

National Bank launches Bangla QR code

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National Bank Ltd officially launched the Bangla QR code-based service at its head office recently.

The "Bangla QR Acquiring and Bangla QR Issuing" launching programme was inaugurated by Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank, according to a press release.

Present at the event were Syed Rois Uddin, Sheikh Akhter Uddin Ahmed, Imran Ahmed and Md Abdul Matin, deputy managing directors of the private commercial bank, along with Osman Haider, director for business and Zubaer

Ahmad, chief strategy officer of IT Consultants PLC.

With this service, National Bank customers will be able to easily make purchases using Bangla QR through the bank's app.

Additionally, customers of other banks can also shop safely using the Bangla QR code at various merchant points acquired by National Bank.

Md Touhidul Alam Khan said that with the launch of the Bangla QR code service, National Bank has taken another step forward in building a cashless society, in line with the government's vision of Smart Bangladesh.



PHOTO: NATIONAL BANK LTD

Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO of National Bank, poses for a photo with senior officials during the launch of Bangla QR code-based services at the bank's head office.



HBM Iqbal, chairman of the board of directors of Premier Bank, is seen alongside other directors and members of the board at the bank's 25th annual general meeting held virtually recently.

PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

Premier Bank approves 12.5% cash dividend

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Premier Bank's board of directors recently approved a 12.5 percent cash dividend for 2023 at its 25th annual general meeting (AGM) held digitally.

HBM Iqbal, chairman of the board, presided over the AGM, according to a press release. Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of the bank, presented the performance report of 2023.

Moin Iqbal, vice chairman, Naba Gopal Banik and Kaiser A Chowdhury, independent directors, and Mohammad Akram Hossain, company secretary, were present along with BH Haroon, Abdus Salam Murshedy, Shafiqur Rahman, Jamal G Ahmed, Nahyan Haroon and Shaila Shelley Khan, members of the board.

Mutual Trust Bank signs deal with D Money

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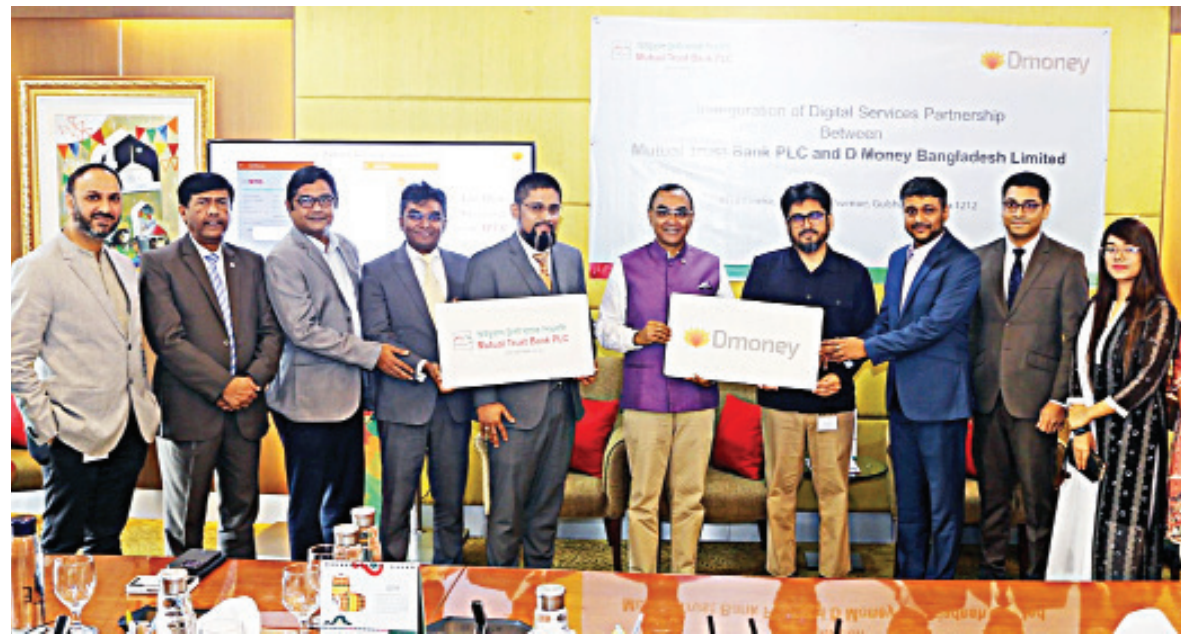
Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) launched a new partnership with D Money Bangladesh Ltd for a range of digital services.

