

Six MFIs sign deals with bKash

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bKash recently signed agreements with six microfinance institutions (MFIs) to avail the services of instalment payments for their loan and savings schemes.

The MFIs are the Society for Social Service (SSS), the Development Initiative for Social Advancement (DISA), Social Advancement Through Unity (SATU), Pally Bikash Kendra (PBK), Uttara Development Program Society (UDPS), and Bangladesh Fellowship Foundation (BFF).

Ali Ahmmed, chief commercial officer of bKash, penned separate agreements with the chief executives of these

organisations at a hotel in the capital, according to a press release.

Mahbulul Haque Bhuiyan, acting executive director of SSS, Md Shahid Ullah, chief executive of DISA, Mirza Sakif Hossain, deputy director of SATU, Khaleeda Shams, deputy CEO of PBK, AFM Akhter Uddin, chief executive of UDPS, and John Das, executive director of BFF, attended the signing ceremony.

The service will cater to more than 5 lakh microfinance customers.

MFI customers can pay loan instalments and deposit savings in a few simple steps from the microfinance payment option in bKash app or by dialling USSD code *247#.



Ali Ahmmed, chief commercial officer of bKash, poses for photographs after signing separate agreements with six microfinance institutions at a hotel in the capital recently. PHOTO: BKASH

Rashid elected as president of BPCCI

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Humayun Rashid, managing director and CEO of Energypac Power Generation, was recently elected as president of the Bangladesh Philippines Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BPCCI) for a two-year term (2024-26).

Building on the success of the previous board of directors, Rashid will help reinforce Bangladesh's positive image among ASEAN countries and maintain strong relationships with respective embassies, said a press release.

Expressing his gratitude, Rashid said: "I am humbled to assume the role of president at BPCCI and am eager to work together with my peers to fortify the business ties between Bangladesh and the Philippines."

"With joint efforts and dedication, we can head towards our shared vision of promoting innovation and propelling economic growth," he added.

Rashid's election comes at a pivotal moment as the BPCCI seeks to solidify Bangladesh's ties with ASEAN countries.

His leadership will be crucial in representing Bangladeshi business interests and fostering greater engagement with ASEAN markets, thereby enhancing economic cooperation and mutual understanding.



Ziaul Hasan Siddiqui, chairman of Sonali Bank, presides over the bank's 17th annual general meeting at its head office in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: SONALI BANK

Sonali Bank holds its 17th AGM

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Sonali Bank yesterday approved a financial statement, the balance sheet director's report and auditors' report along with a profit and loss account for the year that ended on December 31, 2023.

The approval came at the 17th annual general meeting (AGM) at the bank's head office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

Ziaul Hasan Siddiqui, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting,

where Md Azimuddin Biswas, additional secretary to the Financial Institutions Division, attended as a representative of the Ministry of Finance.

ABM Ruhul Azad, Daulatunnaher Khanam, Molla Abdul Wadud, Mohammad Kaykobad, Md Matiur Rahman, Abul Kalam Azad, and Gopal Chandra Ghosh, directors of the bank, were present.

Among others, Md Afzal Karim, chief executive officer of the bank, and Tauhidul Islam, company secretary, were also present.

Premier Bank, NEC Money Transfer sign deal on remittance services

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Premier Bank recently signed a remittance service agreement with NEC Money Transfer Limited, a Bangladeshi-owned fintech-based remittance transfer company.

Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Ikram Farazy, chairman of NEC Money Transfer, penned the deal at the bank's head office in the capital's Banani, said a press release.

Under this agreement, the bank will

be able to disburse the hard-earned remittances of non-resident Bangladeshis and expatriates living in different parts of the world, especially the UK, Italy, South Africa, the UAE, Australia, Canada and other EU countries.

Syed Md Hasib Reza, first vice-president and head of the bank's NRB and foreign remittance division, Anower Farazy Emon, chairman of Farazy Hospital, and Md Osman Goni, country manager of the remittance transfer company, were present.



Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of Premier Bank, and Ikram Farazy, chairman of NEC Money Transfer, shake hands and exchange signed documents of an agreement at the bank's head office in the capital's Banani recently. PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

Southeast Bank provides financial aid to farmers thru PAGE Development Centre

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Southeast Bank recently provided financial assistance to grassroots level farmers across the country from the bank's corporate social responsibility (CSR) fund to help their cultivation and facilitate purchases of agri-based machinery.

The financial assistance was channelled to farmers through PAGE Development Centre, a non-government development organisation.

A cheque was handed over to Md Yunus, executive director of the NGO, at the bank's head office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank,



Md Yunus, executive director of PAGE Development Centre, receives a cheque of financial aid from the officials of Southeast Bank to distribute among grassroots farmers at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

attended the programme. Md Masum Uddin Khan and Abidur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing

directors of the bank, along with other senior officials from both organisations were also present.

Eastern Bank, Grand Sylhet Hotel & Resort sign deal on service benefits

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Eastern Bank recently signed an agreement with Grand Sylhet Hotel & Resort.

M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking of the bank, and Syed Yameenul Huq, executive assistant manager and in charge of sales and marketing of the resort, penned the deal in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the arrangement, the bank's cardholders will enjoy special benefits at the luxury hospitality property in Sylhet. Farzana Qader, senior manager of retail alliance at the bank, along with officials from both organisations were also present.



