

# Bank Asia celebrates 16 years of its Islamic banking services

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Bank Asia PLC has celebrated the 16th anniversary of its "Islamic Banking Services".

The bank organised a discussion meeting and other programmes marking the occasion at Bank Asia Tower in the capital's Karwan Bazar recently, the bank said in a press release.

Mawlana Shah Mohammad Wali Ullah, member secretary of the Shariah Supervisory Committee of the bank, was the keynote speaker of the session, where he highlighted the importance of Islamic banking and the unique features of Bank Asia Islamic Banking Services.

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of the bank, Shafiuzzaman and ANM Mahfuz, additional managing directors, and SM Iqbal Hossain, deputy managing director, attended the programme.

Bank Asia has been operating its "Islamic Banking Services" since December 24, 2008.

With utmost importance given to Shariah law, Bank Asia Islamic Banking has been providing necessary banking services, including deposit collection and investment, for all categories of customers.

Other deputy managing directors and department/divisional heads along with executives and officials of the bank were also present.



PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia, attends a discussion organised by the bank to celebrate 16 years of its Islamic banking services at Bank Asia Tower in the capital's Karwan Bazar recently.

# ACI declares 35% dividends



M Anis Ud Dowla, chairman of Advanced Chemical Industries Limited, presides over the company's 51st annual general meeting, which was held virtually yesterday. The meeting announced 35 percent dividends, including a 20 percent cash dividend, for 2024.

PHOTO: ACI

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Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) Limited has announced 35 percent dividends, including a 20 percent cash dividend, for the year that ended on June 30, 2024.

The announcement came at the company's 51st annual general meeting (AGM), which was held virtually yesterday, ACI said in a press release.

M Anis Ud Dowla, chairman of the company, presided over the meeting.

Arif Dowla, managing director of the company, highlighted a few of the salient features of the business and addressed issues raised by shareholders.

He expressed gratitude and acknowledged the cooperation of all stakeholders.

He particularly acknowledged the contribution and efforts of employees of the company and thanked them all.

The audited financial statements together with reports of the directors and auditors of the company were approved by the shareowners in the meeting.

## MGI brands win 9 awards at 16th Best Brand Awards

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Fresh, the flagship brand of Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), has won an impressive nine awards across various categories at the 16th Best Brand Awards at the InterContinental Dhaka in the capital's Shahbag recently.

Of the awards, Fresh claimed three awards for emerging as a standout performer in three key categories. The categories are Fresh Atta-Maida-Suji, Fresh Refined Sugar and Super Fresh Drinking Water, said a press release.

In addition, Super Fresh Soybean Oil, Fresh Full Cream Milk Powder, Fresh Premium Salt and Fresh Tissue were recognised as the second most loved brands in their particular categories. And, Fresh Spices achieved third place in the spice category.

MGI expressed heartfelt gratitude to its distributors, consumers, channel partners and well-wishers for their continued trust and support, the press release added.

This year's awards recognised excellence across 44 distinct categories, alongside honouring the "Overall Top 15 Most Loved Brands of Bangladesh".

A total of 60 awards were presented during the event, which was organised by Bangladesh Brand Forum, in partnership with nSearch Limited, and supported by The Daily Star.

To ensure fair and comprehensive results, nSearch conducted an extensive survey involving 11,200 respondents from urban and rural areas across all eight divisions of the country. The survey maintained an equal gender ratio, offering valuable insights into consumer preference.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 29, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 80	1.35 ↑	11.11 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	0	7.14 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 163-Tk 165	-1.50 ↓	4.13 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 70	-22.58 ↓	-4.00 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 75	-48.98 ↓	-34.21 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 46-Tk 50	1.05 ↑	9.09 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			

# Dollar hits 5-month high against yen

REUTERS, New York


The US dollar hit a five-month high against the Japanese yen on Thursday on expectations the greenback would be boosted next year by policies by the incoming Donald Trump administration that are expected to boost growth and lift inflation.

Trading volumes were light on Thursday with many traders on holiday after Wednesday's Christmas holiday and before next week's New Year holiday.

Looser business regulations and tax cuts are expected to help propel US growth next year while analysts say that a clamp-down on illegal immigration and

the prospect of new tariffs on trading partners could increase price pressures, and weigh on the economy longer term.

