

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.

The European single currency climbed to 1.3609 dollars from 1.3598 dollars late on Wednesday in New York.

Market Highlights

Table with 2 columns: Indicators and DSE/CSE. Rows include DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE -20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE -30 Index, CSE Selected Index, Total Turnover, Total Turnover (Volume), Number of Contract, Total Traded Issues, No. of Issue Gain, No. of Issue Loss, Market Cap, Market Cap (US\$), Price Earning Ratio, and Earning Per Share.

Turnover Leaders

Table with 4 columns: Company, Turnover (Vol), (Mk. Tk.) (%), and Big Lot Share. Lists companies like BEXIMCO Ltd, Titas Gas TDCCL, and Bangladesh Online.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, and Turnover. Lists companies like Anwar Galvanizing, Gachhihata, and Quamam Textile.



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

Table titled 'Currency' showing exchange rates for various currencies like US dollar, Euro, Australian dollar, etc., with columns for Buy and Sell rates.

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

Money Market
Money market was active on Thursday. Most deals traded at 2-2.5 percent. Market was liquid.

International Market
The dollar rose slightly on Thursday, touching its highest level against the euro in roughly a week as a sluggish US retail sales figures reminded investors that recent optimism about a global economic recovery may be premature and kept risk aversion high.

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.

London's Brent North Sea crude for June delivery sank 76 cents to 56.58 dollars a barrel.

Energy prices are off on Thursday after global demand projections were lowered by the International Energy Agency.

The IEA is the oil monitoring and policy arm of the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The agency further trimmed its forecast for 2009, which it estimated at 82.3 billion barrels per day.

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.

TRADED ISSUES

Table with 4 columns: Company, Change, % Change, and Trade Volume. Lists various companies and their trading activity.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists pharmaceutical and chemical companies.

Textile

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists textile companies.

Food & Allied

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists food and allied companies.

News from Trade Servers

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists various trade server news items.

ENGINEERING

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NON BANKING FI

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FUEL & POWER

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists fuel and power companies.

GENERAL INSURANCE

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists general insurance companies.

DEBENTURE

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price, Change, and Volume. Lists debenture information.

Source: Capital Gainer/Loser tables are prepared on the basis of the close price of the traded issues. EPS-Earning per Share, BV-Book Value, Dividend, etc. All EPS & BV are abstracted (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not be 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 approximate just to compare those companies under the same industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.