# Islami Bank, Mastercard name winners of remittance campaign

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Islami Bank Bangladesh and Transfast, a remittance brand of Mastercard, declared the winners of the "Transfast-Islami Bank Remittance Campaign" yesterday.

Monzal, a client of an agent outlet under Kapasia branch in Gazipur, won the mega prize of a 1,500cc private car, said a press release.

Indraneel Ganguly, assistant corporate treasurer of the global digital payment provider, and Mohammed Monirul Moula, managing director of the bank, handed over the keys to the winner at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka.

They also handed over prize money of Tk 1 lakh each among 30 more winners, who were selected through a digital draw on every banking day from March 12 to April 30, 2024.

"We are thrilled to see the positive impact of our remittance campaign. As a result of this two-month-long campaign, there has been a huge enthusiasm among the expatriates to send remittances through legal channels," said Moula.

"Wage earners' remittance is very important for Bangladesh's economy, and this campaign is a humble step towards bringing more remittance to Bangladesh," said Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Bangladesh at Mastercard.

Muhammad Qaisar Ali, JQM Habibullah and Altaf Hossain, additional managing directors of the bank, were present as special guests.

**Mohammed Monirul Moula, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh, and Indraneel Ganguly, assistant corporate treasurer of Mastercard, pose for photographs with award recipients of the "Transfast-Islami Bank Remittance Campaign" at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka yesterday.**

PHOTO: MASTERHEAD PR

# ICAB, BPPA strike MoU on document verification system

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (BPPA), enabling financial discipline in the public procurement system of the country.

Md Shohelur Rahman Chowdhury, chief executive officer of BPPA, and Shubhashish Bose, chief executive officer of ICAB, penned the MoU at the CA Bhaban in Karwan Bazar, said a press release.

Under this MoU, ICAB will provide necessary assistance in verifying the authenticity of audited financial reports filed in the e-GP system for compliance with the rules and regulations of PPA-2006 and PPR-2008.

BPPA will use this Document Verification System (DVS) to verify whether the audit report and audited financial statements submitted by the registered tenderers/suppliers in the e-GP system have been certified by ICAB's CoP holder chartered accountants.

# Electro Mart launches Eid-ul-Azha campaign

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Electro Mart has launched a monthlong promotional programme for its Konka and Haiko brand electronics ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Md Nurul Afser, deputy managing director of Electro Mart, inaugurated the campaign.

"Brand Konka has become a symbol of trust and confidence for customers in the country for more than two decades. Now, its electronics and home appliances are available in every home in remote areas of the country," Afser said.

He informed that Gree refrigerators and freezers, Konka ice-cream freezers, showcase freezers, no-frost refrigerators and freezers will soon be introduced to the market.

Retail customers will get a scratch card on purchase of Konka and Haiko brand refrigerators, LED TVs, microwave ovens and washing machines during this campaign.

They have chances to win numerous prizes, including gold ornaments, Konka LED TVs and many more gifts. There are special discounts for partners and dealers on total withdrawals and foreign travel opportunities, according to a press release.

Every product of Konka electronics is domestic, eco-friendly, easy to use, affordable and designed to suit the needs and mindset of the customers and manufactured using the latest technology in the world.

PHOTO: ELECTRO MART

**Md Nurul Afser, deputy managing director of Electro Mart, Mohammad Sazzed-Un-Newaz and Nurul Azim Sunny, directors, attend the launch of a promotional campaign for the company's Konka and Haiko brand electronics ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.**

## PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY

| | PRICE (MAY 16, 2024) | % CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO | % CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fine rice (kg) | Tk 60-Tk 76 | -3.55 ↓ | .74 ↑ |
| Coarse rice (kg) | Tk 50-Tk 54 | 1.96 ↑ | 8.33 ↑ |
| Loose flour (kg) | Tk 35-Tk 45 | -15.79 ↓ | -30.43 ↓ |
| Lentil (kg) | Tk 105-Tk 110 | 0 | 13.16 ↑ |
| Soybean (litre) | Tk 145-Tk 155 | 1.69 ↑ | -17.81 ↓ |
| Potato (kg) | Tk 48-Tk 55 | 8.42 ↑ | 37.33 ↑ |
| Onion (kg) | Tk 65-Tk 75 | 16.67 ↑ | 3.70 ↑ |
| Egg (4 pcs) | Tk 48-Tk 50 | 25.64 ↑ | 1.03 ↑ |

