

Asian currencies mostly up

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian currencies mostly rose against the dollar over the last week, with major players like the yen firming against the US unit, despite gloomy employment figures that raised doubts over the recovery of the world's second largest economy.

JAPANESE YEN: The yen advanced against the dollar in the past week as falls on Asian stock markets reduced investors' appetite for risk-taking, but lost ground following a report that the jobless rate hit a record high on Friday.

It stood at 93.59 to the dollar in New York late Friday, up from 94.35 to the dollar a week earlier.

In Tokyo, the yen started the week on a weak note as improved sentiment over a global economic recovery increased sales of the Japanese unit. But lower Asian share prices pushed

up the yen mid-week to a six-month high in the lower 93 yen level at one point on Thursday as concern over prospects for the global economy prompted safe-haven buying.

CHINESE YUAN: The yuan closed at 6.8301 to the dollar Friday, compared with Thursday's close of 6.8320 and a closing price of 6.8312 to the dollar the week before.

The central bank had set the yuan central parity rate at 6.8309 to the dollar Friday, compared with 6.8320 on Thursday.

HONG KONG DOLLAR: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit ended the week at 7.752, flat on the week before.

INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 10,055 to the dollar, down from 10,030 the week before.

PHILIPPINE PESO: The Philippine peso fell to 48.80 to the dollar on Friday afternoon from 48.42 on August 20, the

last trading day of the previous week.

SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.4422 Singapore dollars Friday from 1.4438 the week before.

SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won closed at 1,244.40 won per dollar Friday, compared with 1,249.70 won a week earlier, after moving in a relatively tight range throughout the week in accordance with local stock prices.

TAIWANESE DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar fell 0.06 percent in the week to August 28 to close at 32.925 against the US dollar. The local currency closed at 32.906 a week earlier.

THAI BAHT: The Thai bhat remained stable against the dollar over the past week in lackluster trading.

The Thai unit closed Friday at 34.01-02 bhat to one dollar compared to the previous week's close of 34.02-03.



Mokbul Ahmed, marketing services director of Singer Bangladesh Limited, hands over a Tk 1 lakh cheque as the first prize to the winner of the company's sales campaign. **Takar Aid** in Dhaka yesterday.

ECB to keep rates at low levels

AFP, Frankfurt

The European Central Bank will keep rates at historically low levels Thursday, analysts said, as it waits to see if the tentative signs of improvement in the economy bloom into a full-blown recovery.

The 22 central bankers gathered on the 36th floor of the vast Eurotower here will at last have some welcome positive economic data to consider, as they set borrowing costs for over 300 million people in the 16-nation eurozone.

France and Germany, the zone's two top economies, unexpectedly escaped the

clutches of deep recession in the three months to June. Meanwhile, inflation, the bank's main concern, has remained subdued, pointing to steady rates ahead.

"In our view, the ECB is on hold for now, with further easing only likely in a situation of new emergencies," said Juergen Michels, an analyst at Citigroup.

Several senior members of the bank's decision-making council, including Chief Economist Juergen Stark, have said recently that rates are "appropriate" -- code for saying they are unlikely to change in the near term.



Hafizul Islam Mian, director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 19th SME service centre in Bholia yesterday.

Ambani gas dispute hearing postponed

AFP, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court has postponed until October its hearing into a row between the billionaire industrialist Ambani brothers over a family business pact, a report said.

The court was originally supposed to hear petitions in the high-profile case on September 1 but the date has now been put back to October 20, the Press Trust of India said Friday.

