

Asia shares mixed

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Asian shares were mixed in quiet trade on Tuesday as Tokyo was hurt by renewed fears over the crisis at its stricken atomic plant and China raised interest rates to curb rampant lending.

With few catalysts to spur buying, dealers returned their attention to Japan where crews at Fukushima have begun dumping radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean to prevent even more dangerous material from being released.

Tokyo's Nikkei slipped 1.06 percent, or 103.34 points, to end at 9,615.55, while Sydney gained 0.27 percent, or 13.3 points, to 4,900.1. Seoul gained 0.69 percent, or 14.56 points, to 2,130.43. Markets in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan were closed for public holidays.

China's central bank said it would raise one-year deposit and lending rates by 25 basis points -- the fourth hike since late last year -- in its latest effort to rein in lending and bring inflation under control. The latest move takes the one-year deposit and lending rates to 3.25 percent and 6.31 percent respectively.

Japan's losses followed a strong performance on Monday, when investors were buoyed by strong jobs figures out of the United States.

Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO), which operates the plant, insisted the release of the water -- the equivalent of more than four Olympic-sized swim-

ming pools -- would not harm marine life or seafood safety.

However, the firm's stock price was sent tumbling again, shedding more than 18 percent amid fears over possible huge compensation claims against it. The firm has lost more than 80 percent of its value before the earthquake.

The euro bought \$1.4181 in European morning trade, down from \$1.4220 in New York late Monday. The single European currency had hit a five-month high of \$1.4268 in intraday trade Monday.

The greenback also gained to 84.22 yen from 84.03 yen. The euro changed hands at 119.44 yen from 119.67.

Oil prices edged lower on profit-taking but the troubles in Libya and the Middle East continued to provide support.

Oil slid in afternoon Asian trade, with New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, down 34 cents to \$108.13 per barrel.

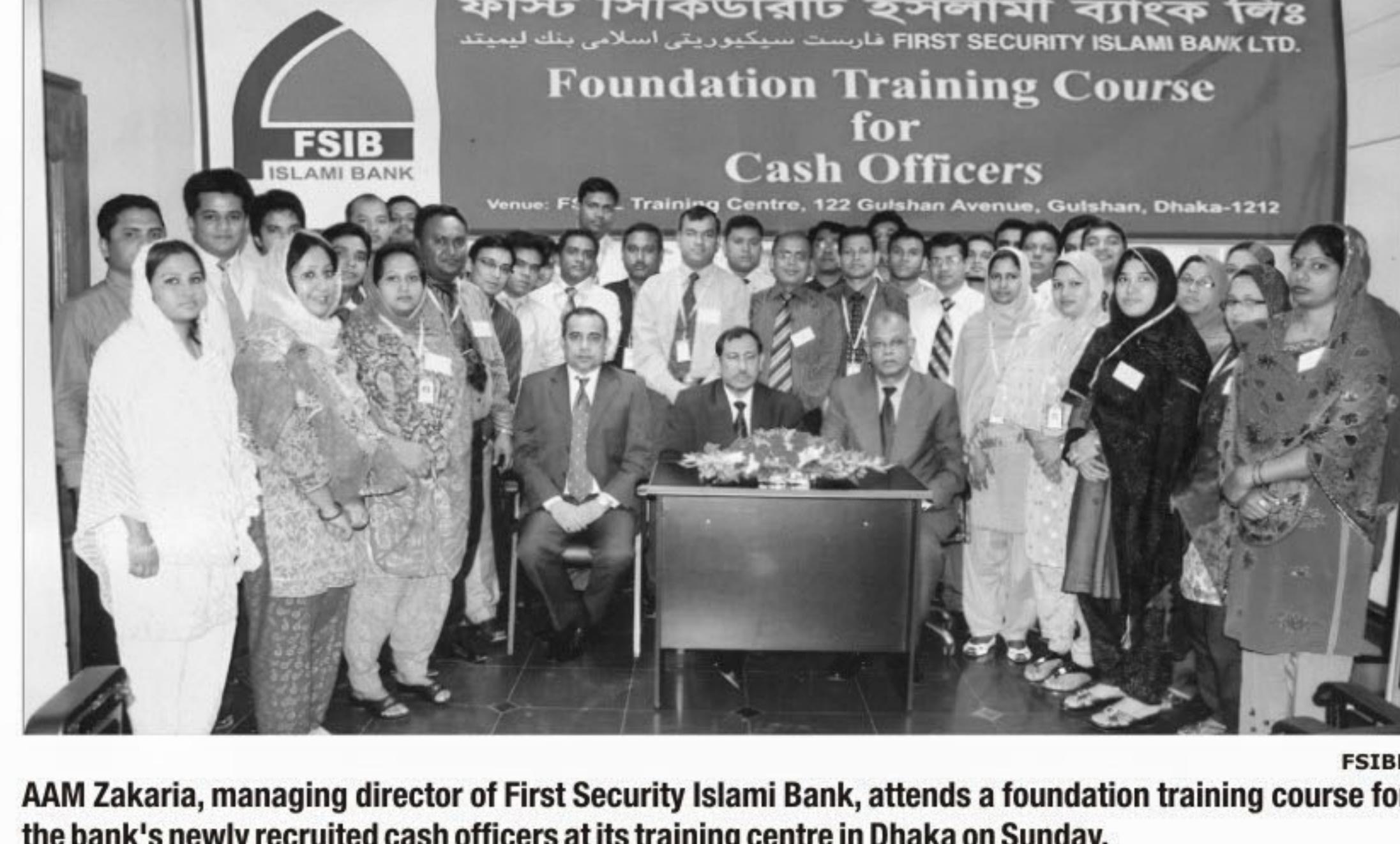
Brent North Sea crude for May delivery fell 27 cents to \$120.79.

