Pubali Bank signs insurance agreement with Delta Life

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Pubali Bank PLC signed a group hospitalisation insurance agreement with Delta Life Insurance Company Limited as part of a strategic collaboration aimed at improving healthcare benefits for the bank's employees.

Ismat Ara Huq, general manager of the human resources division of the bank, and Rajib Kanti Saha, executive vice-president of the life insurer, penned the deal at the former's head office in the capital yesterday, said a press release.

Under this agreement, the insurer will provide comprehensive health insurance benefits to the bank's employees, ensuring financial protection for medical expenses in the event of hospitalisation due to specific illnesses.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Safiul Alam Khan Chowdhury, consultant at the insurer, attended the signing ceremony.

On the agreement, Ali said, "At Pubali Bank, we are always committed to enhancing the welfare of our employees, and this collaboration with Delta Life Insurance is a significant step in that direction."

"This initiative will ensure the health protection of our employees, allowing them to focus on their work with peace of mind," he added.

Mohammad Esha, Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, Ahmed Enayet Manzur, Md Shahnewaz Khan, and Mohammad Anisuzzaman, deputy managing directors of the bank, and MI Milton Bapari, assistant managing director and chief financial officer of the insurer, Afrin Haque, senior executive vice-president, and Mohammad Sharif Hossain Bhuiyan, assistant vice-president, along with senior executives from both the organisations were also present.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

Safiul Alam Khan Chowdhury, consultant of Delta Life Insurance Company, and Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank, exchange signed documents of a group insurance agreement at the bank's head office in the capital yesterday.

US lawmakers warn Hong Kong becoming financial crime hub

AFP, *Washington*

US lawmakers urged the government Monday to rethink banking ties with Hong Kong, citing its "increasing role" in money laundering, sanctions evasions and reported funneling of banned technology to Russia.

Since Beijing imposed a sweeping national security law on the semi-autonomous Chinese city in 2020, "Hong Kong has shifted from a trusted global financial center to a critical player in the deepening authoritarian axis of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Iran, Russia, and North Korea," the US Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party said in a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

The bipartisan committee called on Yellen to reevaluate Hong Kong's unique trade privileges, which treat the financial hub as distinct from the rest of China.

The security law -- put in place after huge democracy protests roiled the city -- "effectively subjects Hong Kong to PRC control," the lawmakers said.

"We must now question whether longstanding US policy towards Hong Kong, particularly towards its financial and banking sector, is appropriate," the letter said.

According to the committee, Hong Kong has become a leading player in shifting banned Western technology to Russia, creating front companies for purchasing barred Iranian oil, facilitating the trade of Russian-sourced gold and managing "ghost ships" that engage in illegal trade with North Korea.

It cited "recent research" estimating that "nearly 40 percent of goods shipped from Hong Kong to Russia in 2023" were on US and EU lists of banned goods, including semiconductors and other technology Moscow needs for its war in Ukraine.

Sharif Zahir, chairman of United Commercial Bank PLC, hands over a cheque worth Tk 1 crore to Sarjis Alam, general secretary of July Shaheed Smrity Foundation, at a programme, styled "UCB Night – A Celebration of New Beginnings", at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka in the capital on Sunday. PHOTO: UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK

UCB honours customers, partners

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United Commercial Bank (UCB) PLC organised an event, styled "UCB Night – A Celebration of New Beginnings", recognising its priority customers, stakeholders and industry partners for their support to the bank over the years.

Sharif Zahir, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the programme at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka on Sunday, the bank said in a press release.

Zahir said, "UCB is going through a transformative phase, which will usher in a new era in terms of customer-friendly digital banking services. Our customers and our partners are our strength."

"We hope that our customers will keep supporting us in the days to come so that we can reach new heights in the banking sector," he added.

Model Azra Mahmood and Quazi Sabir conducted the event, which was vibrant with music lent by legendary Runa Laila, popular Habib Wahid and Arnob & Friends.

Mir Mahbubur Rahman Snigdho, chief executive officer of July Shaheed Smrity Foundation, and Sarjis Alam, general secretary, attended the programme.

At the event, the bank honoured investigative journalist Zulkarnain Saer for his fearless reporting.

The lender also recognised the efforts of the foundation in the July-August period of 2024.

Beginning the journey in 1983, UCB has been standing by entrepreneurs across the country.

It is operating across 231 branches, relentlessly working to establish an efficient and progressive banking system across the nation.

Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid, managing director and CEO of the bank, along with other high officials, partners and customers were also present.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY

	PRICE (NOV 26, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 68-Tk 80	2.78 ↑	8.03 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-1.87 ↓	2.94 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 167-Tk 170	6.98 ↑	10.49 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 75-Tk 80	34.78 ↑	78.16 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 115-Tk 130	-2.00 ↓	6.52 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-5.00 ↓	14.46 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

National Bank recognised as 'top remittance receiver'

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National Bank Limited (NBL) was recognised as the "Top Remittance Bank Receiver 2024" at the "Bangladesh Remittance Fair 2024" held in New York of the United States.

The bank got the recognition for being the second highest receiver of remittances sent from the United States to Bangladesh, the bank said in a press release.

Abdul Awal Mintoo, chairman of the bank, received the award from Raihanul Islam Chowdhury, senior vice-president of the Bangladesh-US Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at a ceremony at the bank's head office in the capital's Banglamotor recently.

Commenting on the recognition, Mintoo said that this recognition belongs to the expatriate remittance warriors.

