

CORPORATE BRIEFS

PRIME BANK

Trading of the bank's shares will be allowed only on the spot market and block/odd lot transactions will also be settled as per a spot settlement cycle from March 7 to March 9. Trading will remain suspended on the record date (March 10). The bank said the next record date for entitlement of the proposed rights share will be notified later after obtaining approval from SEC.

AL-ARAFAH ISLAMIC BANK

The normal trading of the bank's shares resumes on March 7 after the record date for its extraordinary general meeting.

BEACH HATCHERY

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date for the annual general meeting and extraordinary general meeting. The company also said the next record date for entitlement of the proposed right share will be notified later after obtaining approval from SEC.

OCEAN CONTAINERS

Unaudited half-yearly accounts as on June 30, 2009, the company has reported profit of Tk 48.35 million with earnings per share of Tk 2.03 as against Tk 49.33 million and Tk 2.07 (restated) respectively of the same period a year ago. All eligible institutional investors who were allotted the shares of the company through the book building system that there will be lock-in for 15 trading days from the first trading day on March 4 on the security of the company issued to the eligible institutional investors.



Erfanuddin Ahmed, president and managing director of Bank Asia Limited, inaugurates the bank's 42nd branch at Dania in Dhaka yesterday.

Oil lower in Asia

AFP, Singapore

Oil prices briefly topped 81 dollars in Asian trade Thursday before falling back as the US dollar gained strength, making the commodity more expensive, analysts said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, was down 31 cents to 80.56 dollars a barrel in morning trade after hitting an intra-day high of 81.01 dollars.

The contract had surged 1.19 dollars in US trade Wednesday as the market cheered a largely encouraging report on US petroleum stocks.

Currency

Thursday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, BC Sell, TT Buy, Per USD, BDT per Currency. Includes US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish kroner, Kuwaiti dinar.

Local Market FX

The local market traded actively yesterday. USD/BDT rates were slightly higher yesterday.

Money Market

Money market rates traded in the range of 2.5-2.6. Most deals traded around 2.5%. The market was liquid.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 4/3/2010. Columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving arrival, Import disch.

Outside port limit

Table: Outside port limit. Columns: Vessel Name, For Visit, Local agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels not ready

Table: Vessels not ready. Columns: Vessel Name, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving arrival.

Table: Vessels awaiting employment / instruction. Columns: Vessel Name, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving arrival.

Vessels not entering

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Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table: Vessels due at outer anchorage. Columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L port call, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

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



Khandaker Nazrul Islam, chief executive officer of Bangla Perfumes Distributors Limited, speaks at the launch of Italian D&G perfume in Bangladesh, marketed by his company, at National Press Club on Wednesday. Faridul Hassan Chowdhury (2-L), chairman, and Zakir Hossain (R), executive director, are also seen.

STOCK

Market Highlights March 04, 2010

Table: Market Highlights. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE-20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE-30 Index, CSE Selected Index.

Table: Indicators. Includes Total Turnover (Taka), Total Turnover (Volume), Number of Contract, Total Traded Issues, No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis), No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis), No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. Price Basis), Market Cap. (Taka), Market Cap. (US\$), Price Earning Ratio, Earning Per Share (%).

Turnover Leaders

Table: Turnover Leaders. Columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M.Tk.), Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table: Capital Gainers/Losers. Columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, Turnover M.Tk.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table: Dividend/RD BC/IPO. Columns: Company, RDay, BC, Spot, Div, Meeting Date.

News from Trade Servers

Gramophone Ltd: Company has informed that the Co. is already in collection services for utility bills since 2006 and will introduce other mCommerce services in electronic ticketing, bill collection, electronic Lottery and remittance disbursement under the brand "Mobotaka".

COMPANY CDBL MARK CATEGORY MARK FACE VALUE/MARKET LOT [EPS/BV] LATEST DIVIDEND - YEAR END

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TRADED ISSUES March 04, 2010

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S/Note: Capital Gainer/Losers tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earning per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, \*\* indicates CDBL Listed, Category is mentioned beside company name after CDBL mark. All EPS & BV are diluted/restated (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figures which may not be related to the end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV were updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special facilities which is approximate just to compare those figures among the companies under the insurance industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.