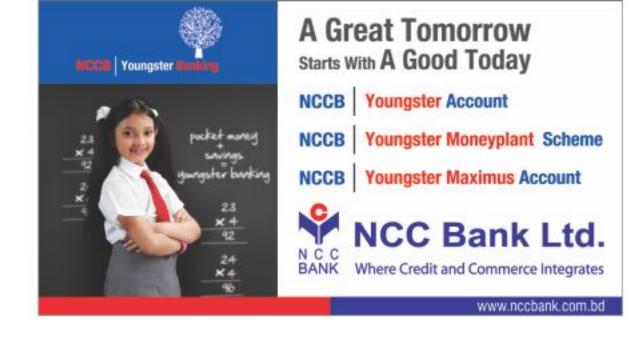
**ASIAN MARKETS** 

**TOKYO** 

**V** 0.57%

MUMBAI

**V** 0.27%





\$95.46

## Ceramics exporters see a silver lining

Sajjadur Rahman

**STOCKS** 

7 1.14%

DGEN

**CSCX** 

**1.03%** 

COMMODITIES

\$1,661.90

European Commission's decision to impose a 60-80 percent anti-dumping duty on ceramic imports from China from November can be a boon for Bangladeshi exporters badly hit by the global economic crisis.

"We are expecting a better time in 2013," said Rizvi-ul Kabir, chief operating officer of Shinepukur Ceramics Ltd, a leading exporter.

Anti-dumping duty is a penalty imposed on suspiciously low-priced imports to increase their price in the importing country and wipe off unfair competition. Earlier in March, the EC imposed up to 73

percent anti-dumping duties on Chinese ceramic tiles. But from November similar duties will be

imposed on porcelain and bone-china products, for which Bangladesh is a quality maker.

"China is our main contender in the European export market. So an import duty of a minimum of 60 percent will definitely give us an edge," said Iftakher Uddin Farhad, chairman and managing director of Farr Ceramics, an export-oriented porcelain maker.

Bangladesh's ceramics export, which has been growing at 15 percent on average since



**FARR CERAMICS** 

Ceramic utensils on display. Local ceramics exporters see a silver lining for their produce in Europe, due to the EC's decision to impose an anti-dumping duty on Chinese ceramics.

2007-08, witnessed negative growth last fiscal year due to the economic crisis in the biggest export destination, Europe.

Ceramic exports brought in only \$33.75 mil-

lion in fiscal 2011-12, down by more than 10 percent from the previous year, according to Export Promotion Bureau.

**CURRENCIES** 

**BUY TK** 

80.90

SHANGHAI

**V** 0.85%

SINGAPORE

**V** 0.15%

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

**€EUR €GBP ¥JPY** 

99.24 125.20 0.98

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## Businesses still reluctant to install e-cash machines

SOHEL PARVEZ

...... The National Board of Revenue's drive to equip businesses with electronic cash registers is yet to experience much success, with figures for the last three and a half years falling way short of estimates.

Until July 2012, some 1,308 enterprises, from an estimated 2,589 enterprises, have installed the e-cash device, according to NBR.

"The installation rate is not too high

to be satisfied. We have to work hard to persuade businesses to install the devices," said Mohammad Ahsanul Haque, the first secretary of NBR. He blamed the inadequate man-

power at the field offices for the poor installation rates, adding that the NBR is in process of recruiting nearly 800 assistant revenue officers for boosting VAT collection.

"We will be able to monitor the progress well after the recruitment."

In May 2008 the tax collector made installation of electronic cash registers (ECR) or point of sale (POS) terminals mandatory for 10 types of retail businesses, such as eating joints, grocery stores, beauty salons, furniture shops.

The directive came in a bid to boost

value added tax (VAT) receipts by limiting the scope for tax evasion that the manual system of accounting used at the retail outlets provide.

Based on the directive, the NBR identified 2,589 enterprises, mostly in Dhaka, where e-cash devices needed installing. The revenue administration

directed field offices -- from January 2009 for city corporations and July 2009 for districts -- to ensure compliance at the retail outlets under the 10 categories.

The directive has been met with indifference among the businesses, with one of the reasons cited by NBR officials being the tendency among a section of businesses to evade tax.

Haque said the tax authority have

filed cases against the enterprises which failed to comply with the rules despite counselling. However, chain food joints such as

KFC and Pizza Hut, departmental and sweetmeat stores have installed the devices voluntarily, Haque informed.

"Installation of electronic devices has benefitted for businesses," he said, adding that entities can track stock positions of products and prevent scope for misappropriation of funds by staff.

## DSE in a fix over sector classification

GAZI TOWHID AHMED

The Dhaka Stock Exchange has wrongly classified some sectors as the bourse does not follow any international methodology for sector or industry classifica-

The existing methodology of the premier bourse has led to some misclassifications and errors.

to fix those. For example, Beximco Synthetics Ltd

has been classified in the pharmaceuticals and chemicals sector.

The company manufactures polyester filament yarns such as partially oriented yarn (POY) and draw texturised filament yarn (DTFY) and sells those, according to its website.

The DTFY is mainly used in weaving and knitting fabrics for making clothes, home furnishings, seat covers and bags, while POY is used in shirting and suiting, saris, ladies dress materials and knitwear.

Beximco Synthetics should either belong to the textile sector, according to the DSE's industry classification, or to the materials sector under the Global

Industry Classification Standard. Similarly, Imam Button is an export oriented company, which has a composite knit plant.

Though the company was supposed to be in the textile category, the DSE has put it in the pharmaceuticals and chemicals sector.

