

Commodities slammed by eurozone debt crisis

Market, platinum fell to 1,651 dollars an ounce from 1,738 dollars.

Palladium dipped to 505 dollars an ounce from 552 dollars.

Base metals prices slumped.

Three-month aluminium dropped to 2,090 dollars a tonne from 2,207 dollars.

Three-month tin dipped to 17,575 dollars a tonne from 18,125 dollars.

Three-month nickel tumbled to 22,232 dollars a tonne from 25,700 dollars.

By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for delivery in July eased to 3.70 dollars a bushel from 3.75 dollars the previous week.

July-dated soybean meal - used in animal feed - fell to 9.55 dollars from 9.99 dollars.

Wheat for July firm to 5.08 dollars a bushel from 5.03 dollars.

Coffee prices traded mixed.

By Friday on LIFFE, Robusta for delivery in July rose to 1,358 dollars a tonne from 1,319 dollars the previous week.

Sugar prices continued to slide, hitting a one-year low at 13 cents a pound.

By Friday on the New York Board of Trade (NYBOT), the price of unrefined sugar for delivery in July fell to 13.64 US cents a pound from 15.12 cents the previous week.

On LIFFE, London's futures exchange, the price of a tonne of white sugar for August dropped to 435.80 from 466.50 dollars.

Malaysian rubber prices dipped on weak demand in regional markets, dealers said.

The Malaysian Rubber Board's benchmark SMR20 dropped to 291.85 US cents per kilo, from 320.25 cents the previous week.

Silver slid to 17.70 dollars dollars an ounce from 18.62 dollars.

On the London Platinum and Palladium

Foreign Trade Operations



Syed Imtiaz Hasib, deputy managing director of Southeast Bank Ltd, attends a three-day workshop on foreign trade operations, organised by the Bank in Dhaka recently.

Speculators come under euro summit gaze

her country "will not allow its prestige to be toyed with" or be "put in danger by punishable anti-social behaviour" that she termed "speculative attacks".

Like the Portuguese and Greek governments before her, she said traders behind a sharp drop in Spanish stocks this week were the "unacceptable" source of "hurt".

New national laws could "punish the dissemination of information or rumours

with the aim of affecting stock market valuations," de la Vega suggested, although she did not spell out her rumours could be proven to have malicious origins.

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Weekly Currency Roundup

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International Markets

The international markets remained highly volatile this week. The euro was intense selling pressure, and tumbled to a 14-month low against the dollar on Thursday, reeling from escalating concerns that Greece's debt crisis may spread to other euro zone states. "There are political constraints to the extent this Greek fiscal adjustment can go and there is a risk of contagion," The ECB led interest rates on hold as widely expected, with attention switching to its press conference at 1230 GMT. European policymakers have warned the euro's survival depends on a life-support package for Greece announced last week. This has ratcheted up risk aversion and boosted safe-haven demand for the dollar, pushing it to a one-year high versus a currency basket of 2008. By 1148 GMT, the euro traded 0.7 percent lower on the day. The euro trimmed losses after Spain sold five-year government debt, albeit at a higher yield than at its last sale in March, quelling some market concerns over Madrid's credit risks.

The euro has fallen some 4 percent versus the dollar this week, putting it on track for its worst weekly performance since October 2008. It sank across the board on Thursday, plumbng a one-year low against sterling since August 2009. It also hit a lifetime low against the Swiss franc, with traders citing bids pulled by the Swiss central bank in the 1.4325 franc region as helping to accelerate the single currency's fall.

Local Money Market The call money rates were stable this week, and traded mostly around 3-3.5%.

Local Market FX The USD was stable against the BDT this week. The market was active and there was ample liquidity.

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Weekly Market Highlights

Table with 3 columns: Index, Value, Change. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, CSE All Share Index, etc.

Weekly Top Performers

Table with 3 columns: Company, Turnover, Closing Price. Lists companies like BEXIMCO Ltd, Summit Power, etc.

Weekly Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, Turnover. Lists companies like Samata Leather, Modern Industries, etc.

Weekly News Highlights from Trade Servers

Table with 4 columns: Category, Mark, Category Mark, Face Value/Market Lot. Lists various market categories and their values.

Bank

Table listing various banks and their market data, including AB Bank, Citibank, etc.

ENGINEERING

Table listing engineering companies and their market data, including Alpha Auto, BOC, etc.

FUEL & POWER

Table listing fuel and power companies and their market data, including BOC, DGC, etc.

Weekly TRADED ISSUES

Table listing traded issues with columns for Category, Mark, Category Mark, Face Value/Market Lot.

INVESTMENT

Table listing investment-related companies and their market data, including Premier Leisure, etc.

FOOD & ALCOHOL

Table listing food and alcohol companies and their market data, including Alpha Tobacco, etc.

TEXTILE

Table listing textile companies and their market data, including Alpha Textile, etc.

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Table listing general investment companies and their market data, including Alpha General, etc.

NON BANKING FI

Table listing non-banking financial institutions and their market data, including Alpha Finance, etc.

LEATHER

Table listing leather companies and their market data, including Alpha Leather, etc.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table listing paper and packaging companies and their market data, including Alpha Paper, etc.

CERAMIC

Table listing ceramic companies and their market data, including Alpha Ceramic, etc.

Source: Capital Group. Lists are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings Per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, ...