



Shahjahan Majumder, chief operating officer of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, and Kaiser A Chowdhury, president and managing director of AB Bank Ltd, exchange documents after signing a deal in Dhaka recently. The hospital will provide primary corporate benefits and medical services for the bank's employees and their dependants.

Oil prices climb towards \$83

World oil prices rose toward \$83 dollars a barrel on Friday as the International Energy Agency reported strong growth in world energy demand, led by China. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for April delivery, added 31 cents to 82.42 dollars a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for April gained 28 cents to 80.56 dollars per barrel in late afternoon London trading. The continued economic optimism buoyed the oil price above the mark of 82 dollars per barrel, said Commerzbank analyst Eugen Weinberg.

Emerging markets are driving growth of world oil demand this year with a big boost from China, despite a fall in advanced economies, the International Energy Agency said on Friday. The IEA warned that demand for oil, a strong indicator of economic activity, would not recover in advanced economies overall this year, but was signalling an "astonishing" growth trend of 28 percent in China.

But it raised its forecast for global demand in 2010 to 86.6 billion barrels per day (mbd) from its projection last month of 86.5 mbd -- a 1.8-percent increase from 2009 demand levels.

Weekly Currency Roundup

International Markets The euro steadied against the dollar and yen in recovery on Thursday, recovering from earlier falls after strong Chinese data fuelled expectations of possible further monetary tightening by Beijing. Chinese inflation rose to a 16-month high and other economic data showed broad-based strength, boosting safe-haven flows into the yen and dollar against the euro and perceived riskier assets.

The SNB is expected to keep interest rates very low and maintain its policy of foreign exchange intervention to curb any excessive appreciation in the Swiss currency and aid Switzerland's nascent economic recovery. Analysts said many in the market expect the



Habibur Rahman Sarker, chairman, and Elius Sarker, managing director of Brothers Furniture Ltd, inaugurate the company's corporate office and showroom in Baridhara in Dhaka recently.

Asia stocks mixed

Sydney edged 3.9 points higher to 4,818.1. BHP Billiton fell 0.4 percent to 42.85 Australian dollars, Rio Tinto rose 0.5 percent to 75.96 and Newcrest Mining was up 0.9 percent at 34.21. Seoul rose 0.37 percent, or 6.12 points, to 1,662.74.

However, Shanghai fell 1.24 percent, or 37.87 points, to 3,013.41 on increasing concern Beijing will further tighten monetary policy to cap the economy's strong growth after figures showed inflation continued to accelerate.

Hong Kong ended marginally lower, dropping 18.46 points to 21,209.74. Singapore closed 0.26 percent or 7.45 points higher at 2,881.36.

Taipei ended flat, edging down 1.33 points to 7,748.33.

Jakarta lost 0.37 percent, or 10.1 points, to 2,666.51.

Kuala Lumpur lost 0.77 percent, or 10.23 points, to close at 1,311.20.

Manila closed 1.68 percent, or 52.65 points, lower at 3,072.91.

Bangkok closed 1.02 percent, or 7.39 points, higher at 733.34, despite demonstrations in the capital ahead of a mass anti-government rally this weekend.

Mumbai closed flat, edging down 1.34 points to 17,166.62.

India's largest vehicle maker Tata Motors fell 1.22 percent or 9.4 rupees to 761.5.

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Weekly Market Highlights March 07 - 11, 2010

Table with columns for DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, CSE Selected Index, and Indicators (DSE, CSE).

Weekly Turnover Leaders

Table listing companies like Lankabanga Fin, BEXIMCO Ltd, BEXTEL Ltd, Greenpharm, Summit Power, DESCO Ltd, AB Bank, Keya Cosmetics, Navana CNG, and Jamuna Oil with their turnover and closing prices.

Weekly Capital Gainers/Losers

Table listing companies like National Bank, Prime Bank, United Insur, Dutch Bangla, Mercantile Bank, ABMCL Islamic MF, Mutual Trust Bank, ICB AMCL 1st NRB, and ICB AMCL 1st MF with their price changes.

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Source: Capital Gains/Losers tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS/Earnings per Share, BV=Book Value per Share, \*\* indicates CDBL Listed, Category is mentioned beside company name after CDBL mark. All EPS & BV are diluted/adjusted (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not relate to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special formula which is appropriate to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.