Bank Asia signs agreement with Chaldal.com

Zishan Ahammad, head of cards, ADC and internet banking at Bank Asia, and Iftekharul Alam Ayan, chief operating officer of Chaldal Pay, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at Bank Asia cards department office in the capital's Shukrabad recently. PHOTO: **BANK ASIA**

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Bank Asia PLC has signed an agreement with Chaldal.com, one of the largest online grocery platforms in Bangladesh.

Zishan Ahammad, head of cards, ADC and internet banking at the bank, and Iftekharul Alam Ayan, chief operating officer of Chaldal Pay, penned the deal at Bank Asia's cards department office in Dhaka's Shukrabad recently, according to a press release from the bank.

Under the agreement, the bank's debit and credit cardholders, including all Visa and Mastercard holders, will enjoy a 5 percent discount on the overall value of their orders from Chaldal.com.

Other senior officials from both organisations were also present.

Oil gains

REUTERS, *Singapore*

Oil prices rose on Monday as lower-than-expected US inflation data revived hopes for further policy easing, although the outlook for a supply surplus next year weighed on the market.

Brent crude futures rose 37 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $73.31 a barrel by 0729 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures climbed 40 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $69.86 per barrel.

"Risk assets, including US equity futures and crude oil, have started the week on a firmer footing," IG markets analyst Tony Sycamore said, adding that cooler inflation data helped alleviate concerns following the Federal Reserve's hawkish rate cut.

Correction

In a report headlined "ICB declares 5% dividends", published yesterday, we mistakenly mentioned that ICB declared 5% dividends, including a 2.5 percent cash dividend, for 2024. Actually, ICB announced a 2% cash dividend for 2024. We regret the error.

Md Tasfiq Newaz, joint director of the Bangladesh Bank, and Nazrul Islam, managing director of Paperless Limited, pose for photographs while inaugurating a new online payment gateway service, styled "Paperless", at a convention centre in the capital recently. PHOTO: **PAPERLESS LIMITED**

Paperless brings online payment gateway service

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Paperless Limited, a financial technology company based in Bangladesh, has launched its new online payment gateway service, styled "Paperless".

Md Tasfiq Newaz, joint director of the Bangladesh Bank, congratulated the journey of Paperless while inaugurating the launch of the online payment gateway service at a convention centre in the capital recently, as stated in a press release from the company.

"Paperless will usher in new horizons in the field of online payment services," Newaz said. On the occasion of the inauguration, customers will get a 50 percent discount on normal charges.

Paperless is associated with Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, bKash and Nagad. Anyone can become a customer from any part of the world by going to Paperless Limited's website or its Facebook page.

Paperless will soon announce various facilities for its customers.

Among others, Md Shoeb Ahamed, former chairman of City Bank, and Nazrul Islam, managing director of Paperless Limited, and Arnob Aditya Mamun, head of business, were also present.

BAPLC organises 25th AGM

Rupali Haque Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies, poses for group photographs during its 25th annual general meeting at Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani recently. PHOTO: **BAPLC**

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The Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies (BAPLC) organised its 25th annual general meeting (AGM) at Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani recently.

Rupali Haque Chowdhury, president of BAPLC, presided over the meeting, the association said in a press release.

As executive committee members, Mohammed Younus, vice-chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, Md Kyser Hamid, managing director and CEO of Bangladesh Finance Ltd, Zeyad Rahman, director of Delta Life Insurance Co Ltd, Tajwar Muhammed Awal, director of Pragati Insurance Ltd, Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun, company secretary of Eastern Bank PLC, and Md Sharif Hasan, director of regulatory affairs and company secretary at Unique Hotel and Resorts PLC, attended the AGM.

SK Md Sarfaraz Hossain, company secretary of Peoples Insurance Co Ltd, Md Noor Hossain Khan, deputy general manager of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co Ltd, Manir Hossain, company secretary of Daffodil Computers Ltd, Muhammad Aminur Rahman, company secretary of Rangpur Foundry Ltd, and Md Amzad Hossain, secretary general of BAPLC, among others, were also present.

Eastern Bank launches 'Freelancer Ambassador Program'

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has launched an innovative event, styled "EBL Freelancer Ambassador Program" in a bid to empower and inspire Bangladesh's growing freelancing community.

Md Zakir Hossain Chowdhury, deputy governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Mitchel Lee, chargé d'affaires of Singapore high commission, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of EBL, inaugurated the programme at the bank's head office in the capital's Gulshan on Sunday, said a press release.

The initiative is expected to promote financial inclusion and to contribute to the nation's economic progress.

Md Zakir Hossain Chowdhury, deputy governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Mitchel Lee, chargé d'affaires at the Singaporean high commission to Bangladesh, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, pose for photographs with participants of the "EBL Freelancer Ambassador Program" at the bank's head office in the capital's Gulshan on Sunday. PHOTO: **EASTERN BANK**

Luxury Western goods line Russian stores

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"It's a little more complicated, but overall everybody manages," to get the products they want, she told AFP in the TSUM department store, home of luxury goods and brands.

