

Asian markets back to life

Sluggish Asia-Pacific markets revived on Tuesday led by a rebound in Shanghai, with Sydney also boosted by a central bank decision to keep interest rates unchanged.

Shanghai's Composite Index closed up 1.92 percent after closing at a 15-month low the day before, with banks and property developers rising on bargain-banking, dealers said. The index was up 45.48 points at 2,409.42.

Japan's Nikkei Index closed up 0.77 percent, or 71.26 points, at 9,338.04, recovering from a seven-month intra-day low thanks to bargain buying and helped by positive news from Shanghai. The Topix index of first-section shares jumped 1.24 percent.

Hong Kong closed up 1.22 percent led by mainland blue chips such as Citic Pacific (up 4.47 percent), China Resources Land (3.48 percent) and Chalco (4.90 percent) and snapping a four-day losing streak.

Sydney's S&P/ASX200 index closed up 1.28 percent, or 54.0 points, at 4,276.1, tracking Shanghai.

Singapore's Straits Times Index closed up 0.84 percent, or 24.00 points, at 2,868.02, with food and beverage maker Fraser and

Neave gaining 20 Singapore cents and oil rig maker Keppel Corp 13 cents.

Manila closed up 0.72 percent, lifted by a lower-than-expected figure for year-on-year inflation in June of 3.9 percent, the lowest level in seven months. The composite index gained 23.97 points to close at 3,335.71 points.

Seoul closed 0.57 percent higher, with the benchmark KOSPI gaining 9.57 points to reach 1,684.94.

Taipei rose 1.46 percent, or 108.52 points, to 7,548.48.

Jakarta rose 1.16 percent, or 33.34 points, to 2,910.64.

Gas distributor Perusahaan Gas Negara jumped 3.2 percent to 4,000 rupiah and Bank Negara Indonesia gained 3.2 percent to 2,400 rupiah.

Kuala Lumpur closed up 0.58 percent, or 7.58 points, at 1,307.08.

Bangkok closed up 1.43 percent, or 11.49 points, at 815.52.

Mumbai rose 0.99 percent, snapping three days of losses, on improved global markets and reports of advancement of the monsoon across the country, raising hopes for higher crop output. The benchmark 30-share Sensex index closed up 173.04 points at 17,614.48.

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Md Abdul Jalil MP, chairman of Mercantile Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's SME/Agri branch at Nabiganj on Monday. Dewan Mujibur Rahman, managing director, is also seen.

Oil falls

Oil prices fell to fresh one-month lows in Asian trade Tuesday, shadowing equities markets as weak US employment data continued dampening sentiment, analysts said.

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Currency

Tuesday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates

Exchange rate of some currencies

USD forward rate against BDT

Local Market FX

The local market was active yesterday. USD/BDT was slightly down yesterday, and the bullrun last week was somewhat stopped.

Money Market

Call money rate mostly traded at around 2.5%.

International Market

The Australian dollar rallied on Tuesday after an upbeat assessment of the global economy by the Reserve Bank of Australia, which stocked short-covering demand for higher-risk currencies, including the euro.

This put the dollar under broad selling pressure, pushing it to a three-month trough versus the Swiss franc.



Nasiruddin, chairman of Northern General Insurance Company Ltd, presides over the company's 14th annual general meeting and 5th extraordinary meeting in Dhaka recently. The insurer approved 15 percent stock dividend for 2009.

STOCK

Market Highlights July 06, 2010

Table with market highlights including DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE-20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE-20 Index, and various indicators like Total Turnover, Number of Contract, etc.

Turnover Leaders

Table showing turnover leaders for various companies like Titas Gas, National Bank, Pubali Bank, etc.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table showing capital gainers and losers for companies like Meghna PET, National Bank, Pubali Bank, etc.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table listing companies with dividends, rights issues, and IPOs, including RSC (BD) Ltd, Phoenix Fin, Padma Oil, etc.

COMPANY CDBL MARKET CATEGORY FIVE VALUE MARKET LOT E.P.S./BV/ LATEST DIVIDEND - YEAR END

Large table listing various companies with their market data, including AB Bank, Prime Finance, National Bank, Pubali Bank, etc.

TRADED ISSUES JULY 06, 2010

Large table listing traded issues for various companies like RSC (BD) Ltd, Phoenix Fin, Padma Oil, etc.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port, including vessel names, cargo, and arrival/departure times.

Vessels not ready

Table listing vessels that are not ready for service, including Asraar-e-mostafa, Tula, Ocean Breeze, etc.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table listing vessels awaiting employment or instruction, including Bangla Lanka, Banglar Gourab, etc.

Vessels not entering

Table listing vessels that are not entering the port, including Jobel-e-rahmat, Vinalines Pacific, etc.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table listing vessels due at the outer anchorage, including Panthera, Kuo Fu, Sean Rickmers, etc.

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

News from Trade Servers

News from Trade Servers including information about JAMUNABANK Dhaka Insurance Limited, PRIMEFIN, FLEASANT, BAYLEASING, etc.

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, etc.