

AK Azad, vice-president of ICC Bangladesh, posed for photographs with participating entrepreneurs at a workshop styled "Women Entrepreneurs: How to Best Engage in International Trade" jointly organised by ICC Bangladesh and ADB in a city hotel on Tuesday. Parveen Mahmud, former chairman and director of the Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS), Steven Beck, adviser and head of trade and supply chain finance at Asian Development Bank (ADB), Ataur Rahman, secretary general of the ICCB, and Vincent O'Brien, director of the ICC UAE, were present.

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office in Dhaka yesterday to celebrate its 22nd anniversary. Among others, Mohiuddin Ahmed, vice-chairman, Md Sanaullah Shahid and Khandaker Sakib Ahmed, directors, Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director, Abdul Aziz, SM Mainuddin Chowdhury, Mian Quamrul Hasan Chowdhury and Md Akhter Hossain, additional managing directors, and Md Shahjahan Shiraj, Imtiaz Uddin Ahmed and Md Nazimuddoula, deputy managing directors, were present. PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK



ABM Mokammel Hoque Chowdhury, managing director of Union Bank, inaugurated the bank's 1st quarterly "Business Review Meeting-2023" for Dhaka division at its head office in Gulshan, Dhaka yesterday. Md Nazrul Islam and Shafiuddin Ahmed, deputy managing directors, Md Golam Mostafa, senior executive vice-president, and Md Mainul Islam Chowdhury and Md Azadur Rahman, executive vice-presidents, were present.



HN Ashequr Rahman, chairman of Meghna Bank, cuts a cake at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday to celebrate its 10th anniversary. Among others, Rehana Ashequr Rahman, chairman of the risk management committee of the bank, SM Rezaur Rahman, chairman of audit committee, and Sohail RK Hussain, managing director, were present.

## India, Canada aim to seal trade pact this year

REUTERS, New Delhi

India and Canada aim to seal an initial agreement this year to increase their trade and expand investment while setting out a mechanism to deal with disputes, they said in a statement on Wednesday.

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met his Canadian counterpart, Mary Ng, in Ottawa on Monday, along with business leaders.

"The EPTA would cover, among others, high-level commitments in goods, services, investment, rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, and dispute settlement," they said in a joint statement, referring to their early progress trade

They said they would like to finalise a memorandum of understanding on their cooperation this year.

The two countries last year relaunched negotiations on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

The proposed comprehensive trade pact could boost bilateral trade by up to \$6.5 billion, according to Indian government estimates.

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# US inflation eases but price pressures remain

Consumer inflation in the United States nudged down only slightly in April, the Labor Department said on Wednesday, despite strong efforts to cool the economy and rein in price

The latest number signals that price pressures remain, although it marks a step in the right direction and the smallest annual rise in two years.

The rate remains well above prepandemic levels, and analysts are closely eyeing inflation numbers as the Federal Reserve mulls the need for further interest rate hikes and how long to keep policy restrictive.

The consumer price index (CPI), a key inflation gauge, rose 4.9 percent from a year ago, just a touch lower

in the index for used cars and trucks and the index for gasoline," said the Labor Department in a statement.

On a monthly basis, overall CPI rose 0.4 percent in April, picking up from a 0.1 percent rise in March.

Excluding the volatile food and energy segments, consumer inflation rose 0.4 percent in April from a month ago, as it did in March.

gasoline Although higher prices likely boosted the monthon-month CPI figure, analysts at Pantheon Macroeconomics said in a recent note that they expect the April increase in gas prices "should comfortably reverse in May.'

But economist Oren Klachkin of Oxford Economics said it would be a "long road" back to the Fed's two percent inflation target.

items increase, followed by increases front as the economy cools though we won't reach the Fed's two percent inflation target for quite some time," he added in a note.

The inflation numbers come shortly after the Fed announced a tenth consecutive rate hike aimed at tackling price increases this month, while signaling it will be data-dependent in making future decisions.

But more than a year after the central bank started its campaign of rate increases, inflation is stubbornly above policymakers' long-term target.

Compared with a year ago, the index for food remains 7.7 percent higher although that for energy slipped 5.1 percent, the Labor Department said.

While the Fed has left the door open to a possible pause in further rate hikes, recent data indicate that "We expect to receive more the world's biggest economy may be

#### MTB wins Global Good Governance **Awards**

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) Limited recently won the Global Good Governance (3G) Awards for its excellence in sustainability reporting.

This recognition highlights the bank's commitment to transparent reporting and responsible business practices, solidifying its position as a leading organisation promoting sustainability and social responsibility, said a press release.

"We are honoured to receive the 3G Excellence in Sustainability Reporting Award," said Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of the bank.

"At MTB, we are committed to promoting sustainability and ethical standards in banking, and this award validates our efforts. We will continue to prioritise sustainability to create a positive impact on society and the environment,"

The Global Good Governance Awards is an international recognition of organisations demonstrating excellence in governance, social responsibility and sustainability.

### Gold pulls back

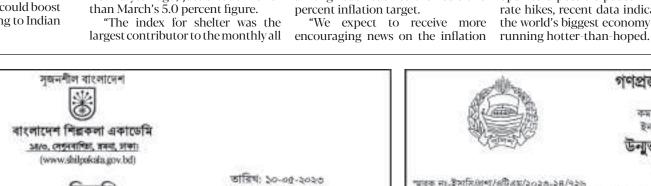
Gold prices eased on Wednesday, after rising in the previous two sessions, as investors positioned for April US inflation data, which could have a bearing on the Federal Reserve's interest rate

Spot gold was down 0.3 per cent to \$2,028.87 per ounce at 1000 GMT, while US gold futures shed 0.3 per cent to \$2,036.70.

The US consumer price index (CPI) data is due at 1230 GMT. Economists polled by Reuters expect a 5.5 per cent year-on-year increase in core consumer prices for April.

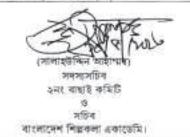
"Today's losses in gold prices arise mainly from the hedging up of the US dollar which kicked in as the European session got underway," said ActivTrades senior analyst Ricardo Evangelista, adding that, if inflation came in at the expected levels, a significant impact on gold prices was not expected.

#### PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY % CHANGES PRICE % CHANGE (MAY 10, FROM A FROM A Fine rice (kg) Tk 60-Tk 75 5.47 Coarse rice (kg) Tk 46-Tk 50 6.67 Loose flour (kg) Tk 55-Tk 60 1.77 51.32 🕇 Lentil (kg) Tk 90-Tk 100 -2.56 👃 -7.32 👃 Soybean (litre) Tk 175-Tk 185 4.96 -3.74 🖶 Potato (kg) Tk 35-Tk 40 38.89 🕇 97.37 🕇 78.57 Tk 60-Tk 65 Onion (kg) 78.57 Egg (4 pcs) Tk 45-Tk 50 9.2 31.94



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