



Mohammed Monirul Moula, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh, handed over a motorcycle to a winner of Islami Bank-Ria Money Transfer Cash Remittance Festival as an award at Islami Bank Tower in Dhaka yesterday. Suhail Shamsi, business development director (South Asia) of Ria Money Transfer, and Muhammad Qaisar Ali, JQM Habibullah and Md Altaf Hossain, additional managing directors of the bank, were present.

PHOTO: ISLAMI BANK BANGLADESH



AKM Atiqur Rahman, deputy managing director of Jamuna Bank, and Anwer Farazy Emon, chairman of Farazy Hospital, exchanged signed documents of an agreement on medical services at the bank's corporate building in Dhaka recently.

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IFIC Bank recently opened three branches in Pirojpur, Panchagarh and Natore inaugurated by Md Aminul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) in Pirojpur, Md Mojaharul Haque Prodhon, member of parliament from Panchagarh constituency 1, and Md Shafiqul Islam Shimul, member of the parliament from Natore constituency 2. ATM Raziur Rahman, head of distribution division of IFIC Bank, was present.

PHOTO: IFIC BANK



Habibur Rahman Gazi, managing director of Bangladesh Development Bank, inaugurated a monthlong "Deposit Collection, Loan Disbursement and Loan Recovery programme" in Dhaka recently. Paritosh Sarker and Afroza Nasrin Chowdhury, general managers, and other senior executives attended the programme.

PHOTO: BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK

Sumit Podder joins Bangladesh Finance Capital as its MD

STAR BUSINESS DESK



Sumit Podder has joined Bangladesh Finance Capital, a subsidiary of non-bank financial institution Bangladesh Finance, as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer.

Sumit took to office yesterday on receiving clearance from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, said a press release.

He was previously the head of corporate advisory of City Bank Capital Ltd.

In his 13-year career, Podder served at Bangladesh Finance, River Stone Capital Ltd, Alliance Financial Services Ltd and Alliance Securities and Management Ltd.

He is an experienced financial professional with expertise in providing advisory services to customers in various financial transactions, including portfolio management, mergers and acquisitions, raising capital through IPOs, financing and restructuring.

He has experience advising clients in various sectors, including technology, telecom, bank and NBFI, the power industry, real estate, manufacturing and consumer goods.

Euro zone factory downturn deepens

REUTERS

Euro zone factory activity contracted further last month, albeit not by as much as initially thought, while the cost of raw materials fell at the fastest pace in nearly three years, a survey showed on Tuesday.

The HCOB final manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 45.8 in April from March's 47.3, just beating a preliminary reading of 45.5 but well below the 50 mark separating growth from contraction for a 10th consecutive month.

US manufacturing contracts again

AFP, Washington

US manufacturing activity shrank again in April as companies continued to match slowing demand by cutting new orders, according to survey data released Monday.

The contraction registered by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) was the fifth in a row, and will provide the US Federal Reserve with additional evidence of an economic slowdown as it begins its May meeting later in the week.

The Fed is widely expected to

hike its benchmark lending rate for a tenth -- and possibly final -- time on Wednesday as it looks to tackle above-target inflation by raising interest rates.

The ISM manufacturing survey rose slightly to 47.1 per cent last month, up 0.8 percentage points from March.

A reading below 50 per cent indicates that US manufacturing is generally contracting.

The figure was 0.4 percentage points higher than the median expectations of analysts surveyed by

MarketWatch.

"The April composite index reading reflects companies continuing to manage outputs to better match demand for the first half of 2023 and prepare for growth in the late summer/early fall period," Timothy Fiore, chair of the ISM's manufacturing business survey committee, said in a statement.

Fiore said demand continued to slow, with new orders and exports both registering a contraction last month.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAY 2, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 75	0	5.47 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 46-Tk 50	0	3.23 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 55-Tk 58	0	54792 ↑
Lentil (kg)	Tk 90-Tk 100	-2.56 ↓	-5 ↓
Soybean (litre)	Tk 165-Tk 175	-0.87 ↓	-8.11 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 30-Tk 35	38.3 ↑	80.56 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 55	42.86 ↑	72.41 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 42-Tk 45	2.35 ↑	26.09 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

National Bank saw

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Its net operating cash flow per share improved in the January-March quarter. But it still remained negative at Tk 2.27.

