

## Japanese backpacks now at Yellow

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Japanese trading company ITOCHU Corporation has entered the Bangladesh market by offering bags of its “Outdoor Products” brand through Yellow, a fashion and lifestyle brand of Beximco Group.

Iwama Kiminori, Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh, and Naved Husain, adviser to Beximco Group, launched the products at a Yellow store on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka recently, said a press release.

“This is a big stage for Japanese companies to penetrate Bangladesh’s domestic market. It’s a big but first step. I hope other Japanese companies will follow the brave step,” said Iwama.

“It’s a pleasure to collaborate with

Outdoor Products. It’s going to have an impact on the lifestyle of young people in Bangladesh. It will encourage hiking and trekking to explore the beauty of Bangladesh,” said Husain.

Ahmed Shahryar Rahman, CEO and president of Beximco Textiles, Apparel and PPE Division, Morita Hiroshi, managing director of Itochu Textile Prominent (Asia) Ltd, Tetsuro Kano, chief representative and general manager of Itochu Corporation’s Dhaka liaison office, Kato, CEO of Itochu India, Shehryar Burney, executive director of Yellow, and Hadi S A Chowdhury, senior general manager and head of retail operations, were present.



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PHOTO: BEXIMCO GROUP

## One Bank offers loans to United Property customers

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One Bank Ltd signed a memorandum of understanding with United Property Solutions Ltd, a concern of United Group, recently offering the latter’s customers financial products, including home loans.

Md Kamruzzaman, head of the lender’s retail banking division, and Sheikh Md Faruk Hossain, chief executive officer of the property company, inked the deal at the bank’s head office in Dhaka.

Abu Zafore Md Saleh, additional managing director and head of business of the bank, was present, said a press release.



Md Kamruzzaman, head of retail banking division of One Bank, and Sheikh Md Faruk Hossain, chief executive officer of the real estate, construction and land division of United Property Solutions, exchange signed documents of a memorandum of understanding at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: ONE BANK

## NRBC Bank gets ‘PCI DSS’ certification

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NRBC Bank PLC has achieved the certification of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) version 3.2.1.

The certification ensures that the storage, processing and transmission of card and customer data is now more secure and in line with international standards.

Moshiul Islam, chief executive officer of Enterprise Infosec Consultants (EIC), handed over the certificate to Golam Awlia, managing director and CEO of the bank, in a certificate handover ceremony at the latter’s head office in Gulshan yesterday, said a press release.

EIC, one of the leading IT security services providers in the country, has coordinated procedural support for the certification process under the International PCI Council.



Golam Awlia, managing director of NRBC Bank, receives a certificate from Moshiul Islam, chief executive officer of Enterprise Infosec Consultants, at a certificate handover ceremony at the bank’s head office in Gulshan yesterday.

PHOTO: NRBC BANK

## Kabir re-elected as BCMA president

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Md Alamgir Kabir, vice chairman of Crown Cement PLC, has been re-elected as president of Bangladesh Cement Manufacturers Association (BCMA) for the period of 2023-25.

Kabir is the chairman of GPH Ispat Ltd and director of Premier Cement Mills Ltd, said a press release.

In an immediate reaction, he said the cement industry of Bangladesh is now in a deep crisis.

“So, working with the policymakers to flourish the cement sector as well as keep the consumers’ interest will be our main task,” Kabir said.

Imran Karim, vice chairman of Confidence Cement Ltd, and Abdul Khaleque Pervaz, managing director of Diamond Cement Ltd, were also re-elected as the 1st and 2nd vice-president of the BCMA.

Treasurer Faizur Rahman Bakul (Noapara Cement) and Sk Jashim Uddin (Aki Cement), Tahmina Ahmed (Seven Ring Cement), Md Shahidullah (Metrocem Cement), Ashrafur Amin Badal (Heidelberg Cement) and Nab-E-Zahir (Mir Cement) are the executive members.

They were re-elected at the BCMA’s 24th annual general meeting held at the association’s office in Dhaka yesterday.

Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan and Meghna Group of Industries Chairman Mostafa Kamal previously served as president of the BCMA before Kabir.



PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (SEP 26, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 72	0	-8.97 ↓
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	0	0
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 42-Tk 45	-11.22 ↓	-17.14 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	10.26 ↑	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	0	-8.07 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 42-Tk 45	7.41 ↑	64.15 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 80	-9.09 ↓	80.72 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-4.85 ↓	1.03 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			



AZM Shofiuddin Shamim, chairman of South Bangla Agriculture and Commerce (SBAC) Bank, attends the bank’s Shariah Supervisory Committee (SSC) meeting at its head office in Dhaka yesterday. Moulana Md Abdur Razzaque, chairman of SSC of the bank, presided over the meeting, where Md Fariduddin Ahmed, Md Abdul Kadir, Zubair Mohammad Ehsanul Hoque, Muhammad Zahirul Islam, Md Mohabbat Hossain and Md Ruhul Amin Rabbani, members of the supervisory committee, Habibur Rahman, managing director, and Md Mokaddess Ali, company secretary, were present.

PHOTO: SBAC BANK

## Visa restrictions

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their business without having to go abroad,” he added.

On Friday, the US embassy in Dhaka said the Department of State is taking steps to impose visa restrictions on Bangladeshi individuals responsible for, or complicit in, undermining the democratic election process in Bangladesh.

Hassan then said the recent media reports that 10 companies in Bangladesh laundered Tk 300 crore are baseless and untrue.