The inauguration ceremony took place at the MTB Centre, the bank's corporate head office in the capital's Gulshan.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Mohammad Arif Hossain, managing director and CEO of D Money Bangladesh, attended the programme, according to a press release.

Chowdhury Akhtar Asif, additional managing director of the bank, Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, additional managing director, and Khalid Hossain, head of MTB Digital Banking Division, were also present.

Mahbubul Islam Rony, chief technology officer of D Money Bangladesh, and Sijraj Siddiquey (Shakil), chief business officer, were among others present.



Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank, and Mohammad Arif Hossain, managing director and CEO of D Money Bangladesh, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the MTB Center in the capital's Gulshan.

PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK



Mohammad Shamsul Islam, managing director and CEO of National Housing Finance, inaugurates its Aftabnagar sales centre in presence of other officials of the non-bank financial institution.

PHOTO: NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE

National Housing Finance opens sales centre at Aftabnagar

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National Housing Finance PLC opened a sales centre in Aftabnagar in the capital recently.

Mohammad Shamsul Islam, managing director and CEO of National Housing Finance, inaugurated the opening ceremony, according to a press release.

Alamgir Hossain Dhali, president of National Housing Finance, Shital Chandra Saha, executive vice-president and head of operations, Mahbubur Rashid Al-Amin, vice-president and head of business division, Suraiya Yeasmin, Head of Motijheel Branch, and Sirajul Islam, vice-president of Aftabnagar Society, were present at the ceremony.

IMF releases

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The IMF board on Wednesday endorsed a staff-level agreement reached with Colombo to release the third tranche of a four-year \$2.9 billion bailout.

The board welcomed Sri Lanka's efforts to reach debt restructure deals, but said the country must swiftly finalize agreements with bilateral lenders, private creditors and the Export-Import Bank of China.

"Directors stressed the importance of seeking comparable, transparent, and timely completion of restructurings with external private creditors consistent with program targets," the IMF said in a statement.

Beijing accounts for around 10 percent of the island's total foreign debt.

China had agreed "in principle" to restructure Sri Lanka's debt in December, but neither Colombo nor Beijing had given details and the two are yet to strike a deal.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has raised sales and personal income taxes, cut energy subsidies and pushed reforms and austerity measures in line with the IMF rescue deal.

Sri Lanka's annual debt servicing is officially estimated at \$6.0 billion with external debt, including government guaranteed borrowings, at \$41.5 billion at the end of 2023, according to treasury data.

Russian bourse suspends dollar trades after US sanctions

AFP, Moscow

Russia's main stock exchange halted dollar and euro trades on Thursday after the United States hit Moscow with a new package of sanctions over its military offensive in Ukraine.

Washington announced Wednesday it was sanctioning Moscow Exchange, Russia's main stock market and clearing house for foreign currency transactions, a major financial punishment.

"Due to the introduction of restrictive measures by the United States against the Moscow Exchange Group, exchange trading and settlement of instruments in US dollars and euros will be suspended," Russia's central bank said in a statement Wednesday evening.

Measures that target Russians' ability to buy and trade foreign currency typically provoke a strong reaction in Moscow and throughout Russian society.

The exchange rate is seen as a key indicator of the health of the Russian economy.

Scarred by several bouts of devaluation in the three decades since the fall of the Soviet Union, many Russians prefer to save in Western currencies, often selling rubles in times of economic crisis.

During the Soviet Union, there was a thriving black market for currencies with prices far detached from the official state exchange rate.

Both the central bank and the Kremlin have sought to calm nerves.

"Companies and individuals may continue to buy and sell US dollars and euros through Russian banks. All funds held in US dollars in accounts remain safe," the bank said Wednesday.

And on Thursday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the regulator was "ensuring stability in all markets," state media reported.

Russians will still be able to trade in dollars and euros outside of the centralised Moscow Exchange — something which could limit liquidity and lead to higher volatility.

