

ADVERTISEMENT

Markets | Sun Dec 20, 2015 9:47pm EST

Related: STOCKS, ASIAN MARKETS, MARKETS

# Nikkei falls after BOJ moves sour sentiment, yen strengthens



Dec 21 Japanese stocks fell in thin trading on Monday morning as the yen gained against the dollar, putting pressure on exporters after the Bank of Japan disappointed markets with minor adjustments to its massive stimulus programme.

The Nikkei share average fell 1.7 percent to 18,673.72 during midmorning trading.

"Markets weren't impressed by the BOJ's actions on Friday and currently that alone is enough to see the index capitulate," said Martin King, co-managing director at Tyton Capital Advisors.

"I don't think we are going to see 18,565 breached this year but a macro environment of sociopolitical unrest, terror, commodity price volatility and central bank intervention will have many investors exercising caution as the exuberance of the past three years is nowhere to be seen."

On Friday, the BOJ announced it would maintain its massive stimulus while expanding the types of assets it purchases - a move some investors believe might delay expansion of the quantitative easing programme which has underpinned stocks.

Sentiment took a further hit as U.S. crude oil prices dipped toward last week's 2015 lows after a rebound in drilling activity threatened to add to the current glut.

Major exporters suffered on the yen's extended gains against the dollar. Panasonic Corp shares fell 3.7 percent in midmorning trading while Bridgestone Corp slipped 1.4 percent and Toyota Motor Corp fell 2.3 percent.

Toshiba Corp's shares tumbled as much as 10.4 percent to its lowest in more than three years after weekend media reports said the company would soon announce record losses of around 500 billion yen (\$4.13 billion) for the year ending in March.

Sharp Corp bucked the broader market, climbing 1.7 percent after the Nikkei business daily reported that U.S. buyout firm KKR & Co was among the private equity firms interested in investing in the Japanese firm.

The broader Topix fell 1.5 percent to 1,514.62 with all of its 33 subindexes sitting in negative territory.

The JPX-Nikkei Index 400 slipped 1.4 percent to 13,637.41. (\$1 = 121.1300 yen) (Reporting by Joshua Hunt; Editing by Shri Navaratnam)



### More From Reuters

- Polish minister says foul play behind president's jet crash *13 Mar*
- Why a hope in the world since Biblical times is officially over *11 Mar*
- Donald Trump is right about defense spending - and that should scare you *13 Mar*
- Captured Ukrainian pilot defies Russian judge at end of trial *10 Mar*
- China expresses alarm at Philippines-Japan aircraft deal *10 Mar*
- U.S. serves up Korean rocket salad in war drill response to North's threats *10 Mar*
- China able to project 'substantial offensive power' from Spratlys in months: U.S. *11 Mar*
- Experts perplexed over why Sharapova was taking banned heart drug *10 Mar*
- How social media responded to Carson backing Trump *12 Mar*
- U.S. says in talks to base long-range bombers in Australia *9 Mar*

### From The Web

Sponsored Links by Taboola



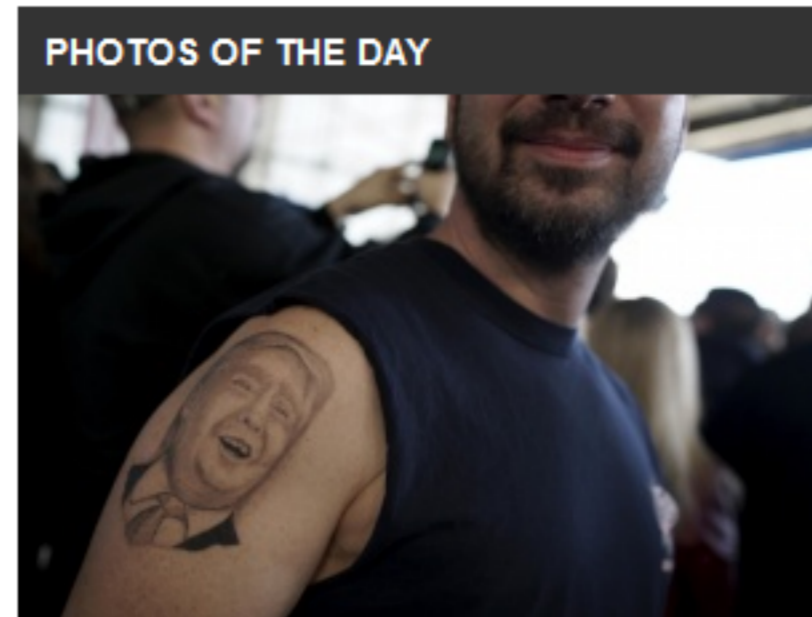
A New MMORPG You Won't Get Bored With. Click Here To Try! Stormfall - Online Game



Sparta - Das Strategiephänomen 2015, jetzt spielen Sparta Spiel



Los españoles prefieren los coches híbridos, pero no los co... El Mundo



Our top photos from the last 24 hours. Slideshow »

Syria's descent into war

Escape from Idomeni

Stumping in the Sunshine State

ADVERTISEMENT



Candidate caricatures on the campaign trail. Slideshow »

**BUILD YOUR PERFECT CANDIDATE**

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

37.2% OVERALL ELECTABILITY

Public Opinion: ★★★★★ Political Awareness: 83 pts Flip Flop Score: -

Download Reuters' White House Run from the App Store

### TRENDING ON REUTERS

- Trump knocks Rubio out of Republican race, Kasich wins Ohio VIDEO
- How Rubio's campaign failed: problems from the start
- Inside Kasich's long-shot strategy to beat Trump to the GOP nomination
- Srinivasan or Garland likely Obama choice for U.S. Supreme Court -source
- Commuter chaos seen for Washington D.C. as safety inspection shuts subway VIDEO

### Sponsored Financial Content

- Top 10 Trading Mistakes with CFDs - Free 5 page guide Guardian Stockbrokers
- RL360® Quantum's sponsorship of Olympic bound Manx shooter Tim Kneale RL360® Quantum
- Day Trading: 15 Secrets to Success - Capital at risk Guardian Stockbrokers
- Essential Guide to FOREX Trading - Free 5 page guide Guardian Stockbrokers
- Sign up for personalised news updates to help you trade successfully NewsMarkets

ADVERTISEMENT

Thomson Reuters is the world's leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals.

THOMSON REUTERS

- THOMSON REUTERS EIKON: Our flagship financial information platform incorporating Reuters Insider
- THOMSON REUTERS ELEKTRON: An ultra-low latency infrastructure for electronic trading and data distribution
- THOMSON REUTERS ACCELUS: A connected approach to governance, risk and compliance
- WestlawNext™: Our next generation legal research platform
- ONESOURCE: Our global tax workstation
- Thomsonreuters.com: About Thomson Reuters, Investor Relations, Careers, Contact Us