UCB

MA Hashem, director of United Commercial Bank, inaugurates the bank's 92nd branch at Nabinagar in Savar on Sunday. M Shahjahan Bhuiyan, managing director, is also seen.

Asian stocks broadly lower

AFP, *Hong Kong*

Asian markets were mostly down during quiet trade on Monday as dealers stuck to the sidelines in the final days before the end of the year.

Sydney gave up 0.33 percent while Seoul was 0.17 percent off.

Hong Kong lost 1.08 percent, a fifth straight fall, as plans by Beijing to halt soaring property prices hit real estate stocks and developers. There were also losses in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur while Jakarta dived 3.12 percent.

However, Shanghai was 0.29 percent higher due to late-session profit-taking in property shares, which were hit last week.

TOKYO: Up 0.41 percent. The Nikkei-225 gained 41.42 points to 10,183.47.

HONG KONG: Down 1.08 percent. The Hang Seng Index shed 227.78 points to 20,948.10.

SHANGHAI: Up 0.29 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers both A and B shares, was up 9.09 points at 3,122.97.

SEOUL: Down 0.17 percent. The KOSPI fell 2.81 points to 1,644.23.

TAIPEI: Up 0.43 percent. The weighted index rose 33.64 points to 7,787.27.

SINGAPORE: Down 0.56 percent. The Straits Times Index fell 15.78 points to 2,786.81.

BANGKOK: Flat. The Stock Exchange of Thailand shed 0.51 points, or 0.07 percent, to 715.17.

KUALA LUMPUR: Down 0.89 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index lost 11.32 points to 1,255.66.

JAKARTA: Down 3.12 percent. The Jakarta Composite Index lost 78.18 points to 2,431.39.

MANILA: Up 0.12 percent. The index added 3.57 points to 3,020.56.

MUMBAI: Down 0.71 percent. The 30-share Sensex fell 118.63 points to 16,601.2.

Oil mixed

AFP, *London*

Oil prices traded mixed on Monday as Opec's crude-producing nations signalled that they would decide against making changes to output levels at an upcoming meeting.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for January delivery, fell 17 cents to 73.19 dollars a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for February delivery rose 35 cents to 74.10 dollars in early London trading.

Opec oil producers gathered in poverty-stricken Angola on Monday said they would hold output firm amid comfortably high prices.

Currency

Monday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates

	BC Sell	TT Buy
US dollar	69.6000	68.6000
Euro	101.2193	96.9867
Pound	113.8378	109.4376
Australian dollar	63.1829	59.5036
Japanese yen	0.7913	0.7423
Swiss franc	67.9820	64.5465
Swedish kroner	9.8711	9.2287
Canadian dollar	66.4629	63.5833
Hong Kong dollar	8.9934	8.8243
Singapore dollar	50.8326	48.8326
UAE dirham	19.0513	18.5762
Saudi riyal	18.6570	18.1963
Danish kroner	13.9975	13.2159
Kuwaiti dinar	239.5538	235.5882

Exchange rate of some currencies

	Per USD	BDT per Currency
Indian rupee	46.73	1.48
Pak rupee	84.20	0.82
Lankan rupee	114.30	0.60
Thai baht	33.23	2.08
Malaysian ringgit	3.43	20.12

USD forward rate against BDT

	Buy	Sell
1M	68.6457	69.7551
2M	68.7367	70.3162
3M	68.8426	70.6428
6M	69.2056	71.7411

Local Market FX

Local inter-bank FX market was fluid today. The USD/BDD rate traded at a lower rate compared with the previous working day.

