

# City Bank launches global usage facility in Mastercard debit card

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City Bank recently launched the global usage facility for its Mastercard debit card. This new feature will allow cardholders of City Bank to make international transactions seamlessly, enabling them to make international point of sales, ATM and e-commerce transactions easily from their Mastercard debit card, according to a press release.

Tauhidul Alam, head of cards at City Bank, and Zakia Sultana, director of Mastercard Bangladesh, unveiled the card at an event held at the City Bank Center in the capital.

"This initiative highlights City Bank's commitment to providing our customers with the most convenient and secure banking solutions. We are confident that this will further enhance the value and utility of our debit card offering," said Tauhidul Alam.

Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, said: "As more consumers engage in international travel and online shopping, the need for a versatile and globally accepted payment solution is more critical than ever."

Other senior officials from both organisations were also present at the ceremony.



PHOTO: CITY BANK

Tauhidul Alam, head of card of City Bank, Zakia Sultana, director of Mastercard Bangladesh, and other officials from both organisations pose for photographs during an unveiling event at the City Bank Center in the capital recently.

# ECB eyes faster tempo of rate cuts

AFP, Frankfurt

The European Central Bank is expected to lower interest rates again this week as anxiety about inflation in the eurozone fades and concerns over sluggish growth mount.

Inflation fell to 1.8 percent across the 20 members of the euro area in September, the first time it has been below the ECB's target of two percent since 2021.

While the rate is expected to tick up again towards the end of the year, the sense that consumer prices are back under control has grown.

"Victory against inflation is in sight," French central bank governor Francois Villeroy de Galhau, who sits on the ECB's rate-setting governing council, said last week.

"A cut is very likely," he told Franceinfo radio, adding that "it will not be the last".

ECB policymakers will meet in Slovenia Thursday to decide whether to reduce rates further and up the tempo of cuts. The central bank is headquartered in Frankfurt but sometimes holds monetary policy meetings in other parts of the eurozone.

The bank has already cut rates twice from their peak of four percent, once in June and again at its last meeting in September.

The ECB lowered the interest on its deposit facility by 25 basis points in each case, leaving the benchmark rate at 3.5 percent.

But new data showing weaker price pressures and economic activity confirmed the impression that "policy rates are too restrictive in the euro area", said Frederik Ducrozet, chief economist at Pictet Wealth Management.



Ali Reza Iftakhar, managing director and CEO of EBL, Md Miarul Haque, managing director of DHL Express Bangladesh, and other officials are seen at a deal signing ceremony at the bank's head office in Gulshan yesterday.

PHOTO: EBL

# EBL joins DHL's eco-friendly shipping initiative

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has joined GoGreen Plus, a carbon-reduced shipping service initiative launched by DHL.

Ali Reza Iftakhar, managing director and CEO of EBL, and Md Miarul Haque, managing director of DHL Express Bangladesh, signed an agreement at a ceremony held at the bank's head office in Gulshan yesterday, according to a press release.

EBL is the first commercial bank in Bangladesh to join this initiative. The GoGreen Plus package will support EBL in advancing its net zero target by effectively mitigating its carbon footprint.

The event was attended by Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director, M Khurshed Alam, deputy managing director and CRO, Saiful Islam, head of risk management at EBL, and Md Hayatuzzaman Khan, head of GMNC Commercial at DHL, among others.

# Prime Bank partners with Aalok Healthcare

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Prime Bank PLC has recently signed a partnership agreement with Aalok Healthcare Ltd at the bank's Gulshan corporate office.

Prime Bank employees will benefit from up to 30 percent discounts on essential services such as general pathology, radiology and imaging, hospital admissions and dialysis treatments as part of the deal, according to a press release.

Additionally, Prime Bank customers can enjoy up to 25 percent discounts on the same range of medical services.



Md Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank, Md Lokman Hossain, managing director of Aalok Healthcare, and other officials of both companies attend an agreement signing ceremony at the bank's Gulshan office recently.

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Tender Date and Time		Corrigendum Date and Time	
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Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening:	14/10/2024; 14:00 PM	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening:	20/10/2024; 15:00 PM
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# Rules eased for export

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bills of export, must be followed in conducting export activities through designated express or courier service providers.

All expenses regarding the delivery of goods will be settled from the export proceeds, it said.

After shipment of the goods and submission of the export documents as well as the courier receipt, the bank can deposit the export proceeds, the central bank notice said.

In 2018, the Bangladesh Bank introduced the business to consumer-based export under the e-commerce system. In 2019, electronic submission of EXP form was approved in such cases.

Small scale exporters expressed hope that the opportunity to export

without declaration will play an effective role in the expansion of the country's export trade.

# Oil prices erase gains

REUTERS, London

Oil prices on Monday wiped out all of last week's gains as China's stimulus plans failed to inspire confidence among investors, while the market remained on edge about potential Israeli attacks on Iranian oil infrastructure.

Brent crude futures were down \$1.35, or 1.7 percent, at \$77.69 per barrel by 0902 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures fell \$1.32, or 1.75 percent, to \$74.24 per barrel. Brent gained 99 cents last week, while WTI climbed \$1.18.

**Dhaka North City Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil)  
Zone-10, (Satarkul)  
**e-Tender Notice (Open Tendering Method)**

Memo No. 46.10.0000.199.17.012.24 Date: 09/10/2024

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No./ Ref. No.	Name of the Works	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1	1023410 46.10.0000.199.20.31.24	Under frame work contract emergency repair and maintenance work of damage roads drain cross drain manhole foothpath median grill and other infrastructure under jurisdiction area of Engineering Division Zone-10 for FY 2024-2025 ( Group-Ka ward-37 & 42 ).	24-Oct-2024 13:00 PM.	24-Oct-2024 13:00 PM.
	1025146 46.10.0000.199.20.032.24	Under frame work contract emergency repair and maintenance work of damage roads drain cross drain manhole foothpath median grill and other infrastructure under jurisdiction area of Engineering Division Zone-10 for FY 2024-2025 ( Group-Kha ward-38 & 41 ).	24-Oct-2024 13:00 PM.	24-Oct-2024 13:00 PM.

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Tender ID	Tender publishing date and time	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender security last submission date & time	Closing & opening date and time
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