

Visa unveils medical debit card with BRAC Bank

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Global digital payment service provider Visa, in partnership with BRAC Bank PLC, has launched the country's first medical debit card, enabling citizens to seamlessly utilise medical quotas in a dual-currency debit card.

The launch ceremony was held at the bank's head office in the capital's Tejgaon recently, according to a press release.

The event was attended by Md Mahiul Islam, deputy managing director and head of retail banking of the bank, and Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan at Visa.

On this occasion, Ahmed said, "With this Medical Debit Card, those planning to travel for medical reasons can access their quota through an easy-to-use debit card."

"With the convenience of debit cards and the trust of two trusted brands, this

solution underscores our dedication to empowering consumers with innovative payment solutions to simplify their medical tourism journeys," he added.

Islam said, "This card is designed to provide them with a seamless and convenient way to manage their overseas medical expenses without exhausting their annual travel quota."

"This initiative comes as uplifting values of the bank, touching lives through need-based banking solutions," he added.

The card will provide significant advantages over prepaid cards, which traditionally have limited fund accessibility and functionality.

Recently, dual currency debit cards have become popular in the country and this innovative Medical Debit Card will change the way travellers can manage their healthcare expenses when traveling abroad.



Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan at Visa, and Md Mahiul Islam, deputy managing director and head of retail banking of BRAC Bank, pose for photographs while inaugurating a medical debit card at the bank's head office in the capital's Tejgaon recently.

PHOTO: VISA

Mesbah Uddin appointed MD of IDLC Investments

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Mesbah Uddin Ahmed has been appointed as the managing director of IDLC Investments Limited, effective immediately.

Ahmed had been serving IDLC Finance PLC as a deputy managing director and head of retail business, concurrently since August 1 this year, the non-bank financial institution said in a press release.

With over 29 years of corporate experience, including 25 years in banking, he joined IDLC in 2010 as the head of structured finance and corporate for Dhaka region.

During his 13-year tenure, he has made significant contributions to the organisation, demonstrating exceptional leadership and strategic acumen.

He began his career in sales and marketing at Singapore Airlines in 1995.

Ahmed previously served Dhaka Bank PLC, National Bank

Limited and ONE Bank PLC and worked in different capacities before being promoted to his current role.

He is a member of Baridhara Cosmopolitan Club and Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar.

"We are confident in Mesbah Uddin Ahmed's leadership and vision to drive the continued success of IDLC Investments, further strengthening its position in the financial sector," said M Jamal Uddin, CEO and managing director of IDLC Finance.

He obtained his master's degree in finance and banking from the University of Dhaka and did an MBA from the London University of Technology and Research.



Md Shawkat Ali Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of Sonali Bank, inaugurates a new online service, styled "Sonali Corporate iBanking", at the bank's head office in the capital's Motijheel yesterday.

PHOTO: SONALI BANK

Sonali Bank launches 'Sonali Corporate iBanking' services

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Sonali Bank PLC has launched a new online service, styled "Sonali Corporate iBanking", for its corporate clients.

Md Shawkat Ali Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, inaugurated the service at the bank's head office in the capital's Motijheel yesterday, said a press release.

From now on, the bank's corporate

clients can do their transactions and receive other services using Sonali Corporate iBanking.

Shamim Uddin Ahmed, deputy managing director of the bank, presided over the service launching programme.

Among others, Subhash Chandra Das, deputy managing director of the lender, along with general managers and other high officials of the bank were also present.

BRTC employees will get banking benefits at BRAC Bank

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BRAC Bank PLC and the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) have signed an agreement under which BRTC employees will enjoy exclusive banking services at the bank.

Md Mahiul Islam, deputy managing director and head of retail banking at the bank, and Md Tazul Islam, an additional secretary and chairman of the BRTC, penned the deal at the latter's office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, BRTC officials will experience a convenient and delightful banking experience, including salary accounts, multi-currency debit cards, credit cards, loan facilities, deposit pension scheme, fixed deposit and various benefits under BRAC Bank's employee banking proposition.

