

Asian shares mixed

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian stocks were mixed in choppy trade Monday but Tokyo fell amid caution ahead of the corporate reporting season and after news that Japan's nuclear crisis could drag on for up to nine months.

Tokyo's Nikkei slipped 0.36 percent, or 34.87 points, to 9,556.65 as dealers nervously awaited the start of the earnings season, which will provide the first glimpse of the economic impact of last month's devastating quake-tsunami.

Sentiment was also weighed after Tokyo Electric Power, which operates the Fukushima nuclear plant that was crippled by the March 11 twin disasters, said it hoped to achieve a "cold shutdown" within six to nine months.

Sydney added 0.20 percent, or 9.8 points, to 4,861.9.

Hong Kong fell 0.74 percent, or 177.76 points, to 23,830.31 while Seoul shed 0.21 percent, or 2.78 points, to 2,137.72.

Indian shares fell 1.53 percent in a second straight day of losses with the benchmark 30-share Sensex Index ending down 295.65 points to 19,091.47.

Shanghai gained 0.22 percent, or 6.80 points, to 2,137.72, with the market suffering little impact from another round of monetary tightening by China on Sunday.

US stocks gained on Friday as investors welcomed a 0.5 percent rise in consumer prices in March, in line with expectations.

On currency markets the

dollar was lower at 82.67 yen, compared with 83.09 in New York late Friday.

The euro also slipped after the Wall Street Journal reported the International Monetary Fund believes Greece's debt is unsustainable and has told European officials Athens should consider restructuring.

The euro's problems were compounded by Moody's cutting its credit rating on Ireland by two notches to just above junk status, citing an "expected decline" in government finances.

The euro fetched \$1.4326 in European morning trade, down from \$1.4431 in New York late Friday. The single European currency was at 118.59 yen, down from 119.91.

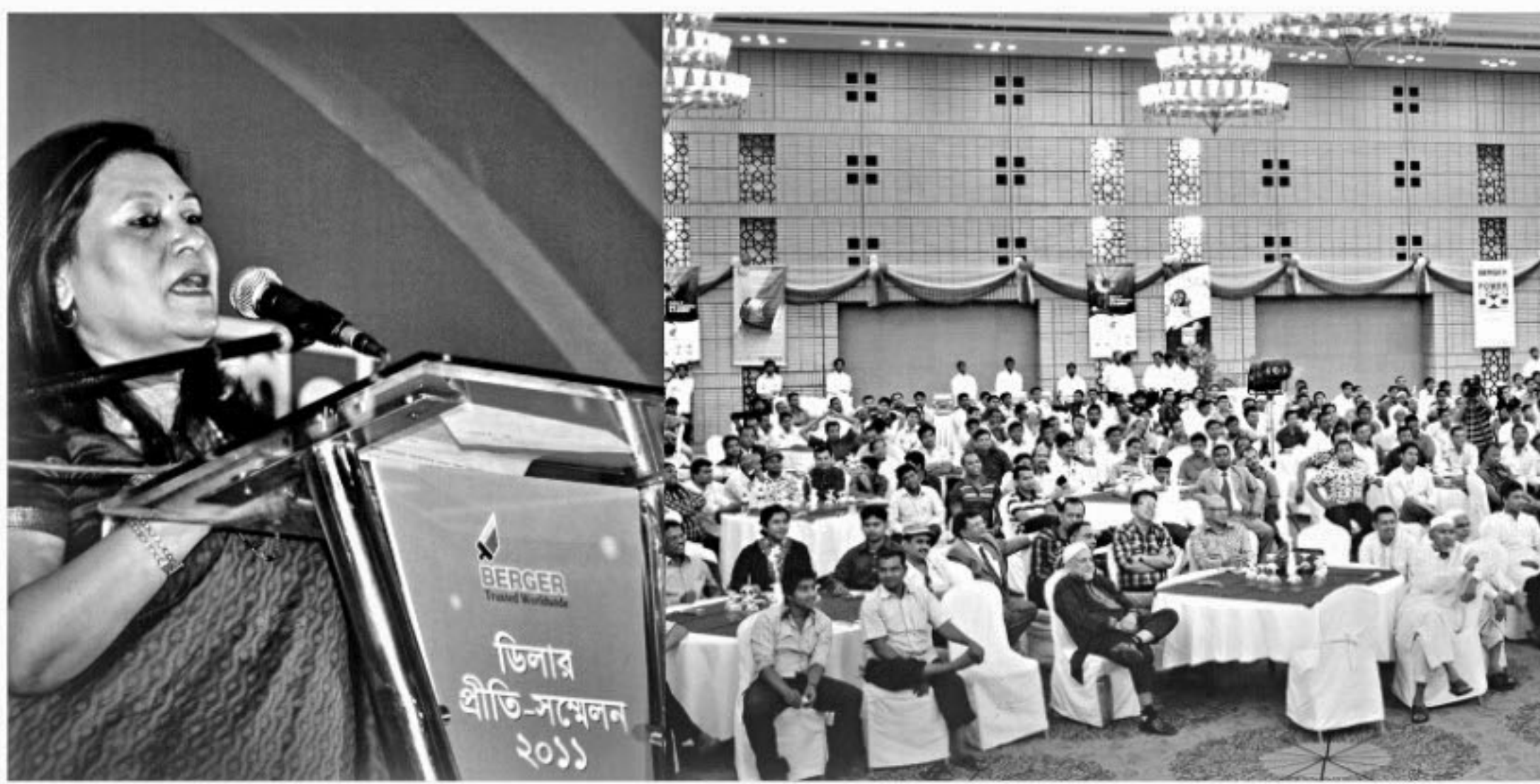
Oil prices edged down after last week's gains, although the weaker dollar provided some support.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, fell 78 cents to \$108.88 a barrel in the afternoon, while Brent North Sea crude for June eased 49 cents to \$122.96.

