

Panasonic launches locally manufactured ACs for Bangladesh

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Panasonic, a technology company with over 65 years of expertise in manufacturing air conditioners (ACs), recently launched its new range of inverter AC line-up, the KU series, manufactured in Bangladesh.

The new models are customised to suit local needs and are available in 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0 tonne models, which are now available across all retail outlets of our authorised partners in the country.

Fumiyasu Fujimori, managing director of Panasonic Marketing India, PLSIND, inaugurated the Made-in-Bangladesh Aircon KU series in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Fujimori said, "Bangladesh is a strategic country for Panasonic in the South Asia region, and the launch of our new range of ACs has been based on consumer feedback and designed to suit the local environment."

"From localised manufacturing to

offering a connected, comfortable, convenient, and energy-saving solution – Panasonic's new range of ACs promises technology, durability, trust, and quality," he added.

Commenting on the launch, Bhupender Bhardwaj, senior general manager of SAARC, PLSIND, said, "We have been a committed partner of Bangladesh for several decades, contributing to our consumers' needs that extend beyond basic cooling, indoor air hygiene, efficiency, and technological integration (connectivity)."

"We will continue to sell our advanced range of smart, inverter Air Conditioners to our customers to redefine their smart home experience," he added.

The new series comes with advanced technology-enabled features such as MirAI – an IoT-enabled connected platform, True AI – automatic adjustment for optimal comfort cooling, and personalized sleep profiles.



Fumiyasu Fujimori, managing director of Panasonic Marketing India, PLSIND, poses for photographs after inaugurating the new range of inverter ACs manufactured in Bangladesh recently.

PHOTO: PANASONIC

Eastland Insurance organises annual branch managers' conference



Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of Eastland Insurance, attends the "38th Annual Branch Managers' Conference-2025" at the DCCI auditorium in the capital's Motijheel recently.

PHOTO: EASTLAND INSURANCE

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Eastland Insurance PLC recently organised the "38th Annual Branch Managers' Conference 2025" at the DCCI auditorium in the capital's Motijheel.

Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of the insurance company, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, the insurer said in a press release.

Rahman expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for His divine blessings, which helped the company achieve 84 percent of the business target set for the year 2024, despite the global economic recession and the consequences of the abnormal price hikes of essential goods and financial losses faced by the world economy.

He appreciated the management team, including all executives and employees of the company, for their best efforts in promoting the business during these tough times.

He also commended everyone for achieving the 'AAA' Credit Rating during the year 2024.

Rizwan Rahman, vice-chairman of the insurer, and Kamal Uddin Ahmed and Md Tahir Khan, members of the board, attended the event, where Mohammed Salim, chief executive officer, presented an analytical report on the company's yearly business.

Pubali Bank opens Islamic banking corner in Khamarbari

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Pubali Bank PLC launched the "Islamic Banking Corner" at the Khamarbari branch in the Farmgate area of Dhaka yesterday in a bid to meet the growing demand for Islamic banking services.

Through the corner, customers will have easy access to a full range of Islamic banking services.

Md Saiful Alam, director general of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), inaugurated the corner as the chief guest, said a press release.

Speaking at the event, Alam said Islamic banking is not just a financial service; it is a system grounded in ethics and religious principles.

"Pubali Bank's initiative will provide convenience for customers and contribute significantly to the country's economic development," he added.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, attended as the guest of honour.

Commenting on the establishment of the Islamic Banking Corners, Ali said, "The demand for Islamic banking services is increasing, and to meet this demand, Pubali Bank has already set up Islamic Banking Corners in various branches across the country."

"These corners enable customers to conduct transactions in accordance with Islamic principles while benefiting from modern technology and secure banking facilities," he added.

AKM Abdur Raqib, general manager and head of the Dhaka North region of the bank, presided over the programme, where Dewan Jamil Masud, general manager and head of the Islamic banking wing, was present as the special guest.