International Market

Dollar held firm today near a 3-month high. Euro lost some round due to lingering worries about Greece's fiscal position. Swiss frank also weakened due to concerns about Swiss National Bank intervention.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 21/12/2009

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo call	L.Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import disch
J/2	Marina K	Tsp(p)	Sfax	Ksm	11/12	24/12	663
J/3	Qin Hai	Wheat(p)	Ych	Ksm	2/12	22/12	1282
J/4	Yong Jiang	GI	–	Cosco	13/12	23/12	1657
J/5	Vanlee	C. Clink	Chin	Sstc	15/12	23/12	3320
J/6	Fesco Altay	Cont	Ptp	Mbdl	20/12	22/12	528
J/7	Kee Lung	Wheat	Yuzh	Pol	30/11	25/12	976
J/8	Mermaid Star	Dap/s.struc	Zhuh	Umsl	15/12	21/12	778
J/9	Banga Bodor	Cont	P.kel	Bandhi	12/12	22/12	173
J/10	Martha Russ	Cont	Col	Seacon	19/12	21/12	24
J/11	Hanjin Semarang	Cont	P.Kel	Rsl	18/12	21/12	4
J/12	Xpress Dhaulagiri	Cont	P.Kel	Seacon	19/12	22/12	625
Cct/1	Oel Freedom	Cont	Col	Psl	17/1	21/12	188
Cct/3	Ym Inauguration	Cont	Sing	Tml	20/12	22/12	–

Vessels not ready

High Land	Gas Oil	Ruwa	Ecsl	13/12
Atlantic Blue	G. Oil/mog	Mala	Pride	14/12
Victory-2	Raw Sugar	Para	Pol	17/12
Dd Success	S. Lag	Gan	Sstc	19/12
High Challenge	Gas Oil	Sing	Pride	20/12

Vessels awaiting employment/instruction

Banga Lanka	Cement(bag)	–	Baridhi	R/a (4/4)
Banglar Gourabh	–	–	Bsc	R/a (1/5)
Fgm Achiever	Ballast	Yang	Intraport	18/12
Banglar Urmi	–	–	Bsc	R/a (3/7)
Sulu Wind	–	Sing	Rainbow	R/a (28/7)
Green Ocean	Tsp(bag)	–	Litmond	R/a (26/9)

Vessels not entering

Western Santiago	Wheat(p)	Ukra	Ksm	17/10
S1 Moon	Dap Fert(bag)	Hong	Uml	24/11
Ks Hope	Gypsum	Krabi	Asl	4/12
Madine-ke-chand	Salt	Hand	Psal	3/12
Bao Shun	Tsp(bag)	Hong	Uml	7/12

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Kota Ratu	21/12	Sing	Pil(bd)	Cont	Sing
Kuo Hsiung	26/12	–	Everbest	Cont	Sing
Banglar Maya	21/12	Para	Pol	Raw Sugar	–
Banglar Robi	21/12	Tian	Bsc	–	–
Cape Brett	21/12	Pkl	Bdship	Cont	Hald
Hansa London	22/12	Cbo	Seacon	Cont	Col
Freda Schulte	22/12	Sin	Apl	Cont	Sin
Stadt Hamburg	22/12	P.kel	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Banga Bijoy	23/12	P.kel	Bdship	Cont	Sing

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

BANK ASIA

AM Nurul Islam, vice chairman of Bank Asia Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 39th branch at Ishwardi in Pabna yesterday. Erfanuddin Ahmed, president and managing director, is also seen.

STOCK

Market Highlights
December 21, 2009

DSE All Share Index :	3591.40077	(+)	0.42%
DSE General Index :	4329.49538	(+)	0.40%
DSE - 20 Index :	2516.92041	(+)	0.21%
CSE All Share Index:	12605.0608	(+)	0.55%
CSE - 30 Index :	9894.1137	(-)	0.09%
CSE Selected Index :	8147.9519	(+)	0.50%

Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	6,374,865,365.75	506,407,022.50
Total Turnover (Volume)	23,117,460	3,352,937
Number of Contract	102,750	12,376
Total Traded Issues	235	150
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	99	64
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	135	85
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. P. Basis)	1	1
Market Cap. (Taka)	1,413,515,876,546	1,222,536,516,017
Market Cap. (US$)	20,635,268,271	17,847,248,409
Price Earning Ratio	77.14	77.09
Earning Per Share (%)	22.10	22.10

Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M.Tk.)	(%) T	Big Lot Share
D				
BEXIMCO Ltd.* -A	1,802,884	541.60	8.50	19,200
Jamuna Oil* -A	840,800	379.06	5.95	10,600
LankaBangla Fin.* -A	1,205,075	349.10	5.48	48,000
AB Bank * - A	220,312	246.32	3.86	3,455
Beximco Pharma* -A	941,080	146.20	2.29	5,000
Social Invest. B*-A	454,095	141.99	2.23	4,700
Maksons Spinning*-A	1,419,750	137.03	2.15	19,000
Titas Gas TDCL*A	182,350	121.09	1.90	1,800
Meghna Petroleum* -A	441,970	117.86	1.85	5,000
Shahjalal Islami* -A	324,986	116.18	1.82	2,000
C				
Beximco Pharma* -A	697,252	107.95	21.32	15,000
BEXIMCO Ltd.* -A	92,137	27.72	5.47	1,000
AB Bank * - A	22,293	24.95	4.93	405
Grameenphone*-N	146,400	24.94	4.93	2,600
Social Invest. B*-A	75,450	23.63	4.67	600
Jamuna Oil* -A	41,900	18.98	3.75	3,600
BEXTEX Ltd.* -A	230,200	18.03	3.56	6,000
Shahjalal Islami* -A	41,797	14.97	2.96	800
Uttara Bank * - A	8,980	12.74	2.52	410
Southeast Bank*-A	36,043	11.83	2.34	500

Capital Gainers/Losers

Company	Price Chn. (%) Close	Avg.	Close Price	Turnover M.Tk
D				
Metro Spinning -*A	8.93	3.55	63.40	31.518
Alltex Industries -B	8.89	6.10	122.50	2.933
Northern Jute -Z	7.30	7.30	25.00	0.005
Aramit Cement -*Z	6.13	2.24	537.00	2.832
Sonargaon Tex* -A	6.10	2.92	400.25	1.221
C				
Bangladesh Welding -B	15.52	14.84	67.00	0.300
Alltex Industries -B	10.81	6.35	123.00	3.124
Monno Fabrics -Z	10.11	11.17	98.00	0.054
Metro Spinning -*A	8.62	4.06	63.00	5.050
Hakkani P& Paper -B	7.41	5.45	58.00	0.371
D				
Alpha Tobacco -Z	-8.45	-8.79	19.50	0.001
Savar Refractories -B	-6.91	-7.12	512.00	0.005
GeminiSeaFood -A	-5.19	-5.21	1,264.25	0.019
Sonali Ansh -A	-4.96	-4.96	1,330.50	0.027
Grameen M F One*-A	-4.30	-3.70	84.60	15.376
C				
Anwar Galvanizing -Z	-31.51	-33.39	390.00	0.044
Kay & Que (BD) * -B	-14.94	-14.94	410.00	0.082
H.R. Textile -B	-12.30	-12.29	262.00	0.01
Meghna Life Ins.* -A	-9.03	-9	1,955.00	0.098
Niloy Cement -Z	-6.56	-6.63	178.00	0.053

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Company	R.Day.BC	Spot	Div	Meeting Date
Anwar Galvanizing -Z	18-03	22-02		AGM 25-03
The Engineers -A	24-12	21-12	10%	AGM29-12
S Alam CR Steel* -A	07-Jan	1R:2		Subs: 01/02 - 28/02
Right Share Subjected to App. of EGM & SEC:				
Fu-wang Ceramic*-B	25-11		1R:2	EGM 27-12
Daffodil Computers *-A			1R:1	EGM24-12