SOURCE: TCB

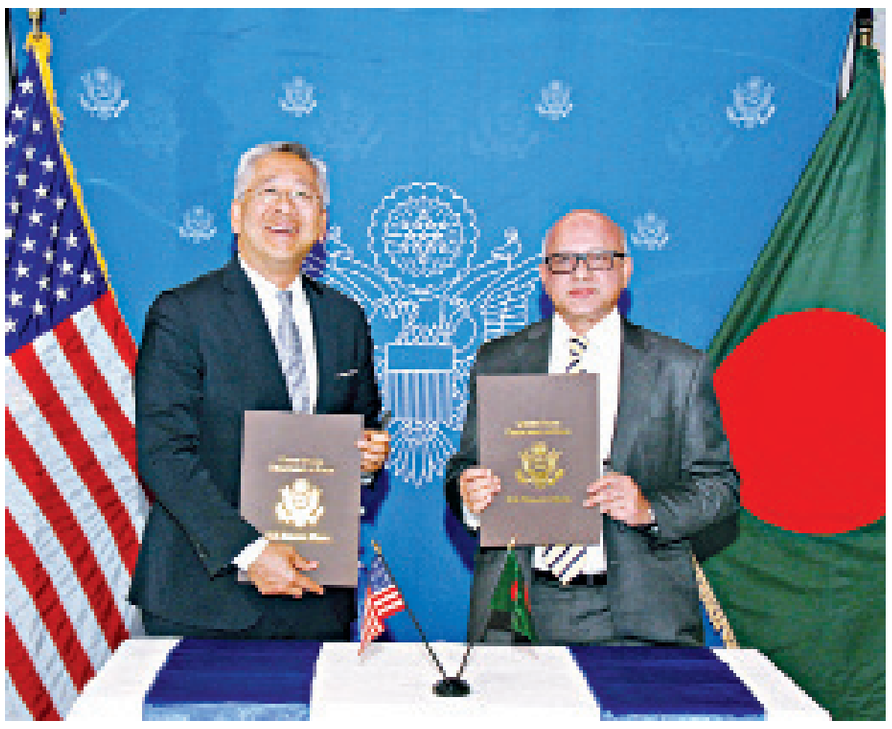

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

**US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu and Acting Managing Director of Eastern Bank Ahmed Shaheen pose for photographs after signing an agreement on the "EBL Climate Change Adaptation Award" at the EMK Centre in the city's Gulshan on Wednesday.**

# Japan economy suffers worse-than-expected contraction

AFP, *Tokyo*

Japan's economy suffered a worse-than-expected contraction in the first quarter, official data showed Thursday, in further bad news for its unpopular government.

Gross domestic product in the world's number four economy shrank by 0.5 percent against market expectations of a drop of only 0.3 percent.

Exports dived 5.0 percent, after growing 2.8 percent the previous quarter, while imports fell 3.4 percent.

Compared with the first quarter of 2023, GDP fell an annualised 2.0 percent compared with a forecasted drop of 1.2 percent, according to Bloomberg News.

The economy was hit by a major earthquake on January 1 on the Noto peninsula and by halts in production at auto giant Toyota's Daihatsu subsidiary.

Japan has been flirting with recession since last year, with zero growth -- revised Thursday from an expansion of 0.1 percent -- between October and December.

In the previous quarter, from July to September, GDP suffered a major contraction of 0.9 percent, also revised on Thursday from an earlier reading of minus 0.8 percent.

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The new data will add to pressure on Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and his government, which for months has seen poor poll ratings.

Germany replaced Japan as the number three economy in 2023 -- in large part because of the weak yen -- and is projected to be overtaken by India too.

For decades, Japan has battled stagnant growth and deflation as well as a rapidly ageing population.

Inflation, however, has picked up, allowing the Bank of Japan in March to call time on its maverick monetary policy and raise interest rates for the first time in 17 years.

Rates elsewhere remain higher however and the wide differential has added to pressure on the yen, which in recent weeks has hit three-decade lows against the dollar.

In late April and early May, the yen briefly rose sharply against the greenback, prompting speculation that Japan had intervened in the market.

Japan's currency was once regarded as a safe haven, expected to rise in value in times of global turmoil.

But that has not proved true in recent years, with the yen cratering from around 115 per dollar before Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine to 160 last month.

A weaker yen is good for Japanese exporters and foreign visitors, but it makes imports and foreign travel for outbound tourists more expensive.

"The BOJ can't ignore these GDP numbers. This is not at all the kind of situation where they can raise interest rates again right away," said Nobuyasu Atago, chief economist at Rakuten Securities Economic Research Institute, quoted by Bloomberg.

