



Shams A Muhaimin, deputy managing director of Prime Bank, and Dewan Nazmul Hasan, chief executive officer (acting) of Trust Axiata Digital, signed a trust and settlement account agreement in Dhaka recently for the latter's new mobile financial service "tap". Faisal Rahman, additional managing director of the bank, was present.



Emranul Huq, managing director and CEO of Dhaka Bank, virtually inaugurated a Bir Uzali Bazar sub-branch at Kapasia, Gazipur recently. Md Kayser Ahmed, managing director of Diamond Group, Mohammad Abu Jafar, additional managing director of the bank, AKM Shahnawaj and AMM Momen Uddin, deputy managing directors, Arham Masudul Huq, CEO of Dhaka Bank Foundation, and Md Abdul Matin and Akhlaqur Rahman, senior executive vice presidents, attended the programme.

Asian stocks rally on extended Wall St bounce

ASIAN stocks rose on Tuesday on an extended bounce on Wall Street as investors drew comfort from full approval granted to the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and on easing worries of an imminent tapering of stimulus by the Federal Reserve.

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MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 1.2 per cent, with Japan and South Korean indexes jumping more than 1 per cent.

Australia shares were up 0.2 per cent and Taiwan stocks rose 0.7 per cent.

Chinese markets also edged up 0.2 per cent, with technology stocks extending their recovery after enduring a pummeling in recent weeks on regulatory worries.

Wall Street's strength underpinned sentiment in Asia.

The Nasdaq reached an all-time closing high on Monday after the US Food and

Drug Administration granted full approval to the Covid-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, in a move that could accelerate inoculations in the United States.

Analysts at ANZ pointed to growing expectations that decelerating global business activity will act as a restraint on central bank intentions to start dialling back monetary stimulus in the near term.

Global markets took a beating last week on worries the Fed is edging closer to tapering its stimulus. Asia's main index tumbled 4.8 per cent last week, and MSCI's Asia Pacific index ex-Japan index is still down 2.9 per cent so far this month.

The improved sentiment overnight drove the dollar down more than 1 per cent against its Australian and Canadian counterparts as well as the Norwegian crown and Swedish krona.

"A positive risk backdrop has pushed flows out of the dollar," said Chris Weston, head of research at brokerage Pepperstone in Melbourne, adding that positive analyst commentary around oil and cyclical stocks had also helped the broad mood.

EBL, ADB sign trade financing deal

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Eastern Bank has recently signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) under a trade finance programme.

Under the deal, the ADB will issue guarantees to Eastern Bank to cover all or part of risks in eligible trade finance instruments issued by select banks in the ADB's developing member countries.

Can Sutken, senior investment specialist of the ADB's Private Sector Operations Department, and Mehdi Zaman, deputy managing director and head of treasury, offshore banking and financial institutions at Eastern Bank, signed the deal, said a press release.

"This will help EBL to support cross-border trade, which is vital for Bangladeshi companies, especially the small and medium-sized ones that are contributing so much to employment," said Sutken.

High prices didn't deter Americans from homebuying in July

AFP, Washington

US homes for sale were in short supply and expensive in July, but Americans continued buying, according to industry data Monday showing sales rose for a second straight month.

Existing home sales climbed two percent last month to an annual rate of 5.99 million, seasonally adjusted, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) said, a pace that was above analysts' expectations.

The US real estate market grew white hot last year as the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted daily life and the Federal Reserve implemented easy money policies to support the economy, which made mortgages cheap and fueled sales.

But that demand drained supplies and record-setting prices are now seen as keeping buyers out of the market, a dynamic that NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun pointed to in the July data.

"Much of the home sales growth is still occurring in the upper-end markets, while the mid- to lower-tier areas aren't seeing as much



Sales of existing homes in the United States grew for a second straight month in July even as high prices kept some buyers out of the market.

growth because there are still too few starter homes available," he said in a statement. However, he noted an increase in supply that was helping to ease the frenzied buying.

Total inventory was 1.32 million units as of the end of last month, up 7.3 per cent from June but nonetheless 12 per cent lower than the same month last year, the report said. Unsold inventory sat at a 2.6-month supply, only slightly more than in June and well below the 3.1-month supply seen in July 2020.