In other markets:

Singapore closed 0.20 percent, or 6.13 points, higher at 3,146.75. Kuala Lumpur fell 0.15 percent, or 2.41 points, to 1,553.07. Bangkok shed 0.23 percent, or 2.53 points, to close at 1,076.13.

Mumbai fell 0.16 percent, or 31.86 points, to 19,669.87.

India's second biggest mobile phone firm Reliance Communications rose 1.88 percent or 2.05 rupees to 111.2.



AAM Zakaria, managing director of First Security Islami Bank, attends a foundation training course for the bank's newly recruited cash officers at its training centre in Dhaka on Sunday.



Md Moyjuddin Ahmed, member of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), and Kim Do Kyun, managing director of Campvalley (BD) Ltd, signed a deal at Bepza Complex in Dhaka yesterday under which the Korean company will establish an industry of manufacturing tent, camping furniture, sleeping bag and camping accessories at Karnaphuli EPZ at a cost of \$14 million.

Nasdaq, ICE bid to buy New York Stock Exchange

AFP, New York

US securities exchanges Nasdaq and ICE joined forces Friday to make an \$11.3 billion bid for NYSE Euronext, putting a spoiler on a rival bid to create the world's biggest exchange.

Moving to secure their own futures as exchanges around the world consolidate, Nasdaq and the Intercontinental Exchange offered NYSE shareholders 19 percent more per share than a rival bid from Deutsche Boerse.

The deal would see markets in Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam, Lisbon and New York change hands, while keeping Wall Street's fabled exchange under US ownership.

The \$42.50 per share cash-and-stock bid for NYSE "represents a superior proposal to the Deutsche Boerse takeover proposal," Nasdaq and ICE said in a joint statement.

Their bid "offers greater long-term value for stockholders by putting existing businesses under managements recognized for integration capabilities and efficiency."

Australia says bourse tie-up against interests

AFP, Sydney

Australia said Tuesday a planned Aus\$8.4 billion (\$8.9 billion) merger between the Australian and Singaporean bourses was against the national interest, but said it was still considering the deal.

The ASX and Singapore Exchange Limited announced plans last October to create one of the world's largest and most diversified financial trading hubs.

But the proposal hit hurdles in Australia, where concerns over foreign ownership and Singapore's democracy and rights record have been raised.

The ASX said Treasurer Wayne Swan was "disposed to the view... that the proposed merger of the ASX and SGX should be rejected as contrary to the national interest".

Swan said Tuesday he had "serious concerns" about the proposal and intended to accept the unanimous advice from the Foreign Investment Review Board that the takeover would not be in the national interest.

