

# Islami Bank organises business development conference

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Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC organised the "Business Development Conference-2025" at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka yesterday.

Obayed Ullah Al Masud, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the two-day conference as the chief guest, said a press release.

In his speech, Masud said that Islami Bank is conducting banking operations across the country through a wide network of 6,500 units. It has 25 million customers, and this vast network proves the popularity of the bank.

He mentioned that the bank is working to improve the living standards of marginal communities through its Rural Development Scheme in 34,000 villages of the country.

"We want to spread this service to all 68,000 villages of the country," he said, adding that "Since the change in the national scenario on August 5, the bank has collected about 9 lakh new customers and a fresh deposit of Tk 13,000 crore. Last year, the bank achieved a milestone by opening its 400th branch."

While presiding over the event, Mohammed Monirul Mousa, managing director of the bank, said that the contribution of Islami Bank to the country's economic development is innumerable. "In 2024, Islami Bank maintained its top position in all business indices, overcoming a number of challenges."



Obayed Ullah Al Masud, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh, speaks at the two-day "Business Development Conference-2025" at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka yesterday.

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"It has collected the highest number of deposits in the country's banking sector. About 9 percent of the country's import-export trade is conducted through this bank."

"Remittance-sending expatriates have deposited a record amount of remittances in this bank, which is a quarter of the country's total remittances. Employment for about 1 crore people has been created through this bank," he added.

Mohammad Khurshid Wahab, chairman of the executive committee of the bank; M Masud Rahman, chairman of the risk management committee; Md Abdus Salam, chairman of the audit committee; Md Abdul Jalil, independent director; and Mohammad Abdus Samad, member secretary of the Shariah supervisory committee, were present as special guests.

# Midland Bank signs MoU on cash management with Win Champion

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Midland Bank PLC recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Win Champion (BD) Limited, a concern of Sonic Group.

Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director of the bank, and Benjamin CY Wong, founder chairman of Win Champion (BD) and chairman of Sonic Group, signed the MoU at the group's headquarters located at Uttara EPZ in Nilphamari, according to a press release.

Under the MoU, Win Champion (BD) will use the robust online cash management solution of MDB's "Midland Cash Management (MCM)" application to conduct its daily business banking and cash management activities.

Mohd Javed Tarek Khan, head of the institutional banking division of the bank; Muhammad Majidul Haq Patwary, vice-president and head of unit 05; Mohammad Hassibur Rahman, senior assistant vice-president and head of cash management; Su Yongbou, director of Win Champion (BD); Md Showayeb Ahmed, assistant manager of finance; along with other executives and officers from both organisations, were also present.



Benjamin CY Wong, founder chairman of Win Champion (BD) and chairman of Sonic Group, and Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director of Midland Bank, pose for photographs after signing a memorandum of understanding at the group's headquarters located in Uttara EPZ, Nilphamari recently.

PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

# British PM willing to enter trade talks with US

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer reiterated his willingness to strike a trade deal with the US, he told two publications Friday, ahead of Donald Trump's presidential inauguration next week.

The UK has sought a major transatlantic free trade agreement ever since formally leaving the European Union in 2021.

But negotiations have broken down, including over Britain's reluctance to open its borders to some American agricultural products.

"Our ambition is to have a deal of some sorts with the US, a trade deal. That's where our focus is," the Labour leader told the Financial Times.

Negotiations between the US and the UK made progress during Trump's first presidency, but slowed under US President Joe Biden.

The opening of new talks could allow the UK to escape Trump's pledge to impose tariffs of 10 to 20 percent on all products entering the US.

"We haven't had the inauguration yet, so let's see what the decisions are when we get to that stage," Starmer told Politico on Friday.

"I have been clear that we would like to have discussions about a trade deal with the US," he added. Stephen Moore, one of Trump's longest-serving economic advisers, told the BBC in November that the UK should align itself with the American "free enterprise" economic model.

"It would spur the Trump administration's willingness to the free trade agreement with the UK," he told the BBC's Today programme.

