

## Bank Asia inks deal with Rural Development Academy

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Bank Asia Ltd has signed an agreement with Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura aiming to provide a "two-storey agriculture with solar power irrigation system" to the poor and marginal farmers nationwide under the bank's corporate social responsibility.

Tahmidur Rashid, senior executive vice-president and head of CRM division of the bank, and Md Ferdous Hossain Khan, director of RDA, inked the deal at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka recently, said a press release.

Shafiuzzaman, president and managing director (current charge) of the bank, and ANM Mahfuz, additional managing director, along with other officials of both organisations were also present.



Tahmidur Rashid, senior executive vice-president and head of CRM division of Bank Asia, and Md Ferdous Hossain Khan, director of Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, exchange signed documents of an agreement at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BANK ASIA

## Global watchdog proposes new ethics code to combat greenwashing

REUTERS, London

Firms that check environmental, social and governance claims made by companies will be asked to follow a proposed new ethics code to help combat greenwashing, the chief of a global standards body told Reuters.

Trillions of dollars have flowed into investment funds touting green credentials, but these can be misleading, a practice known as greenwashing. As a result, companies are increasingly being asked to disclose more about their actions on climate change and other issues such as board diversity.

Companies in the European Union and globally from this year will have to use new, mandatory disclosures on ESG and climate-related factors in their annual reports for 2024 and onwards.

These disclosures will need checking by external auditors as a safeguard against greenwashing.

Gabriela Figueiredo Dias, chair of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), said it was proposing revisions and additions to its ethics standards for auditing sustainability information from companies.

The IESBA is an independent global body that sets ethics standards for business and other organisations.

The standards spell out best practice for verifying a company's sustainability claims by offering detailed instructions in areas such as accounting for the impact of corporate actions on emissions, relying on outside experts, and identifying and tackling conflicts of interest.

"There is nothing more central to sustainable finance than the information that is provided to those who decide to invest or fund projects and businesses."



Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, inspector general of police and chairman of Community Bank Bangladesh, presides over the bank's 49th board meeting held at the police headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: COMMUNITY BANK BANGLADESH

## Community Bank holds board meeting

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Community Bank Bangladesh yesterday organised its 49th board meeting at the police headquarters in Dhaka.

Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, the inspector general of police, Bangladesh and chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting, the bank said in a press release.

Masud Khan and Kazi Masihur Rahman, independent directors of the bank, and Masihul Huq Chowdhury, managing director and CEO, also

attended the meeting.

A number of important decisions were taken on the investment proposals and different agenda on policy matters of the bank during the meeting.

Md Kamrul Ahsan, additional IG (admin) of Bangladesh Police, M Khurshid Hossain, director general of Rapid Action Battalion, Md Monirul Islam, additional IG of special branch of Bangladesh Police, Md Mazharul Islam, additional IG of L&AA, Md Atiqul Islam, additional IG of crime and operations, Abu Hasan Muhammad Tarique, additional IG (finance), were present.

## Haier launches new products at partners' meet programme

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Haier, one of the top global appliance brands, recently launched a new product line-up in the Bangladeshi market at a partners' meet programme, styled "Forward Together", at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka.

The Solar Hybrid AC and the S900 series QLED TV were included in the new product line-up.

"Combi Series" Washer Dryer Combo and 316 series top load washing machine, HRB 700KGU refrigerator, and the HCF-230GE and HCF-175GE freezer models alongside "Shock Proof" water heaters

were also unveiled.

Wang Xiangjing, deputy managing director of Haier Bangladesh, inaugurated the programme as chief guest, read a press release.

"As a representative of the real economy, Haier has been constantly focusing on the industry and developing businesses in smart home and living, and industrial internet sectors and building high-end scenario and ecosystem brands," said Xiangjing.

"With continuous innovation and new technology, Haier Bangladesh Limited will facilitate Bangladeshi customers to experience the best when it comes to using home appliances," he added.



Wang Xiangjing, deputy managing director of Haier Bangladesh, inaugurates a new product line of the company for its customers in the country at a partner's meet programme, styled "Forward Together", at International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: HAIER BANGLADESH

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JAN 29, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 62-Tk 75	1.48 ↑	1.48 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 54	6.12 ↑	8.33 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	3.16 ↑	-16.95 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 165	1.59 ↑	-5.33 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 50	-25.00 ↓	63.64 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 90-Tk 100	0	153.33 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 45-Tk 48	5.68 ↑	9.41 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

## Social Islami Bank arranges business development meeting

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Social Islami Bank recently arranged its "Business Development Meeting" in Khulna.