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Relative Strength Index (14) Report 05-Apr-2011

Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI	Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI	Company	Close	P	Dev.	RSI
BANK					Navana CNG-A	175.40	-6.00	57.01		Hakkani P& Paper-B	57.70	-1.90	59.72	
Social Invest. B-A	26.00	-0.20	24.13		Aftab Auto.-A	302.90	-12.10	58.41						
Uttara Bank - A	71.10	-1.60	25.26		BSRM Steels-A	1704.75	-17.50	58.89						
Prime Bank-A	42.00	-1.00	29.81		National Tubes -A	1231.75	1.50	60.25						
UCBL - A	71.20	-1.70	30.95		Eastern Cables-B	662.50	-9.50	60.74						
Trust Bank-A	403.75	-88.50	32.79		Summit A. Port.-N	157.40	-4.20	60.62						
Pubali Bank - A	49.30	-0.80	34.33		Eastern Housing -A	1010.25	-27.50	62.26						
N C C Bank - A	37.20	-0.40	34.68		Aziz PipesZ	523.75	24.75	61.21						
One Bank - A	508.75	-15.00	34.69		Kay & Que (BD) -A	430.75	9.00	61.5						
Bank Asia - A	485.00	-10.00	35.17		BD. Thai Alum -A	1044.50	-5.25	62.93						
National Bank - A	60.70	-1.90	35.71		Legacy Footwear -Z	43.10	-2.70	56.27						
Premier Bank - N	36.80	-0.90	37.6		Samarita Leather -Z	208.50	-11.75	56.47						
Eastern Bank - A	53.10	-2.00	38.97		Olympic Ind. - A	2020.25	-46.50	63.01						
Dhaka Bank - A	42.20	-1.30	39.31		Apx Tannery -A	1499.25	-9.50	57.2						
Southeast Bank-A	309.25	-5.00	39.53		Bata Shoe Ltd. -A	616.80	-17.30	57.4						
Brac Bank - A	454.50	-8.00	40.05		RAK Ceramics(BD) Ltd-N118.00	1.20		52.64						
AB Bank - A	998.25	-10.50	41		Shinepukur Cera-A	92.30	-2.10	53.26						
Mercantile Bank - A	309.00	-5.50	41.25		Standard Ceramic -B	539.25	-9.75	59.62						
Shahjalal Islami - A	51.60	-1.30	42.57		Fu-wang Ceramic-A	491.25	-16.50	59.99						
First Secu. Bk-A	28.70	-0.20	43.56		Monno Ceramic -A	924.75	-8.75	63.08						
City Bank - A	611.25	-5.25	43.63		CEMENT									
Al Arafa Islami - B	44.30	-0.50	43.84		LafargeS Cement-Z	403.50	-1.25	50.37						
IFC Bank - A	893.00	-16.75	44.26		MeghnaCement -A	278.10	-0.40	57.26						
MutualTrust Bank - A	374.25	-8.75	45.01		ConfidenceCement-A	270.80	7.80	58.55						
ICB Is. Bank-Z	13.40	0.10	45.3		HeidelbergCement -A	3265.50	65.00	60.5						
Jamuna Bank - A	39.00	-0.90	45.56		Aramit Cement -A	1419.25	3.00	68.8						
Standard Bank - A	404.25	-8.00	46.14		IT INDUSTRIES									
EXIM Bank-A	48.90	-1.00	50.98		Agni Systems -A	47.70	-0.50	48.88						
Islami Bank - A	639.50	-2.50	52.41		Daffodil Comp.-A	29.00	-0.20	49.98						
Dutch Bangla B - A	1509.50	-41.50	54.41		ISLN Ltd. -A	35.30	-0.70	51.05						
Rupali Bank - Z	1514.50	13.50	59.48		BD COM Online-A	44.50	-0.50	53.06						
NBFI														
FUEL & ALLIED														
BATBCL - A	650.10	-18.30	49.54		Rupali InsurA	144.50	-0.50	29.88						
BW-Food Food A	59.20	-1.40	51.02		Prime Insur -A	102.40	-0.80	33.78						
Meghna Con. Milk -B	56.60	-0.60	53		Peoples Insur -A	63.90	1.80	35.53						
Fine Foods A	80.40	-0.60	53.35		Reliance Insur -A	1151.00	-312.50	37.17						
Beach Hatchery - A	79.00	1.60	53.97		City G Insu. -A	111.00	2.00	40.54						
Al Arafa Islami - B	44.30	-0.50	43.84		Asia Insu.-A	77.80	0.70	43.76						
IFC Bank - A	893.00	-16.75	44.26		Eastland Insur -A	1048.50	36.50	44.45						
MutualTrust Bank - A	374.25	-8.75	45.01		Phoenix Insur -A	129.00	4.90	44.71						
ICB Is. Bank-Z	13.40	0.10	45.3		United Insur -A	1323.75	-3.00	46.53						
Al Arafa Islami - B	44.30	-0.50	43.84		BDGIC -A	63.10	0.40	52						