

Asian currencies mixed

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Asian currencies ended the week mixed against the dollar as signs of an economic recovery began to emerge, with mostly positive US employment data boosting the greenback a surprise boost.

JAPANESE YEN: The yen fell back against the dollar amid improving prospects for the US economy, although a global economic upturn was widely expected to revive investors' risk appetite for higher-yielding currencies than the greenback.

It stood at 98.62 against the dollar late Friday in New York, compared with 95.29 against the dollar a week earlier.

In Tokyo, the yen hit the week's local low of 96.90 against the dollar on Friday, hours before the US government issued a report which offered conflicting signals about a weak labour market in the world's biggest economy.

The report said that the US unemployment rate surged to a 26-year high of 9.4 percent in May but the number of non-farm job losses slowed to 345,000, much lower than a market estimate of 520,000.

It was taken to suggest that the pace of massive job cuts is easing, a positive sign for the recession-battered economy. The greenback, often regarded as a safe haven in times of economic turmoil, has been dropping on data showing signs of a global economic recovery.

"The US dollar's reaction was interesting in that we haven't seen fundamental forces drive the currency in

quite a while," said Terri Belkas at Forex Capital Markets.

He noted that "the greenback has generally traded as a 'safe haven' asset in recent months, gaining during times of risk aversion and stock market losses while losing at times of improved investor sentiment."

The Japanese currency touched the week's high of 94.65 against the dollar in Tokyo on Monday amid uncertainty about the course of the US economy following the announcement of auto giant General Motors' planned bankruptcy.

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR: The Australian dollar is expected to weaken next week after weeks of strong gains saw it hit an eight-month high following a long slide against the greenback, analysts said.

But the overall trend of the Aussie remains higher until the end of the year as signs of economic recovery begin to emerge and as Australia appears to weather the financial firestorm better than many other developed nations.

The Australian dollar closed Friday at 80.50 US cents, up from the previous week's close of 79.28 US cents.

NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR: The New Zealand dollar finished local trading Friday at 63.48 US cents, up from 62.77 the previous week.

Midweek the kiwi reached its highest level in almost eight months of around 65.95 US cents, but it plunged to around 62.75 cents soon after, as the greenback regained some ground against other currencies.

CHINESE YUAN: The yuan closed at 6.8330 to the dollar Friday, compared with Thursday's close of 6.8331 and a

closing price of 6.8281 to the dollar the week before.

The central bank had set the yuan central parity rate at 6.8334 to the dollar Friday, compared with 6.8325 on Thursday.

The People's Bank of China allows a trading band of 0.5 percent on either side of the midpoint.

HONG KONG DOLLAR: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit ended the week at 7.752, from 7.7517 a week earlier.

INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 9,920 to the dollar, up from 10,305 the week before.

PHILIPPINE PESO: The peso rose to 47.24 to the dollar from 47.35 the previous week.

SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.4447 Singapore dollars Friday from 1.4494 the week before.

SOUTH KOREAN WON: The South Korean currency closed at 1,243.0 won to the dollar Friday, compared with 1,255 won a week earlier, boosted by rises in local stock prices.

The won is likely to move in a tight band of between 1,240 and 1,250 to the dollar in the coming week, depending upon uncertainties surrounding North Korea and oil prices, analysts said.

TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar closed at 32.720 against the US dollar, down from 32.650 a week earlier.

THAI BAHT: The baht rose against the dollar over the past week in line with regional currencies and amid strong fund flows into the local bourse, dealers said.

The Thai unit closed Friday at 34.19-21 to the dollar compared to the previous week's close of 34.31-32.



Ruithi Karbari, chairman of Khagrachhari District Council, inaugurates the 198th branch of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd in the town yesterday.

Currency

Following is Sunday's (June 7, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates	Exchange rate of some currencies	
	BC Sell	TT Buy
US dollar	69.45	68.45
Euro	98.87	93.89
Pound	112.88	107.36
Australian dollar	56.25	53.25
Japanese yen	0.76	0.69
Swiss franc	65.62	61.42
Swedish Kroner	8.91	8.30
Canadian dollar	62.64	60.54
Hong Kong dollar	8.97	8.82
Singapore dollar	48.26	46.79
UAE dirham	19.07	18.49
Saudi riyal	18.67	18.11
Danish kroner	13.67	12.27
Kuwaiti dinar	238.16	234.48

Local Inter-Bank FX Market was active on Sunday. The market was liquid and USD/BDT rate was similar the previous working day.

