Trade Suspended on 27-04-09. AL-HAJTEX POPULAR: The company has informed that it is going to be a sponsor of LR Global Bangladesh Mutual Fund One by contributing for share of the said fund of Tk. 10 (ten) crore subject to the same being duly approved by the regulatory authority.

Up Coming AGM

Table showing upcoming AGM information. Columns include Company, Meeting Date, Venue, Time.

Non Traded Issues

Table showing non-traded issues. Columns include Company, F.V.M. (Tk./No.), Closing Price, Last Traded Price.

IT INDUSTRIES

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MISCELLANEOUS

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TRADED ISSUES April 26, 2009

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Source: Capital Gains/Losers tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Financing per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, etc. indicates DSE-Listed. Company's mentioned beside company name after the company name. All F.V.M. & BV are disclosed in rounded (up or down) figures. Where it is not rounded the disclosed figure which may not be related to the issue of EPS & BV & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV is calculated by special formula which is approximate but to compare those figures among the companies under the industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.