

Robi strikes deal with bKash for B2B cash collection solutions

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Robi Axiata PLC, a telecom service provider in the country, signed an agreement with bKash to use its business-to-business (B2B) cash collection solution to streamline financial management at the field level by saving time and expenses.

Shihab Ahmad, chief commercial officer of the telecom company, and Ali Ahmed, chief commercial officer of the mobile financial service provider, signed the agreement in the capital recently, said a press release.

Under the agreement, over 450 distribution houses of the telecom company, spread across the country, are using bKash's solution to collect cash and provide electronic money (e-money) against it.

With this B2B service, the telecom company's distribution-related financial transactions will be simplified at the field level, as the process will become cashless, transparent, and secure.

Many of the top companies in the cement, beverage, lifestyle, pharmaceutical, and food industries have already been using bKash's B2B cash collection solution to make their financial management more seamless, transparent, and secure.

This also helps strengthen the ecosystem of digital transactions in the country, hence ensuring dynamism and competence in the economy.



Shihab Ahmad, chief commercial officer of Robi Axiata, and Ali Ahmed, chief commercial officer of bKash, shake hands and exchange signed documents of an agreement in the capital recently.

PHOTO: BKASH

Meghna Bank opens agent banking outlet in Chattogram



Kimiwa Sadat, deputy managing director of Meghna Bank, inaugurates an agent banking outlet at Abedin Colony on Love Lane in Chattogram recently.

PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

Janata Bank organises divisional branch managers' conference

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Janata Bank PLC recently organised a "Divisional Branch Managers' Conference 2025" at a local convention hall in Rajshahi.

M Fazlur Rahman, chairman of

the bank, attended the conference as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

Md Jahangir Hossain, general manager in charge of the Rajshahi divisional office, presided over the event, where Md Mazibur Rahman,

managing director of the bank, and Md Fayaz Alam, deputy managing director, were present.

Other senior officers of the bank, along with area heads and branch managers of the bank across the division, were also present.



M Fazlur Rahman, chairman of Janata Bank, attends the "Divisional Branch Managers' Conference-2025" at a local convention hall in Rajshahi recently.

PHOTO: JANATA BANK

Mastercard announces Ramadan and Eid offers for 2025

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Mastercard has unveiled an array of offers for its cardholders during the holy month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Brimming with a range of deals and discounts across various lifestyle, dining, travel, and grocery outlets throughout Bangladesh, these offers have been meticulously crafted to provide cardholders with an effortless shopping experience while maximising savings during this festive season, as stated in a press release.

Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, commented, "These month-long offers, spanning diverse spending categories, are poised to elevate the festive spirit for Mastercard cardholders across all segments."

Furthermore, 20 renowned dining establishments such as Kiva Han, Kareem's, Café Colombia, and Bao will offer up to 20 percent discounts for customers who make payments using their Mastercard.

This makes it the largest BOGO (Buy One, Get One) network during this festive period, with participating venues including The Way Dhaka, Six Seasons Hotel Gulshan, Pearl Hotel, Hotel Sarina, and Hotel Bengal Blueberry.

In addition to the dining perks, Mastercard has launched the "Grocery Means Mastercard" campaign, which rewards cardholders for making purchases at select grocery stores and supermarkets throughout Ramadan.

"Thanks to unparalleled payment convenience, superior security, and an exceptional shopping experience, cardholders can look forward to celebrating Eid in a way that has never been seen before," he added.

For cardholders seeking to indulge in gastronomic pleasures, Mastercard has partnered with over 50 premier hotels and restaurants to offer enticing "buy one, get one" and "buy one, get three" deals.



Anwar Hussain made vice-chairman of SBAC Bank

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Anwar Hussain, an industrialist and businessman of the country, has been elected as the vice-chairman of SBAC Bank PLC.

The election was held at the 192nd meeting of the board of directors of the bank recently.

Prior to assuming the new role at SBAC Bank, Hussain was a sponsor director of the bank, said a press release.

He serves as the chairman of SBAC Bank Investment Limited, a subsidiary company of the bank.

Hussain is the managing director of HAR Industries Limited, Abdul Gaffar & Company Pvt Limited, AGI Flex Limited, and the proprietor of Anwar Corporation.

In addition, he is the director of Safah CNG Refueling Station and Asuka CNG & Filling Station.

Under his visionary leadership, he has been making significant contributions to the economy, trade, and employment creation.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAR 8, 2025)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 72-Tk 85	1.29 ↑	14.60 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-1.87 ↓	5.00 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 180-Tk 185	0.83 ↑	20.46 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 30	11.11 ↑	-23.08 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 35-Tk 500	-5.56 ↓	-52.78 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 40-Tk 45	-5.56 ↓	-3.41 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

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Meghna Bank PLC recently launched an agent banking outlet at Abedin Colony on Love Lane in Chattogram.

