

Asian stocks up

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Asian stocks jumped Wednesday after the Dow closed at a two-and-a-half-year high on the back of data indicating the US economy is gaining strength while easing tensions in Egypt improved sentiment.

Tokyo's Nikkei surged 1.78 percent, or 182.86 points, to end at 10,457.36 and Sydney closed 0.93 percent, or 44.4 points, higher at 4,796.5.

Hong Kong ended 1.81 percent, or 426.01 points, higher at 23,908.96.

The Hong Kong market was open for just half a day due to the Lunar New Year holidays while Shanghai, Seoul and Taipei were closed.

Regional markets were bullish from the opening after the Dow on Tuesday rose 1.25 percent to finish above the psychologically key 12,000-point mark for the first time since June 2008.

The broader S&P 500 index jumped 1.67 percent and the tech-heavy Nasdaq rose 1.89 percent.

US dealers sent the markets surging on the back of economic data showing manufacturing was growing at its fastest rate since 2004 and car sales were also strong, along with solid earnings from leading firms including Pfizer and UPS.

Fears about unrest in Egypt eased late Tuesday after President Hosni Mubarak said he would step down after elections.

The announcement pushed dealers back into stocks after a sell-off earlier this week caused by tensions in the region.

Brent North Sea crude, for delivery in March, rose 16 cents to \$101.90, while New York's main contract, light sweet crude for March, was down two cents at \$90.75.

On forex markets, the euro benefited from the increased risk appetite as well as expectations the European Central Bank will raise interest rates soon as European countries begin to struggle with inflation.

The euro bought \$1.3850 in early Tokyo trade -- a three month high -- up from \$1.3831 in New York late Tuesday, while it was trading at 112.85 yen compared with 112.47.

The dollar stood at 81.47 yen, up from 81.33 yen in New York.

Gold closed at \$1,340.70-\$1,341.70 an ounce in Hong Kong, up from Tuesday's close of \$1,338.50-\$1,339.50.

In other markets:

Mumbai rose 0.38 percent, or 68.4 points, to 18,090.62 on bargain-hunting after five straight days of losses, as tensions around Egypt appeared to ease and Wall Street rebounded.

India's leading vehicle maker Tata Motors rose 3.93 percent, or 42.05 rupees, to 1,110.85, while the largest private firm Reliance Industries rose 2.88 percent, or 25.75 rupees, to 921.4.

Singapore rose 0.83 percent, or 26.38 points, to 3,211.12. The market was closed for half a day for a public holiday.

Kuala Lumpur rose 0.78 percent, or 11.88 points, to 1,531.82. Bangkok rose 1.89 percent, or 18.15 points, to close at 977.84.



Windmill Infotech Ltd signed a deal with Advanced Development Technologies Ltd to provide telemarketing services to the realtor at a programme at Banani in Dhaka on January 31. Md Tanjirul Basher, chief executive officer of Windmill, and SM Arif Reza Hossain, operative director of Advanced Development, were present on the occasion.



Eastern Bank has recently arranged a syndicated term loan facility of Tk 98 crore for HG Aviation Ltd to purchase two 50-seater DASH Q300 aircraft. Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of the bank, attended the deal handover ceremony along with top officials of other participating parties of the loan at The Westin Dhaka on January 31.