IPO SUBSCRIPTION DATE

Company	FV/ML	Sub.Val.	From	To	NRB
DBH 1st MF	10/500	5000	13-12	20-12	29-12

Company	Meeting Date	Venue, Time
Delta Spinners -A	20-Dec	Factory Premises, Mymensingh 11:30am
Bangas* -A	20-Dec	Reg. Office,Chuadanga 10:00am
Tallu Spinning* -Z	20-Dec	Reg. Office,Chuadanga 12:00pm
Mithun Knitting* -A	20-Dec	Reg. Office,Chuadanga 11am
Chittagong Veg. -Z	22-Dec	Factory Premises, Ctg. 10:00am
Yousuf Flour -B	22-Dec	Reg. Office, 1/A Purana Paltan 11am
Anlima Yarn -B	23-Dec	Factory Premises,Savar 10:30am
Monno Ceramic -A	23-Dec	Bashundhara CC Baridhara 9:00am
Daffodil Com. *-A	24-Dec	Prince Plaza,Sobhanbag,Dhanmondi,9:10am
Niloy Cement -Z	24-Dec	Trust Milonayatan,Dhaka Cant. 10:30am
Modern Dyeing -B	24-Dec	Mill Pre. Dhaka 9:00am
BD. Plantation -A	24-Dec	
Hill Plantation -A	24-Dec	
Monno Jutex -A	24-Dec	Hotel Purbani, Dilkusha 3:30pm
Meghna Con. Milk -Z	24-Dec	Meghna CC,Comilla 10:30am
Meghna PET Ind. -Z	24-Dec	Meghna CC,Comilla 12:00pm
Atlas BD* -A	24-Dec	11am
AMCL (Pran)* -A	24-Dec	National Shooting Comp., Dk 10:30am
Al-Haj Textile* -Z	24-Dec	Fac. Pre.,Pabna 3:00pm
Pharma Aids -A	24-Dec	37/A Segun Bagicha 11am
BD. Autocars -B	24-Dec	Company Reg. Office,Dhaka 11am
Alpha Tobacco -Z	24-Dec	Fac. Pre., Jessore 12:30pm
Keya Detergent* -A	25-Dec	Fac. Pre.,Konabari,Gazipur11:45am
Keya Cosmetics* -A	25-Dec	Fac. Pre.,Konabari,Gazipur 10:00am
Titas Gas TDCL* -A	26-Dec	Bangabandhu Int. CC, Agargaon 10:30am

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 22-12-09: BANGLAPRO

Sponsors Buy/Sell: FINEFOODS Mr. Humayun Kabir Majumder to sell 2,41,475 shares. **STANDBANKL** Al-haj Md. Yousuf Chowdhury and Mr. Harun Rashid Chowdhury to sell 50,000 and 7,500 shares respectively. **RELIANCINS** Transfin Trading Limited and Trinco Limited to buy 750 shares each.

SEC NEWS: As per decision of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Banks, Financial Institutions & Insurance Companies who are registered Stock Broker & Stock Dealer should form separate subsidiary company within 31st March, 2010 to operate their Stock Broker & Stock Dealer activities.

FAREASTLIF: Mrs. Mahmuda Begum to transfer 31,680 shares to Mrs. Nazneen Hossain by way of gift outside the trading system of the Exchange.

FIRSTSBANK: The Bank has informed that the Share Division of the Bank has been shifted from 23 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 to Bengal Centre (2nd floor), 28 Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000.

GP: The company has informed that it has signed an agreement with Augere Wireless Broadband Bangladesh Ltd. (Augere) on 20th December, 2009. As per the agreement, Augere will share GP's telecom infrastructure in expanding its network and provide wireless broadband internet services throughout the country.

JAMUNABANK: The Bank has informed that as per revised decision of the Board of Directors, Jamuna Bank Limited as sponsor of Jamuna Bank First ICB AMCL Mutual Fund, shall subscribe 20% i.e. BDT. 400.00 million out of total fund BDT. 2,000.00 million, 50% of the fund will be raised through IPO and balance 30% through Pre-IPO placement subject to approval of regulatory bodies.

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Company CDBL mark Catagory Mark Face Value/Market Lot | EPS | BV | Latest Dividend :- YearEnd
DSE/CSE: Closing ⇓/⇑ Change % LastDay | Average | High / Low # Trade Volume (Share)

BANK

AB Bank * - A 100/5 | 89.72 | 262.16 | 15%, 15%B :-1208
D: 1117 ⇓ 0.76% 1126 | 1118 | 1130 / 1111 # 220312
C: 1118 ⇑ 0.00% 1118 | 1119 | 1150 / 935.0 # 22293
City Bank * - A 100/5 | 25.34 | 268.44 | 15%B :-1208
D: 747.3 ⇓ 0.23% 749.0 | 742.79 | 755.0 / 727.3 # 100324
C: 742.0 ⇑ 0.68% 737.0 | 737.15 | 749.5 / 600.0 # 2111