Of the 10 companies, four are members of the BGMEA and two are members of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

The report was made based on a press release issued by the Customs Intelligence & Investigation Directorate (CIID).

“Writing such an untrue and baseless report has tarnished the image of the sector and the country,” he added.

Hassan demanded the formation of a task force to investigate the veracity of this allegation.

“We strongly condemn this report,” he said.

Hassan also said garment imports by two major markets – North America and the EU – from global sources, including Bangladesh, declined significantly during the

January-July period this year.

For instance, overall garment imports by the US in terms of value declined by 22.28 percent year-on-year during the January-July period, the BGMEA said citing data from the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) of the US.

Similarly, garment exports from Bangladesh to the US declined by nearly 20 percent at the same time.

In terms of volume, global garment exports to the US declined by 28 percent during the first seven months of the current calendar year.

Likewise, shipments from Bangladesh fell by 29 percent year-on-year during the January-July period.

In the EU, the overall volume of garment imports declined by 7.5 percent year-on-year in the January-July period while it was 12 percent in terms of value, the BGMEA said.

“The export of garments declined to both major markets mainly due to high inflationary pressure, for which consumers bought less apparel items compared to other essentials,” Hassan said.

Former BGMEA Presidents Md Shafiul Islam Mohiuddin and Abdus Salam Murshedy also spoke.

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**e-Tender Notice No.03/2023-2024**

**Open Tendering Method (OTM)**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as stated below:

Tender ID No	Package No.	Name of Works	Date and Time of last selling	Deadline for Submission of tender Security	Date and Time of Closing
878138	e-Tender/PEDP4/S LT/DAK/2022-23/W14.01722	Construction of Boundary wall and Gate of 1. Jana Mongol GPS 2. Khidirpur GPS & 3. Mohammadpur A. Gofur GPS under PEDP-4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)			
879858	e-Tender/PEDP4/S LT/DAK/2022-23/W14.02763	Construction of Boundary wall and Gate of 1. Dunsree Islamabad GPS 2. Sodorkhola-2 GPS 3. SaidaNurunnasa GPS & Shahodotpur GPS under PEDP-4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> call)			
879862	e-Tender/PEDP4/S LT/DAK/2022-23/W14.02764	Construction of Boundary wall and Gate of 1. JhajorNorsingpur GPS 2. Shirazpur GPS 3. Shree Rampur GPS & 4. Sunampur GPS under PEDP-4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> call)	12-Oct-2023 16.00	12-Oct-2023 16.30	12-Oct-2023 17.00
879867	e-Tender/PEDP4/S LT/DAK/2022-23/W2.04047	Construction of Additional Class Room at Sikandarpur GPS under PEDP-4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> call)			
879870	e-Tender/PEDP4/S LT/DAK/2022-23/W2.05428	Construction of Additional Class Room at Gopshahar GPS under PEDP-4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> call)			

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, Please register on e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for more details please contact support desk contact numbers.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited through online from any branches of registered bank upto (Time Specified in Online Notice)

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hour.

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## Rupee weakens

REUTERS, Mumbai

The Indian rupee weakened on Tuesday, tracking Asian peers, while elevated US Treasury yields also weighed on the local unit, which neared key support levels.

The rupee was at 83.2250 against the US dollar as of 10:55 a.m. IST, compared with 83.1450 in the previous session.

The 10-year US Treasury yield rose to 4.56 percent in Asian hours, its highest level since October 2007. The dollar index was hovering close to its highest level since November 2022 and was last quoted at

106.05.

“Looking at the dollar index, the rupee would have gone beyond 83.30,” a foreign exchange trader at a state-run bank said. The rupee’s lowest level on record of 83.29 was hit in October 2022.

US Treasury yields rose following some hawkish commentary from Federal Reserve officials and as markets digest the central bank’s higher-for-longer rates trajectory.

There is a limited desire to sell or buy dollars at this price, a second foreign exchange trader at a state-run bank said.

## Nagad’s interim

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availed a NBFI licence from the central bank.

Surprisingly, they surrendered the NBFI licence to the central bank last month.

At that time, Tanvir A Mishuk had told journalists that most of its shareholders were for it to become a digital bank.

Investors of Nagad already applied to the central bank to become a digital bank under the

name “Nagad Digital Bank PLC” and they are very hopeful of availing the digital bank licence.

“We will take the license of MFS after getting the licence of digital bank,” Mishuk had told journalists.

Nagad currently has over 8 crore customers who conduct daily transactions worth Tk 1,000 crore alongside 2.5 lakh agents or entrepreneur points across the country.

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**Amendment Notice-1**

Due to unavoidable circumstances the following amendment has been made to the Tender Notice No. SE/RHD/RR/PMP-Major/03/2023-2024 invited by this office Memo No. 35.01.0000.195.32.032.23-2127 Dated 31/08/2023.

Amendment/Corrigendum Text: Due to correction in BOQ at item Code No. 03/03/01(a).

Name of work : Strengthening of Existing Pavement Providing Aggregate base Type-1 Dense Bituminous Surfacing (DBS Base Course & DBS Wearing Course) from Ch. 12+575 (Simanto Mor) to Ch. 15+935 (Shaptibari) & Construction of Footpath along the road of Ch. 11+300 to Ch. 13+450 under PMP (Road Major) of Barabari-Lalmonirhat-Burimari National Highway (N-509) under Road Division, Lalmonirhat during the year 2023-2024.

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1.	Document last selling date & time	01/10/2023 17:00	08/10/2023 16:00
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4.	Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission	02/10/2023 12:30	09/10/2023 12:30

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