Adidas profits jumped in 2024

AFP, Frankfurt

Adidas on Tuesday said that its operating profit jumped five-fold last year, as the German sportswear giant moves past a crisis triggered by its split from musician and entrepreneur Kanye West.

Full-year operating profit jumped to 1.34 billion euros (\$1.39 billion), up from 268 million in 2023, according to preliminary results from the company.

Sales jumped 11 percent from the previous year and hit 23.7 billion euros, better than expected.

It marked a stark turnaround from 2023, when Adidas' earnings were hammered by the end of its collaboration with West, with whom the company had designed the blockbuster line of Yeezy trainers.

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Master Builder Limited, a real estate company in Bangladesh, celebrated its 28th anniversary at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Maj (retd) Shibir Ahmad Khan, managing director of the realtor, inaugurated the celebration, said a press release.

In an effort to ensure environment-friendly dream housing, Master Builder has been tirelessly working since 1997 and is now stepping into its 29th year of a glorious journey.

The company aimed to provide housing facilities for the middle-income group of Dhaka city.

Nadira Khan, director of the company, supervised the event.

The realtor is equipped with a large number of qualified architects and designers who are engaged in all projects.

It has gained a reputation and confidence among customers and landowners for its uncompromising quality work within the given timeline and the use of building materials.

The real estate company has already handed over more than 1,000 flats.



Maj (retd) Shibir Ahmad Khan, managing director of Master Builder, and Nadira Khan, director, pose for group photographs with flat and landowners, and employees of the company, at its 28th anniversary celebration at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka on Tuesday.

PHOTO: MASTER BUILDER

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY

	PRICE (JAN 22, 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 170-Tk 172	4.27 ↑	8.57 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 25-Tk 40	-53.57 ↓	-23.53 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 60	-47.50 ↓	-32.26 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 44-Tk 48	-3.16 ↓	5.75 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Wage Earners' Welfare Board

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Memo No. 49.04.0000.004.07.005.22-132

Date: 22-01-2025

Invitations for e-Tender (OTM) Notice

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Tender ID No.	Name of work	Last selling date & time	Tender closing date and time
1067268	Providing assistance work to migrants and returnees in Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) under the Wage Earners' Welfare Board.	05-02-2025 5:00pm	06-02-2025 11:45am

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Maj Gen Md Masudur Rahman, adjutant general of the Bangladesh Army and vice-chairman of Trust Bank, inaugurates the relocated and renamed Army Stadium branch at Captain's World-2, Banani on Airport Road.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

Trust Bank opens relocated Army Stadium branch

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Trust Bank PLC opened its relocated and renamed Army Stadium branch at Captain's World 2, Banani on Airport Road at Dhaka Cantonment in the capital on Tuesday.

Earlier, the branch was named after the Radisson Water Garden Hotel branch.

Maj Gen Md Masudur Rahman, adjutant general of the Bangladesh Army and vice-chairman of the bank, inaugurated the branch, the bank said in a press release.

Among others, Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director of the bank, along with the bank's directors, senior officers from the Bangladesh Army, and senior officials of the bank, attended the event.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Upazila Health & Family Planning officer

Upazila Health Complex

Rajbir, Madaripur.

Memo No. UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/97

Date: 22-Jan-2025

e-Tender Notice (NCT)

e-Tender is in the e-GP System Portal ([https://www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procuring of following goods.

Tender ID	Name of Tender	Package No	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Remarks
1063906	Procurement of Medicine (Non-EDCL) for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/01	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM
1063907	Procurement of MSR Instrument for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/02	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM
1063908	Procurement of MSR Linen Items for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/03	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM
1063909	Procurement of Gauze, Bandage & Cotton for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/04	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM
1063910	Procurement of Chemical Re-Agent for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/05	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM
1063911	Procurement of MSR Furniture for the F.Y 2024-2025 at Rajbir Upazila Health Complex, Madaripur	UHC/RAJ/MADAR/MSR/TENDER/2024-2025/06	16-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	17-Feb-2025 11:00 AM	OTM

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