"I don't think they can move in July. They will have to wait for second quarter GDP data to come out in August."

# Gold near one-month high

REUTERS

Gold prices hovered near a one-month high on Thursday as signs of inflation stabilizing in the US increased the likelihood of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve as early as September.

Spot gold was little changed at $2,383.86 per ounce as of 0927 GMT, after hitting its highest since April 19 earlier in the session. Bullion rose over 1 percent on Wednesday.

On the other hand, US gold futures slipped 0.3 percent to $2,388.40.

"The combination of stabilizing inflation and softness in other economic data such as retail sales is really a good cocktail for gold and silver," said Ole Hansen, head of commodity strategy at Saxo Bank.

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ফেরিঘাটের ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৪র্থ আহবান)

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| ০১ | ইজারা কোটেশন নং | : | ০৫ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২৩-২০২৪ |
| ০২ | ইজারার বিবরণ | : | বরিশাল সড়ক বিভাগাধীন বরিশাল (সিনেমারেপুল)-লঞ্চঘাটপাশা-নুরুল্লাবাদ সড়কের ১৪তম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত গোমা ফেরিঘাটের টোল আদায়ের জন্য ইজারা প্রদান। |
| ০৩ | ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ | : | ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (১০৯৫ দিন)। |
| ০৪ | ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য | : | টাঃ ১,০০০.০০ (এক হাজার টাকা মাত্র)। |
| ০৫ | জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ | : | উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে। |
| ০৬ | ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | : | ২৯/০৫/২০২৪ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৪.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৭ | মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | : | ৩০/০৫/২০২৪ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৮ | ইজারা তাকে অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা | : | ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী/বেসরকারী/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার। |
| ০৯ | যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ফরমের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে | : | বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল/ জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল/ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল/ভোলা/ঝালকাঠি/পিরোজপুর/ প্রশিং বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। |
| ১০ | যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে | : | (ক) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল।<br>(খ) অতিরিক্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, বরিশাল জোন, বরিশাল।<br>(গ) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক সার্কেল, বরিশাল।<br>(ঘ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল।<br>(ঙ) জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল। |
| ১১ | ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় | : | স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। তারিখঃ ৩০/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ। সময়ঃ বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকা। |
| ১২ | (ক) ইজারা আহ্বানকারী যে কোন সময় যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।<br>(খ) যদি কোনও অনিবার্য পরিস্থিতিতে নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণ/খোলা না যায়, তাহলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে এবং একই স্থানে তা গ্রহণ/খোলা হবে।<br>(গ) ইজারা কোটেশনদাতা কথায় ও অংকে দর উদ্ধৃত করবেন।<br>(ঘ) এই ইজারা কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি RHD ওয়েবসাইট www.rhd.gov.bd এর মাধ্যমে দেখা যেতে পারে। | | |

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Invitation for e-Tender Notice No-21 (2023-2024)

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| 1 | Ministry/ Division | Local Government Division |
| 2 | Implementing Agency | Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) |
| 3 | Project/Program Name | **Revenue Budget.** |
| 4 | e-Tender IDs | **977608** |
| 5 | Description of Works | Installation of Deep Tubewell With 06 No. Hand Pump Total 08 nos at Different Upazilla In Bagerhat District Under Revenue Budget Fy-2023-2024. |
| 6 | This is online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.Interested DBO Firm/Contractor can see details in the website : ( http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) Size : 4" x 3 | |

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| Sl No | Tender ID No | Procurement Method | Name of Works | Last Selling Date & Time | Last Date & Time of Tender Security Submission | Closing & Opening Date & Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 982047 | LTM | IPC/P/NOAK/COMPA/C/23-24/12.02<br>1.a) Improvement of Chor Chota Dhoil Khal from CH.00.00m to CH. 1054.343 m under **Companiganj** Upazila District: Noakhali. (b)Construction of Reference Bed Block 06 Nos & TBM 06 Nos at Chor Chota Dhoil Khal. | 02-06-2024 16:00pm | 03-06-2024 13:00pm | 03-06-2024 14:00pm |
| 2. | 986857 | LTM | LGED/GOBM/Noa/23-24/**RW-71**<br>Rehabilitation of Sitapur-Rafiqpur Via Lowtoli Road from Ch. 840m-1952m(ID No-475074214) **[Begumganj]** | 02-06-2024 16:00pm | 03-06-2024 13:00pm | 03-06-2024 14:00pm |

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