



Prof Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies at the University of Dhaka, and Chowdhury Mohammed Hanif Shoeib, president of Dabir-Sohani-Suraiya Foundation and managing director of Salma Group, exchange signed documents of an agreement at the Multipurpose Hall of the Faculty of Business Studies at the university in Shahbagh, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: CITIZENS BANK

Eastern Bank strikes deal with IDEX Biometrics

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Eastern Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Oslo-based IDEX Biometrics to launch the world's first biometric metal card.

With advanced security features and seamless transaction capabilities, the card not only offers financial solutions but also ensures a secure and hassle-free payment experience for cardholders.

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Catharina Eklof, chief commercial officer of IDEX

Biometrics, inked the deal at the bank's head office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

"The IDEX Biometrics solution provides a first-class payment experience. We believe the cards will become the new payment standard, supporting secure contactless payments, and ultimately bringing financial empowerment to all," said Iftekhar.

"EBL's premium customers will be the first group to receive these new contactless cards, as EBL again takes the lead on driving seamless payments across Bangladesh and Asia," said Eklof.

DU business faculty signs deal for scholarship

STAR BUSINESS DESK

The Faculty of Business Studies of the University of Dhaka and Dabir-Sohani-Suraiya Foundation recently signed an agreement on scholarship award.

Prof Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, and Chowdhury Mohammed Hanif Shoeib, president of the foundation and managing director of Salma Group, inked the deal at the university's multipurpose hall.

Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, vice-chancellor of the University of Dhaka, attended the agreement signing

ceremony as chief guest, said a press release.

Kamal handed over cheques to 10 meritorious and financially insolvent students of the Faculty of Business Studies.

Among others, Md Ataur Rahman Prodhan, former managing director and CEO of Sonali Bank PLC and vice-president of the foundation, Arfan Ali, former president and managing director of Bank Asia Limited and vice-president of the foundation, and Air Commodore (retired) AKM Rafique Uddin, secretary of the foundation and executive director of Salma Group, were present.



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, and Catharina Eklof, chief commercial officer of IDEX Biometrics, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Mastercard launches new campaign

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Mastercard, a global digital payment provider, has launched a winter spend and win campaign for 2023-24, styled "Mesmerizing Morocco".

The campaign started on December 17 this year and will end on January 31 next year.

The campaign offers Mastercard cardholders the chance to win the grand prize, a couple's trip to Morocco, which is a popular travel destination with vibrant cultural heritage and colourful landscapes, deserts, and sea beaches.

Additionally, other winners will have the opportunity to win over 50 exciting prizes.

Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard Bangladesh, along with senior officials from the global payment provider's partner banks in Bangladesh were present at the launching ceremony.

ECB rate cut bets premature: official

REUTERS, Frankfurt

The European Central Bank will need at least until spring before it can reassess its policy outlook and market expectations for an interest rate cut in March or April are premature, ECB policymaker Bostjan Vasle said on Monday.

The ECB left interest rates unchanged last week and guided for steady policy in coming months, even as investors piled pressure on the bank to follow the US Federal Reserve in signalling rate cuts given a string of unexpectedly benign inflation data.



Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank, and Mahira Husain Khan, chief executive officer of Truefitt & Hill Bangladesh, exchange signed documents of an agreement at the former's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Prime Bank partners with Truefitt & Hill

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Truefitt & Hill Bangladesh, a salon for men of the UK-based Truefitt & Hill.

Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of the bank, and Mahira Husain Khan, chief executive officer of the salon, inked the deal at the former's head office in Dhaka recently, the bank said in a press release.

Under this partnership, the bank's monarch (priority banking) customers will enjoy 10 percent discount on any item(s) purchased in the amount equal to or

above Tk 7,000, an average of 20 percent savings on service upgrade from classic to royal service, and yearly membership extension by two months (royal and classic membership privileges) from the salon.

Certified by the Guinness Book of World Records 2000, Truefitt and Hill is a premium barbershop that has been recognised as the finest traditional gentlemen's barber and perfumer in London, providing discerning gentlemen with the best in grooming for over 200 years.

Tamanna Quadry, executive vice-president and head of priority banking of the bank, and other senior officials from both organisations were also present.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 18, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 70	-5.11 ↓	-5.11 ↓
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-3.92 ↓	-1.01 ↓
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	5.56 ↑	-24.00 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	2.38 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	3.28 ↑	-7.89 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 55-Tk 60	21.05 ↑	155.56 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 120-Tk 170	28.89 ↑	241.18 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 43-Tk 45	1.15 ↑	20.55 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			

Exim Bank opens two sub-branches

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Exim Bank has opened two sub-branches, the Savar upazila sub-branch in Savar and the University Avenue sub-branch at the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet.

Mohammad Feroz Hossain, managing director and CEO of the bank, virtually inaugurated the sub-branches from the bank's head office yesterday, said a press release.

"Exim Bank is working for the development of the country's economy by combining both

modern and Islamic banking," Hossain said.

Among others, Md Humayun Kabir and Shah Md Abdul Bari, additional managing directors of the bank, Md Zoshim Uddin Bhuiyan and Maksuda Khanam, deputy managing directors, were present.



Mohammad Feroz Hossain, managing director and CEO of Exim Bank, cuts a ribbon to virtually inaugurate two sub-branches from the bank's head office yesterday.

PHOTO: EXIM BANK

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Office of the Executive Engineer

District : Bhola.

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শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি

গ্রাম শহরের উন্নতি

Memo No. 46.02.09.00.000.021.23.3916

Date : 18.12.23

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

The Tender Notice issued by the office of the undersigned vide Memo No: 46.02.09.00.000.21.23.3512 Date: 12/11/2023 has been Changed as follows:

Tender Submitted in the office of District Commissioner, Bhola, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Bhola and office of the undersigned.

All other terms & conditions of the Tender notice will remain unchanged.

(Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil)

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Date: 14/12/2023

Memo No. 46.19.0000.025.01.001.15.23-639

Invitation for Tenders (IFT) (Works)

e-Tender Notice-02/2023-24

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

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh						
1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives/Local Government Division.				
2	Agency	Gazipur City Corporation.				
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, Water, Gazipur City Corporation.				
4	Procuring nature	Works.				
KEY INFORMATION						
5	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (e-GP).				
6	Source of funds	Own fund.				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
7	Budget and source of funds	Own fund				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
8	Project name	Mention below				
9	Tender Package No.	GCC/Water/T-02/2023-24/01				
10	Schedule tender publication date & time	14/12/2023	16:00			
11	Tender documents last selling date & time	14/01/2024	11:00			
12	Tender closing date & time	14/01/2024	14:00			
13	Tender opening date & time	14/01/2024	14:00			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
14	Brief description of works:					
SL No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of the work	Tender/proposal security (amount in Tk)	Tender/proposal document price (in BDT)	Completion time (days)
1	922652	GCC/Water/T-02/2023-24/01	Procurement and installation of goods & pump repair for the financial year 2023-24 and pipeline work at the Water Supply Division in Gazipur City Corporation.	23,00,000.00	4000.00	180 days
15.	Tender validity period					90 days

Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is mandatory. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches of Bangladesh. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Mohammad Abu Hanif

Executive Engineer

Water Division

Gazipur City Corporation

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