

## Eastern Bank, bKash ink deal for online payment solution

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Eastern Bank recently signed an agreement on an online payment solution with host-to-host connectivity through EBLConnect with mobile financial service (MFS) provider bKash.

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash, inked the deal at the former's head office in Gulshan, read a press release.

Under this agreement, EBLConnect, a home-grown internet banking platform of the bank, will facilitate different payments through bKash (single and/or bulk payment instructions) without any manual intervention, ensuring seamless and efficient transactions.

"Going forward, collaborations like this will create greater opportunities for introducing effective and advanced financial products and services," said Quadir.



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash, exchange signed documents of an agreement at the former's head office in Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

## AK Azad new chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank

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AK Azad, managing director of the Ha-Meem Group of Companies, has been elected chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank.

Moreover, Mohammed Younus, managing director of the Sobhan Ice & Cold Storage, and Mohiuddin Ahmed, proprietor of Rupsha Trading Corporation and Mohiuddin Auto House, were re-elected vice-chairmen at a board meeting yesterday.

Azad has businesses involving jute, textile, tea and garment sectors and was elected a member of parliament from Faridpur 3 constituency in the 12th national parliamentary elections.

He is a former president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Bangladesh Chamber of Industries and Dhaka University Alumni Association.

Azad obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in applied physics from the University of Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Younus has been running businesses involving paper, IT, insurance, merchant banking, agriculture, fabrics and cold storage sectors for over three decades.

He is the managing director of Younus Cold Storage, Ananta Paper Mills, Younus Paper Mills, Younus Fine Paper Mills, Younus Spinning Mills, Sharif Cold Storage, Younus Newsprint Mills and Younus Offset Paper Mills.

He is also the managing director of Galaxy Flying Academy and a member of the board of trustees of Fareast International University.

On the other hand, Mohiuddin is the chairman of Pacific Automobiles, vice-chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank Securities and sponsor shareholder of Islami Insurance Bangladesh.

He is also a director of the Bangladesh Chamber of Industries.



Shawkat Hossain

## Bangladesh Venture Capital gets new CEO

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Bangladesh Venture Capital Ltd (BVCL) recently appointed Shawkat Hossain as its chief executive officer (CEO).

Hossain will also be responsible for leading the company's strategic direction, driving growth, and overseeing the investment portfolio, said a press release.

He expressed his excitement about joining the BVCL, stating, "I look forward to working with the talented team at the BVCL and leveraging my experience to support the growth of innovative startups in Bangladesh."

"Together, we will create opportunities, foster entrepreneurship, and contribute to the overall economic development of the country."

"We are delighted to welcome Shawkat Hossain as our new CEO," said Md Sabur Khan, chairman of the company.



Nahid Sarwar, managing director of Cityscape International, and Tusnuva Ahmed Tina, managing partner of Asiatic Mindshare, ink an agreement at Cityscape Lifestyle Tower in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: ASIATIC MINDSHARE

## Cityscape International partners with Asiatic Mindshare

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Cityscape International, a construction company, recently signed an agreement with Asiatic Mindshare, a media agency.

Nahid Sarwar, managing director of the construction company, and Tusnuva Ahmed Tina, managing partner of the media agency, inked the deal at the Cityscape Lifestyle Tower in Dhaka, read a press release.

Cityscape has been working to enrich the lives of Bangladeshi people with modern and contemporary lifestyle solutions that keep up with the global trends.

On the other hand, Asiatic Mindshare has held a place as one of the top media agencies in Bangladesh for quite a long time.

Both parties expressed great confidence and optimism regarding the collaboration.

## Southeast Bank organises conference on AI in banking sector

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Southeast Bank recently organised an in-house conference, titled "Generative AI and its Application in Banking Industries" at the Southeast Bank Training Institute in Dhaka.

A total of 70 participants attended the conference.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, attended the closing ceremony of the conference as chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

In his speech, Hossain highlighted the significance of generative artificial intelligence in shaping the next era of banking operations and navigating challenges posed by international influences.

Among others, Khondkar Atique-e-Rabbani, managing director of Computers Ltd and founder member, treasurer and secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of



Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of Southeast Bank, poses for photographs with participants of a conference titled "Generative AI and its Application in Banking Industries" at Southeast Bank Training Institute in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

Software and Information Services, and Abidur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing director of the bank, were present.