Money Market

The money market was active on Sunday. The market was very liquid and most

deals traded at 75-100 per cent.

International Market

The international markets were closed on Sunday. The dollar on Friday posted its largest one-day gain against a basket of currencies in more than five months after data showed the United States shed fewer jobs than expected in May, boosting hopes for an economic recovery. The dollar initially sold off after the jobs report, which showed the US economy shed 345,000 jobs, well below the 520,000 expected by economists. In the past, the dollar had fallen in response to data hinting at improvement in the US economy, with investors moving into riskier assets, including higher-yielding currencies.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 7/6/2009

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo call	L Port agent	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import	Disch
J/2	Nord Tide	Oil (Y. Peas)	Tuti	Mutual	22/5	11/6	999	
J/3	Slove Transport	Canola	Sing	Elite	19/5	8/6	999	
J/5	Brave Royal	C. Clink	Kohal	Bari	24/5	-	2965	
J/6	Hot Star	Wheat(P)	Ellic	Korn	14/5	10/6	1826	
J/7	Huang Shan	Gi	Tian	Cosco	2/6	-	1602	
J/8	Sealuck-II	Wheat(P)	Ross	Rainbow	5/5	11/6	1610	
J/10	Kota Rata	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	1/6	7/6	12	
J/11	Fortuna Cloud	Wheat(P)	Ukr	Ossa	17/5	11/6	1605	
J/11	Crest Blue	Gi	Yang	H&S	6/6	8/6	3966	
J/13	Ducky Sovereign	Vehi	Sing	Parmanara	4/6	7/6	610	
C/1	Josco View	Cont	P. Kel	Rsl	4/6	8/6	-	
C/3	Appen Asia	Cont	Col	Psal	5/6	8/6	-	
Nc/1	Asian Trader	Cont	Pip	Modi	6/6	8/6	-	
Nc/5	Banglar Mamata	Urea	Qatar	Bsc	13/5	-	-	

Vessels at outer anchorage

Vessels	Ready	Oliva	Gl(Defor Bar)	-	Fsa	R/A(4/6)
An Shun Jiang	Gl	-	-	-	-	-
Martha Russ	Gl	-	-	-	-	-
Oil Singapore	Gl	-	-	-	-	-
Genco Hunter	Gl(Y. Peas)	-	-	-	-	-
Custodia Athena	C. Clink	-	-	-	-	-

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Banga Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clayton-II	-	-	-	-	-	-
Banglar Mookh	-	-	-	-	-	-
Banglar Gaurab	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thor Guardian	-	-	-	-	-	-

Vessels not entering

Plodder	Wheat(P)	Niko	Uml	22/4
Banglar Urmi	Salt	Kand	Elite	4/5

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L Port	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading
Asian Star	7/6	Pip	Modi	Cont	Col
Lu Shan	8/6	Min	Cosco	Gi	-
Kiani Satu	8/6	P. Kel	Oil	Gi(H. Plate)	-
Sinar Banten	7/6	Pid	Oil	Cont	Yang
Perlay	7/6	Annab	Litmond	R. Phos	-
Noor-E-Madina	9/6	Via	S&Sic	G. Slag	-
Sibuk Initiator	7/6	Braz	Pol	Raw Sugar	-
Bianco Zealand	7/6	Para	Kaptai	Gl(BI Bar)	-

Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with a berthing sheet of CPA provided by BRC

STOCK

Market Highlights

Jun 07, 2009

DSE All Share Index	2318.1760 (+ 3.75%)
DSE General Index	2790.4633 (+ 3.99%)
DSE - 20 Index	2125.6809 (+ 5.90%)
CSE All Share Index	9502.32490 (+ 4.02%)
CSE - 30 Index	7663.88240 (+ 7.57%)
CSE Selected Index	6176.30590 (+ 4.28%)

Indicators DSE CSE

Total Turnover (Taka) 7816,805,769.10 833,709,522.75

Total Turnover (Volume) 34,743.620 5,200.233

Number of Contract 150,287 26,563

Total Traded Issues 242 161

No. of Issue Gains (Avg Price Basis) 138 91

No. of Issue Loss (Avg Price Basis) 101 70

No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg Price Basis) 3 -

Market Cap. (Taka) 884,074,781,351 802,271,034,208

Market Cap. (USD) 12,906,201.10 11,711,985,901

Price Earning Ratio 18.28 17.88

Earning Per Share (Tk) 27.33 27.10

Companies: DSE, CSE, BSE, FSE, MSE, NSE, PSE, QSE, RSE, SSE, TSE, USE, VSE, WSE, XSE, YSE, ZSE

DSE/CSE: Closing % Change % Last Day / Average / High / Low / Trade Volume / Share