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Market Highlights

August 30, 2009

DSE All Share Index	2492.10311	(-0.38%)
DSE General Index	2966.21231	(-0.39%)
DSE - 20 Index	2104.73752	(-0.19%)
CSE All Share Index	10390.2608	(-0.57%)
CSE - 30 Index	7813.6769	(-0.11%)
CSE Selected Index	6644.0399	(-0.47%)
Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	3,931,369,462.80	309,882,771.65
Total Turnover (Volume)	22,094,055	2,726,535
Number of Contract	77,764	9,624
Total Traded Issues	235	56
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	69	14
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	165	11
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. Price Basis)	1	1
Market Cap. (Taka)	978,234,274.931	885,164,845.274
Market Cap. (US\$)	14,280,792.335	12,922,114.520
Price Earning Ratio	18.19	17.86
Earning Per Share (%)	27.75	27.31

Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M. Tk.)	(M. Tk.)	Big Lot Share
Navana CNG-N	1,657,800	315.78	8.03	500
Sumitomo Alliance Port	94,200	202.10	5.14	1,600
ICB AMCL 2nd NRB-A	796,650	181.59	4.62	1,000
Alto Auto-A	108,598	174.61	4.44	2,600
BEXIMCO Ltd.-A	455,932	128.40	3.27	4,000
AIMS First-A	5,907,000	116.72	2.97	100,000
BEXTEL Ltd.-A	1,602,558	101.23	2.58	3,600
Jamuna Oil-A	363,400	97.76	2.49	4,500
Heidelberg Cement-A	50,257	81.03	2.06	460
First Lease-A	139,653	80.74	2.05	4,650
Pragati Gen. Ltd.-A	568,000	800.28	73.34	5,000
BEXTEL Ltd.-A	421,985	26.72	2.45	10,000
BEXIMCO Ltd.-A	90,622	25.53	2.34	1,200
ICB AMCL 2nd NRB-A	84,100	19.17	1.76	2,000
AB Bank-A	15,673	13.82	1.27	2,000
AIMS First-A	565,000	11.11	1.02	20,000
Sumitomo Syn-A	23,008	10.70	0.98	1,700
BEXIMCO Port-A	4,200	9.38	0.86	200
Fidelity Assets-A	17,200	7.68	0.70	800
Square Pharma-A	2,653	6.64	0.61	80

Capital Gainers/Losers

Company	Price Chn.	(%)	Price	Turnover
Samitomo Alliance Port	12.09	11.90	922.50	0.10
Apex Hospital-A	9.33	10.42	916.50	4.10
1st BSRM M F-A	7.46	4.22	126.20	37.40
ICB AMCL Islamic MF-A	6.69	5.49	438.75	15.20
First Lease-A	6.18	4.82	588.75	80.76
Apex Spring-A	30.48	30.47	87.25	0.08
Eastern Union-A	15.00	15.00	701.50	0.04
8th ICB M F-A	7.81	5.54	728.00	0.71
ICB AMCL Islamic MF-A	6.81	5.92	435.25	0.82
First Lease-A	6.27	5.72	593.50	1.05
BLTC-A	-7.76	-7.76	202.00	0.001
Jamuna Insurance-A	-4.49	-4.48	956.75	0.00
Hakim P & Paper-B	-7.39	-7.39	20.00	0.14
Chittagong Veg-A	-6.93	-6.77	87.25	0.07
Meghna PET Ind.-Z	-6.67	-6.76	18.20	25.19
Aramit Cement-Z	-54.09	-54.29	148.75	0.03
Dhaka Fisheries-B	-16.67	-16.67	25.00	0.04
Sarmata Leather-B	-16.27	-16.33	87.50	0.00
Delta Brac HCFL-A	-9.18	-9.21	1,852.50	0.762
Apex Zips-Z	-8.43	-8.41	440.00	0.02