Since Brexit, the UK has formed trade agreements with the European Union and other European states, as well as countries further afield such as Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JAN 18, 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 52-Tk 58	4.76 ↑	7.84 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 165-Tk 170	2.13 ↑	6.35 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 30-Tk 50	-44.83 ↓	-11.11 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 70	-41.46 ↓	-20.00 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 44-Tk 50	-1.05 ↓	5.05 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

# IFIC Bank holds 'largest banking network conference' in Barishal

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IFIC Bank PLC organised the "IFIC Largest Banking Network Business Conference" at Barishal Shilpakala Academy in Barishal on Friday.

The conference brought together over 300 employees from the bank's 16 branches and 96 sub-branches operating under the Barishal and

Faridpur zones, according to a press release.

Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of the bank, attended the daylong conference as the chief guest.

Md Ebtadul Islam, director of the bank, and Syed Mansur Mustafa, managing director, were present.

The bank awarded top performing employees for their

exceptional contributions to deposit mobilisation, loan disbursement, and recovery efforts.

Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director and chief of branch business of the bank; Helal Ahmed, head of operations; Dilip Kumar Mandal, chief financial officer, along with other senior officials of the bank, were also present.



Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of IFIC Bank, poses for group photographs with participants of the "Largest Banking Network Business Conference" at Barishal Shilpakala Academy on Friday.

PHOTO: IFIC BANK

# Workshop on climate-related financial disclosures begins in Dhaka

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Bangladesh Bank, in collaboration with the Joint Impact Model (JIM) Foundation, organised a two-day workshop on "Sustainability and Climate-related Financial Disclosures" at the Eastern Bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Eastern Bank Limited (EBL), UK International Development, and British International Investment (BII) were the strategic partners of the event. BII supported the event under the FCDO-funded IMPACT programme, said a press release.

The workshop underscored the shared vision of fostering sustainable financial practices in Bangladesh, ensuring long-term economic and environmental resilience.

Chowdhury Liakat Ali, director of the Sustainable Finance Department (SFD) at the central bank, reiterated Bangladesh Bank's unwavering commitment to sustainable development and highlighted the importance of this

workshop in equipping financial institutions with the tools to meet IFRS S1 sustainability and IFRS S2 climate-related financial disclosure requirements.

Riad Mahmud Chowdhury, deputy managing director and head of corporate banking at EBL, said, "This workshop represents another

milestone in our shared journey toward creating a sustainable financial ecosystem."

The workshop brought together approximately 200 senior executives from banks and financial institutions across Bangladesh for a comprehensive capacity-building experience.



Participants of a two-day workshop on "Sustainability and Climate-related Financial Disclosures" organised by Bangladesh Bank, in collaboration with the Joint Impact Model Foundation, pose for photographs at the Eastern Bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

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## Invitation for e-Tender

Invitation Reference No. 45.02.0000.009.20.11.24-24, Date: 05-01-2025

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following packages of Routine and Periodical Maintenance Works.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Document price (BDT)	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
1	1065387	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 25/01	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance works at Old Hospital Building of Kasiani UHC in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
2	1065389	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/02	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance works at Electric Sub-Station (315KVA) of Tungipara UHC in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
3	31065415	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/03	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance works at Hospital Building of Moksudpur UHC in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
4	1065416	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/04	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation of Tafalbari Union Health Sub-Center (RD) at Shoronkhola Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
5	1065417	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/05	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation Assistant Engineer Office, Health Engineering Department (HED) in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
6	1065418	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/06	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation of Civil works (R.C pad, tiles, Plaster, painting, wooden door, aluminium sliding window, grill), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Doctors Qtr (2-Storeied 4 unit) at Morelgonj Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
7	1065419	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/07	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation of Bishnupur Union Health Sub-Center (RD) at Sadar Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00
8	1065420	HED/GD/GOB- Repair-HS/2024- 24/08	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation of MO Quarter (2-storeied 2 unit) at Chitalmari Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	02-02-2025 17:00	03-02-2025 17:00

These are online tenders where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the abovementioned Portal and no offline tender/hard copies will be accepted. Supplementary information with guidelines are available in the National e-GP System and from the e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). For submission of e-Tenders, HED enlistment updated renewal and registration in the National e-GP System will be eligible. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to time specified in Online Notice. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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