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**Moinul Hye Asif**

## New office bearers of ICCAB

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Probir Chandra Das, deputy managing director and CFO of National Life Insurance Company, and Moinul Hye Asif, executive vice-president and head of risk and compliance of MetLife, have recently been elected as chairman and general secretary respectively of the Insurance Companies CAMLCOs Association of Bangladesh (ICCAB) for a two-year term (2024-25).

Mohammad Selim, additional managing director of Takaful Islami Insurance (vice-chairman-1, non-life), Papia Rahman, deputy managing director of Pragati Insurance (vice-chairman-2, non-life), Milton Bepari, assistant managing director and CFO of Delta Life Insurance (vice-chairman-1, life), and Md Rafiqul Alam Bhuiyan, additional managing director of Pragati Life Insurance (vice-chairman-2, life), have also been elected, according to a press release.

Other office bearers are: Md Shahadat, deputy general manager of Jibon Bima Corporation (joint secretary-1, life), Md Moslem Uddin Ahmed, senior executive vice-president of NRB Islamic Life Insurance (joint secretary-2 life), and Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, additional managing director of Prime Insurance (joint secretary-1, non life).



**Capt Golam Mohiuddin Quadrey, vice-president of Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association, and Tasnim Hussain, head of cards of Eastern Bank, pose for photographs while launching cards at the former's office in Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: TRIUNE GROUP

## Eastern Bank, BMMOA launch co-branded cards with VISA

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Eastern Bank and Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association (BMMOA), in collaboration with VISA, recently launched co-branded VISA signature and VISA platinum credit cards along with debit cards.

Capt Golam Mohiuddin Quadrey, vice-president of the association, and Tasnim Hussain, head of cards of the bank, attended the launch at the former's office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

The EBL-BMMOA co-branded credit cards offer BMMOA members an array of exclusive

benefits tailored to their needs.

Cardholders will enjoy benefits including access to global airport lounges, complimentary services at Dhaka and Chattogram airports, round-the-year discounts, cashback opportunities at the bank's partner merchants and reward points for every retail purchase.

The co-branded debit cards also offer smooth and hassle-free payments.

Among others, Sarmin Atik, head of liability and wealth management of the bank, and Al-Mamun Ansar, head of liability business, along with other officials from all the organisations were also present.



**Mohammed Rabiul Hossain, managing director and CEO of Uttara Bank, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate a sub-branch in Baniachong, Habiganj yesterday.** PHOTO: UTTARA BANK

## Uttara Bank opens sub-branch in Baniachong

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Uttara Bank yesterday opened a sub-branch in Habiganj's Baniachong upazila.

It is the bank's 39th sub-branch. Mohammed Rabiul Hossain, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch, the bank said in a press release.

Among others, Md Rezaul Karim, deputy managing director of the bank, and Md Atiqur Rahman, deputy general manager and head for Sylhet zone, along with other officials and local dignitaries were also present.

## Poultry farmers in a bind as chickens succumb to heatwave

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Under these dire conditions, the production of both eggs and chickens has declined by around 4 to 10 percent.

According to BPA estimates, marginal farmers who have at least 1,000 chickens are seeing around 100 chickens perish due to the heat on average.

Farmers added that another reason for falling egg production was the fact that chickens cannot contend with the high heat. They also warned that the price of eggs and chicken is likely to increase further.

Main Uddin, a farmer from the Kapasia upazila in Gazipur, said 12 of his 1,000-plus chickens died on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"My farm was producing 900 eggs daily a week ago. Now, chickens are not eating properly due to high temperatures. Due to this, egg production has also

decreased. As a result, 600 to 650 pieces of eggs are being produced daily," he lamented.

"I am the sole breadwinner in the family. I have worked hard to get into this business. I can't find any other way."

Nikhil Chandra Biswas, a farmer from Barishal, said 15 of his chickens died during power outages over the past two days, costing him Tk 5,200.

He said he had poured around Tk 7 lakh into his business, adding that the extreme heat and load-shedding have put his investment at great risk.

Mahabubur Rahman, president of the Breeders Association of Bangladesh, said the current weather is unbearable for chickens. On average, 20 to 25 percent of chickens are suffering from adverse effects, he said.

"Normally, the standard temperature for chickens is 22 to 25 degrees Celsius. When it crosses that,

chickens may be infected by different viruses."

He added that the current heat causes chickens to eat less, so egg production is decreasing.

Reajul Huq, director general of the Department of Livestock Services, said all farmers are alerted ahead of a heatwave.

"Those who follow instructions are not facing any problems. Those who do not comply are the ones who are suffering," he said. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) warned that the heatwave is likely to persist until Saturday.

The highest temperature in Bangladesh this year was recorded at 42.6 degrees Celsius in Chuadanga on April 21. The average temperature in the district on that day stood at 37.5 degrees Celsius.

Experts say the heatwave is generated by El Nino, which is currently impacting the South and South Eastern regions.

## Oil price eases

REUTERS, London

Oil steadied on Thursday after settling lower the previous day as signs of retreating fuel demand in the US, the world's biggest oil user, contended with widening conflict risks in the Middle East.

This week's supply report from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) on Wednesday showed gasoline stockpiles fell less than forecast while distillate stockpiles rose against expectations of a decline, reflecting signs of slowing demand.

"It does not exactly give a healthy state of domestic demand in the US," said John Evans of oil broker PVM, who added that US economic data out later in the day would be important for sentiment. "Oil prices today will not be in the hands of the oil market," he said.

Brent crude futures fell 4 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$87.98 a barrel by 1005 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 7 cents, or 0.1 percent, at \$82.74.

## Heatwave leaves no impact

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Anwar-ul Alam Chowdhury Parvez, former president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said no negative impact had been noticed yet in terms of productivity and shipment of goods.