Dividend/RD BC/PO

Company	R.D./BC/Spot	Div	Meeting Date	Venue	Time
Bangladesh Welding	30.09-09.09	5.00%	AGM	29.09	
BSRM Sheds Ltd.-N	14.09-27.04	AGM	07.06		
Talukda Islami Ltd.-N	30.08-25.08	AGM	30.09		
BDH Ltd.-A		35%	AGM	06.08	
Meghna Shrimp-Z	27.08-15.08	AGM	09.09		
Legacy Footwear-B	30.08-27.08	5.00%	AGM	30.09	
City Bank-A	23.08-15.08	15%	AGM	27.09	
Janata Insurance-A	31.08-20.08	10%	AGM	20.09	
Sonargaon Insurance-Z	16.09-07.09	10%	AGM	15.10	
Apex Spring-A	30.08-25.08	15%	AGM	27.09	
Apex Foods-A	31.08-25.08	12%	AGM	20.09	
BDOM Online-A	31.08-25.08	10%	AGM	01.10	
Dandy Dyeing-Z	12.01-05.11	AGM	24.11		
Metan Spring-A	14.09-09.09	Right Sub.	27.09-29.09		
TPA Subscription Dates					
The Dhaka Dyeing Co.-B	03.09				
Green Phone Ltd.	Oct.04-08.09				

News from Trade Servers

Normal Trade Start from 31-08-09: TAKAFULINS
Trade Suspended On 31-08-09: NAVANACNG, BDCOM, JANATINS, LEGACYFOOT
Category Change: AGRANINS "A" category from existing "B" category.
Sponsors Buy/Sell: PEOPLEINSR Mr. Md. Mahabubur Rahman Patwari to sell 2,000 shares.
DSE NEWS: All the Hon'ble Members and Authorized Representatives except Designated Brokers (Selling Agents) for Navana CNG Limited are requested not to submit any share order for shares of Navana CNG Limited for the first trading day (i.e. 31.08.09). Any sale from the Brokerage Houses except Designated Brokers (Selling Agents) for the first trading day (i.e. 31.08.09) will invoke 100% penalty as per Regulations.
ASHRAFTEX: (Halted) The company has informed that they entered into an Agreement on 15.05.06 with Kamaphul Industries Ltd. for sale of 41.47 bigha land for a total consideration price of Tk. 75.00 (Taka seventy five) crore. Ashraf Textile Mills Ltd. will now transfer 18 (eighteen) bigha land in the name of Kamaphul Industries Ltd., for which portion of land, the payment has been received. This has been decided in the Board meeting held on 27.08.09 commencing from 4:30 p.m.
NAVANACNG: Navanacng net profit = Tk. 244.66 million, EPS = Tk. 8.16, considering present paid-up capital (as on 20.05.09) diluted EPS = Tk. 6.74 as on 31.03.09. Diluted NAV = Tk. 17.28 as on 31.03.09.

COMPANY CDRs

COMPANY CDRs: Closing H/L Change % Last Day / Average / High / Low / Trade Volume / Share

BANK	Midsize Finance-A	Prime Finance 1st M F-A	Prime Finance 2nd M F-A	Prime Finance 3rd M F-A	Prime Finance 4th M F-A	Prime Finance 5th M F-A	Prime Finance 6th M F-A	Prime Finance 7th M F-A	Prime Finance 8th M F-A	Prime Finance 9th M F-A	Prime Finance 10th M F-A	Prime Finance 11th M F-A	Prime Finance 12th M F-A	Prime Finance 13th M F-A	Prime Finance 14th M F-A	Prime Finance 15th M F-A	Prime Finance 16th M F-A	Prime Finance 17th M F-A	Prime Finance 18th M F-A	Prime Finance 19th M F-A	Prime Finance 20th M F-A	Prime Finance 21st M F-A	Prime Finance 22nd M F-A	Prime Finance 23rd M F-A	Prime Finance 24th M F-A	Prime Finance 25th M F-A	Prime Finance 26th M F-A	Prime Finance 27th M F-A	Prime Finance 28th M F-A	Prime Finance 29th M F-A	Prime Finance 30th M F-A	Prime Finance 31st M F-A	Prime Finance 32nd M F-A	Prime Finance 33rd M F-A	Prime Finance 34th M F-A	Prime Finance 35th M F-A	Prime Finance 36th M F-A	Prime Finance 37th M F-A	Prime Finance 38th M F-A	Prime Finance 39th M F-A	Prime 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