Its classified loans stood at Tk 6,658 crore in 2022, accounting for 15.76 per cent of the total loans and advances of the bank.

Due to the higher amount of classified loans, the central bank ordered NBL in January not to disburse more than Tk 10 crore in loans to a single borrower.

NBL is not allowed to renew the existing loans too without recovering a certain cash portion of the credits from the borrowers.

Amid higher losses, its board of directors recommended no dividend for 2022. This was the

second consecutive year the private commercial lender failed to pay dividends to its shareholders.

Its profit stood at Tk 19 crore in 2021.

In another ominous sign, NBL's assets dropped 25 per cent, or Tk 1,327 crore, in the last one year due to the elevated level of default loans and the liquidity crunch.

Set up in 1983, the first-generation bank's net asset value stood at Tk 3,837 crore on March 31 this year whether it was Tk 5,164 crore just a year ago, according to the quarterly disclosure of the bank.

NBL shares have been trading below the face value of Tk 10 for more than two years and closed at Tk 8.30 yesterday.

Bangladesh's exports to India can go up

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Over a decade ago, India gave duty-free trade benefits to nearly all Bangladeshi goods, except for liquor, arms and tobacco, under a South Asian Free Trade Area (Safta) agreement and the garments sector is performing strongly.

The trade balance in favour of India thanks to the shipment of more value-added items by Indian businesses. Bangladesh's exports to India stood at \$1 billion four years ago and now has reached \$2 billion, he said.

Both countries will soon start negotiations for signing a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (Cepa) to harness business potentials and for growing mutual benefits, said Verma.

The Cepa will ensure a more robust economic linkage between the two economies and help enhance the trade and investment ties by creating a new institutional framework and new supply chain, he said.

At the same time India and Bangladesh are exploring other innovative ways, such as settlement of bilateral trade in the Indian rupee, which can provide a new boost to the trade partnership, he said.

Last year the Indian embassy in Bangladesh issued 1.5 million visas, he said.

Both countries were able to revive seven railway routes for both passenger and freight which existed in 1965, said Verma.

In addition, cross-border buses today operate along five different routes connecting Bangladesh with Tripura, West Bengal, Meghalaya and Assam of India, he said.

Both countries have also restored and resumed train and bus services suspended during the pandemic, he added.

Some 40 per cent to 45 per cent of the bilateral trade and a significant

portion of the people-to-people movement are channelled through 36 functioning land customs stations, said the high commissioner.

Four of the customs stations have been upgraded to modern integrated check posts and another at Dawki in India will soon be upgraded, he said.

It took 47 years for Bangladesh's export to India to reach \$1 billion and it reached \$2 billion in the last four years, which indicates that the bilateral trade is growing, said Mustafizur Rahman, a distinguished fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue

(CPD).

However, many things needed to be done earlier for increasing the exports, he said, adding that a motor vehicle agreement and introduction of a single window to facilitate bilateral trade has not become operational yet.

The borders are still control points which should have been crossing points, he said.

B a n g l a d e s h ' s policymakers and implementing agencies should especially prioritise trade with the northeastern Indian states, urged Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, chief executive officer of Pran-RFL Group.

Ensuring strong connectivity with the Chattogram port for Tripura's businesspeople will benefit the masses of both countries, he said.

India and Bangladesh remain each other's largest trading partners within South Asia, pointed out Atiur Rahman, chairperson of Unnayan Shamannay.

Yet the level of trade remains sub-optimal and there is no alternative to enhancing the connectivity, he said. The discussants also highlighted energy trade, ICT-based solutions, policies to set common standards etc.

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(৪) দরপত্রের/কোটেসনের নাম	ঃ	ঃ	ঃ
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