



Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank Limited, speaks at the bank's 15th annual general meeting at Radisson Hotel in Dhaka on Thursday. The bank declared 10 percent cash dividend and 30 percent stock dividend. M Ehsanul Haque, managing director, is also seen.

Oil dips Commodities mostly fall

World oil prices went into reverse on Friday after weaker-than-expected US economic growth data overshadowed the impact of a rescue plan for debt-ridden Greece, traders said. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, dipped 53 cents to 80.00 dollars a barrel. London's Brent North Sea crude for May slid 31 cents to 79.29 dollars per barrel. Data showed Friday that the US economy -- a top global oil consumer -- grew at a slower pace than previously thought in the fourth quarter, as business and consumer spending slackened amid a fragile recovery from recession. The world's largest economy grew by 5.6 percent in the October-December period, the Commerce Department said, revising downward an earlier estimate of 5.9 percent growth in gross domestic product. The slower growth stemmed from downward revisions to business investment, inventories, and consumer spending, the department said. Analysts had expected the world's largest economy to grow at 5.9 percent in the final quarter from 2.2 percent in the third quarter.

Commodities mainly fell this week as traders digested an EU plan to tackle the Greek debt crisis, alongside news of moderately weaker economic growth in the United States, a key consumer. OIL: By late Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, Texas light sweet crude for delivery in May sank to 79.82 dollars compared with 80.29 dollars a week earlier for the expired April contract. On London's IntercontinentalExchange, Brent North Sea crude for May delivery dipped to 79.05 dollars from 79.66 dollars a week earlier. PRECIOUS METALS: The prices of all precious metals declined. By Friday on the London Bullion Market, gold eased to 1,096 dollars an ounce from 1,105 dollars the previous week. Silver

dipped to 16.85 dollars an ounce from 17.31. SUGAR: Prices extended recent losses. By Friday on the New York Board of Trade (NYBOT), the price of unrefined sugar for delivery in May dropped to 17.15 US cents a pound from 18.42 cents the previous week. On LIFFE, London's futures exchange, the price of a tonne of white sugar for May slid to 481 pounds from 523.90 pounds. GRAINS AND SOYA: Grains and soya prices weakened. By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for delivery in May dipped to 3.5 dollars a bushel from 3.74 dollars the previous week. May-dated soybean meal -- used in animal feed -- dropped to 9.45 dollars from 9.61 dollars. Wheat for May was down to 4.66 dollars a bushel from 4.83 dollars.

Wall Street faces Fed meeting

Wall Street stocks are set to build on nearly year and a half highs as they face next week's key economic reports and the Federal Reserve's monetary policy meeting. "We are in the process of testing our highs from mid-January on the S&P 500," said Gina Martin of Wells Fargo Securities. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose a modest 0.55 percent over the week to close at 10,624.69. The technology-rich Nasdaq composite gained 1.77 percent to 2,367.66. And the broad-market Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 0.99 percent to 1,149.99. While the blue-chip Dow remained

Technologies opened for trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury bond rose to 3.710 percent from 3.682 the previous week and that on the 30-year bond dipped to 4.633 percent from 4.639 percent. Several key economic reports are on tap next week. The ailing housing sector gets new news on Tuesday with building permits and housing starts numbers. Inflation data follows, with wholesale prices on Wednesday and consumer prices on Thursday. And on Thursday, the weekly initial unemployment claims report gives an up-to-date snapshot of the embattled labor market, where unemployment is hovering at double digits.

Weekly Market Highlights March 21 - 25, 2010

Table with 3 columns: Index, Change, and Value. Includes DSE All Share Index (+3.79%), DSE 20 Index (+3.87%), CSE All Share Index (+3.92%), and various market indicators like Total Turnover and Market Cap.

Weekly News Highlights from Trade Servers

Table with 3 columns: Company, Price Change, and Volume. Lists various companies like BEXIMCO, Prime Finance, and others with their respective price movements.

Weekly Turnover Leaders

Table with 3 columns: Company, Turnover (Vol. and M.Tk.), and Closing Price. Lists top-performing companies like Greenphone and BEXIMCO.

Weekly Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with 3 columns: Company, Price Change, and Volume. Lists companies with significant price gains and losses.

WEEKLY TRADED ISSUES MAR 21 - 25, '10

Large table listing various traded issues, including bank shares, government bonds, and other financial instruments, with columns for issue name, price, and volume.

Source: Capital Gainers/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 related to the end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV were updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV was calculated by special indicators which is approximate just to compare those figures among the companies under the industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.