

Asian markets dive on data

AFP, Hong Kong
Asia's stock markets tumbled Thursday as recent investor confidence in the future of the global economy took a hit following worse-than-expected sales figures out of the United States.

SHANGHAI: Down 0.90 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, was 23.88 points lower at 2,639.89.

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp shed 22 cents to 6.63.
KUALA LUMPUR: Down 1.06 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index lost 10.85 points to 1,011.99.



Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder, chairman of Pubali Bank Ltd, presides over the bank's 26th annual general meeting in Dhaka yesterday. The meeting declared 30 percent dividends in the form of bonus shares for 2008.

Dollar mixed
AFP, London
The dollar fell against the euro and rose versus the yen on Thursday as prospects of a quick economic recovery dampened, dealers said.

Against the Japanese currency, the dollar gained to 95.55 yen from 95.20 yen late Wednesday.

Moazzam Hossain, chairman of National Bank Ltd, speaks at the bank's Regional Conference Chittagong 2009 in the port city recently.

Currency table showing exchange rates for various currencies like US dollar, Euro, Indian rupee, etc.

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

Oil falls as IEA cuts demand forecast

World oil prices slid on Thursday after the International Energy Agency cut its energy demand forecast for 2009 because of a worldwide economic downturn.

Prices also continued to fall from recent six-month peaks as Wednesday's poor US retail sales data and weak equities poured cold water on hopes of a global economic recovery, analysts said.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in June, lost 94 cents to 57.08 dollars a barrel.

Prices had bounced higher in intra-day trade on Wednesday after the US government's Department of Energy (DoE) published its weekly oil inventories report.

Market Highlights table for May 14, 2009, showing DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, etc.

Capital Gainers/Losers table listing companies like Anwar Galvanizing, Gachhiata, etc.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO table listing companies like Pubali Bank, etc.

News from Trade Servers table listing various news items and their dates.

Turnover Leaders table listing companies like BEXIMCO Ltd, etc.

TRADED ISSUES table listing various financial issues and their details.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical table listing various pharmaceutical and chemical products.

CERAMIC table listing various ceramic products and their prices.

INVESTMENT table listing various investment opportunities and their details.

FOOD & ALLIED table listing various food and allied products.

PAPER & PACKAGING table listing various paper and packaging products.

MISCELLANEOUS table listing various miscellaneous products and services.

NON BANKING FI table listing various non-banking financial institutions.

FUEL & POWER table listing various fuel and power related products.

SERVICE table listing various service providers and their details.

LIFE INSURANCE table listing various life insurance policies and providers.

Source: Capital Gainer/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the closing price of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value, etc.