STOCK

Relative Strength Index (14) Report Feb 02, 2011														
Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI	Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI	Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI
BANK														
Uttara Bank - A	130.90		2.50	17.83	S. Alam Steel -A	686.75		-14.25	43.08	PAPER & PACKAGING				
Prime Bank-A	71.90		2.90	19.71	Aziz PipesZ	510.50		-16.25	43.2	Hakkani P& Paper -B	53.20		-1.40	40.8
Shahjalal Islami -A	65.70		1.50	27.86	Renwick Jaineswar-B	1058.50		-59.50	43.2	SERVICE				
UCBL - A	216.00		3.10	30.07	Quasem Drycells -A	114.30		-2.30	43.21	Eastern Housing -A	A1062.50		-21.75	37.35
Rupali Bank - Z	1483.50		14.00	36.59	Rangpur Foundry -A	A108.60		0.40	43.41	Summit A. Port.-N	151.30		-2.20	45.99
N C C Bank -A	57.70		0.70	37.3	BD. Thal Alum -A	A1025.75		-8.00	43.79	Ocean Containers-A	A123.70		0.60	48.35
ICB Is. Bank-Z	16.90		0.00	37.9	Anwar Galvanizing -Z	A2422.75		-20.50	44.04	Samorta HospitalA	A1400.00		12.00	49.15
AB Bank - A	A1326.25		8.25	43.36	Eastern Cables-B	651.50		-5.00	44.85	LEATHER				
First Secu. Bk-A	34.50		0.50	43.85	National Polymer -A	A779.25		-21.25	45.02	Legacy Footwear -Z	A44.50		-1.10	41.66
Al Arafah Islami B-A	53.70		0.50	44.24	Atlas BD-A	357.60		-5.70	45.97	Bata Shoe Ltd. -A	A596.20		-14.90	44.05
City Bank - A	A791.25		1.50	44.26	Navana CNG-A	A172.70		-1.90	46.54	Apex Tannery -A	A1574.00		-3.25	44.17
Southeast Bank-A	503.00		3.50	45.14	Bangladesh Lamps -A	A2431.75		0.50	46.74	ApexAdelchi Ftr -A	A3740.75		-3.25	44.82
Eastern Bank - A	A102.40		3.50	45.39	Kay & Que (BD) -A	A421.00		-4.25	47.32	Samata LeatherR -Z	A269.75		12.50	60.53
Mercantile Bank -A	A476.75		5.50	45.62	Golden Son -A	A85.40		-2.20	47.32	CERAMIC				
EXIM Bank-A	53.40		0.40	45.62	BSRM Steels-A	A1897.75		-22.75	52.97	Monro Ceramic -A	A991.00		-11.75	45.52
Brac Bank -A	A720.25		3.75	45.73	FOOD & ALLIED					Shinepukur Cera-A	A92.90		-1.40	46.15
Standard Bank -A	A517.00		7.25	45.79	Fu-Wang Food A	A57.70		-1.50	32.35	Fu-wang Ceramic-A	A479.75		-11.25	47.06
Pubali Bank -A	A88.80		2.20	46.44	Bangas -A	A1686.25		-24.00	32.98	RAK Ceramics(BD) Ltd-N	A163.40		-4.50	51.16
Jamuna Bank -A	A48.40		1.00	46.73	GeminiSeaFood A	A1449.00		-7.50	38.28	Standard Ceramic -B	A510.50		5.75	59.36
Trust Bank-A	A639.25		12.00	47.29	Zeal Bangla Sugar -Z	A19.40		-0.90	38.48	CEMENT				
IFIC Bank -A	A1229.25		25.50	48.04	Apex FoodsA	A982.25		-24.50	39.46	ConfidenceCement	A264.90		-2.90	39.55
Islami Bank - A	A703.00		4.00	48.17	Shampur Sugar -Z	A19.00		0.50	40.98	LafargeS Cement-Z	A485.25		-4.25	41.67