On the contrary, he said that workers feel more comfortable in factories since they do not have appliances at home which can keep them cool.

BGMEA Vice-President Md Nasir Uddin said many factories are serving lemon juice to workers to avoid the risk of dehydration. Productivity remains unaffected in factories as workers' presence is still good, he added.

Currently, garment exporters are catering to work orders for the spring season in the western world.

They have booked a lot of work orders from buyers due to the recovery of the

global supply chain from the severe fallouts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war.

The National Retail Federation (NRF), the largest retail platform in the USA, said in a recent statement that the Retail Monitor calculation of core retail sales – excluding restaurants in addition to automobiles and gasoline – was up 0.23 percent month-over-month and up 2.92 percent year-over-year in March.

That compared with increases of 0.27 percent month-over-month and 2.99 percent year-over-year in February, based on the first 28 days of February, the NRF also said.

Garment exports from Bangladesh may witness moderate growth of between 7 and 10 percent in 2024 after struggling to perform strongly in the outgoing year due to a global economic slowdown, exporters said a few months ago.

## Agrani Bank gets new DMD

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Agrani Bank has appointed Tahmina Akhter as deputy managing director.

Akhter was previously serving Rupali Bank as deputy managing director, the bank said in a press release. She joined Rupali Bank as a senior officer in 1998.

She worked in the establishment and welfare division, audit and inspection division, finance administration division, and was head of treasury of the bank's head office as well as a branch manager.

She obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from the Department of Psychology at the University of Dhaka.



**Tahmina Akhter**

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CRLIWM-CHT) Sector Project**  
Project Management Office  
Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council  
Rangamati.

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**Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

1.	Ministry	:	Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs	
2.	Executing agency	:	Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council	
3.	Procuring entity	:	Project Director, Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project.	
4.	Project name	:	Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project	
5.	Invitation date	:	23 April 2024	
6.	Invitation for	:	Proposal for Outsourcing Services	
7.	Source of fund	:	GoB & ADB	
8.	Procurement method	:	OTM (Open Tender Method)	
9.	Package Name and No	:	CRLIWM/SD-01	
10.	Last date of proposal selling	:	20 May 2024 upto 4:00 PM	
11.	Last date of proposal submission	:	21 May 2024 at 12:00 pm	
12.	Date and time of opening bidding documents	:	21 May 2024 at 2:00 pm	
13.	Address of selling proposal document	:	Project Management Office, Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project, Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, Rangamati	
14.	Address of receiving proposal document	:	Project Management Office, Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project, Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, Rangamati	
15.	Eligibility of the bidder	:	As per bid document	
16.	Brief description of the service to be provided	:		
	SI no	Proposed Manpower (Grade)	No. of Post	Qualification & Experience
	1	Assitant Engineer (Civil)	03	B.Sc. in Engineering (Civil) with 2 years experience or Diploma in Civil Engineering with at least 05 years work experience; strong skills in technical need assessment, program design, material development and impact evaluation; Excellent written and spoken in English; Computer literacy in MS Word MS Excel; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT;
	2	District Program Coordinator (Planning, Monitoring & MIS)	03	Post-Graduation in Statistice/Economics/Development Administration/Mangement or any other relevent disciplin; Minimum 05 years works experience in planning under any social development project; preferably working with development project in monitoring and evaluation system; English profency and computer literacy are must; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT;
	3	Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil)	03	Diploma in Civil Engineering with at least 02 years experience; strong skills in technical need assessment, program design, material development and impact evaluation; Excellent written and spoken in English; Computer literacy in MS Word MS Excel; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT;
	4	Sub-Assts. Forestry/ Horticulture Officer (Watershed)	03	Diploma in Agriculture/Forestry at least 02 years experience; Excellent written and spoken in English; Computer literacy in MS Word MS Excel; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT;
	5	Sub-Assts. Agriculture Officer (Agriculture Production etc.)	03	Diploma in Agriculture/Forestry at least 02 years experience; Excellent written and spoken in English; Computer literacy in MS Word MS Excel; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT;
	6	Office Assistant cum Typist	05	Minimum Graduate with 05 years in related experience; Excellent written and spoken in English; Computer literacy in MS Word MS Excel; well convergent about the Hill District culture; At least one ethnic community language of CHT.
	7	Store Assistant	01	Minimum Graduate with 05 years experience in store keeping in any development project or any other organization; Have competencies in data entry, analysis and management; Have knowledge of proper book keeping and inventory management.
	8	Driver	04	Minimum class Eight passed with valid driving licence and 05 years practical experience.; well convergent about the Hill District culture.
	9	Office Helper/MLSS	04	Minimum class Eight passed; well convergent about the Hill District culture.
	10	Night Guard	04	Minimum class Eight passed; well convergent about the Hill District culture.
17.	Documents are required to be submitted along with the proposal	:	The following documents are required to be submitted with the Proposal are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid Trade Licence,</li> <li>Up-dated VAT Registration Certificate, Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate with Income Tax Clearance</li> <li>Registration from Directorate of Inspection for Factories and Establishment</li> <li>Specific experiences related to the providing Manpower services, Outsourcing.</li> <li>Certificate from office of the register of joint stock companies and firms</li> <li>All certificate in favour of bid document.</li> </ul>	
18.	Contract period	:	Up to 30 June 2030	
19.	Proposal price	:	A non-refundable payorder amount of Tk 4000.00 (Taka four thousand) to PD, CRLIWM-CHT Project, Rangamati and 15% VAT.	
20.	Name of the officer inviting proposal	:	Project Director, CRLIWM-CHT Sector Project, Rangamati.	
21.	Contract details	:	Phone No: 01556511231 E-mail: pd.crlwimcht@gmail.com	

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and the whole processes.

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