

Prime Bank signs banking solution deal with Artnature Bangladesh

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Prime Bank PLC recently signed a digital banking solution agreement with Artnature Bangladesh Limited, a Japanese entity in Bangladesh.

Shams Abdullah Muhaimin, deputy managing director and head of transaction banking division of the bank, and Takanori Hagiwara, managing director of Artnature Bangladesh, signed the deal at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

Under this agreement, the Japan Desk of Prime Bank will provide all kinds of banking solutions, including digital banking, to Artnature Bangladesh.

Wasim Ibne Halim, executive vice-president and head of transaction banking division; Shama Ali, senior assistant vice-president and head of Japan Desk at transaction banking division; and Kohei Kitamura, manager of Artnature Bangladesh, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Shams Abdullah Muhaimin, deputy managing director and head of transaction banking division at Prime Bank, and Takanori Hagiwara, managing director of Artnature Bangladesh, shake hands and receive a crest after signing an agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Citizens Bank gets new DMD

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Citizens Bank PLC recently appointed Md Abdul Latif as a deputy managing director (DMD).

Prior to taking over the new role, Latif was serving at Bank Asia PLC as a senior executive vice-president, the bank said in a press release.



With over 28 years of experience in the banking sector, he has developed expertise in various leadership positions at prominent financial institutions in Bangladesh throughout his extensive banking career, including roles as zonal head and head of branch.

He started his professional banking career at National Bank Limited as a probationary officer in 1997.

He previously served at Premier Bank PLC and Bank Asia PLC, working in different capacities.

As a seasoned professional, his diverse experience includes serving as head of several important branches and zonal head of Bank Asia PLC.

Latif obtained his master's degree in management from the University of Dhaka.

Electro Mart organises annual partners meet



Mohammed Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of Electro Mart Group, poses for photographs with senior officials of the group at its "Annual Partners Meet 2025" in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: ELECTRO MART

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Electro Mart Limited, a local distributor of world-leading electronics brands Konka, Gree, and Haiko in Bangladesh, recently organised an "Annual Partners Meet 2025" in Dhaka.

Over 600 channel partners and associates from various parts of the country participated in the event, according to a press release.

Mohammed Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of Electro Mart Group, inaugurated the event as the chief guest.

Salim extended his gratitude to the business partners and guests, acknowledging their unwavering support in promoting, expanding, and marketing Konka, Gree, and Haiko electronics products in Bangladesh for over two decades.

He also reaffirmed Electro Mart's commitment to advancing the country's electronics sector, emphasising the group's efforts to manufacture world-class, high-quality, and affordable

electronics products.

He highlighted the establishment of a production facility in Narayanganj, where the company is continually expanding its product lineup.

During the event, Md Nurul Amin, managing director, stated that Bangladesh's electronics industry was once entirely import-dependent.

However, thanks to industry-friendly policies, it is now evolving into a self-reliant manufacturing sector.

He proudly mentioned that Konka, Gree, and Haiko products are now being manufactured in Bangladesh and expressed optimism that these products would soon be exported under the "Made in Bangladesh" label.

A new model of the Konka ice cream freezer and three new models of showcase freezers were unveiled on the occasion.

The company also recognised and rewarded the top-performing local partners of 2024 in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (FEB 24, 2025)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 72-Tk 85	1.29 ↑	16.30 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-6.25 ↓	7.14 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 185-Tk 190	9.33 ↑	19.81 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 30	-9.09 ↓	-13.79 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 50	-14.29 ↓	-60.87 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 43-Tk 45	-4.35 ↓	-3.30 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

Southeast Bank holds 756th board meeting

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Southeast Bank PLC recently held its 756th board meeting at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

MA Kashem, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting, according to a press release.

During the meeting, the board reviewed the bank's performance for 2024 and held detailed discussions on strategic business initiatives and the 2025 roadmap.

The participating members reaffirmed their commitment to the bank's success and progress, pledging to elevate Southeast Bank to new heights.

Strategic plans were adopted for loan recovery, expansion of non-

funded business, retail services, and the credit card portfolio, along with strengthening technology-driven transaction services, including internet banking, mobile banking, mobile financial services, and agent banking.

Rehana Rahman, vice-chairperson of the bank, and Md Akikur Rahman, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Md Rafiqul Islam (representative of Asia Insurance Limited), and Md Nurul Islam (representative of Single Click IT Solution Private Limited), directors, were present.

Southeast Bank's remarkable journey of three decades, marked by stable growth and success, reflects the strong trust and confidence of its customers.

Along with this, the bank is committed to continuing its strong and dynamic progress by offering customer-centric services, adopting innovative banking practices, and ensuring good governance.

The bank expressed optimism that it will make relentless efforts to maintain stability and growth in the financial sector by tackling future potential challenges.

Among others, Mohammad Delwar Husain, M Moyeen Alam Firozee, and Md Mozibur Rahman, independent directors of the bank, Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director, and Mamunur Rashid, company secretary, were also present.



MA Kashem, chairman of Southeast Bank, presides over the bank's 756th board meeting at its head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

Al-Arafah Islami Bank arranges 417th board meeting



Khwaja Shahriar, chairman of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, presides over the bank's 417th board meeting at its head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC organised its 417th board meeting at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Khwaja Shahriar, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting, the bank said in a press release.

The overall business performance of the bank was reviewed, and several policy decisions were made during the meeting.

Md Shahin Ul Islam, Md Abdul Wadud, Mohammed Abu Eusuf, and Mohammad Asrafur Hassan, directors of the bank, were present.

Farman R Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of the bank, Mohd Rafat Ullah Khan, additional managing director, and Mohammad Moniruzzaman, company secretary (acting), along with senior executives of the bank, were also present.

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E-Tender Notice

e-Tenders is invited in e-GP System (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj for procurement of following works.

Tender ID	Name of Work	Publishing Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
1079540 e-Gp/Naw/ADP-05/ Road/ 2024-2025	Repair of Pavement from Maintenance during construction of the project "Kashinathpur- Dasuria- Natore- Rajshahi- Nawabgonj-Kansat- Sona Masjid- Balladighi Border Road (N-6)" under RHD Road Division Chapainawabganj in the year 2024-2025 (WP-05).	24-Feb-2025 14:00	16-Mar-2025 13:00

(Md. Nahimur Rahman)
ID No-602340
Executive Engineer (C.C), RHD
Road Division, Chapainawabganj.

GD-506

EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
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Press Tender Notice

Tender ref.: EDCL (Dhaka)/PUR/PT/2025/62 Dated 24/02/2025

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed construction firms having experience for successful completion of similar works in any single work worth of Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous bodies/Private Organization during the last 5(five) years.

Name of the Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
Construction of 4-Storeyed Air Compressor Room & Connection with Engineering Building at EDCL, Dhaka Plant.	Tk.5% of quoted amount	Tk.1550.00/set (Non-Refundable)	Closing: 12/03/2025 at 11.00 AM Opening: 12/03/2025 at 11.30 AM

Work Site: EDCL, Dhaka Plant.

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favor of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (CC)
Procurement Deptt.
For: Managing Director.

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