Anupam Saha, director of finance and accounting at the BRTC, Colonel Mohammad Mubarak Hossain Majumdar, director (technical), and SM Kamruzzaman, director

(admin), along with their senior management team were present.

Sheikh Mohammad Ashfaque, deputy managing director and head of branch distribution network of the bank, Tunvir

Rahman, regional head for North zone, Shaikh Mohammad Imran Quader, regional head for South zone, and AKM Shahadul Islam, head of employee banking, among others, were also present.



Md Tazul Islam, an additional secretary and chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation, and Md Mahiul Islam, deputy managing director and head of retail banking at BRAC Bank, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the former's office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BRAC BANK

Falling prices frustrate onion farmers

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The farmer said he had to spend Tk 1 lakh on each bigha this year, but he could produce only Tk 70,000 to Tk 80,000 worth of the early variety.

"Onion prices are decreasing every day. If this downward trend continues, it will be very difficult to even recover the production cost," said Samsul Islam, another onion farmer.

"Farmers were willing to spend more on onion cultivation last season because prices were quite good then," he added.

However, prices have

been falling drastically since the early variety harvest began in mid-December, he said.

"During the cultivation period, each maund of onion was sold at Tk 6,000 to 7,000, which came down to Tk 3,500 to 4,000 during the harvesting period last year," he said.

But this year onion prices decreased by around 60-70 percent, Islam said.

Last year, the onion production cost for each bigha was Tk 60,000 to 70,000, which hit Tk 1 lakh this year because of the rising spending on bulb

purchases, labourers and land lease, he added.

Md Rabiul Islam, a wholesale trader of the Pushpopara wholesale market, attributed the fall in onion prices to an increase in its supply in the market.

Thanks to the beginning of the harvesting season, the wholesale market is now full of the new onions, he said.

The early variety requires to be sold quickly as these cannot be preserved for weeks.

Around 20 to 22 tonnes of onions arrive daily at the Pushpopara wholesale

market, most of which are sold to retail traders, he said.

Both the early variety and the Indian variety of onions reach the market at the same time, leading to a price drop, he added.

Farmers aim to produce 7.82 lakh tonnes of onion this year on 52,801 hectares of land, according to data from the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Pabna.

Before the arrival of seed onions, this year's production target for the early variety was 1.22 lakh tonnes from 8,961 hectares.

"Although the prices of early variety onions have fallen drastically, farmers still have a chance to make a profit in the upcoming seed onion season," said Md Ashikur Rahman, a development officer at the DAE in Pabna.

On December 25, the farmers dumped onions on the Pabna-Sujanagar road, urging the government to ensure better prices for onion.

They also demanded the government stop bringing imported onion to the market when the harvesting season begins in Bangladesh.

