

CORPORATE BRIEFS

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE
The company's board of directors has recommended 10 percent stock dividend for the year 2009.

BATBC
The company has further reported net assets value per share of Tk 86.04 and net operating cash flow per share of Tk 42.72 for the year to December 31, 2009.

ACI
Trading of ACI 20 percent convertible zero coupon bonds will start on Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on March 22 under 'N' category.

SINOBANGLA INDUSTRIES
Unaudited quarterly accounts for the 1st quarter (ended on January 31) of the company show that it has made a profit of Tk 1.67 million with earnings per share of Tk 0.17.

UTTARA BANK
The bank's board of directors has decided to change the name of its fully owned proposed subsidiary company from 'Uttara Bank Capital and Investment Limited' to 'UB Capital and Investment Limited'.

ASIA PACIFIC INSURANCE
The company has further said the venue for its 10th annual general meeting has been shifted from Dhaka Sonargaon Hotel to IDEB Bhaban in the city under unavoidable circumstances.



Erfanuddin Ahmed, president and managing director of Bank Asia, inaugurates the bank's capital market division branch at Dhahmondhi in Dhaka on Monday.

Oil down

AFP, Singapore

Oil prices fell further in Asian trade Tuesday, pressured by a firm US dollar and ongoing concerns about demand in the United States, the world's top energy user, analysts said.

Fears that Beijing will take more steps to cool the Chinese economy also hit sentiment, they said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for April delivery eased 13 cents to 79.67 dollars a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for April delivery was off 17 cents to 77.74 dollars.

The US dollar has gained ground in recent days as investors, nervous about the weak global equities market, turned to the greenback.

Currency

Tuesday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, USD forward rate against BDT. Includes rates for US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, etc.

Local Market FX

The local market traded actively yesterday. USD/BDT rates were stable and the market was liquid.

Money Market

Money market rates traded in the range of 2.75-3.00. Most deals traded around 3.00%. The market was liquid.

International Market

The dollar dipped on Tuesday with markets anticipating the US Federal Reserve will keep policy unchanged, but wary of any upside surprises.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table with columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 16/3/2010. Includes columns for No, Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import disch.

Table with columns: Vessels not ready. Includes columns for Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Table with columns: Vessels not entering. Includes columns for Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Table with columns: Vessels due at outer anchorage. Includes columns for Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Table with columns: Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with a berthing sheet of CPA provided by ITRC. Includes columns for Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Ahmed Shafi Chowdhury, director of Pubali Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's shifted Batiaghata branch in Khulna recently. Helal Ahmed Chowdhury, managing director, is also seen.

Market Highlights March 16, 2010. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, CSE Selected Index, and various indicators.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M.Tk.), Big Lot Share. Lists companies like Lankabangla Fin, Gramsephone, etc.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, Turnover M.Tk. Lists companies like Pioneer Insur, Global Insurance, etc.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table with columns: Company, R Day, BC, SP, Div, Meeting Date. Lists companies like Grameen Bank, Pioneer Insur, etc.

News from Trade Sectors

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The Board of Directors has recommended stock dividend @ 10% for the year 2009. The Board has also recommended to offer Rights share @ IR: 2 (i.e. 1 Rights Share for every 2 shares) at an issue price of Tk. 150.00 each.

TRADED ISSUES March 16, 2010

Large table listing traded issues with columns: Bank, People's Gas, Prime Bk, FUEL & POWER, ENGINEERING, JUTE, TEXTILE, FOOD & ALLIED, INVESTMENT, NON BANKING FIN, IDLC Fin, etc.

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Source: Capital Gainer & Loser 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/strated (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 are updated on the basis of the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special figures 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.