Gold closed at \$1,485.00-\$1,486.00 an ounce in Hong Kong, up from Friday's close of \$1,473.00-\$1,474.00.

In other markets: Singapore closed down 0.28 percent, or 8.92 points, to 3,144.38. Kuala Lumpur ended 0.39 percent, or 5.98 points, higher at 1,527.92.

Bangkok edged up 0.53 percent, or 5.76 points, to 1,090.67. Mumbai ended down 295.65 points to 19,091.47.



Berger dealers' meet 2011 was recently held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, attended the programme.

Synthes confirms takeover talks with J & J

AFP, Zurich

Swiss medical technology group Synthes said Monday it is in takeover talks with US healthcare giant Johnson & Johnson, after media reports of a possible deal worth around \$20 billion (14 billion euros).

"In response to market speculation, Synthes Inc confirms that it is engaged in discussions with Johnson & Johnson about a potential business combination transaction," the medical equipment maker said in a statement.

It added it could not give further details or any assurances about potential transactions.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that the US group is in talks to buy Synthes in a deal that could be valued at around \$20 billion.

Citi earnings drop 32pc in Q1

AFP, New York

US banking giant Citigroup reported Monday first-quarter earnings plunged 32 percent from a year earlier, but stressed its fundamental capital strength had improved over the year.

Net income fell to \$2.99 billion in the January-March period from \$4.43 billion in the 2010 first quarter. Earnings per share fell 33 percent to 10 cents.

But net earnings were a sizable improvement over the previous quarter's \$1.31 billion, and chief executive Vikram Pandit underlined it was a sign of the bank's recovery from the US financial crash of 2008-2009.

"After a full year of profitability, we continue to make progress in 2011 by executing

our strategy with discipline," he said in a statement.

"Citi Holdings losses continued to decrease; we are investing in our core businesses in Citicorp; our capital strength improved; and the mix of revenues reflects the diversity of our businesses and our depth in both the emerging and developed markets," he said.

