

Bank Asia signs deal with ShareTrip on booking discounts

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Bank Asia PLC recently signed an agreement with ShareTrip Limited, one of the leading online travel agencies of Bangladesh, offering cardholders discounts on different bookings. Zishan Ahammad, head of cards, alternative delivery channels and internet banking of the bank, and Arup Ratan Barua, chief finance officer of the online travel agency, penned the deal at the bank's card department office in the capital's Shukrabad, the lender said in a press release.

Under the agreement, Bank Asia credit cardholders will enjoy up to 12 percent discount on flight bookings and up to 70 percent discount on domestic hotel and resort bookings from ShareTrip's shops/outlets/website.

Cardholders will also enjoy 3-, 6-, 9- and 12-month instalment facilities.

Other senior officials from both organisations were also present.



PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Zishan Ahammad, head of cards, ADC and internet banking of Bank Asia, and Arup Ratan Barua, chief finance officer of ShareTrip, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's card department in the capital's Shukrabad recently.

Prime Bank partners with Footstep for clean water, solar energy



Shah Meem Rafayat Chowdhury, president of Footstep Bangladesh, and Md Ziaur Rahman, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of Prime Bank, shake hands and exchange signed documents of an agreement at the latter's head office in the capital's Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

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Prime Bank PLC recently signed a partnership agreement with Footstep Bangladesh, a non-governmental organisation in Dhaka, to install water filtration systems and solar panels.

Under this agreement, the bank will install water filtration systems in eight public schools in Chattogram and solar panels in 100 households of fishermen in Cox's Bazar as a part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Md Ziaur Rahman, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of the bank, and Shah Meem Rafayat Chowdhury, president of Footstep Bangladesh, penned the deal at the former's head office in the capital's Gulshan, the commercial lender said in a press release.

Rahman said, "The bank is deeply committed to enhancing the well-being of underprivileged communities by ensuring their access to safe drinking water and renewable energy."

"Through its corporate social responsibility initiatives, the bank strives to promote sustainable development and support those in need, particularly in areas where these basic resources are scarce," he added.

Other senior officials from both the organisations were also present.

Manufacturing in Germany mired in downturn

REUTERS, Berlin

Germany's manufacturing sector remained firmly entrenched in contraction territory in November as firms struggle with weak demand and competitive pressure, highlighting ongoing challenges for Europe's largest economy, a survey showed on Monday.

The HCOB Germany Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, held steady at 43.0, unchanged from October.

This final reading comes in slightly below a preliminary reading of 43.2 and remains well below the 50-point threshold separating growth from contraction.

While the rate of decline in output and new orders eased slightly, with the latter at its slowest rate in six months, employment, output prices and export sales quickened their fall.

"The situation for German industry is looking pretty grim. People are feeling the pinch as reports of companies in the manufacturing sector planning massive job cuts are coming in almost daily," said Hamburg Commercial Bank chief economist Cyrus de la Rubia.

Employment in the sector was scaled back for the 17th consecutive month, with the rate of job cuts accelerating close to September's 49-month record. Nearly 29 percent of businesses reported reducing staff, reflecting ongoing efforts to align employee levels with falling workloads.

Despite these challenges, there was a slight uptick in business confidence, which turned positive for the first time in three months, though it still remains low by historical standards.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 2, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 68-Tk 80	-1.33 ↓	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 165-Tk 168	4.72 ↑	9.18 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 75-Tk 80	29.17 ↑	78.16 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 115-Tk 130	-12.50 ↓	6.52 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-2.00 ↓	22.50 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

Mercantile Bank organises anti-money laundering conference

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Mercantile Bank PLC recently organised an "Anti Money Laundering Conference-2024" at FARS Hotel and Resorts in the capital's Purana Paltan.

Anti money laundering compliance officers from 152 branches, heads of different branches, senior management teams and divisional heads from the head office of the bank took part in the conference.

AKM Ehsan, executive director of the Bangladesh Bank and acting

head of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

Mati UI Hasan, managing director of Mercantile Bank, presided over the event, where Md Mostakur Rahman, director of BFIU, was present as the special guest.

Shamim Ahmed, deputy managing director and CAMLCO of the bank, Md Rayhanul Islam, additional director, and Md Mahbubur Rahman, joint director of BFIU, attended the programme as

resource persons.

Javed Tariq, principal of Mercantile Bank Training Institute, moderated the programme, where Lopita Mannan, senior vice-president and DCAMLCO and head of AML and CFT division of Mercantile Bank, was present.

Md Zakir Hossain, Adil Raihan and Ashim Kumar Saha, deputy managing directors, and Taposh Chandra Paul, chief financial officer, along with other senior officials and executives of the bank, were also present.



AKM Ehsan, executive director of Bangladesh Bank and head (acting) of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, attends the "Anti Money Laundering Conference-2024" organised by Mercantile Bank at the FARS Hotel and Resorts in the capital's Purana Paltan recently.

PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

Gold drops after four sessions of gains

REUTERS

Gold dropped 1 percent on Monday, ending a four-session winning streak, weighed down by a robust US dollar, as investors eyed upcoming economic data and remarks from Federal Reserve officials for clues on the future of US interest rates.