That has boosted the dollar against its peers, though there remains a lot of uncertainty over exactly what policies will be introduced and what their impact will be.



**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Dhaka South City Corporation  
Office of the Project Director  
**Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP)**  
Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000

**Memo:46.207.014.09.306.2024/930**

**Request for Bids**  
**Non-Consulting Services**

**Date: 26/12/2024**

Employer : Dhaka South City Corporation, MoLGRD&C  
Project : Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP)  
Contract title : Hiring of Vehicles (2 Cars & 1 minibuses) for DCNUP  
Country : Bangladesh  
Credit No. : Cr 6361 BD  
RFB NO : DCNUP/ NS-01A  
Issued on : 26 December 2024

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit in the amount of about US\$ 75.50 Million from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP) to be implemented by Dhaka South City Corporation and it intends to apply a part of the proceeds towards payments for **Hiring 3 nos (2 Cars & 1 minibuses) Vehicles** for DCNUP.

2. The Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP), now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Hiring 3 nos (2 Cars & 1 minibuses) Vehicles for DCNUP in City Corporation Area up to project tenure i.e 30 June 2025.

3. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 updated in September 2023 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and inspect the bidding document during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours BST.

5. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of BDT 2000.00, shall be deposited directly to A/C 1623806000063, Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP) GOB Sonali Bank Ltd, Nagar Bhaban Corporate Branch, Dhaka 1000, and as a proof, the original deposit slip shall be submitted with the tender document collected from the undersigned office during office hours showing proof copy of deposited money submitted in the said account.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14 January 2025 upto 1500hrs BST. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below on 14 January 2025 at 1530hrs BST.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BDT 80,000.00 (taka Eighty thousand) in the form of Pay order/ Bank draft from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.

8. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Bids.

9. The address referred to above is:

*(Signature)*  
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Memo No. 4U/MP/639/2024/674

Date: 26/12/2024

**e-GP Notice No. 02/2024-25 (OTM)**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal <https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>

SL No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of the work	Tender document last selling/ downloadi ng date and time	Tender closing date and time	Tender opening date and time
1	1044553, LGCRRP/M athbaria/202 4-25/W-04	1.Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from Vatnari Hospital Road to Vatnari Hospital Office (ch00-58m) in Ward No. 05 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-58m. 2.Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from Pre-Cadet School to Nasir Doler house via Mahabub Mia house (ch00-214m) in Ward No. 09 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-214m. 3.Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from Court Office Approach Road to Krisi Office (00-64m) in Ward No. 05 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-64m. 4.Environmental Mitigation and Social Safe Guards under Mathbaria Pourashava.	26-Jan-2025 17:00	27-Jan-2025 11:30	27-Jan-2025 12:00
2	1044554, LGCRRP/M athbaria/202 4-25/W-05	1. Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from X Councilor Luchi house to Sagir Mia house (Ch00-90m) in Ward No. 06 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-90m. 2. Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from Mathbaria Betmore BC Road to Mamun Pasker house via Saisuddin Faruk, Salam & Govt Primary School (ch00-270m) in Ward No. 03 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-270m. 3. Estimate for Repairing Carpeting Road starting from Mathbaria Govt College Campus gate to Academic Bhabon via New Bhabon (ch00-253m) in Ward No. 06 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-253m 4. Environment Mitigation and Social Safe Guards under Mathbaria Pourashava	26-Jan-2025 17:00	27-Jan-2025 11:30	27-Jan-2025 12:00
3	1044555, LGCRRP/M athbaria/202 4-25/W-06	1. Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from R&H to Model Mosque (ch00-84m) & Model Mosque South Side Road (Ch84-110m) in Ward No. 06 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-110m. 2. Estimate for Upgrading RCC Road starting from Mathbaria Masua Road to SP Mamun House (ch00-50m) & SP Mamun house to Ramim Professor house (ch50m-224m) in Ward No. 02 under Mathbaria Pourashava. Total Length-224m. 3. Environmental Mitigation and Social Safe Guards under Mathbaria Pourashava.	26-Jan-2025 17:00	27-Jan-2025 11:30	27-Jan-2025 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e- Tender 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 (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any branch of the banks registered in the e-GP System. Furthe information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure>). Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).) For more details about Procurement Package, please contact the official inviting the tender.

*(Signature)*  
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