

Prime Bank donates bus to Dhaka University

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Prime Bank recently donated a bus for the students at the University of Dhaka (DU) to enhance their campus experience.

Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank Foundation, handed over the key to the bus to Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, vice chancellor (VC) of the university, in a programme held at the Senate Building of the university, read a press release.

"We are always here to support Dhaka University, the institution which produces the brightest minds of this nation. This bus stands as a testament to our commitment towards students and the development of their future," said Chowdhury.



Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank Foundation, and Tanjil Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank, hand over a bus key to Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, vice chancellor of the University of Dhaka, in a programme at the Senate Building of the university recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

DU VC Kamal extended his gratitude to Prime Bank for their support and urged them to come forward with such initiatives in the future as well.

Prof Muhammad Samad, pro-VC (administration) of the university, Prof Sitesh Chandra Bachar, pro-VC (academic), Prof Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, treasurer, Prof Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), and Tanjil Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank, were present.

Among others, Hassan O Rashid, managing director and CEO of Prime Bank, along with other senior officials from the bank and the university were also present.

Shanta Forum recognised as champion at ESSAB Safety Excellence Award

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Shanta Forum, the first twin towers of the country, was named champion in the commercial building category at the ESSAB Safety Excellence Award 2024.

One of the key highlights of Shanta Forum's outstanding safety infrastructure is its firefighting and smoke detection system, read a press release.

Equipped with advanced detection technology and water sprinklers, this system ensures rapid response and effective containment in case of emergencies, enhancing the overall safety of the premises.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal handed over the award and safety certificate to a representative of Shanta Holdings at the 9th International Fire, Safety and Security Expo 2024 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

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To fortify fire-safety measures, Shanta Forum incorporated a two-hour UL-certified fire-resistant door in its fire stairs, sensor-based mechanical ventilation system in the basements, and a central fire command and control room.

Manned 24/7 by a professional monitoring team, this command centre ensures real time monitoring and coordination through a fully integrated iBMS system, providing an additional layer of security and responsiveness in case of any incident.

The Electronics Safety and Security Association of Bangladesh (ESSAB) assessed and recognised the best buildings in the country for outstanding implementation of fire safety systems in premises.



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PHOTO: SHANTA HOLDINGS



Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Toiletries, poses for photographs with award-winning employees and participants of the annual sales conference 2024 at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox's Bazar recently.

PHOTO: SQUARE TOILETRIES

Square Toiletries holds annual sales conference

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Square Toiletries Ltd recently organised its annual sales conference with the theme "Jitte Hole Lorte Hobe (To win, we must fight)" at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox's Bazar.

Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of the company, attended the conference as chief guest, the company said in a press release.

The company rewarded the top performing employees of the company for their outstanding performance at the conference, which was attended by almost 1,500 officials of the Square Toiletries team.

At the event, the company launched three new products under the brand "Maya": "Maya True Herbs Herbal Coconut

Oil", "Maya All Natural Moroccan Argan Oil", and "Maya All Natural Spanish Rosehip Seed Oil".

Committed to its promise of "Look Well, Live Well", the company has always been devoted to enhancing the quality of life of the people of the country.

Every member of the organisation is determined to satisfy the changing needs of the people by providing high-quality products without compromising on any aspect.

Malik Mohammed Sayeed, chief operating officer of the company, M Golam Kibria, executive director, Ejazur Rahman, a specialised trainer, and actor Siam Ahmed, brand ambassador of Meril Petroleum Jelly, along with senior officials of the company were also present.

Banglalink wins 'Ookla Speedtest Award' for fastest mobile network in Bangladesh

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Banglalink has won the Ookla Speedtest Award for having the fastest mobile network in Bangladesh, a distinction which the mobile operator has won consistently over the past four years.

The mobile operator secured the top spot in Ookla's Speedtest Report for the third and fourth quarters of 2023, achieving an impressive speed score of 32.65 Mbps.

It was Banglalink's 8th time in a row.

The awards are given biannually, for the first and second quarters, and third and fourth quarters.

Reflecting on this achievement, Erik Aas, chief executive officer of Banglalink, said their steadfast commitment to a customer-centric ethos was demonstrated through the delivery of the nation's fastest internet.

"We have undertaken a significant expansion, doubling our network reach, to empower our customers with unparalleled connectivity," said Aas.

"By unleashing the power of the fastest internet, Banglalink is actively paving the way for a Smart Bangladesh, setting the industry standard for internet excellence."