Spot gold was down 0.7 percent

to \$2,635.65 per ounce, as of 1059 GMT. It was down 1 percent earlier in the session. US gold futures fell 0.8 percent to \$2,658.60.

The dollar index gained 0.5 percent, on track for its best day in over a week, making greenback-priced bullion more expensive for holders of other currencies. "Some of the comments of President-elect Donald Trump

towards the BRICS countries not to move away from the US dollar are supporting the dollar and moderately weighing on the gold prices today," said UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo.

Trump on Saturday called on BRICS nations to pledge not to establish or endorse an alternative currency to the US dollar, warning of 100 percent tariffs for non-compliance.

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e-Tendering Notice Number-08/2023-2024
Limited Tendering Method (LTM)

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

Sl No	Description of Works & Package No	Tender ID	Tender Last Selling (Date & Time)	Tender Opening (Date & Time)	Estimated Cost/Remarks
1.	Construction of B.F.S Road at Semolia Village Eidgah Field to Akram Aroj house at Vopara UP Upazila: Atrai Dist: Naogaon. (2) Construction of Boundary Wall at Tholuma Eidgah Field at Bisha UP Upazila: Atrai Dist: Naogaon. (3) Construction of C.C. Work at Boro Sawta Pucca Road To Boro Sawta School at Bisha U.P. Upazila: Atrai Dist: Naogaon. (4) Development of Domdottobaria Purbopara Jamei Mosque at Moniar U.P. Upazila: Atrai Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/01)	1037971	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 10,50,000.00
2.	(1) Construction of H.B.B Road at Madoel- Aggradegun Boro Road To Lodipur Village Mohalot Para Mosque at Khalna UP Upazila: Dharmoirhat Dist: Naogaon (2) Construction of Box-Culvert ((0.750 mx 0.750 m) Hortokidanga Banidoer In Front of Montajur House at Dharmoirhat UP Upazila: Dharmoirhat Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/02)	1037972	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 6,00,000.00
3.	Construction of H.B.B at Goungra Adibashipara Road at Raigan U.P Upazila: Mohadevpur Dist: Naogaon.(2) Construction of Guidewall at Belot (Ahammed Hajipara) Graveyard at Mohadevpur Raigan UP Upazila: Mohadevpur Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/03)	1037973	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 8,50,000.00
4.	Construction of Slab Krisnapur Madrasha at Raigan U.P Upazila: Mohadevpur Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/04)	1037974	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 10,00,000.00
5.	Construction of Slab at Bhanderpur High School Upazila: Badalgachi Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/05)	1037975	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 10,00,000.00
6.	(1) Construction of Protective work Mollapara Balipukur at Ghatnagor UP Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (2) Construction of H.B.B Road at Laowadanga Asraf House to Nabi House at Ganguria UP Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (3) Construction of H.B.B Road at Mohorpara club more to Latif House at Moshidpur UP Road Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/06)	1037976	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 14,00,000.00
7.	(1) Construction Of H.B.B Road Tola Gainor Sabek Member Mr. Saidur Member House to Toia Gainor Road at Nithpur UP Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (2) Construction of H.B.B Road Chaur South Para Mosque to Shaidul House Road at Chaor UP Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (3) Construction of H.B.B Road Deghipara Mojjamal (Votha Member) House To Deghipara Near of Masque Road at Tetulia UP Upazila: Porsha Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/07)	1037977	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 13,00,000.00
8.	(1) Construction of H.B.B Road Nishcentopur Dakhil Madrasha to in front of main Road at Sapahar UP Upazila: Sapahar Dist: Naogaon. (2) Construction of H.B.B Road Tajpur Village Mosque to South Side Road at Sapahar UP Upazila: Sapahar Dist: Naogaon. (3) Construction of Supplying Door & Window at Sapahar Soumi-Koumi Madrasha Upazila: Sapahar Dist: Naogaon. (zpn/adp/2023-2024/08)	1037978	18 Dec-2024 Time: 17:00	19 Dec-2024 Time: 12:00	LTM 11,50,000.00

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SL. NO	e-GP Tender ID & Reference No	Name of work	Tender Proposal Closing Date and Time
1	1037891, PWD/Cancer/Rang/GD-6	Establishment of complete cancer, kidney and heart medical center in 8 divisional cities one at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (Sub Head: Intercom/PABX,CATV/Dish, Public Address (P/A, Digital Conference/Sound System), Digital Sign Board/Signage CCTV, computer Network (LAN & Wifi), tools & Plants, Ongrid Solar System, Drinking Water purifying mini system)	24-Dec-2024 12:02

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Oil rises on upbeat China data

REUTERS

Oil prices rose on Monday, supported by strong factory activity in China, the world's second-largest oil consumer, and escalating tensions in the Middle East, where Israel resumed attacks on Lebanon despite a ceasefire deal.

Brent crude futures climbed 75 cents, or 1.04 percent, to \$72.59 a barrel by 1002 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$68.70 a barrel, up 70 cents, or 1.03 percent.