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Ziaul Hasan, deputy managing director, CAMLCO and head of channel banking of Bank Asia, poses for photographs with participants of a training programme in Dhaka recently.

Bank Asia holds training programme

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Bank Asia Limited recently arranged a day-long training programme on "Preventive Measures on Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing Issues" at Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development (BAITD) in Lalmatia, Dhaka.

Ziaul Hasan, deputy managing director, CAMLCO and head of channel banking of the bank, attended the training programme as chief guest, said a press release.

M Esamul Arefin, head of BAITD

(current charge), presided over the training programme, where Tawfiq Ali, country head of Commerzbank AG, was present.

Nesar Ahmed, deputy chief anti money laundering compliance officer (current charge), attended alongside Md Abdus Sabur Khan, Sharif Ahmed, Md Hashibul Alam and Md Samiul Karim, who were present as resource persons.

Operation managers and general banking in-charges from 57 branches of the bank and four officials from Commerzbank AG (representative office of Dhaka) participated in the programme.

SIBL arranges launch of SWIFT payment pre-validation

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Social Islami Bank Ltd arranged a launching ceremony for SWIFT payment pre-validation at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Zafar Alam, managing director and CEO of the bank, chaired the programme, where Sido Bestani, managing director of SWIFT for Middle East, Africa, South and Central Asia, was present as chief guest, said a press release.

This initiative positions SIBL as one

of the pioneering banks to go live with SWIFT payment pre-validation.

By leveraging SWIFT's API technology and utilising top-tier data sources, the bank can now verify crucial information before executing cross-border payments.

Among others, Mohammad Forkanullah, deputy managing director, Akmal Hossain, head of international division, Kiran Shetty, chief executive officer and regional head for India and South Asia, and Arpita Ghosh, country manager for Bangladesh, were present.



Sido Bestani, managing director for the Middle East, Africa, South and Central Asia of SWIFT, poses for photographs after a launching ceremony of SWIFT payment pre-validation at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK

Prime Bank to relocate data centre

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Prime Bank will be relocating its data centre which will be followed by a temporary suspension of banking services from October 24 to October 28, 2023.

This suspension is necessitated by the planned relocation of Prime Bank's data centre to enhance its operational infrastructure and ensure a more secure and efficient banking experience for its customers, said a press release.

During this period, Prime Bank will temporarily suspend all banking services

During this period, Prime Bank will temporarily suspend all banking services, including online and mobile banking, ATM services, and other digital channels.

In-branch services, such as cash withdrawals and deposits, will also be affected.

The bank made this decision to ensure the safe transfer of critical data and systems to the new data centre.

Prime Bank remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of data security and operational excellence.

Agrani Bank adopts 75-day loan recovery initiative

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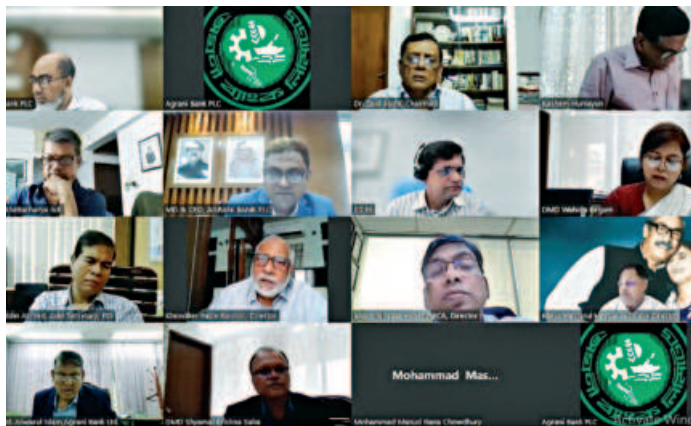
Agrani Bank PLC on Monday launched an initiative styled "75-day Loan Recovery Programme" aimed at reducing classified loans and ensuring prompt loan recovery.

The initiative started on October 16 and will run until December 29, 2023, said a press release.

Md Murshedul Kabir, managing director and CEO of the bank, made an announcement about this special initiative at the bank's 898th virtual board meeting, chaired by Zaid Bakht, chairman of the bank.

The meeting directed all circles, corporate branches, zonal offices and branches to be vigilant so that no new loans are classified.

By regularising the collection of classified loans and recovering unclassified loans, the bank also wants to achieve the desired target of reducing classified loans.