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Runner Motors wins Eicher sales, service awards

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Runner Motors has recently been presented three awards from Indian automotive company Eicher Motors for the highest sales of commercial vehicles and trucks in the overseas market for fiscal 2020-21.

The company also won a "Best Service Dealer Award" in the South Asian region for fiscal 2020-21 for the 4th consecutive year, said a press release. The awards were presented at an "Annual Dealer Conference 2020-21" virtually hosted by Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles.

Hafizur Rahman Khan, chairman of Runner Group, Reazul Haque Chowdhury, managing director, and Amid Sakif Khan, director for marketing, were present.



JQM Habibullah, deputy managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh, and Mes-bah-ul-Islam, head of marketing and sales at Novoair, exchanged a memorandum of understanding regarding corporate facilities at Islami Bank Tower yesterday. Mohammed Monirul Molla, managing director and CEO of the bank, Muhammad Qaisar Ali, additional managing director, Md Mahboob Alam, managing executive vice president, Md Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan, executive vice president, and Mofizur Rahman, managing director of Novoair, attended the programme.

দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ
গাজীপুর-১৭০৩

আইনজীবী প্যানেলভুক্তিকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গাজীপুর জেলার নিম্ন আদালত এবং ঢাকাস্থ সুপ্রিম কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট ও আপিল বিভাগে মামলা পরিচালনাসহ কোম্পানীর নানা বিষয়ে আইন সংক্রান্ত পরামর্শ/সহায়তা প্রদানের জন্য আদালত ভিত্তিক অভিজ্ঞ আইনজীবী প্যানেলভুক্তির নিমিত্তে নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত পূরণকারী বাংলাদেশের নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে লিখিত দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

- গাজীপুর জেলার আদালতসমূহের জন্যঃ
গাজীপুর জেলার নিম্ন আদালতে দেওয়ানী ও ফৌজদারী মামলা পরিচালনায় কমপক্ষে ১৫ (পনের) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
- ঢাকাস্থ হাইকোর্ট/সুপ্রিম কোর্টের জন্যঃ
ক) সুপ্রিম কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ ও আপীল বিভাগে বিভিন্ন মামলা পরিচালনায় প্রার্থীকে কমপক্ষে ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
খ) কোম্পানী আইন বিষয়ক পরামর্শ ও মামলা পরিচালনার জন্য কোম্পানী আইনেও অভিজ্ঞ হতে হবে।
গ) আইন পেশায় উচ্চতর জিহ্বীধারী প্রার্থীগণকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া যেতে পারে।
- অবসরপ্রাপ্ত বিচার বিভাগীয় কর্মকর্তা যারা আইন পেশায় নিয়োজিত আছেন এবং উপরোক্ত অভিজ্ঞতা আছে তারাও আবেদন করতে পারবেন।
- আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক হতে হবে।
- আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই সুস্থস্থের অধিকারী এবং মানসিকভাবে সুস্থ হতে হবে।

উপযুক্ত প্রার্থী/প্রার্থীদের প্যানেলভুক্ত আইনজীবী হিসেবে ৩ (তিন) বছরের জন্য নির্বাচন করা হবে। প্যানেলভুক্ত আইনজীবীদের বিভিন্ন আদালতে মামলা পরিচালনার, জমি/বাড়ী/ফ্ল্যাটের মালিকানা সত্ত্বেও সঠিকতা যাচাইকরণ কাজ, বিভিন্ন আইনগত পরামর্শ ও অফিসিয়াল নথিতে মতামত প্রদানের জন্য চুক্তিভিত্তিক 'ফি' প্রদান করা হবে।

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Putin gifts pensioners cash payments ahead of polls

AFP, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday ordered pensioners get \$135 in a bid to drum up support ahead of parliamentary elections next month that could see the unpopular ruling United Russia party struggle.

The cash handouts come as part of a litany of social spending sweeteners Putin has proposed ahead of September's lower house State Duma polls, with United Russia's ratings dented by rising prices and falling wages.

According to a Kremlin statement, the Russian president ordered payments of 10,000 rubles (\$135) to be handed out in September, effectively doubling the monthly state pension which is roughly the same amount.

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