In late March, Citigroup said it would resume paying a dividend for the first time since 2009, after gaining permission from federal regulators overseeing the banking system's recapitalization.

But Citi's dividend for 2010 was a bare one cent per share - and only after a reverse stock split is implemented, which would reduce the bank's outstanding shares.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 18/4/2011.							
Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo call	L. Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import disch.
J/2	C. Duke	Wheat(p)	Karaci	Pol	16/3	18/4	425
J/3	Hai Yu	Gi(st. Coil)	Sing	Qcll	5/4	17/4	1959
J/4	Ging Ko	C. clink	Sing	Marketing	04/4	21/4	--
J/5	Banglar Rabi	Log	Yang	Mariners	20/3	18/4	325
J/6	Xpress Dhoulagiri	Cont	Col	Mdbl	15/4	20/4	651
J/7	Emerald D Star	Wheat(p)	Prupa	Shipserv	27/3	22/4	3377
J/8	Thorco Amsterdam	P. cargo	Kol	Scstl	15/4	18/4	565
J/9	Vinalines Diomand	Cont	Col	Apl	14/4	18/4	584
J/11	Kota Ratha	Cont	Sing	Pli(bd)	16/4	18/4	603
J/12	Green Valley	Cont	P. kel	Cma-cgm	16/4	18/4	233
J/13	Banga Bodor	Cont	Sing	Bdship	12/4	19/4	306
Cct/2	Hr Recommendation	Cont	--	Wss	13/4	20/4	--
Cct/3	Kuo Lung	Cont	P. kel	Trident	16/4	20/4	--

Outside port limit				
As Valeria	Wheat(p)	P. Rupa	Rysl	6/4
Quetta	Crude Oil	Jebel	Potl	10/4
Express-29	Clg	Clg	Ibsa	13/4
Vega Rose	Wheat(g)	Adela	Seacom	15/4
Great Praise	Wheat(g)	Sing	Wss	13/4
Banglar Shourabh	Wild C. oil	--	Bsc	R/a(17/4)

Vessels at outer anchorage (vessels ready)				
Vii Atlantic	Wheat(p)	Karachi	Pol	14/3
Banglar Moni	Log	Yang	Mariners	30/3
Idc Pearl	Wheat(p)	Baru	Mutual	2/4
Brave Royal	C. Clink	Kohsi	BrsI	6/4
Asad Ullah	Sugar(bag)	Karai	Cla	R/a(8/4)
Surreal	Log	Yang	Pml	8/4
Banga Bodor	Cont	Sing	Bdship	12/3

Vessels not ready				
Shahrian Jahan	Wheat(p)	S. Lore	Srsl	22/3
Al Bus	Sugar(bag)	Tuti	Pol	28/3
Fatahur Rahman	Wheat(p)	Karachi	Jf	31/3
Aquila Voyger	Wheat(p)	Karachi	Pol	3/4
Hodasco-15	Sugar(bag)	Karaj	TmmI	4/4

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction				
Banga Lanka	Cement(bag)	--	Baridhi	R/a(4/4)
Banga Borak	--	--	Baridhi	R/a(24/11)
Banga Bara	--	Clg	Bdship	9/11
Banga Bijoy	--	Sing	Baridhi	R/a(22/22)
Banga Borli	--	P. kel	Bdship	R/a(11/5)

Vessels due at outer anchorage					
Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. Port	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Baltic Jaguar	14/4	P. Linc	Fsl	Wheat(g)	--
An Yue Jiang	18/4	--	Cosco	Gi	--
Mega Ace	18/4	Bukp	Sstc	C. clink	--
Grand Way	18/4	Niko	Angelic	Mop	Mgl
Oel Singapore	18/4	--	Tml	Cont	Sing
Oriental Desire	19/4	Sing	Jsl	Vehicle	--
Bright Ruby	20/4	Yang	Mss	Gi(st. Bill)	--
Francisca Schulte	20/4	--	Mhgl	Cont	Sing
Thor Nexus	30/4	Jl. Juba	Hsl	Urea	--
Sb Queen	20/4	Bukp	Elite	C. Clink	Uniqe

