

Shanta Life signs MoU with Dhaka Bank to launch bancassurance services



PHOTO: SHANTA LIFE INSURANCE

Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, managing director and CEO of Dhaka Bank, and Nafis A Ahmed, chief executive officer of Shanta Life Insurance, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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Shanta Life Insurance PLC, a new venture of Shanta Holdings, recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Dhaka Bank PLC, aiming to provide bancassurance services through the bank's distribution channel.

Through this MoU, the life insurer intends to leverage the robust banking channel of the bank to provide tailored insurance policies to the clients of the latter. This proposition will help offer more financial products to the customers of the bank.

Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Nafis A Ahmed, chief executive officer of the life insurer, signed the MoU at the bank's head office in Dhaka, said a press release.

Maroof said, "This partnership reflects our commitment to

innovation and expanding financial inclusion across Bangladesh."

"Bancassurance is the new horizon for the insurance sector in Bangladesh. We are hoping such institutional arrangements will benefit the customers in the long run," said Nafis.

This MoU will be a starting point to build a complete framework to deliver smooth bancassurance services to customers, along with knowledge building for bank employees.

Bancassurance will allow clients of the bank to purchase insurance policies through the banking channel.

The collaboration will further strengthen the partnership between the insurer and the bank, bringing more depth into this relationship, it added.

Other high officials from both organisations were also present.

US hiring misses expectations in Feb as jobs market faces pressure

AFP, Washington

The United States added fewer jobs than expected in February and unemployment ticked up, government data showed Friday, while analysts warn cracks may be appearing in the labor market under President Donald Trump's new administration.

Friday's report paints a solid picture of the employment market in the first full month of Trump's second term, amid unprecedented cuts to the US government that are attracting growing blowback.

But analysts warned of uncertainty ahead linked to Trump's volatile tariff's policy, and cautioned that effects from the administration's cost-cutting have yet to show up entirely.

The world's biggest economy added 151,000 jobs last month, up from January's revised 125,000 figure, while the unemployment rate edged up to 4.1 percent from 4.0 percent, the Labor Department said.

"Within government, federal government employment declined by 10,000 in February," it said.

The federal downsizing efforts have been led by Trump's billionaire adviser Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which has slashed thousands of jobs and upended agencies, prompting a flurry of lawsuits.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell nevertheless said at an event in New York that the labor market remains solid, with wages growing faster than inflation.

The White House was quick to emphasize an uptick in manufacturing jobs, with Trump himself touting "major gains" and pointing to an added 9,000 jobs in the auto industry.

"We're trying to shrink government and grow the private sector," the president said.

The Trump administration has expressed plans to "re-privatize and re-industrialize the American economy," according to Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, alongside wider efforts towards deregulation and fair trade.

The Republican president has launched a broad offensive aimed at cutting public spending and reducing the federal government's footprint -- pledges he made on the campaign trail.

Southeast Bank strikes MoU with Unicorn Leather Goods Factory

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Southeast Bank PLC recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Unicorn Leather Goods Factory Limited to provide a set of banking solutions, including payroll banking services, corporate payment modules, and other financial services.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, and Zheng Shuyong, general manager of Unicorn Leather Goods Factory, signed the MoU at the bank's zonal head office in Chattogram, according to a press release.

On this occasion, Hossain commented, "This partnership underscores our dedication to delivering innovative,

technology-driven financial solutions that empower corporate clients with seamless banking services."

"We believe this collaboration will create long-term value and contribute to the financial efficiency of our partners," he added.

This strategic partnership aims to enhance the financial operations of Unicorn Leather Goods Factory Limited by streamlining salary disbursement, automating corporate payments, and offering seamless digital banking solutions.

Through Southeast Bank's payroll banking service, employees of Unicorn Leather Goods Factory will enjoy secure and timely salary payments, along with additional banking benefits.



Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of Southeast Bank PLC, and Zheng Shuyong, general manager of Unicorn Leather Goods Factory Limited, shake hands and exchange signed documents of the memorandum of understanding at the bank's zonal head office in Chattogram recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

Mercantile Bank opens Naria sub-branch in Shariatpur

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Mercantile Bank PLC opened a Naria sub-branch under Bhajeshwar branch in Naria upazila of Shariatpur yesterday, aiming to provide easy and tech-savvy banking services to customers.

This is the 46th sub-branch of the bank.

Mohammad Abdul Awal, director and chairman of the risk management committee of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.



PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

Mohammad Abdul Awal, director and chairman of the risk management committee of Mercantile Bank, inaugurates the Naria sub-branch under Bhajeshwar branch in Naria upazila of Shariatpur yesterday.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

SL No	Tender ID	Reference No.	Name of Works	Tender Closing Date & Time	Remarks
1.	1083650	30.31.0000.000.211.32.0129.21.257	Supply of Stationary Goods for different sections at SAIA, CTG	23-Mar-2025 15:00:00	
2.	1083787	30.31.0000.000.211.32.0446.23.228	Weed Cleaning and Gardening work at SAIA, CTG. (Director's Office premises related areas, Driveway Entry Gate, Monument Circle, Both Side of Monument Triangular Areas, VIP Car Parking, Both side of 15 No gate to Monument Circle, Driveway Side Island of Terminal Building, In front of RADAR Station, Director's Banglow and CAAB Housing related Areas)	24-Mar-2025 15:00:00	
3.	1084084	30.31.0000.211.32.347.22.82	Installation of Steel Lockers at different sections at SAIA,CTG	25-Mar-2025 15:00:00	Re-Tendered

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SL No.	Tender ID No.	Name & packages	Tender publication date	Tender last selling date and time	Tender closing date and time	Tender opening date and time
1	1081657	Supply & Installation of Networking Instrument for LAN Infrastructure of Computer Lab and wifi at NACTAR, Bogura.	09-03-2025	23-03-2025 10.06am	23-03-2025 02.06pm	23-03-2025 02.06pm
2	1084636	Renovation works to Academic & Administrative Building Ground Floor, Cafeteria Kitchen, Engineering & Store Section at NACTAR, Bogura.	09-03-2025	23-03-2025 10.10am	23-03-2025 02.01pm	23-03-2025 02.01pm
3	1084663	Supply & Installation CCTV Camera and Digital attendance machine at NACTAR, Bogura.	09-03-2025	23-03-2025 10.13am	23-03-2025 02.13pm	23-03-2025 02.13pm

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e-Tender are invited in e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Dr. Md Rafiqul Islam Gazi, Superintendent, Khulna 250 Bed General Hospital, Khulna for the Procurement of;

Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Publication Date and Time	Tender/Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
1082301	PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINE (NON-EDCL) GR-01 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:30
1082303	PROCUREMENT OF MSR EQUIPMENT & INSTRUMENT GR-03 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:30
1082304	PROCUREMENT OF MSR GUAZE, BANDAGE, COTTON GR-04 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:30
1082305	PROCUREMENT OF MSR LINEN ITEMS GR-05 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:40
1082306	PROCUREMENT OF MSR CHEMICAL REAGENT GR-07 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:40
1082307	PROCUREMENT OF MSR FURNITURE GR-09 FY 2024-2025	10-Mar-2025 12:00	24-Mar-2025 16:00	25-Mar-2025 13:40

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