Rabbani delivered a series of engaging presentations covering the future prospects

of generative artificial intelligence in the banking sector. The conference provided a platform for insightful discussions and knowledge exchange on harnessing the potential of AI in banking operations.

## NCC Bank launches services for women

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NCC Bank has launched dedicated women banking services called "NCC Parama" recently with the slogan "For Better You".

Md Abul Bashar, chairman,

inaugurated the services at Sea Pearl Cox's Bazar Beach Resort & Spa, the bank said in a press release.

NCC Bank is committed to providing customers need-based products, quality service and technology-based banking

solutions, he said.

"Considering the importance of women in the socio-economic context of Bangladesh, NCC Bank has launched women's banking services to support the financial prosperity of women and to actively participate in entrepreneur development," said Bashar.

Considering the current status, challenges and prospects for the development of women's banking in Bangladesh, NCC Bank has started "NCC Parama" banking activities, said M Shamsul Arefin, managing director and CEO (current charge).

Sohela Hossain, vice-chairman, Md Nurun Newaz, chairman of the risk management committee, SM Abu Mohsin, chairman of the executive committee, and Khairul Alam Chaklader, director, were present.



Md Abul Bashar, chairman of NCC Bank, poses for photographs while inaugurating the bank's new banking services for women titled "NCC Parama" at Sea Pearl Beach Resort in Cox's Bazar recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

## BHBFC launches activities at integrated office building in Manikganj

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The Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (BHBFC) launched its home loan service activities at an integrated government office building in Manikganj yesterday.

Md Abdul Mannan, managing director of the corporation, inaugurated the opening of its activities at the new office building, read a press release.

The government is implementing an integrated government office building project with the aim to deliver all important government services at the district level from the same building.



PHOTO: BHBFC

Md Abdul Mannan, managing director of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation, inaugurates its home loan service activities at an integrated government office building in Manikganj yesterday.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (FEB 7, 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 48-Tk 52	2.04 ↑	0
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	3.16 ↑	-14.04 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 158-Tk 165	2.54 ↑	-5.00 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 30-Tk 40	-41.67 ↓	40.00 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 85-Tk 100	8.82 ↑	164.29 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 46-Tk 48	8.05 ↑	3.30 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

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**পুনঃফেরিঘাট ইজারা কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

০১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	:	১/নসি/২০২৪-২০২৫ (৯সম্মানবান)
০২।	ইজারার বিবরণ	:	নরসিংদী সড়ক বিভাগের অধীন নরসিংদী (জলাশয়পুর)-রায়পুরা (জেড-২০৪১) সড়কের মেঘনা নদীর উপর অবস্থিত পান্থশালা - সায়াদাবাদ ফেরিঘাট দিয়া চলাচলকারী যানবাহন হইতে সরকার নির্ধারিত হারে টোল আদায়ের নিমিত্তে চুক্তি সম্পাদনের তারিখ হইতে পরবর্তী ত্রি(৩)দিন) বন্ধকরের অন্য টোল আদায়ের নিমিত্তে ইজারা প্রদান।
০৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	:	৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (২০২৫ দিন)
০৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিল মূল্য	:	টাক ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫।	জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ	:	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পেমেন্ট অর্ডার আকারে
০৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৭/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৭।	মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৮/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	ইজারা ডাকে অংশ গ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	:	ভাট ও আরকর সমন্বয়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী/বেসরকারী/ স্বায়ব্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার
০৯।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের ঘণা গণ্য হবে	:	জেলা প্রশাসক, নরসিংদী / নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সড়ক বিভাগ, নরসিংদী / উপ-বিঃপ্রঃ, সড়ক উপ-বিঃপ্রঃ/নরসিংদী/শিবপুর
১০।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে	:	(ক) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সড়ক বিভাগ, নরসিংদী। (খ) জেলা প্রশাসক, নরসিংদী
১১।	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	:	স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক বিভাগ, নরসিংদী তারিখঃ ২৮/০২/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১২।	ইজারা কোটেশন আদানকারী যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন কোটেশন / সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	:	

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