A sale assistant there told AFP: "The luxury brands are still here. And so are our regular customers, demand has not dropped."

On its official website and app, TSUM advertises selling products from Prada, Yves Saint Laurent and Alexander McQueen, all brands that have officially left Russia.

It says its prices as "more competitive than in Dubai," -- which has become a booming holiday and shopping destination for wealthy Russians amid difficulties travelling to Europe.

"In Dubai, sales of luxury goods have exploded," since Russia ordered troops into Ukraine, the French businessman said.

Cut off from direct exports, Russian retailers have found creative ways to get hold of products demanded by their clients.

Sanctions have led to the resurrection of "buyers" -- a term popularised in the early 1990s by people who would travel to Europe to bring back cases of luxury goods for clients at home.

Nowadays the buyers have direct contracts with major boutiques or shopping malls, said Andrei, a 52-year-old stylist who has a high-end client book.

"They take orders on furniture and tableware to jewellery, clothing and furs directly to representatives in Milan, Paris, London," he told AFP.

Given the huge demand for luxury Western goods rich Russians are sure that Western brands will themselves come rushing back once they can.

"It's only a matter of time," said Andrei.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Power Grid Bangladesh PLC. represented by Deputy General Manager (Service), P&A Department, Power Grid.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	**Procurement of Cleaning Service for Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban).**
7	Invitation Ref. No.	27.21.0000.213.55.001.24.6494
8	Date	22.12.2024
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Power Grid Own Fund.
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable.
13	Project Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable.
14	Tender Package No.	PSN-1
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Cleaning Service for Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban).
16	Tender Publication Date	24/12/2024
17	Tender Last Selling Date	**07/01/2025**
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	**08/01/2025, 12:00 Noon (BST)**
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	**08/01/2025, 03.00 pm**
20	Name & Address of the office(s) *- Selling Tender Document (Principal)* *- Selling Tender Document (Others)*	1. Manager (Head Office Accounts), F&A Department, Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban)., Holding No.01 (Level-3), Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam city, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaha-1212. 2. Office Room of Executive Engineer, GMD, Dhaka (Central), Gulsan GIS Bhaban (4th Floor), Plot No. 47, Road No. 134, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS		
21	Name & Address of the office(s) *- Receiving Tender Document*	1. Office Room of Deputy General Manager (Service), P&A Department, Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban)., Holding No. 01 (Level-3), Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam city, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaha-1212. 2. Office Room of Executive Engineer, GMD, Dhaka (Central), Gulsan GIS Bhaban (4th Floor), Plot No. 47, Road No. 134, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.
	- Opening Tender Document	Office Room of Deputy General Manager (Service), P&A Department, Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban), Holding No. 01 (Level-3), Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam city, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaha-1212.
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	• Tenderers shall have the Valid Trade License, "Thikader Sangsta License" from Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate & VAT Registration Certificate. • Tenderers shall have minimum 05 (five) years of general experience in contracting non-consulting services in the national/international public/private sector organizations as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contractor. • Tenderers shall have specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing Cleaning Service of at least ONE contract completed over a period of 03 (three) years with a value of at least Tk. 70 (Seventy) lac in the national/international public/private sector organizations. • The required average annual turnover of the Tenderer shall be at least of the amount of Tk. 40 (Forty) lac over the last three years. • The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 20 (twenty) Lac.
23	Brief Description of Services	Providing cleaning services in the Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban), Holding No.01, Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam city, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaha-1212. [All Floor areas of Ground Floor to 19th Floor (Except Bank area of 1st Floor), Basement 1 & Basement 2, Outside Entrance gates, Outside areas & surroundings of the Building (Grid Bhaban), Rooftop garden, Reception, Common Toilets of Toilet Block of all floors, Lift Lobby, Main Stair, Emergency Stair, VIP Area (Chairman office, Board Room, MD office & ED's office) at 2nd floor/19th floor, Entire Hall Area of Ground floor, Prayer Room, Common passages/Corridors of all floors with assigning required no's of cleaning crew & supervisors including supplying of approved quality cleaning solutions & chemicals, cleaning materials & equipment.]
24	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	1,000.00 (One Thousand)

25	Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Weeks/ Months
	PSN-1	Procurement of Cleaning Service for Power Grid Head Office	Dhaka	1,00,000.00 (One Lac)	12 months (Tentatively from 1st February 2025 to 31st January 2026).

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Rayhan Mahmud
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Service)
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Power Grid Head Office (Grid Bhaban), Holding No.01, Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam city, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaha-1212.
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 02226600936-02226600939, Ext- 165.
30	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

Rayhan Mahmud
Deputy General Manager (Service)

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