Stephen Bye, president and CEO of Ookla, a division of Ziff Davis, said: "After conducting an in-depth analysis of consumer-initiated tests taken with Speedtest, Banglalink has been named the Fastest Mobile Network in Bangladesh by Ookla's Speedtest Awards for the 8th time in a row."

"This award was given to mobile network operators that demonstrate exceptional speed and performance in comparison to other major mobile networks in the market for Q3-Q4 2023," he added.

This recognition underscores Banglalink's unwavering commitment to delivering unparalleled network performance and reliability.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (FEB 26, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 75	-1.46 ↓	0
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-3.92 ↓	-2.00 ↓
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-3.06 ↓	-18.10 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 158	-0.63 ↓	-7.94 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 25-Tk 30	-42.11 ↓	30.95 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 110-Tk 120	35.29 ↑	253.85 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 43-Tk 47	2.27 ↑	-4.26 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

Meghna Bank opens sub-branch in Lalbagh

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Meghna Bank has opened its Lalbagh sub-branch on Haranath Ghosh Road in the capital's Lalbagh

recently.

Kimiwa Saddat, managing director and CEO (current charge) of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch as chief guest, read a press release.

Among others, Md Sadiqur Rahman, deputy managing director of the bank, along with other senior executives of the bank, and local businesspeople were also present.



Kimiwa Saddat, managing director and CEO (current charge) of Meghna Bank, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate a sub-branch of the bank on Haranath Ghosh Road in Lalbagh Thana, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

Team Pharma organises annual sales and marketing conference

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Team Pharmaceuticals Ltd, an emerging pharmaceutical company in the country, recently organised its "Annual Sales & Marketing Conference 2024" at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox's Bazar.

Abdullah Hil Rakib, managing director of Team Group, inaugurated the conference as chief guest, the drug maker said in a press release.

Rakib applauded all the members for their efforts and contribution to making the year 2023 successful.

He recounted the various successes and challenges faced by the team over the past years and shared his vision for the future. He also motivated participants to find success in the local and overseas

market.

The company rewarded the best-performing employees of 2023 in various categories in the event.

Abdullah Hil Nakib, deputy managing director of the group, MA

Monsur, director and chief operating officer, and Md Abdul Wahab, director of sales and distribution, were present.

Monsur analysed last year's sales performance and discussed the sales plan for the coming year.



Abdullah Hil Rakib, managing director of Team Group, poses for photographs in the company's Annual Sales & Marketing Conference 2024 at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox's Bazar recently.

PHOTO: TEAM GROUP

Why China is rebalancing growth drivers

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actual economic growth experienced by microeconomic entities.

China's economic recovery in 2023 faced various downside drivers, especially disruptions in real estate investment and exports. Property investment fell month after month last year, resulting in a 9.6 percent decrease in 2023. The current pace

of housing construction and new project startups remains slow. Furthermore, exports saw substantial swings, resulting in a 4.6 percent decrease for the year.

Meanwhile, China's economy demonstrated resilience and growth on the production side, while facing certain pressures on the demand side. The imbalance between supply and

demand has resulted in low inflation levels and an overall decline in asset prices since 2023.

The consumer price index, a main gauge of inflation, recorded a year-on-year increase of 0.2 percent in 2023, while the core CPI, which excludes food and energy, rose 0.7 percent. On the other hand, the producer price index.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender are invited in The National e-Gp system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by the Executive Engineer, RHD, Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj for the procurement of

SL No	Tender ID # & Package No	e-Tender Description	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1	947985 24/e-GP/Mundiv/ 2023-2024	Construction of Vehicle Shed-2 at Munshiganj Division Office Compound under Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj during the year 2023-2024.	10-03-2024 17:00	11-03-2024 08:00	11-03-2024 08:00
2	948012, 25/e-GP/Mundiv/ 2023-2024,	Repair of Damaged Pavement by Potholes Repair, Sub-Base, Aggregate Base Type-I, Carpeting & Seal Coat work at 1st Km (P) & 2nd Km (P) of Sreenagar Bazar-UNO Office Road (R-822) under Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj during the year 2023-2024.	10-03-2024 17:00	11-03-2024 08:05	11-03-2024 08:05
3	947988, 26/e-GP/Mundiv/ 2023-2024	Construction of R.O.W Pillars at Different Important Locations of Jatir Pita Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Mohasarak (Expressway N-8) under Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj During the year of 2023-2024.	10-03-2024 17:00	11-03-2024 08:10	11-03-2024 08:10

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2. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National E-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks Branch.

3. 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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