Dhaka Bank -A	A68.40		0.60	48.55	Rahima Food -B	A558.50		-20.50	41.51	Aramit Cement -A	A1373.25		-13.50	43.38
Bank Asia -A	A780.75		9.25	49.01	Meghna Con. Milk -B	A60.50		-0.90	45.22	MeghnaCement -A	A286.80		-9.80	44.42
One Bank -A	A956.75		18.00	49.14	Beach Hatchery -A	A90.50		-1.10	45.67	HeidelbergCement -A	A3398.50		-9.75	46.34
Premier Bank -N	A57.10		0.40	49.71	AMCL (Pran) -A	A1538.25		-21.75	46.15	IT INDUSTRIES				
Social Invest. B-A	A49.00		1.30	50.52	Meghna PET Ind. -Z	A24.10		0.40	46.45	BDCOM Online-A	A43.40		-1.10	41.33
MutualTrust Bank-A	A64.50		39.75	52.57	Fine Foods -Z	A83.20		-5.20	48.79	Daffodil Comp.-A	A29.50		-0.60	41.55
Dutch Bangla B-A	A2128.00		4.50	55.65	Chittagong Veg.-A	A4298.50		-56.75	48.8	In Tech Online -A	A32.60		-0.20	43.37
National Bank - A	A180.30		13.10	56.53	BATBCL -A	A693.40		1.30	50.79	ISN Ltd. -A	A37.30		0.20	45.99
					National Tea -A	A5375.25		-58.75	51.85	Agni Systems -A	A52.10		-0.40	47.02
NBFI					FUEL & POWER					GENERAL INSURANCE				
BD Finance-A	209.90		-3.40	41.79	Eastern Lubricants -A	A595.40		-12.80	32.87	Islami Ins.BD-Z	A624.25		-31.50	6.08
Phoenix Fin.-A	1889.50		-47.75	44.16	Power Grid Co. -A	A862.25		-12.00	40.58	Prime Insur -A	A141.30		-0.30	19.1
National H Fin.-N	1016.50		-16.25	44.37	Padma Oil Co. -A	A724.20		-12.10	42.88	Peoples Insur -A	A73.20		-0.60	19.19
Midas Financing-A	1562.25		-16.25	45.83	Titas Gas A	A916.50		-5.50	42.98	City G Insu.-Z	A110.50		-4.50	19.92
I P D C -A	562.00		3.25	45.89	Jamuna Oil -A	A305.90		-0.30	45.19	Phoenix Insur -A	A116.40		-3.00	21.06
Uttara Finance -A	327.10		-3.80	46.01	BOC (BD) Ltd. -A	A626.20		-2.70	45.2	Asia Insu.-A	A91.20		-2.30	28.21
First LeaseA	1313.25		-9.25	46.26	Summit Power-A	A126.40		0.20	45.66	Eastern Insur A	A1052.75		-19.25	31.22
United Leasing -A	A1511.00		-29.00	46.5	Khulna Power-A	A103.50		-1.50	47.43	Continental Insur. -A	A621.25		-24.00	33.3
Fidelity Assets-A	749.75		-6.25	46.97	Meghna Petroleum -A	A2223.30		-0.80	48.09	Central Insur -A	A885.00		-20.75	37.65
Intl. Leasing-A	A2199.25		-69.25	47.22	DESCO Ltd. -A	A2034.00		-12.50	52.04	Reliance Insur -A	A1420.75		-47.25	40.75
Prime Finance-A	A407.60		-4.50	47.23	Bangladesh Welding -A	A227.90		-6.40	53.16	Mercantile Insur -A	A1071.00		-32.25	41.47
B I F C -A	A979.75		-8.75	47.23	JUTE					Pioneer Insur -A	A1523.75		-53.25	41.64
Bay Leasing -A	A2605.75		-44.50	47.7	Sonali Ansh -A	A1805.50		-43.75	32.49	Pragati Gen. I -A	A1319.75		-6.75	41.67
Islamic Finance-A	A800.75		-2.50	47.91	Jute SpinnersA	A1670.75		-66.00	33.68	GreenDeltaInsu -A	A277.00		-4.50	41.88
