

## Brac Bank holds annual risk conference

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Brac Bank recently organised a daylong “Annual Risk Conference 2023” at the bank’s head office in Dhaka to create awareness among its co-workers about risks in day-to-day banking operations and to find ways to effectively overcome these difficulties.

More than 700 participants, including branch managers, branch operations managers and other senior officials, participated in the conference in person and through virtual platforms.

Md Zabdul Islam, director of the department of off-site supervision (DOS) of the Bangladesh Bank, inaugurated the conference as chief guest, said a press release.

Salek Ahmed Abul Masrur, independent director and chairman of the board risk management committee of Brac Bank, took part in a panel discussion on “Macroeconomic Volatility and its Impact on Credit & Market Risk”, moderated by Ahmed Rashid Joy, deputy managing director & head of credit risk management.



Md Zabdul Islam, director of the department of off-site supervision of the Bangladesh Bank, and Salek Ahmed Abul Masrur, independent director and chairman of the board risk management committee of Brac Bank, pose for photographs with participants and panelists of a daylong “Annual Risk Conference 2023” at the latter’s head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BRAC BANK

## Eastern Bank launches sub-branch at Habiganj Industrial Park

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Eastern Bank PLC opened a sub-branch of the bank in Olipur at the Habiganj Industrial Park yesterday.

M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME of the bank, and Prof Mohammad Jahirul Hoque, vice-chancellor of Metropolitan University in Sylhet, inaugurated the sub-branch, read a press release.

Among others, Shah Fokruzzaman, secretary of Habiganj Press Club, Lt Col (retd) Sheikh Jalal, general manager (admin) of RFL Group, Dipak Kumar Dev, chief plant officer and factory head of Pran Group, Abu Rasel Md Masum, branch area head of the bank, and Md Bahar Uddin, manager of Moulvibazar branch, were also present.



PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME of Eastern Bank, and Prof Mohammad Jahirul Hoque, vice-chancellor of Metropolitan University in Sylhet, cut a ribbon to inaugurate an Olipur sub-branch of the bank at Habiganj Industrial Park yesterday.

## Al-Arafah Islami Bank opens branch in Joypurhat

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Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd launched a branch in Joypurhat, its 212th branch, yesterday.

Farman R Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the branch as chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

Shabbir Ahmed, Md Shafiqur Rahman, Syed Masodul Bari, Md Mahmudur Rahman, Mohammed Nadim, Abdullah Al Mamun and

Fazlur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing directors of the bank, were present.

Among others, ANM Mufidul Islam, head of Bogura zone and executive vice-president, presided over the ceremony, where Md Habib Ullah, senior executive vice-president of the bank, Md Mousudr Rahman, manager of the new branch, and Md Belayet Hossain Lebu, vice-president of the Joypurhat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were also present.



Farman R Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, cuts a ribbon to virtually inaugurate a Joypurhat branch of the bank at its head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK



Prashanta Bhushon Barua, independent director and chairman of PLFS Investments Ltd, presides over the 25th annual general meeting of the company, which was held virtually recently. M Shafiqur Rahman, independent director of the company, Dwipak Kumar Ghosh, chief executive officer, and Kazi Anowarul Hoque, Md Rashadul Islam and Motiur Rahman, representatives from People's Leasing and Financial Services Ltd, Anan Chemical Industries Ltd, and Drinun Apparels Ltd respectively, were also present.

PHOTO: PLFS INVESTMENTS

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05	905747	NARAIL/REV/4931/ SHED/WR-13	Repair and Renovation Works of Library Building at Govt. Shaheed Abdus Salam Degree College, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	26/12/2023 (16:00)	27/12/2023 (13:00)
06	905753	NARAIL/REV/4931/ SHED/WR-14	Repair and Renovation Works of Administrative Building at Govt. Shaheed Abdus Salam Degree College, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	26/12/2023 (16:00)	27/12/2023 (13:00)
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## Bangladesh's leather exports to benefit

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He also said due to a lack of LWG certifications, tannery owners were deprived of fair prices while global brands were refraining from purchasing finished leather and leather goods from Bangladesh.

For this reason, some tanneries do not have work

year-round, which leads to the layoff of workers, Azad alleged.

Md Mizanur Rahman, director of Samota Leather Complex Ltd in Savar, said at least 15 tanneries would be able to get the LWG certification if the CETP was upgraded as they had already meet other

requirements.

According to him, all tanneries will need the LWG certification to export products.

Rahman said it would take just six months to upgrade the existing CETP and that they were in correspondence with an Italian company to this

end. “Tannery owners and exporters of leather goods will both benefit as the exporters will be able to use the locally processed leather,” he said.

