

Stocks finish down

SITAR BUSINESS REPORT
Dhaka stocks started the week yesterday with a fall, driven by banking and non-banking financial institution (NBFI) shares.

The benchmark index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, the DSE General Index (DGEN), dropped by 15.18 points, or 0.59 percent, to 2,539.16 points. The DSE All Share Price Index also slid by 9.81 points, or 0.46 percent to 2,110.04 points.

Although banks, NBFI and mutual funds lost moderately, other sectors like pharmaceuticals, services and real estate, and Beximco Group companies experienced a good day.

In the banking sector, Trust Bank lost by 21.8 percent because of price adjustment. Among other big losers, Social Investment Bank fell by 6.6 percent, Standard Bank 5.9 percent and

Mutual Trust Bank 5.7 percent. Most NBFI also came down. However, Midas Finance and LankaBangla Finance gained by 3.5 percent and 3 percent respectively.

Almost all mutual funds lost with Grameen Mutual Fund One: Scheme Two declining by 2.6 percent and AIMS 1st Mutual Fund 1.4 percent.

Beximco Group companies went high after their hefty dividend declaration and asset revaluation on Thursday. Each Beximco share rose by 6.76 percent, while Beximco Pharma increased 4.99 percent, Beximco Synthetics 23.37 percent, Shineeupur Ceramics 6.43 percent and Bextex 17.06 percent.

Investors concentrated much on Beximco Group companies, which some analysts see as a factor that pushed the market down. The losers outnumbered the

advancers by 165 to 68. Eight securities remained unchanged. A total of 2,44,57,078 shares worth Tk 487.91 crore were traded on the premier bourse.

Summit Power topped the turnover leaders, with 4,81,950 shares worth Tk 65.20 crore being traded.

Chittagong stocks also declined. The CSE Selective Categories Index fell by 21.24 points, or 0.39 percent to 5,326.67. The CSE All Share Price Index slid by 22.74 points, or 0.27 percent to 8,205.01.

A total of 53,04,564 shares worth Tk 65.57 crore changed hands on the Chittagong Stock Exchange. Of the traded securities, 38 advanced, 101 declined and three remained unchanged on the port city bourse.

Beximco topped the turnover leaders on the CSE with 3,27,500 shares worth Tk 9.16 crore being traded.



Aerial of the Year 2008 Signing Ceremony
Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, and Anis Ahmed, managing director of Galileo Bangladesh Ltd, sign a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, Galileo is now the title sponsor of "Airline of the Year 2008", organised by Monitor.

Currency

Sunday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank
Major currency exchange rates
Exchange rate of some currencies

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates (US dollar, Euro, Pound, etc.), Exchange rate of some currencies (Indian rupee, Pak rupee, etc.), and USD forward rate against BDT.

Local Market FX
Local inter-bank FX market was active on Sunday. USD/BDT rate was similar 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 Friday. The US dollar and yen fell on Friday as increasing risk appetite sparked by better-than-expected US economic data pared demand for both currencies as a refuge against the global slowdown.

The dollar fell for a fourth straight session versus the euro, while the yen dropped to a two-week low against both the euro and dollar, with volumes thin given the May Day holiday in Europe.



Mukter Hussain, managing director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, presides over the bank's third review meeting of general managers in Dhaka yesterday. Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled, chairman of the bank, is also seen.

Times, Boston Globe unions resume talks

AP, Boston
Negotiations are restarting between unions at The Boston Globe and its owner, The New York Times Co, as another deadline approaches for Globe employees to make \$20 million in concessions.

The Times Co extended its original deadline of mid-night Friday at the request of leaders of the Boston Newspaper Guild, the Globe's largest union.

Market Highlights May 03, 2009
DSE All Share Index: 2110.04018 (-0.46%)
DSE General Index: 2539.16926 (-0.59%)
DSE 20 Index: 1958.79711 (-0.21%)
CSE All Share Index: 8205.01030 (-0.89%)
CSE 30 Index: 5327.79670 (-1.07%)
CSE Selected Index: 8326.67160 (-0.40%)

Turnover Leaders

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

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn, Avg, Close, M.Tk

TRADED ISSUES May 03, 2009

Large table listing traded issues with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table with columns: Company, R-Day, BC, Spot, Div, Meeting Date

FUEL & POWER

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

TEXTILE

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

FOOD & ALLIED

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

INVESTMENT

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

NON-BANKING FI

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

ENGINEERING

Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 04-05-09: ALARABANK, BANKASIA, METROSPIN.
Normal Trade Start from 04-05-09: BATBC, BDLPMAS, CENTRALINS, EAST-LAND.
Trade Suspended On 04-05-09: BATBC, BDLPMAS, CENTRALINS, EAST-LAND.

CERAMIC

Manna Ceramic - A 1005 1412 22495 1056 -608
D 3625 3076 3740 3628 13790 3610 855

CEMENT

HeidelbergCement - A 1005 11000 10500 1250 -1207
D 1195 1128 1187 1180 1170 1190 6930

INDUSTRIES

Bangladesh Iron - A 1005 1160 1090 1190 1020 -1207
D 9740 9195 8940 9720 1011 9200 75676

MISCELLANEOUS

Aramit - A 1050 1410 7149 4575 -1207
D 2892 7016 3101 2879 1600 2785 23200

PAPER & PACKAGING

Sumit Alliance Part - N 1005 0 0 100 100 -1207
D 1772 4799 1786 1700 1786 1800 21800

SERVICE

Sumit Alliance Part - N 1005 0 0 100 100 -1207
D 1955 7096 1826 1914 1915 1915 7140

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 3/5/2009

Table with columns: Berth no, Name of vessels, Cargo, L Port call, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving Import, Disch

GENERAL INSURANCE

BIGIC - A 1005 1228 188 58 12750 61 -1207
D 6518 1006 6448 6038 1875 610 15015

DEBENTURE

IBBI Part - A 1005 0 0 0 0 0 -1207
D 9725 0 2296 9731 9714 9750 9650 8130

Source: Capital Gainer/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the price change of the traded issues. EPS/Earnings per Share, BV/Book Value per Share, etc. indicates CDR/L. Listed Company is mentioned beside company name after CDR/Market. All EPS & BV are divested/invested (in appropriate case). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which is 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 special formula which is appropriate to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.