Premier Leasing-A	A1017.50		4.50	48.45	Northern Jute -Z	A40.00		0.00	57.5	Karnaphuli Insur -A	A81.90		-1.50	43.65
Delta Brac HFCL-N	A2236.50		-32.00	48.7	TEXTILE					BGIC -A	A64.90		-0.60	43.76
LankaBangla Fin. -A	A457.90		-1.30	49.76	Saiham Tex.A	A129.70		-5.60	30.41	Eastland Insur -A	A1354.00		-25.25	44.62
IDLC Fin. -A	A426.25		-44.75	49.96	Delta SpinnersA	A520.00		-7.25	38.89	Rupali Insur-A	A1535.75		-6.75	44.66
People'sLeas.-A	A270.80		-4.80	50.76	BEXTEX -A	A65.80		-0.70	42.5	United Insur -A	A1605.50		-19.00	45.06
Union Capital -A	A227.00		-1.60	52.12	Desh Garments -B	A465.25		-8.00	42.85	Nitol Insurance -B	A820.25		-15.50	45.22
INVESTMENT					Prime Textile -A	A631.75		-13.50	42.99	AsiaPacifcInsu. -A	A754.50		-16.00	45.4
3rd ICB M F-A	A2117.50		-83.50	31.01	Dulamia CottonZ	A307.50		-13.00	43.67	Federal Insur.-A	A192.70		-2.60	45.62
ICB A. 1st NRB -A	A484.50		-0.75	38.46	Stylecraft -A	A5880.00		96.00	43.88	NorthernGlnsur-A	A710.50		-2.50	45.75
AIMS First -A	A8.97		-0.06	38.6	Safko Spinning-Z	A641.00		-28.50	44.08	Dhaka Ins. Ltd.-A	A2436.00		-26.50	45.8
Phoenix Fin. 1st MF-A	A112.90		-0.20	40.74	H.R. Textile -A	A659.25		-34.00	44.48	Takaful Islami Insu-A	A990.75		8.25	46.16
Prime Fin. 1st MF-A	A30.60		0.30	41.12	Modern Dyeing -Z	A480.00		0.00	45.32	Standard Insur.-A	A661.25		-11.75	46.21
Green Delta M.F.-A	A10.50		-0.20	42.03	Maksons Spin-A	A56.50		-1.10	45.43	SonarBanglaInsu.-A	A672.00		-14.25	46.99
ICB A. IslamicMF-A	A390.00		-4.75	42.3	Tallu Spinning -A	A662.25		-21.50	46.09	Global Insur. -A	A745.75		-2.25	47.17
ICB AMCL1stMF-A	A673.25		-1.00	42.35	CMC Kamal Tex. -A	A217.80		-5.00	46.15	Janata InsurA	A1796.00		-4.00	47.49
ICB AMCL3rd NRB MF-A	A112.00		-0.20	43.04	Malek Spinning-A	A78.40		-2.20	46.26	Provati Ins.-Z	A657.00		-7.75	47.73
6th ICB M F-A	A761.00		-3.25	43.35	Metro Spinning -A	A76.60		-1.30	47.25	Purabi G Insu.A	A1958.25		-22.50	48.07
Trust Bk 1st MF-A	A14.10		-0.20	43.41	Square Textile -A	A189.00		-1.50	47.37	Agrani Insur. -A	A762.25		-11.50	48.12
1st Janata Bank MF-A	A10.40		-0.10	44.16	Dacca Dyeing-A	A74.10		-2.40	47.66	Paramount Insur-A	A691.75		-21.75	48.71
Prime Bk 1st MF-A	A12.80		-0.10	44.29	R. N. Spinning-A	A100.60		-2.00	47.81	Republic Insu.-A	A745.50		-12.75	49.25
ICB Emp.PMF-A	A14.10		-0.10	44.46	Sonargaon Tex -A	A1178.25		-56.75	48.02	LIFE INSURANCE				
Popular Life 1st M.F.-A	A10.00		0.00	44.91	Apex SpinningA	A1638.00		-42.00	49.09	Sandhani Life -A	A355.00		2.50	18.13
8th ICB M F-A	A806.50		-21.25	45.17	Beximco Syn.-A	A560.50		7.50	52.61	Popular Life I. -A	A541.30		13.40	19.31
