

Asian shares mixed

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Asian share markets were mixed on Monday as investors digested disappointing US jobs data and European debt were resurfaced amid concerns Portugal might need a bailout.

Hong Kong fell 0.67 percent, or 159.37 points, to 23,527.26 and Seoul shed 0.26 percent, or 5.39 points, to end at 2,080.81.

Singapore closed down 0.98 percent, or 32.08 points, at 3,229.27.

Shanghai gave up 1.66 percent, or 2,791.81 on lingering uncertainty over whether China will hike interest rates again soon and after data showed the trade surplus showed a surprise sharp drop in December.

Dhaka's bourse plunged a record 9.25 percent, a day after diving more than seven percent, as traders sold up after the market surged over the past two years. The fall prompted street clashes involving angry investors.

Sydney edged 0.16 percent, or 7.3 points, higher to 4,712.3.

Tokyo's Nikkei was closed for a public holiday.

Last week's stock market optimism over the global economy was dampened on Friday when Washington said fewer jobs had been created in December than expected.

The news came as a blow, especially after figures earlier in the week showed the private sector added a seasonally adjusted 297,000 jobs in December, more than triple the number created in November. It was also much higher than the 100,000 expected.

On Friday, the yield on Portuguese benchmark 10-year bonds jumped to 7.193 percent, the highest since the beginning of the eurozone and up from 6.957 percent on Thursday.

On currency markets the euro slipped to 107.38 yen in early European trade from 108.44 yen in New York late Friday.

In Shanghai the government released figures showing the trade surplus narrowed to \$13.1 billion last month -- well down from \$22.9 billion in November and below analyst forecasts for \$21.7 billion.

The Dhaka Stock Exchange halted stock trading Monday after the index posted its second huge slump in as many days on Monday after it rose 80 percent in 2010.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for February delivery, was up 97 cents at \$89.00 per barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for February rose 72 cents to \$94.05.

Gold closed at \$1,373.00-\$1,374.00 an ounce in Hong Kong on Monday, up from Friday's close of \$1,365.50-\$1,366.50.

In other markets: Kuala Lumpur closed down 0.55 percent, or 8.69 points, at 1,563.52.

Banking group CIMB was down 1.1 percent at 8.83 ringgit, Telekom fell 2.4 percent to 3.64 and Genting Plantations lost 2.2 percent to 8.80.

Wellington rose 0.18 percent, or 6.13 points, to 3,324.07. Bangkok fell 1.78 percent, or 18.42 points, to 1,018.03.

Mumbai tumbled 2.38 percent, or 467.69 points, to 19,224.12.

Dealers sold up on concerns of an interest rate hike soon and a slowdown in overseas fund flows.



Quazi Sirajul Islam, vice chairman of Prime Bank, inaugurates the bank's 95th branch in Mirzapur on Sunday. Md Goalm Rabbani, deputy managing director, was also present.



Mizanur Rahman Shelley, chairman of Premier Leasing Securities, inaugurates the share trading operation in the capital market at Motijheel in Dhaka recently. SM Shamsul Alam, acting managing director, was also present.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table with columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 10/01/2011. Includes columns for No, Name of vessels, Cargo call, L. Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving arrival, Import disch.

Table with columns: Vessels awaiting employment / instruction. Includes columns for Name of vessels, Cargo call, L. Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

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

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Relative Strength Index (14) Report Jan 10, 2011. Table with columns: Company, CloseP, Dev., RSI. Lists various companies like BANK, SERVICE, LEATHER, CERAMIC, CEMENT, FOOD & ALLIED, FUEL & POWER, TEXTILE, PHARMA & CHEMICAL, PAPER & PACKAGING.

AGM/EGM/Dividend/Right/IPO

Table with columns: Company, RD/BC, SPOT Start, Dividend Right, Yend, AGM Meeting /EGM Date, VENUE, Time. Lists companies like DESCO Ltd., Savar Refractories-B, BSC Z, etc.

News from Trade Servers

RUPALIBANK: As reported by the issue manager of the bank, total 55,650 shares had been sold out of 30,68,750 shares up to 09.01.2011.
PLFSL: The Board of Directors of the company has decided to purchase land measuring areas 31.58 katha located at Green Road (opposite to Green Super Market), Dhaka at a price of Tk. 60.00 crore only.
NATLIFEINS: SEC has accorded its consent to the proposed change in the denomination of share value (face value) of National Life Insurance Co. Ltd. from Tk. 100.00 to Tk. 10.00 each as well as market lot from 5 to 50 shares.
AFTABAUTO: As per un-audited quarterly accounts for the 1st quarter ended on 30th November 2010 (Sep'10 to Nov'10), the company has reported consolidated profit after tax of Tk. 632.04 million with consolidated basic EPS of Tk. 14.42 as against Tk. 332.66 million and Tk. 7.59 respectively for the same period of the previous year. However, considering bonus share @ 30% for the year 2009-10, consolidated restated EPS is Tk. 11.09 as on 30.11.10 and Tk. 5.84 as on 30.11.09. It is to be noted that Non-operating income of the company was Tk. 556.15 million as on 30.11.10 as and Tk. 287.35 million as on 30.11.09.
AIBL1STIMF: On the close of operation on January 06, 2011, the Fund has reported Net Asset Value (NAV) of Tk. 10.15 per unit on the basis of current market price and Tk. 10.10 per unit on the basis of cost price against face value of Tk. 10.00 whereas total Net Assets of the Fund stood at Tk. 101,52,86,745.25 on the basis of market price and Tk. 101,01,11,645.25 on the basis of cost price after considering all assets and liabilities of the Fund. The Stock Brokers and Merchant Bankers are requested not to provide loan facilities to purchase units of AIBL 1st Islamic Mutual Fund in between 1st to 30th trading day after listing of the said fund i.e. starting from 10.01.2011 as per SEC.