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Midas Financing* -A 100/50 | 23.26 | 124.90 | 5%, 12.5%B :-608
D: 810.5 ⇑ 2.86% 788.0 | 808.79 | 819.8 / 798.0 # 8200
First Lease - A 100/50 | 48.53 | 238.88 | 10%, 10%B :-1208
D: 1237 ⇑ 2.13% 1211 | 1232 | 1248 / 1202 # 18150
C: 1230 ⇑ 2.41% 1201 | 1230 | 1230 / 1230 # 50
People's Leasing* -A 100/50 | 25.77 | 121.39 | 20%B :-120
D: 668.0 ⇑ 0.15% 667.0 | 668.48 | 675.0 / 659.0 # 102515

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AMCL 2nd MF* -A 100/50 | 0.00 | 100.00 | :-
D: 158.3 ⇑ 0.16% 158.0 | 158.41 | 162.0 / 156.0 # 14500
C: 157.0 ⇓ 1.88% 160.0 | 158.24 | 162.0 / 155.0 # 7900

ENGINEERING

Aftab Auto.* -A 100/5 | 24.76 | 267.74 | 25%B :-808
D: 1920 ⇓ 2.03% 1960 | 1939 | 1970 / 1912 # 31707

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Fine Foods -A 10/500 | 0.10 | 12.33 | 5%, 5%B :-608
D: 46.90 ⇓ 0.21% 47.00 | 46.80 | 49.40 / 43.70 # 37000

FUEL & POWER

BOC (BD) Ltd.* -A 10/50 | 23.61 | 99.28 | 177% :-1208
D: 477.4 ⇑ 0.55% 474.8 | 478.64 | 483.0 / 475.1 # 127760
C: 476.0 ⇑ 0.42% 474.0 | 475.51 | 480.0 / 470.0 # 420

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Dacca Dyeing* -N 10/500 | 0.63 | 17.26 | :-
D: 53.60 ⇑ 5.30% 50.90 | 52.54 | 54.20 / 50.10 # 293500
C: 54.00 ⇑ 5.88% 51.00 | 52.72 | 53.80 / 50.40 # 69500
Beximco Syn. * -A 100/20 | 3.41 | 363.90 | 15%B :-1208
D: 353.0 ⇑ 0.07% 352.8 | 355.29 | 362.8 / 350.3 # 30283
C: 355.0 ⇑ 0.28% 354.0 | 356.68 | 363.8 / 353.0 # 6850

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

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CEMENT

HeidelbergCement* -A 100/5 | 104.86 | 552.46 | 33% :-1208
D: 2063 ⇓ 0.84% 2080 | 2075 | 2129 / 2060 # 15505
C: 2066 ⇑ 0.68% 2052 | 2061 | 2100 / 2021 # 130
ConfidenceCement * A 100/20 | -13.62 | 300.62 | 10%B :-1208
D: 1425 ⇑ 1.23% 1408 | 1420 | 1441 / 1393 # 16974
C: 1416 ⇑ 0.64% 1407 | 1426 | 1449 / 1400 # 1220

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Pragati Gen. I* -A 100/10 | 40.74 | 521.93 | 20%, 15%B :-1208
D: 1392 ⇓ 3.60% 1444 | 1422 | 1480 / 1387 # 8468
C: 1500 ⇑ 2.46% 1464 | 1500 | 1500 / 1500 # 1
Prime Insur* -A 100/50 | 12.34 | 108.81 | 10%B :-120
D: 460.5 ⇑ 1.21% 455.0 | 462.34 | 468.0 / 459.0 # 5318
Pioneer Insur * -A 100/50 | 41.99 | 197.28 | 20% :-1208
D: 1045 ⇑ 0.19% 1043 | 1043 | 1066 / 1035 # 8500
Mercantile Insur* -A 100/50 | 12.11 | 141.95 | 10% :-1208

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