Kimiwa Sadat, deputy managing director of the bank, inaugurated the outlet as the chief guest, said a press release. Sadat emphasised Meghna Bank's commitment to financial inclusion by bringing modern banking services to the doorstep of underserved communities.

"Meghna Bank is tirelessly working to ensure uninterrupted financial services for the marginalised population, which will further enhance people's trust in the bank," he said.

"This new outlet will facilitate access to modern banking services for the local population and contribute to broader economic activities in the region," said SK Perves Maraker, head of agent banking, cash management, and foreign remittance at the bank, while attending the event as a special guest.

Among others, Shovon M Shahabuddin Raj, chairman of Chattogram Club Limited, and entrepreneurs Manzurul Haque Manju and Col (retd) ATM Salahuddin, were also present.

PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Manikgonj PWD Division, Manikgonj Phone & Fax No-02998814122			
INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER			
Date 06/03/2025			
Sealed tenders are invited for the under mentioned work as per brief terms and conditions stated below.			
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.		
2. Agency	Manikgonj PWD Division, Manikgonj.		
3. Procuring Entity Name	মানিকগঞ্জ গণপুর বিভাগ, মানিকগঞ্জ এর আওতাধীন মানিকগঞ্জ বছতল বিশিষ্ট সমাবিত আইস ভবনের দেৱাদল কাজ স্বৰূপভাবে প্রাচলন্ত ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের জন্য আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে মাসিক মজুরী ভিত্তিতে জনবল সরবরাহ কাজ। অর্থ বছৰ ২০২৪-২০২৫।		
4. Invitation for	PWD Manik-02/2024-25		
5. Invitation Re-Tender No	Memo no-25.36.0000.000.232.99.0454.23.73 date : 27/02/2025		
6. Ref no & Date	PWD Manik-02/2024-25		
7. KEY INFORMATION	OTM		
8. Procurement Method	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh		
9. FUNDING INFORMATION	Budget and Source of Funds		
10. PARTICIPATION INFORMATION	Participating Entity		
11. Procurement Name	Not applicable		
12. Re-Tender No.	PWD Manik-02/2024-25		
13. Tender Publication date	06/03/2025		
14. Last date & time for selling of Tender documents.	23/03/2025 during office hours		
15. Last date & time for submission of Tender documents.	24/03/2025 at 12.00 noon		
16. Name & address of the office Receiving Tender Documents.	1. Office of the Executive Engineer, Manikgonj PWD Division, Manikgonj. 2. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Manikgonj. 3. Office of the Superintendent of Police, Manikgonj.		
17. Date, Time & Place for opening tender documents.	Tender will be opened on 24/03/2025 at 2.00 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer, Manikgonj PWD division, Manikgonj. Intending tenderers or their authorized representative may remain present during opening of tender.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	Eligibility of Tenderer		
This invitation for Re-Tender is open to all eligible Tenderers as mentioned below.			
1. The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as prime contractor/sub-contractor/management contractor shall be 3 (Three) years.			
2. Having experience as a prime contractor in providing non-consultant service of at least 1 (One) number of supplying manpower of amounting to BDT 120.00 (Twenty Lakh) in a single year for the last 3 (Three) years.			
3. The required minimum average annual turnover of tenderer shall be at least of the amount of BDT 38.00 (Thirty Eight Lakh) over the best 3 (three) years of the last 5 (Five) years.			
4. The minimum amount of liquid assets, i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be BDT 19.00 (Nineteen Lakh) Letter of commitment for bank's utilization for the line of credit per form PSN-5 of tender and contract forms section must be submitted for this purpose (filling to submit in form PSN-5 will make the tenderer non-responsive).			
5. Tenderer shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract under the applicable law.			
6. Tenderer shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.			
7. Tenderer shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh.			
8. Every Proposed manpower must submit CV with post name written on it.			
The full eligibility and qualification criteria be available in details in the tender data sheet (TDS) section. 2) of tender documents.			
1. Price of Tender Document (BDT)	BDT. 1000.00 (One thousand) only.		
2. Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Tender Security Amount
1	মানিকগঞ্জ গণপুর বিভাগ, মানিকগঞ্জ এর আওতাধীন মানিকগঞ্জ বছতল বিশিষ্ট সমাবিত আইস ভবনের দেৱাদল কাজ স্বৰূপভাবে প্রাচলন্ত ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের জন্য আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে মাসিক মজুরী ভিত্তিতে জনবল সরবরাহ কাজ। অর্থ বছৰ ২০২৪-২০২৫।	Manikgonj Sadar, Manikgonj.	Tk. 2.50 Lakh.
3. PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS	Bishaw Nath Bank.		
4. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer.		
5. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Manikgonj PWD Division, Manikgonj.		
6. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Tel & Fax: 02669910401, e-mail: ee.manik@pwd.gov.bd		
7. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.		