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES DIRECTOR OF WORKS & CHIEF ENGINEER (ARMY) INVITATION FOR TENDERS					
Ref No 11 of 2024-2025/E-6			Dated : 22 December 2024		
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence			
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services			
3.	Procuring Entity Name	DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt			
4.	Tender Name	Different B & R Works of Bangladesh Army for the financial year 2024-2025 (As per Ser No. 15)			
5.	Invitation for Tender No	11 of 2024-2025/E-6 Dated 22 December 2024			
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
7.	Source of Funds	GOB			
8.	Tender Publication Date	31 December 2024			
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	29 January 2025 upto 1430 hours.			
10.	Tender Submission Date & Time	30 January 2025, 1200 hours.			
11.	Tender Opening Date & Time	30 January 2025, 1230 hours.			
12.	Name & Address of the office (s)				
	Selling Tender Documents	a. Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE (A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt. b. DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.			
	Receiving Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE(A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt.			
	Opening Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE (A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt.			
13.	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	29 January 2025, 1000-1100 hours.			
14.	Eligibility of Tenderer	For Serial No. 15 (a to c): Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'C' & 'D' For Serial No. 15 (d to j): Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'D' & 'E' in other Govt/Semi-Govt/autonomous organizations in similar capacity having necessary security clearance from DGFI.			
15.	Description of works	Location	Price of Tender Document (Non refundable)	Amount of Tender Security (Taka) [In the shape of Bank Draft/ Pay order/Bank Guarantee in favor of DW & CE (Army)]	Time of Completion of Wks
a	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to Bldg No. TY-08 (Sainik Line) at 504 DOS Area, TY-06 (Store room) at Div Area, TY-09, & 107 (Garage) at 31 Field Ambulance Area, TY-19A (JCO's Mess) at 2 Engineers Area & TY-11 (JCO's Mess) at 5 Signal Area through abnormal repair at Cumilla Cantt.	Cumilla Cantt	Tk. 2,000.00	Tk. 1,60,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
b	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works Bldg No. TY-24/3-4.25/1-6, 26/1-6 (OR's Qtr), TY-07 (SM BK) & TY-18 (DMO Room) at CMH Area & Bldg No TY-50/1-4 (JCO's Qtr) at Nazira Bazar Area through abnormal repair at Cumilla Cantt.	Cumilla Cantt	Tk. 2,000.00	Tk. 1,70,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
c	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works existing Bldg No. 194, 195 & 196 at 901 Central Workshop EME Area under GE (Army) South through abnormal repair at Dhaka Cantt.	Dhaka Cantt	Tk. 2,000.00	Tk. 1,70,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
d	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to existing Bldg No. PT-116/1-10 (Officers' Qtr) of Artillery Central & School through abnormal repair at Halishahar Chattogram	Halishahar Chattogram	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 80,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
e	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to existing Bldg No. PT-100 (Musique Auditorium) & PT-97 (School Building) of Artillery Central & School through abnormal repair at Halishahar Chattogram	Halishahar Chattogram	Tk. 750.00	Tk. 60,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
f	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works & barbed wire fencing at Khagrachari, Ghumara, Dighinala under AGE (Army) Khagrachari through abnormal repair at Khagrachari.	Khagrachari, Ghumara, Dighinala	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 90,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
g	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to Bldg No. TY-30 (Officers' Mess) under AGE (Army) Khagrachari through abnormal repair at Dighinala Cantt.	Dighinala Cantt Khagrachari	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 90,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
h	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to existing Bldg No. 196 (SM BK) at CMTD Area under GE (Army) North through abnormal repair at Dhaka Cantt.	Dhaka Cantt	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 1,10,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
i	Renewal/Renovation/Modification/alteration including ancillary works to field Apron (Bay-6 & 8) of Army Aviation Group under GE (Army) South through abnormal repair at Dhaka Cantt.	Dhaka Cantt	Tk. 1,000.00	Tk. 90,000.00	08 (Eight) Months
16.	Contact details	Phone : 9832678, Mili: 2678, Fax : (02) 9833284 Web Site : www.army.mil.bd			
17.	Special Instructions	a. Tenderer shall submit copy of letter of valid enlistment & security clearance with application when purchasing tender. b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in Tender Data sheet of Tender documents. c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			

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Invitation for e-Tender

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

Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Description	Tender Publish Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1055575	JBPLC/ITPSC&M/Proc-13/e-GP/OTM/Burp Suite/2024	Tender for Procurement of Burp Suite Professional with BSCP (Burp Suite Certified Practitioner) for self-paced Training & Certification for Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method.	26/12/2024 03:00 PM	15/01/2025 12:00 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP System portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal and e-GP Help Desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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বিগত ১৮/১২/২০২৪ইং তারিখে দৈনিক যুগান্তর ও দ্যা ডেইলী স্টার পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত দিরাই পৌরসভার টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে টেন্ডার আইডি নং-১০৫২০০১ এ Tender Closing and Opening date ভুলবশতঃ ০৮/০১/২০২৫ইং তারিখের পরিবর্তে ০১/০১/২০২৫ইং তারিখ লিপিবদ্ধ হয়েছে। টেন্ডার আইডি ১০৫২০০১ এর সংশোধিত Tender Closing and Opening date হবে ০৮/০১/২০২৫ইং।

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