5th ICB M F-A	A1980.00		0.00	45.30	Rahim Textile -A	A2584.00		122.50	53.52	DeltaLifeInsu. -Z	A33077.75		-264.00	33.41
IFIC 1st MF-A	A13.70		-0.10	46.06	Mithun Knitting -A	A1662.25		30.50	56.7	Prime Is. Life -A	A348.20		-3.50	36.46
ICB A. 2nd NRB -A	A223.75		0.50	46.24	Al-Haj Textile -Z	A63.90		-2.10	57.07	National Life I -A	A6499.75		-28.00	38.11
PHP 1st M. F.-A	A9.90		-0.10	46.27	Alltex Industries -Z	A195.00		-4.75	59.28	MeghnaLifeIns. -A	A352.30		-7.20	42.19
1st BSRS M F-A	A1867.00		-16.00	46.30	Anlima Yarn -A	A443.00		1.50	80.23	Progressive Life-A	A2965.25		-24.00	44.65
Grameen M F 1-A	A98.00		-1.30	46.44	PHARMA & CHEMICAL					RupaliLifeIns.-A	A2895.50		-46.75	45.49
ICB -A	A3919.75		185.25	46.62	Kohinoor Chem -A	A2436.50		0.00	14.59	Foreast Is. Life -A	A357.40		-0.00	46.06
Grameen1.Sch.2-A	A26.60		-0.60	46.68	Pharma Aids A	A2684.00		-29.75	26.13	PragatiLife Insu. -A	A3768.25		-80.25	47.67
AMCL 2nd MF-A	A154.50		-1.00	46.89	Active Fine Chem.-N	A87.80		-1.00	39.83	TELECOM				
EBL 1st MF-A	A15.70		-0.20	46.93	Beacon Pharma Ltd.-Z	A254.40		-0.70	40.3	Grameenphone-A	A228.30		-1.20	48.02
7th ICB M F-A	A1231.50		-47.50	48.28	Reckitt Benckiser -A	A1032.90		-1.40	40.45	TRAVEL & LEISURE				
4th ICB M F-A	A2369.00		-29.75	48.65	Imam Button -A	A457.25		-19.50	41.18	UNITED AIR-B	A58.30		-1.70	22.75
IFIL Islamic.M.F.1-A	A10.00		0.00	48.81	ACI Limited-A	A330.10		-3.30	41.4	BD Service -A	A11.70		0.00	98.84
DBH 1st MF-A	A14.80		-0.20	53.09	Libra Infusions-A	A3943.25		-29.25	42.2	MISCELLANEOUS				
1st ICB MF-A	A10398.25		0.00	54.19	ACI Formu. -A	A122.20		-1.20	42.88	BSZC	A2788.00		-122.00	37.45
AIBL 1st Is. M. F.-A	A11.40		-0.10	56.21	GlaxoSK (BD) -A	A1075.80		-9.60	45.8	Savar Refractories-B	A842.00		-8.50	38.62
2nd ICB M F-A	A3580.00		0.00	61.33	Beximco Pharma -A	A129.30		-0.90	46.13	Usmania Glass -A	A1592.25		-17.00	40.97
ENGINEERING					Keya Cosmetics -A	A100.70		-2.90	46.91	GQ Ball Pen A	A189.10		-5.30	41.19
Deshbandhu Polymer-N	A75.30		-2.30	0.00	Berger Paints-A	A77.60		-2.80	47.23	Aramit -A	A435.10		-14.40	44.39
Monno JuteX -A	A2556.00		-76.50	17.66	The Ibn SinaA	A1537.00		-16.25	47.44	Sinobangla Indu B	A66.10		-0.70	45.28
Olympic Ind. -A	A1996.25		-91.00	36.5	Square Pharma -A	A3393.25		-24.00	47.54	BEXIMCO Ltd. -A	A293.10		-1.00	46.09
National Tubes -A	A1321.25		-33.50	40.68	Keya Detergent-A	A82.30		-3.10	49.71	Miracle Industries -B	A35.60		-0.90	48.69
Monno Stafflers -A	A2795.00		0.00	41.5	Renata Ltd. -A	A12385.25		-35.00	50.15	BOND				
BD. Autocars -B	A473.50		-3.50	42.1	Ambee Pharma -A	A497.10		7.80	53	ACI ZERO Bond-N	A819.50		10.50	62.09
Aftab Auto -A	A322.60													