The business model of Imam Button has nothing to do with pharmaceuticals and chemicals.

**BD** Welding Electrodes manufactures Officials of the bourse also admitted and sells welding electrodes, industrial the faults and said they are taking steps gases and other allied items, but the company has been put in the power and fuel category instead of engineering. Another example is Marico Bangla-

desh Ltd, which makes and markets fast moving consumer goods but the company is in the pharmaceuticals and chemicals category.

"We should reshuffle some sectors based on international practices," said Ahmed Rashid, senior vice president of the DSE.

He agreed that the Dhaka bourse does not follow any international standard for categorising the companies.

"Pharmaceuticals and chemicals, textile, engineering, miscellaneous, and fuel and power sectors need immediate revision," said Md Ashaduzaman Riadh, head of research at LankaBangla Securities.

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#### Dhaka South to get 10 cattle markets for Eid-ul-Azha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) decided to set up 10 makeshift cattle markets in the city for the forthcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

The DSCC has already floated tender for the markets, and will open the offer letters today, while the Dhaka North City Corporation has not floated any tender yet.

The markets will start operations three days prior the Eid and will continue till the Eid day along with the permanent cattle market at Gabtoli in the capital.

The rate of Hasil may be increased this year, if high prices are offered in tender, said Tazul Islam Prodhan, chief estate officer of DSCC.

Hasil is a portion of the price of cattle that buyers give to the market organiser after purchasing cattle from a market. Last year, hasil was 5 percent, Prodhan said.

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## Profit-booking frenzy sends stocks tumbling

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Dhaka Stock Exchange fell for the second day in a row, as investors, driven by the lure of profits, continued with their selling spree.

DGEN, the benchmark General Index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, finished the day at 4,291.87 points, after falling 49.38 points or 1.13 percent.

The market started the day on a flying note, gaining more than 50 points in the first hour of trading.

But as the day progressed investors selling pressure pushed the gauge down to red. The uncertainty surrounding the funding of Padma

Bridge is preventing investors from making fresh investments and even influencing them to reallocate their portfolio, IDLC Investment said in its market commentary. Most of the large cap companies underwent price cor-

rection during the day, the merchant banker further said.

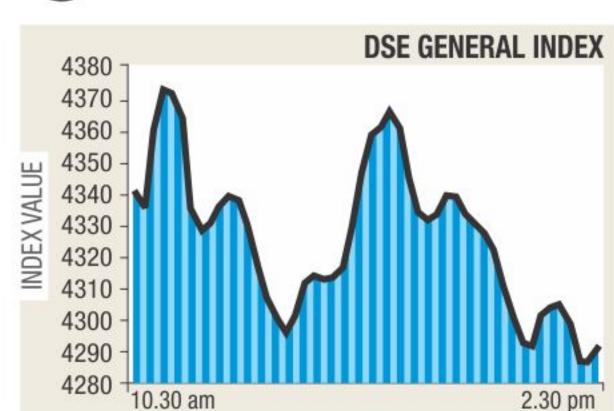
Most of the issues in the premier bourse faced price correction thanks to the overriding tendency for profitbooking, inferred Green Delta LR Holdings, a stockbroker, from its market research.

Turnover fell by 7.82 percent from the previous day to Tk 580 crore. A total of 1.48 lakh trades were executed, with 12.27 crore shares and mutual fund units changing hands on the premier bourse.

Of the total 269 issues that traded on the DSE floor, 127 advanced, 119 declined and 23 remained unchanged.

All the major sectors ended up in the red zone, with telecommunication leading the way having dropped by 4.61 percent.

Non-bank financial institutions (by 1.57 percent),



power (by 1.51 percent) were the other notable losers.

Banks and pharmaceuticals lost as well, by 0.91 percent and 0.37 percent respectively.

Unique Hotel and Resorts was the top traded stock of the day thanks to its transaction of 28.20 lakh shares worth Tk 32.58 crore, followed by RN Spinning Mills and Meghna Petroleum.

Beximco Synthetics was the biggest gainer of the day,

posting a rise of 9.25 percent. ICB AMCL First Mutual Fund dropped by the most: by 8.98 percent.

The Selective Categories Index of Chittagong Stock Exchange closed the day at 8,247.89 points after falling 85.75 points or 1.09 percent.

Losers beat gainers 97 to 87, with 12 securities remaining unchanged on the port city bourse that registered transactions of 1.521 crore shares and mutual fund units worth Tk 64.84 crore.

# airtel C Dutch-Bangla Bank Launching of mobile banking

### **Dutch-Bangla Bank Mobile Banking** now on airtel network

Dr. Atiur Rahman, honorable Governor of Bangladesh Bank formally inaugurated DBBL's Mobile Banking on airtel network as Chief Guest on August 25, 2012 in the premises of Union Information Service Centre (UISC) of Uttarkhan Union Parishad, Dhaka. Mr. N.I. Khan, Secretary, Ministry of ICT and Major General Zia Ahmed PSC (Rtd.), Chairman, BTRC were also present on the occasion as Special Guests.

The event was also attended by Mr. Chris Tobit, CEO & Managing Director, Ms. Rubaba Dowla, CSO & Head of m-Commerce of airtel, Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of DBBL, Mr. K.S. Tabrez, Managing Director of DBBL, Chairman of Uttarkhan Union Parishad and other dignitaries of the locality.

Under this initiative, airtel subscribers will enjoy DBBL mobile banking services such as cash-in, cash-out, remittance collection, send money, salary disbursement, mobile top-up, buy goods and services from retailers, pay utility bills throughout the country, and moreover will enjoy banking with a bank.





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