Zaid Bakht, chairman of Agrani Bank, presides over the bank's 898th virtual board meeting on Monday, when the lender took an initiative to reduce classified loans and ensure prompt loan recovery. PHOTO: AGRANI BANK

Vegetable exporters face problem

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Citing the issue, the BFVAPEA, which represents exporters that earned \$61 million in the fiscal year 2022-23, wrote to the agriculture ministry seeking to relax the rules and allow correcting export-related documents up to 48 hours after shipments.

Afterwards, the agriculture ministry requested the BB and the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to resolve the issue.

Mansur said the customs house may have opted for

real-time assessment of export cargo considering the shipment of dry cargo such as garments, adding that exports would grow if authorities addressed their concerns.

Contacted, Sefat-E-Mariam, joint commissioner of Custom House Dhaka, said the implementation of real-time assessment of export consignments was in line with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) framed by the NBR in 2020.

The rule could not be implemented earlier as the

Covid-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on public life and the economy, she said.

Mariam said real-time assessment of shipped goods was also in line with international practice and that it was needed to curb false declarations of exported goods by unscrupulous businessmen looking to claim export incentives.

"We are providing 24-hour services to facilitate exports. We have also formed a working group, including clearing and forwarding agents, to address issues

faced by vegetable exporters," she said.

After registering a 39 percent dip in export earnings in the fiscal year 2022-23, export receipts from fresh vegetables jumped 269 percent to \$48 million in the July-September period of the current fiscal year from \$13 million a year ago, according to Export Promotion Bureau data.

Mansur said export earnings would grow if problems faced by exporters could be resolved.

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Memo No. 3050/8
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works given below:

Sl No	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Name of works	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	885324	PWD/Bari/SSBTVI/Gaumadi/2023-24	Construction of 4-Storeyed Academic cum Administrative Building with 6-Storeyed foundation including Civil, Internal & External Sanitary, Internal & External Electrification, Site Development RCC Compound Road. Compound Drain & Apron, Boundary Wall, Deep Tube well with Distribution pipe. Sub-station Building, Shahid Minar, Cycle Shed. Rain Water Harvesting etc under the project Establishment of Shahid Sukanto Babu Textile Vocational Institute at Gaumadi, Barishal.	13-11-2023 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no off line/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Help Desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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Memo No. 46.02.2700.000.07.59.01.23.3787
Date: 16/10/2023

e-Tender Notice No. 29/2023-2024

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (OTM) (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for 02 Nos. Package of RDRIP-2 Project & GOBM, FY 2023-2024 for this District.

Sl No	Name of Package	Name of Work	Tender ID
1	RDRIP-2/W-VRA-352	Improvement of Birampur Kuchia more at R&H-Sandalpur Paccar Matha via Dhanjhuri Paccar Matha Road (Ch. 2874-4994m) [ID No-127104054] Under Upazila Birampur, Dist. Dinajpur.	885052
2	e-Tender/LGED/Dina/GOBM/23-24/RW-39	Periodic Maintenance of Pakerhat GC to Jakirgonj Bazar Viaa Sheitu Shah Madrasa Road from Ch. 00m-6580m [Khansama]. [Road ID. 127603017]	887927

Last Selling Date & time 08-11-2023, 16:00, Closing & Opening Date & time 09-11-2023, 11:00.

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 08 November'2023, 17:00.

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

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Dated: 17-10-2023

e-Tender Notice-13/2023-2024

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Sl No	Package No.	Name of Work	e-Tender ID	Procurement Method	Tender/ Proposal Document last selling/ downloading Date and Time	Last Date and Time for Tender/ Proposal Security Submission:	Tender/ Proposal Closing Date and Time
1	CW-147/RCIP/RJB	01. Improvement of Mrigi GC- Sonapur GC Road at Ch.0.00m- 3810m= 3810m under Kalukhali Upazila District- Rajbari (Road ID 382772007) Salvage Cost 777175.36 & 02. Improvement of Kallayanpur R&H (Naturan Rasta)- Kutirhat GC via Rampur GPS Road at Ch. 0.00m- 3600m = 3600m under Sadar Upazila, District- Rajbari (Road ID 382762012) Salvage Cost 8,09,743.00 Total Salvage Cost 15,86,918.36	885066	OTM	19-November 2023 16:00	20-November-2023 12:00	20-November-2023 13:00

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