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

STOCK

Relative Strength Index (14) Report 18-Apr-2011

Company	CloseP	Dev.	RSI	Company	CloseP	Dev.	RSI	Company	CloseP	Dev.	RSI
BANK				Navana CNG-A	170.20	0.60	52.03	PAPER & PACKAGING			
Islami Bank - A	469.00	6.00	23.54	Deshbandhu Polymer-B	188.20	0.60	53.6	Hakkani P& Paper -B	60.30	-1.00	58.74
Social Invest. B-A	24.60	-0.10	23.7	Rangpur Foundry -A	108.90	-1.70	54.64	SERVICE			
Uttara Bank - A	67.30	0.00	25.26	Atlas BD-A	371.90	-2.10	56.86	Ocean Containers-A	86.00	-0.70	28.68
Standard Bank -A	301.00	-0.25	28	S. Alam Steel -A	667.50	-7.25	59.03	Summit A. Port -N	112.20	-0.60	35.09
Prime Bank-A	39.40	-0.20	28.15	BNWick Jaineswar-Z	21088.00	-71.50	59.52	Samorta HospitalA	1384.00	-65.50	53.64
EXIM Bank-A	33.50	0.20	28.56	RD. Autocars -B	584.50	-39.50	62.69	Eastern Housing -A	1012.25	-17.75	55.29
Al Arafa Islami B-A	32.70	-0.50	30.34	Aziz Pipes-Z	598.25	-45.75	62.88	LEATHER			
Bank Asia -A	453.50	1.75	30.77	Eastern Cables-B	718.75	-9.50	62.99	ApexAdelchi Ftr -A	3155.25	-32.25	51.75
UCBL - A	68.00	0.20	30.94	National Polymer -A	948.75	-24.50	63.62	Bata Shoe Ltd. -A	615.30	2.70	54.68
Jamuna Bank -A	30.00	0.50	31.6	Kay & Que (BD) -A	506.25	-17.25	66.33	Apex Tannery -A	1637.25	-23.25	60.29
Trust Bank-A	374.75	-1.75	31.21	Bangladesh Lamps -A	2567.00	34.25	67.15	Legacy Footwear -Z	50.00	0.00	64.74
N C C Bank -A	34.90	0.10	32.95	Monno JuteX -A	3000.75	-129.50	67.97	Samata Leather -Z	333.75	-30.75	71.56
Pubali Bank - A	46.90	0.00	33.33	Olympic Intl. -A	2297.25	-25.50	68.18	CERAMIC			
One Bank -A	490.75	-0.50	34.32	Anwar Galvanizing -Z	2440.25	0.00	68.72	Shinepukur Cera-A	87.80	-0.50	47.3
Shahjalil Islami -A	46.50	-0.50	35.24	Monno Stiffeners -A	3474.25	-108.50	76.42	RAK Ceramics(BD) Ltd-N	12570.45	54.27	
Dhaka Bank -A	38.80	0.50	35.31	FOOD & ALLIED				Fu-wang Ceramic-A	504.25	-4.00	56.27
Premier Bank -N	34.00	0.30	35.70	BATBCL -A	625.10	-3.90	42.98	Monno Ceramic -A	939.50	-23.00	57.26
National Bank -A	58.40	-0.30	35.95	Fu-Wang Food A	57.50	-1.30	47.12	Standard Ceramic -B	618.50	-15.25	62.67
AB Bank -A	962.00	0.50	37.44	Food A	77.80	-1.30	49.3	CEMENT			
Eastern Bank -A	50.50	0.20	37.77	Beach Hatchery -A	77.50	0.80	50.06	MeghnaCement-A	253.60	-2.50	46.48
Brac Bank -A	445.25	1.75	39.44	Zeal Bangla Sugar -Z	17.40	-0.70	50.5	ConfidencCement A252.10	-2.30	49.04	