Zafar Alam, managing director and CEO of the bank, attended the meeting as chief guest, read a press release. Alam said that despite

various global setbacks, all the business indicators of the bank were moving in a positive direction.

"The budget of 2024 has already been prepared and strategies to implement this have also been formulated," he said. He urged everyone to give their utmost effort to achieve the targets of 2024.

Mohammad Forkanullah, Abdul Hannan Khan and Mohammad Habibur Rahman, deputy managing directors of the bank, Mohammad Mosle Uddin, head of Khulna zone, Md Moniruzzaman, head of marketing and brand communication, and branch managers for the Khulna region were among those present.



Zafar Alam, managing director and CEO of Social Islami Bank, attends a "Business Development Meeting" of the bank for officers of Khulna region in Khulna recently.

PHOTO: SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK

## Aqua Paints organises sales conference

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Aqua Paints recently held its "Sales Conference 2024", styled "Next Billion Promise" in Cox's Bazar.

Ramzud Seraj, managing director of the paints and coatings company, and Sajedur Seraj, deputy managing

director, virtually joined the event, the company said in a press release.

Shayaan Seraj, director of the company, attended the conference.

"It might be just the beginning towards billions, but our promise is to deliver the best to our customers with new innovations and initiatives.

We are hopeful and geared up to reach our consumers more effectively in 2024," said Seraj.

Among others, SM Ahsanul Karim, executive director (factory), Md Minhaz Uddin Talukder, head of sales, and Shafath Zameel, head of project, were also present.



Shayaan Seraj, director of Aqua Paints, poses for photographs with participants of a "Sales Conference 2024" in Cox's Bazar recently.

PHOTO: AQUA PAINTS

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**পুরকৌশল বিভাগ**  
**সীমিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগঃ- : নৌপরিবহন মন্ত্রণালয়।  
২। এজেন্সিঃ- : পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ।  
৩। প্রকিউরিং এনটিটির নামঃ- : পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ।  
৪। যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহবান করা হইলঃ- : **Package-1.** Supply of Curtain for 2nd floor of Administrative Building and Other Related Accessories for Chairman's Accommodation at Payra Port.  
**Package-2.** Supply and installation of Pipe line and Related accessories for North Residential Area at Payra Port Authority.

৫। ক্রয় পদ্ধতিঃ- : সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM)।  
৬। বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎসঃ- : রাজস্ব বাজেট।  
৭। দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখঃ- : ১৩/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।  
৮। দরপত্র জমা দানের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানঃ- : পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ, কলাপাড়া, পটুয়াখালী নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (জেটি) এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাগে ১৩/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা এর মধ্যে জমা দিতে হবে।  
৯। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানঃ- : ১৩/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ, বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ, কলাপাড়া, পটুয়াখালী।

১০। দরপত্রের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণঃ-

ক্র. নং	দরপত্র নং- ও তারিখ	কাজের নাম	দরপত্র দিলের মূল্য	সরবরাহের সময়সীমা
১	১৮.২১.৭৮৬৬.০১৯.৩৭.০২১.২৩ তারিখ- ২৯/০২/২০২৪ ইং	Supply of Curtain for 2nd floor of Administrative Building and Other Related Accessories for Chairman's Accommodation at Payra Port.	১০০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৪৫ দিন
২	১৮.২১.৭৮৬৬.০১৯.৩১.০০১.২৪ তারিখ- ২৯/০২/২০২৪ ইং	Supply and installation of Pipe line and Related accessories for North Residential Area at Payra Port Authority.	১০০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য)	১২০ দিন

১১। দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান ও অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলীঃ- পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ কলাপাড়া, পটুয়াখালী, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (জেটি) এর দপ্তর হতে নির্ধারিত মূল্য প্রদানের মাধ্যমে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয় করা যাবে।  
১২। দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারীর যোগ্যতাঃ- পায়রা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের পুরকৌশল বিভাগে তালিকাভুক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান।  
১৩। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবীঃ- নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (জেটি), পাবক।  
১৪। কাজের বিজ্ঞপ্তির বিবরণঃ- দরপত্র দলিল মোতাবেক।  
ক্রয়কারীর কার্যালয় দরপত্র সমূহ সম্পূর্ণ অথবা আংশিক গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। দরপত্র খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখে অনিবার্য কারণে দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে দরপত্র খোলা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরপত্র দাতা/প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।  
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