Many Russian companies and banks had already reduced their reliance on Western currencies in the two years since Moscow ordered troops into Ukraine, with the Chinese yuan accounting for the majority of foreign currency trades on Moscow Exchange.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JUNE 13, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 78	-1.43 ↓	2.22 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 54	0	6.12 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	6.25 ↑	-20.56 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 145-Tk 152	-1.00 ↓	-14.66 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 55-Tk 60	11.65 ↑	57.53 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 80-Tk 90	21.43 ↑	9.68 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 52-Tk 54	9.28 ↑	15.22 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

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০১	মহুলায়/বিজ্ঞপ্তি	জমিদারসন মহুলায়
০২	নরপত্র আদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, শরীয়তপুর।
০৩	নরপত্রের বিবরণ	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়ে ও সার্কিট হাউসে স্টেশনারী মালামাল ও ব্যবহার্য প্রবাসি সরকার এবং কাপড় যোগাই।
০৪	অফিসে উৎস	স্বাক্ষর অফিসে।
০৫	স্বাক্ষর পদ্ধতি	ত্রিভুজ দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
০৬	প্যাকেজের নাম	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, শরীয়তপুর এবং সার্কিট হাউসে স্টেশনারী মালামাল ও ব্যবহার্য প্রবাসি সরকার এবং কাপড় যোগাই।
০৭	নরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির তারিখ ও সময়	৩০ জুন ২০২৪, তারিখ বিকাল ০৫:০০টা পর্যন্ত।
০৮	নরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০১ জুলাই ২০২৪, দুপুর ০১:০০টা পর্যন্ত।
০৯	নরপত্র ত্রিভুজকরণের তারিখ ও সময়	০১ জুলাই ২০২৪, দুপুর ০১:০০টা।
১০	নরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, মেজারত শাখা, শরীয়তপুর।
১১	নরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক (সার্কিট), শরীয়তপুর এর অফিস কক্ষ।
১২	নরপত্র খোলার স্থান	অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক (সার্কিট), শরীয়তপুর এর অফিস কক্ষ।
১৩	নরপত্রের মূল্য	২,৫০০/- (দুই হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১৪	কর্তৃকর্তার মেয়াদ	জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে জুন ২০২৫ পর্যন্ত।
১৫	নরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	জেলা প্রশাসক, শরীয়তপুর এর অনুমতিতে যে কোন কর্মসিদ্ধক ব্যাংক হতে ৫০,০০০/- (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (কেবলযোগ্য) জামানত হিসেবে নরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৬	নরপত্রের যোগ্যতা ও অযোগ্যতা	০১) সরকারের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ পন্থা সরকারের ক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে ০২) (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। ০২) সরকারের খেচ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, জাতি ও টিজিইএন সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে। ০৩) সরকারের কমপক্ষে ১০ লক্ষ টাকার কার্যের সফলতা বা স্বা স্বীকৃতি থাকতে হবে।
১৭	নরপত্র আদানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন নম্বর	মুহাম্মদ নিয়াম উদ্দীন আহমেদ, জেলা প্রশাসক, শরীয়তপুর। মোবাইল: ০১৭১৫১৯৮৮৯৩।
১৮	বিশেষ নির্দেশিকা	নরপত্র আদানকারী কোনো কারণে বাতিলের ক্ষেত্রে যে কোনো বা স্বাক্ষর নরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of IFIC Bank PLC in its 887th Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 June 2024, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. has taken the decision to raise the Tier II capital of the Bank as per BASEL III guidelines by issuing Fully Redeemable, Non-convertible, Unsecured, Subordinated Zero-Coupon Bond subject to approval of Bangladesh Bank and Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC). Total issue price of the Bond will be BDT 6,000 (six thousand) million.

To issue the above-mentioned Bond, the Board of Directors of the Bank has also decided to withdraw the previous proposal for issuance of IFIC Bank Non-convertible Coupon Bearing Subordinated Bond of BDT 5,000 million approved in its 836th meeting dated 25 August 2022.

By order of the Board of Directors
Mokammel Hogue, FCS
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka
12 June 2024

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