Southeast Bank-A	302.75	-1.15	39.79	Chittagong Veg.-A	3578.50	-177.75	51.97	Laifese Cement-Z	410.50	-3.50	52.04
First Secu. Bk-A	27.60	0.10	40.14	Shampur Sugar -Z	17.50	-0.70	56.09	HeidelbergCement-A	3188.50	-32.75	52.11
City Bank -A	590.50	1.00	40.36	Meghna Con. Milk -B	60.70	2.90	58.8	Aramit Cement -A	1578.00	-15.25	67.35
Mercantile Bank -A	308.00	3.50	43.6	AMCL (Pran) -A	1672.75	4.50	60.01	IT INDUSTRIES			
IFIC Bank -A	872.25	1.75	43.67	Bangas -A	2104.25	-100.25	60.16	Agni Systems -A	47.10	-1.50	48.16
MutualTrust Bank-A	364.25	1.50	43.93	Apex FoodsA	1205.00	-19.00	61.6	BDCom Online-A	44.40	-0.70	52.04
ICB Is. Bank -Z	13.30	1.10	48.77	Rahima Food -A	583.75	-31.25	61.98	Daffodi Comp.-A	29.70	-1.00	52.52
Dutch Bangla B-A	1455.25	48.50	50.37	Meghna PET Ind. -Z	23.70	-0.50	64.43	In Tech Online -A	32.70	-1.20	54.63
Rupali Bank -Z	1499.75	34.25	54.64	National Tea -A	5621.75	203.00	72.01	ISN Ltd. -A	38.50	-0.60	59.65
NBFI				GeminiSeaFood A	3928.75	-107.50	81.77	GENERAL INSURANCE			
Union Capital -A	116.70	-1.20	24.76	FUEL & POWER				Mercantile Insur -A	678.50	-9.25	31.6
People'sLeas.-A	145.10	-2.00	25.15	Summit Power -A	87.00	-1.00	29.09	Peoples Insur -A	57.70	-2.20	31.69
LankaBangla Fin. -A	211.30	-2.50	31.28	Khulna Power-A	90.60	-0.20	42.43	Rupali InsurA	141.10	-3.20	32.79
Prime Finance-A	189.40	-2.30	31.38	Bangladesh Welding -A	67.40	5.30	46.64	Prima Insur -A	95.80	-3.10	33.49
IDLC Fin. -A	2418.75	-1.00	34.91	Jamuna Oil -A	272.20	0.80	47.73	Asia Insu.-A	70.20	-0.50	36.91
Islamic Finance-A	548.00	-15.25	35.32	Meghna Petroleum -A	1195.10	1.50	48.56	AsiaPacificInsu. -A	581.25	-24.25	39.65
BD Finance-A	152.20	-3.20	37.84	BOC (BD) Ltd. -A	634.40	2.20	51.88	City G Insu. -A	108.50	-3.00	41.34
Phoenix Fin.-A	1326.75	-48.75	38.69	Titas Gas -A	835.75	-0.25	52.86	GreenDeltaInsu -A	236.90	5.30	43.84
First LeaseA	832.50	-1.25	39.5	Eastern Lubricants -A	6300.00	-22.80	53.48	Phoenix Insur -A	125.60	-0.40	44.38
Uttara Finance -A	242.20	-2.40	40.77	Power Grid Co. -A	813.00	-0.50	54.24	Eastland Insur -A	1047.75	-30.50	44.82
Premier Leasing-A	767.50	-11.75	41.98	Padma Oil Co. -A	733.20	0.00	61.75	Reliance Insur -A	1268.50	-43.00	45.79
Intl. Leasing-A	1453.25	1.00	44.38	DESCO Ltd. -A	2019.50	18.50	64.85	BGIC -A	59.80	-1.20	46.08