BANK

AB Bank	-A	1005	857.57	1260.00	2009.48	-1207
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First Lease

First Lease	-A	1005	101.19	1280.95	1100.00	-1207
First Lease	-A	1005	101.19	1280.95	1100.00	-1207
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INVESTMENT

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NON BANKING

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ENGINEERING

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Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M.TK)	(%)	Big Lot Share
Sumit Alliance Port	384,520	781.11	9.99	50,000
Beximco Pharma	822,753	462.51	5.92	50,000
Sumit Power	240,170	368.96	4.72	4,000
Tias Gas TDC/A	564,200	298.02	3.81	6,350
AB Bank	359,533	286.60	3.67	2,225
BKIMCO Ltd	1,116,534	274.18	3.51	10,400
BKIMCO Ltd	4,229,921	237.59	3.04	100,000
DESCO Ltd	131,433	181.93	2.33	1,000
Lanka Bangla Fin	728,252	176.75	2.26	5,000
Sanki Invest	713,789	169.36	2.17	4,750

Capital Gainers/Losers

Company	Price Chn.	Clos.	Chn. (%)	Clos. Price	M.TK
Beach Hattery	17.78	17.55	32.10	3.112	
One Bank	17.34	17.37	32.85	101.233	
Central Bank	15.89	11.90	543.25	109.062	
Central Insur	15.75	15.66	51.25	22.145	
FIC Bank	14.92	13.05	938.00	76.265	
Lexco	18.17	18.17	226.00	0.00	
One Bank	17.42	16.82	331.75	13.715	
Central Insur	16.23	16.25	53.25	0.666	
One Bank	15.68	11.80	542.00	22.009	
FIC Bank	14.88	12.34	932.25	0.00	
Snepur Textile	9.28	-9.28	22.00	0.004	
First Fin Corp	6.54	-6.46	62.75	0.012	
Chittagong Ind	6.33	-6.33	37.00	0.011	
Meghna PET Ind	-5.84	-4.71	12.90	0.795	
GO Ball Pen Inds	-5.21	-2.72	147.40	12.073	
Key & Que (BD)	-10.10	-9.69	436.00	0.197	
Armit	-6.54	-6.54	0.00	0.00	
Anima Yarn	-6.03	-0.99	10.00	0.00	
GO Ball Pen Inds	-5.81	-4.34	147.50	1.381	
Gadhihata Aqua	-5.59	-4.41	38.00	0.297	

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Company	R Day/BC	Spot	Meeting Date	Dividend	Venue
AB Bank	09/07/09	06/07/09	25/06/09	100%	AB Bank
AB Bank	09/07/09	06/07/09	25/06/09	100%	AB Bank
AB Bank	09/07/09	06/07/09	25/06/09	100%	AB Bank
AB Bank	09/07/09	06/07/09	25/06/09	100%	AB Bank
AB Bank	09/07/09	06/07/09	25/06/09	100%	AB Bank

News from Trade Servers

Normal Trade Start from 08-06-09: RAHMACHEM, MPETROLEUM. Trade Suspended On 08-06-09: BEACHHATCH. Sponsors Buy/Sell: STANDABANK. Mr. Harun Rashid Chowdhury to sell 5,000 shares. ALARABANK: Altab Badsha Meah to buy 3,100 shares. CITYGENINS Mrs. Hasina Begum and Mr. Md. Yusuf to sell 2,000 and 1,000 shares respectively. SAPORTA: Alliance Holdings Ltd. to sell 1,32,000 shares. Ms. Azeza Aziz Khan to sell 72,000 shares. Ms. Anjumam Aziz Khan to sell 60,000. UNIONCAP Fortuna Agro Fisheries to sell 77,433 shares. On the close of operation on May 31, 2009: 1STBSR NAV= Tk. 665.86 (CMP). Tk. 138.98 (CP). FV= Tk. 100.00. As per un-audited half yearly accounts: MPETROLEUM NPAT= Tk. 161.50 m. EPS = Tk. 4.04