M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking of Eastern Bank, and Syed Yameenul Huq, executive assistant manager and in-charge of sales and marketing of Grand Sylhet Hotel & Resort, pose for photographs after signing an agreement in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAY 29, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 76	-2.86 ↓	.74 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 52	-3.85 ↓	2.04 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 50	5.88 ↑	-20.35 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 145-Tk 150	-1.67 ↓	-18.06 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 55	3.00 ↑	32.05 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 75	11.54 ↑	0
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 52	21.59 ↑	3.09 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

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Manikganj.
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e-Tender Notice e-Gp Tender (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>

SL. No.	Tender ID & Reference No	Name of Work	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
01.	992526, Office of the SE memo no-1734 date: 26-05-2024	Special repair and renovation of conference room of Manikganj 250 bed General Hospital during the year 2023-24	09-Jun-2024 14:00	09-Jun-2024 15:00

This is an online Tender. Where will be accepted in the national e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> is required.

The fees for downloading the e-tender documents from the national e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any e-GP registered bank's branches within due time.

Further information and guideline are available in the Nationale-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk(helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) or (email: ee_manik@pwd.gov.bd) and call to 02-996610401 Interested person can be communicated with the undersigned during office hours.

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Turnover at Dhaka bourse declines

FROM PAGE B1 In its market update, BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage said a negative performance was staged by most of the sectors which account for large amounts in market capitalisation.

Market capitalisation shows how much a company is worth as determined by the total market value of all outstanding shares.

The NBF1 sector experienced the highest loss of 2.22 percent, followed by engineering (2.11 percent), food and allied (1.79 percent), pharmaceuticals (1.29 percent), fuel and power (0.82 percent), bank (0.16 percent) and telecommunication (0.32 percent).

BRAC Bank, Linde Bangladesh, Gramenphone, Pubali Bank, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh, Khulna Printing and Packaging, Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh), Shahjalal Islami Bank, Midland Bank and Keya Cosmetics made gains.

Beximco Pharmaceuticals, British

American Tobacco Bangladesh, Square Pharmaceuticals, Beacon Pharmaceuticals, Lafarge-Holcim Bangladesh, Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries, Kohinoor Chemicals, Best Holdings, Orion Pharma and Olympic Industries suffered losses.

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Out of the 396 scrips that changed hands, 286 saw declines, 64 edged up and 44 did not see any price movement.

Chittagong Stock Exchange saw a similar trend as the Caspi, the main index of the port city bourse, dipped 155.79 points, or 1.02 percent, to close at 15,084.56.

PADMA OIL COMPANY LIMITED
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
4, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram

2nd Corrigendum Notice
For

International Tender for Installation of Terminal Automation System for Main Installations of Three Oil Marketing Companies Padma Oil Company Limited (POCL), Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL) and Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL) at Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh. on Turnkey Basis. Tender Ref. 856.10.901.24

This is for information of all concerned that due to some unavoidable circumstances following amendments of serial number 18, 19, 20, 23 and 30 of the Tender notice published in "The Daily Financial Express" dated 05/03/2024, "The Dainik Samokal" dated 05/03/2024 "The Dainik Jugantor" dated 06/03/2024 and "The Daily Star" dated 06/03/2024 and websites of Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (BPPA), BPC, POCL, MPL, JOCL shall be amended as follows:

Sl. Nos.	Description	Existing	Amended
18	Tender Last Selling Date	04/06/2024 up to 1400 Hrs.	11/06/2024 up to 1400 Hrs.
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 05/06/2024 Time 1430 Hrs.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 12/06/2024 Time 1100 Hrs.
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 05/06/2024 Time 1530 Hrs.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 12/06/2024 Time 1230 Hrs.
23	Eligibility of Tenderer	(b) The minimum specific experience of Tenderer from the client in similar to the proposed plant and services in at least 02 (Two) contracts of similar nature*, complexity and methods/ construction technology successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years with a value of at least USD 60 (Sixty) million out of which each shall not be less than USD 20 (Twenty) million or one contract with a value at least USD 60(Sixty) million in USA / UK / Canada / Japan / South Korea/ Australia/ New Zealand/ MENA Countries /EU Countries/ China/CIS Countries. In case of new installation, process unit of Oil and Gas Industries the value of the work done for automation portion shall be clearly mentioned in experience certificate.	(b) The minimum specific experience of the Tenderer from the client in similar to the proposed plant and services in maximum 04 (Four) contracts of similar nature*, complexity and methods/ construction technology successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years with a value at least USD 60 (Sixty) million in USA/ UK/ Canada/ Japan/ South Korea/ Australia/ New Zealand/ MENA Countries /EU Countries/ China/CIS Countries. In case of new installation, process unit of Oil and Gas Industries the value of the work done for automation portion shall be clearly mentioned in experience certificate.
30	Tender Security amount in Taka	USD 2.5 (Two point Five) Million	USD 2.5 (Two point Five) Million or BDT 290 (Two hundred and Ninety) Million.

All other terms and conditions of the Tender notice shall remain unchanged.

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