Rahman, also vice president of the BTA, believes that the leather sector can earn at least

\$5 billion from exports every year after achieving a substantial number of LWG certifications.

The leather sector earned \$1.24 billion last fiscal year from the export of leather and leather products while it was \$941.67 million in the previous fiscal year.

## MJL Bangladesh

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On Monday, the board of directors of MJL Bangladesh, a joint venture between East Coast Group and state-owned petroleum marketer Jamuna Oil Ltd, gave its consent for the purchase of the tanker.

It also approved an additional amount of \$150 million for shipbuilding supervision fees, consultancy fees, modification-related spending, takeover expenses, legal fees and operational expenses, and traveling expenditures, the company said in a disclosure.

Kabir said they would purchase the vessel from Japan and it would be rented out to MJL-owned Omera Petroleum and other LPG sellers in Bangladesh to generate revenue.

The tanker is expected to be delivered by the shipbuilder by 2026.

Shares of MJL closed unchanged at Tk 86.7 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday.

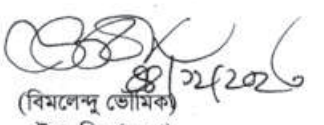
MJL decided to buy the tanker at a time when the demand for bottled LPG is growing steadily for household uses after the government stopped giving new piped gas connections.

Currently, Bangladesh needs around 16 lakh tonnes of LPG per year and the total market size is around \$3.2 billion, industry people say.

At present, at least 30 LPG companies are operating in Bangladesh and Omera LPG accounts for nearly one-fifth of the market.

Some companies have their own tankers but they are smaller in size. Around 60 percent of the companies use rented vehicles to import LPG, said an official of an LPG seller.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 5, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 62-Tk 75	3.79 ↑	0
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 53	3.00 ↑	0
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	9.20 ↑	-22.76 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	2.38 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 150-Tk 155	3.39 ↑	-14.08 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 55	-4.76 ↓	112.77 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 110-Tk 135	-3.92 ↓	188.24 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 38-Tk 42	-18.37 ↓	2.56 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			

<b>গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার</b> <b>শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়</b> <b>সেবা শাখা</b> <b>www.mole.gov.bd</b>	
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<b>দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি</b>	
(১) মন্ত্রণালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানা	শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৭, ৫ম তলা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০।
(২) কাজের বিবরণ/দরপত্রের নাম	শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কাজে নিয়োজিত ঢাকা মেট্রো-৮-৫৩-৬৩৩২ নম্বর মাইক্রোবাস, Scrape হিসেবে নিলামে বিক্রয়।
(৩) উদ্দেশ্য	শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের ব্যবহারের অনুপযোগী প্রশাসনিক কাজে নিয়োজিত ঢাকা মেট্রো-৮-৫৩-৬৩৩২ নম্বর মাইক্রোবাস Scrape হিসেবে নিলামে বিক্রয়।
(৪) গাড়ীর অবস্থান	বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
(৫) দরপত্র আহ্বানের নম্বর ও তারিখ	নং-৪০.০০.০০০০.০৩৮.২৬.০০৪.১৭-১৫৬৬, তারিখ : ০৪-১২-২০২৩
(৬) দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় শুরুর তারিখ ও সময়	১০-১২-২০২৩ তারিখ সকাল ১০:০০ টায় হতে বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা পর্যন্ত।
(৭) দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৩-১২-২০২৩ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা পর্যন্ত।
(৮) দরপত্র সিডিউল জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৪-১২-২০২৩ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ টা পর্যন্ত।
(৯) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৪-১২-২০২৩ বেলা ০৩:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র দাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)
(১০) দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	উপসচিব (সেবা) এর কক্ষ নং-৪২৭, ভবন নং-৭, ৫ম তলা, শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
(১১) দরপত্র সিডিউল জমা দেয়ার স্থান	উপসচিব (সেবা) এর কক্ষ নং-৪২৭, ভবন নং-৭, ৫ম তলা, শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
(১২) দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
(১৩) সিকিউরিটি মানি/জামানত, শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমূল্য।	দরপত্র উদ্ধৃত দরের ৩% হারে জামানত হিসাবে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে (পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট) টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি হিসেবে উপসচিব (সেবা), শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমূল্যে যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে।
(১৪) দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা	জনাব বিমলেন্দু ভৌমিক, উপসচিব (সেবা), শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৭, কক্ষ নং-৪২৭, ৫ম তলা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০।
(১৫) দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/অন্য যে কোন ব্যক্তি।
(১৬) সকল দরপত্র বাতিল/গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।	
(১৭) বিশেষ নির্দেশিকাঃ দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে বিস্তারিতভাবে বর্ণিত আছে।	
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