

Asian shares rise

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian stocks rose Wednesday after a strong performance on Wall Street while Tokyo surged thanks to a weaker yen, but traders remained cautious due to ongoing fears over Japan's atomic crisis.

The dollar surged against the Japanese unit after a second senior Federal Reserve official talked up the possible tightening of monetary policy.

Tokyo gained 2.64 percent, or 249.71 points, to 9,708.79 as the yen tumbled against the greenback and euro.

Hong Kong ended 1.70 percent, or 391.07 points, higher at 23,451.43 and Seoul rose 0.93 percent, or 19.25 points, to 2,091.38.

Sydney added 1.40 percent, or 66.4 points, to end at 4,822.2 -- helped by a gain in Qantas after it said it would cut jobs and capacity to address rising fuel costs and after being hit by natural disasters in Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

However, Shanghai was flat, edging down 2.31 points to 2,955.77.

Regional investors were given a boost by a 0.67 percent gain on the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Tuesday, its seventh rise in nine sessions caused by confidence in the US economy.

The dollar jumped to 82.48 yen after the comments late Tuesday and in Asian trade Wednesday it rose further to 82.86 yen.

The Japanese unit was also under pressure from the euro and was at 116.81 yen from 115.23 amid expectations the European Central Bank will hike interest rates soon to fight inflation in the region.

However, the greenback hit a fresh low \$1.0327 against the Australian dollar as risk appetite returns and dealers look for higher yielding currencies.

TEPCO, which operates the stricken plant, slumped 17.66 percent as the crisis continued and investors fret that the government will temporarily nationalise the utility for corporate reconstruction.

The stock has now lost more than three quarters of its pre-earthquake value.

On oil markets New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, lost 55 cents to \$104.24 per barrel while Brent North Sea crude for May dipped 21 cents to \$114.95.

Gold closed at \$1,421.07-\$1,422.00 an ounce in Hong Kong, unchanged from Tuesday's close of \$1,418.00-\$1,419.00.

In other markets: Singapore closed up 1.26 percent, or 38.37 points, at 3,095.32. Kuala Lumpur closed up 0.76 percent, or 11.54 points, at 1,531.63.

Bangkok rose 1.38 percent or 14.31 points to close at 1,050.67.

Mumbai's benchmark 30-share Sensex Index closed up 169.38 points to 19,290.18, a near three-month high.



Mohd Noor Ali, chairman of Eastern Bank, presides over the bank's 19th annual general meeting at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.



Continental Insurance Chairman Md Musa Meah presides over the 11th annual general meeting of the company at Institute of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka on Monday.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

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Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with a berthing sheet of the CPA provided by: TRC

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