"National Bank, as a pioneer in remittance acceptance, began bringing foreign earnings into Bangladesh in 1994 through a partnership with Western Union."

"This success story of National Bank Limited exemplifies the potential for turnaround through focused leadership and strategic investments in technology and human capital. As NBL continues to navigate the evolving landscape of foreign remittance, its commitment to excellence and growth remains unwavering," he added.

Abdul Awal Mintoo, chairman of National Bank, poses with the "Top Remittance Bank Receiver 2024" award at a ceremony at the bank's head office in the capital's Banglamotor recently. PHOTO: NATIONAL BANK

IFIC Bank donates computers for female students in Khulna

STAR BUSINESS DESK

IFIC Bank PLC recently donated desktop computers and educational materials for students of Khulna Collegiate Girls' School and KCC Women's College to inspire young women to embrace technology and enhance their digital skills.

The bank did it under its campaign, styled "Stand Beside Women in Tech Advancement", the commercial lender said in a press release.

Sharif Asif Rahman, secretary of Khulna City Corporation, as the chief guest attended the ceremony held on the school premises.

Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director and chief of branch business at the bank, reaffirmed the bank's commitment to invest in digital empowerment and advancing women's education.

With active participation from students, teachers and bank employees, the ceremony highlighted the bank's dedication to promoting digital empowerment and supporting women's advancement in tech.

Fariha Haider, head of centralised retail marketing at the bank, and Rosyna Akther, acting principal of the schools, along with other officials of the bank, school and college, were also present.

PHOTO: IFIC BANK

Sharif Asif Rahman, secretary of Khulna City Corporation, and Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director and chief of branch business at IFIC Bank, pose for photographs with students of Khulna Collegiate Girls' School and KCC Women's College on the school premises in Khulna recently.

Office of the Noakhali Pourashava
District: Noakhali.
(Engineering Department)

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Invitation for Tenders (Works)
e-GP Tender Notice No- 05/2024-2025

e-GP Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works:

Contract Package No	Tender/ Proposal ID No.	Name of works	e-GP Tender/ Proposal Publication Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal documents last selling date & time	Tender/ Proposal closing & Opening date & time	Tender/ Proposal security (Tk)	Procurement Method	Time of Completion	Source of Fund
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
LGCRRP/ Noakhali/ 2024-25/ W-04	1041146	1) Re-Construction of Maijdee Station Road by BC ch 0.00-810.00m at ward No.- 02 Under Noakhali Pourashava Area 2) Maintenance of Judge Court Road (Public Library to Pach Rasta) with footpath by BC Ch 0.00-446.00m at ward No.- 03 Under Noakhali Pourashava Area. 3) Rehabilitation of Court Mosjid to Judge Court Connecting road by RCC ch0.00-263.00m at ward No.- 03 Under Noakhali Pourashava Area.	28/11/2024 at 12:00PM	29/12/2024 at 17:00PM	30/12/2024 at 12:00PM	5,25,000.00	e-GP (NOTM)	270 days	Aid or Grant (World Bank)
LGCRRP/ Noakhali/ 2024-25/ W-05	1041147	1) Construction of RCC drain with footpath besides of Judge Court road ch 0.00-400.00m (Type-4) (Right Side) at ward No.- 03 Under Noakhali Pourashava Area.	28/11/2024 at 12:00PM	29/12/2024 at 17:00PM	30/12/2024 at 12:00PM	3,20,000.00	e-GP (NOTM)	180 days	

You are invited for the contract package following the guidelines as stated below :
1. These are an online tender, where only e-GP Tender will be accepted in the National **e-GP Portal** and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
2. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
3. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited on the through any registered banks branches up to mention above further information and guidelines are available in the **National e-GP system portal** and from help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)
4. Unit rates for all items of works should be quoted both in figure and words as described in the BOQ.
5. It is important that payment will be made from local government COVID-19 Response & Recovery project (LGCRRP) only for the works that will be completed with compliance of terms and conditions and "IDA Procurement Guidelines" the Public Procurement Rules-2008 and Approved Standared Bidding Documents. 80% bill/voucher of each subproject will be paid by ULGI's Administrator. But in case of payment bill/voucher will be submitted to PMU throug RMSU for concrurrence.
6. দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের শেষে সর্বনিম্ন Responsive দরদাতা যদি নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে NOA গ্রহণ না করে অথবা PG দাখিল না করে তা হলে তার Bid Security বাতিল করা হবে।
7. Design & Specification- অনুযায়ী কাজ বাস্তবায়ন করতে হবে। এলজিইডি'র সন্তোষজনক Lab Test Result ছাড়া কোন বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে না। বিভাগীয় নির্মাণ যন্ত্রপাতি ব্যবহারের ক্ষেত্রে সম্পাদিত কাজের ভিত্তিতে Rate Schedule- এ বর্ণিত ভাড়া ঠিকাদারের বিল থেকে কর্তন করা হবে।
8. মাটির কাজ শুরু করার পূর্বে সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদার বা তাঁর মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে প্রি-ওয়ার্ক সম্পাদন করে লেভেলশীট সংরক্ষণ করা হবে এবং লেভেলশীটের ভিত্তিতে মাটির কাজের বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে।
9. বর্ণিত প্রকল্পের চূড়ান্ত বিল প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট RMSU এর সুপারভিশন ইঞ্জিনিয়ার ও এনভায়রনমেন্টাল এন্ড সোসাল সেফগার্ড এক্সপার্টের প্রত্যয়ন গ্রহন করতে হবে।

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