

Southeast Bank signs deal with MetLife for group insurance

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Southeast Bank PLC recently signed an agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to provide comprehensive group insurance coverage for its employees and their dependents.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, and Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of the life insurer, signed the deal at the bank's head office in the capital's Banglamotor, according to a press release.

Hossain stated that the long-anticipated group insurance facility will ensure affordable, quality treatment for employees and their dependents, protect against unexpected medical costs, and provide financial security and peace of mind.

As part of the bank's 30th anniversary celebrations in 2025, with the motto "A Journey of Maturity, Stability, and Consolidation," the insurance will inspire employees to work with greater devotion, contributing to the bank's continued success, he added.

Ahmad said, "By providing insurance coverage to employees and their family members, Southeast Bank has added another significant milestone to its successful journey of 30 years."

The coverage includes a "Group Life Insurance" facility for 3,100 permanent employees and sub-staff of the bank, covering natural death, permanent total disability, permanent partial disability, and double the coverage amount in the case of accidental death.



Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, and Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of Southeast Bank, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the latter's head office in the capital's Banglamotor.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK



Waliul Islam, chairman of SMC and SMC Enterprises, speaks at a press meeting held at its head office in Dhaka yesterday. Toslim Uddin Khan, managing director and CEO of SMC, and Saif Nasir, managing director of SMC Enterprises, were present.

PHOTO: SMC

SMC unveils logo for 50th anniversary

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Social Marketing Company (SMC) unveiled a logo for its 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated on January 25.

Waliul Islam, chairman of SMC and SMC Enterprises Limited, revealed the logo at a press meeting held at the company's head office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Islam attributed SMC's success to strong institutional governance, strategic planning, dedicated leadership, and the unwavering support of the government and development partners.

He expressed optimism for the future,

stating that SMC will continue expanding its programmes to enhance the quality of life for women, children, and families in Bangladesh.

During the briefing, Toslim Uddin Khan, managing director and CEO of SMC, highlighted SMC's milestone of completing five decades of impactful contributions to Bangladesh's health sector.

He emphasised that this achievement reflects the organisation's relentless dedication to improving the nation's health. Khan extended heartfelt gratitude to the government, USAID, media professionals, well-wishers, and consumers of SMC's products and services.

Mutual Trust Bank joins Dhaka Travel Mart

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with The Bangladesh Monitor to become the banking partner for the 20th edition of the international tourism fair "Dhaka Travel Mart 2025".

Md Rozar Ibna Azad, Head of Brand at MTB, and Farhad Kamal, Managing Editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, signed the MoU at the latter's office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Organised by The Bangladesh Monitor, the premier travel and tourism publication of the country, the three-day fair will be held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka from February 6-8 this year.

Under the agreement, MTB will provide full support to The Bangladesh Monitor in organising and promoting the fair both domestically and internationally. MTB will also promote its card and travel products during the fair and announce special offers for visitors.

This year, more than 45 public and private organisations, including national tourism organisations, airlines, tour operators, hotels and resorts, travel agencies, and financial institutions, from eight countries will participate and showcase their products and services in the event.

Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, was also present at the signing ceremony.



Farhad Kamal, managing editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, and Md Rozar Ibna Azad, head of brand at Mutual Trust Bank, shake hands and exchange signed documents of a memorandum of understanding at the former's office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: TRIUNE GROUP

Pubali Bank gets new DMD

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Pubali Bank PLC has promoted Sultana Sarifun Nahar to the post of deputy managing director (DMD).

Nahar is the first woman to hold this position, marking a significant milestone in the history of the bank, according to a press release.

Before her appointment as DMD, she was serving the bank as the general manager and head of the principal branch.

She began her career as a lecturer in economics and also served as an examiner for the Dhaka Education Board. Nahar later embarked on her banking career at Pubali Bank as a probationary senior officer in 1997.

She has enriched her expertise through successful roles in various departments.

She demonstrated her professional excellence as a manager at several key branches, including three corporate branches. As the regional head of the Dhaka central region, she played a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of banking services across branches.

She obtained her master's degree from Eden Mohila College.

US deficit tops \$700b to hit record in Oct-Dec

AFP, Washington

The US budget deficit widened to a new record in the October to December period, according to Treasury Department data released Tuesday, as spending grew while tax revenue slipped.

The expansion took the deficit to \$711 billion in the first three months of the government's fiscal year.

This was a 39 percent increase from \$510 billion in the same period a year ago, the department added.

In particular, spending rose by 11 percent to a fresh record as well, while revenues crept down, said the Treasury.

Outlays reached 1.8 trillion for the three-month period, a Treasury official told reporters.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JAN 15, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 84	4.05 ↑	12.41 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 54-Tk 58	6.67 ↑	9.80 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 164-Tk 166	.61 ↑	4.76 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 30-Tk 50	-44.83 ↓	-27.27 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 70	-41.46 ↓	-25.00 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 44-Tk 50	-3.09 ↓	8.05 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

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Invitation for e-Tender (LTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the works mentioned in the table below:-

Invitation Reference No.	23/e-GP/LTM/BRD/PMP/2024-2025
Tender ID	1062990
Name of Works	Construction of Rigid Pavement at Ch. 170+662 to 170+714 near Sahid Abdur Rab Serniabat Bridge Toll Plaza (Dopdopia Bridge) of Dhaka(Jatrabari)-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal-Patakhali Road (N-8) under Road Division Barishal during the fiscal year 2024-25.
Qualification Criteria	As Stated in Tender Notice & Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the Tender Document.
Tender Document Price	Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) only.
Tender security Amount	Tk. 1,20,000.00 (one lakh twenty thousand) only.
Tender Document last selling	Date: 28 January 2025, Time: 17:00
Last Date and Time for Tender Security Submission	Date: 29 January 2025, Time: 11:00
Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 29 January 2025, Time: 12:00
Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 29 January 2025, Time: 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 National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branch.
- Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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AB Bank provides financial aid thru 'Shampurna' insurance benefit

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AB Bank PLC recently provided financial support of Tk 50,000 to the family member of a "Shampurna" account holder under the life insurance coverage provided by GD Assist Limited.

Syed Mizanur Rahman, Acting Managing Director of the bank, handed over a cheque to the family member of the bank's "Shampurna" account holder at its head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

"Shampurna" is a specialised savings account for women, offering an attractive interest rate along with complimentary life insurance.

This account is designed to ensure financial security for female customers and their families during unexpected life events.

Syed Moinuddin Ahmed, Managing Director of GD Assist Limited, a subsidiary of Green Delta Insurance, and Reazul Islam, additional managing director of the bank, along with senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Syed Mizanur Rahman, acting managing director of AB Bank, hands over a cheque to the family member of the bank's "Shampurna" account holder at its head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: AB BANK

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e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal for the procurement of the following works:

SL No.	Tender ID	Description of works	Tender document selling date & time	Tender proposal closing & opening date & time
1	1061817	Some Renovation Works at HBB Yard, Drain, HBB Road & Canteen Repair BRTC ICWS Gazipur.	12-Jan-2025, 12:00am to 26-Jan-2025, 12:00am	26-Jan-2025, 12:20pm

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