

Global Islami Bank strikes deal with Chattogram Wasa

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Global Islami Bank PLC yesterday signed an agreement with Chattogram Wasa, enhancing their collaborative efforts.

Md Lal Hossain, deputy managing director (finance) of Chattogram Wasa, and Imtiaz Ahmed Siddiqui, head of marketing of the Shariah-based bank, signed the agreement at the former's head office in Chattogram, said a press release.

As part of this arrangement, all branches and sub-branches across Chattogram and its surrounding areas will continue to facilitate payments for water and sewerage bills, alongside other related services for Chattogram Wasa.

Mohammed Akther Hossain, head of the Chattogram zone and manager of the Agrabad branch, and Sk Rasel Uddin, manager of the Jubilee Road branch, were present.

Kazi Shahidul Islam, deputy secretary of Chattogram Wasa, Al Mehedi Shawkat Azam, chief accounts officer, and Lutfe Jahan, system analyst, together with senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Md Lal Hossain, deputy managing director (finance) of Chattogram Wasa, and Imtiaz Ahmed Siddiqui, head of marketing of Global Islami Bank, shake hands and exchange signed documents of an agreement at the former's head office in Chattogram yesterday.

PHOTO: GLOBAL ISLAMI BANK

Southeast Bank organises capacity development programme



PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

MA Kashem, chairman of Southeast Bank, poses for group photographs with the participants of the "Capacity Development Programme to Enhance Marketing Expertise on Retail Banking Loan and Credit Card" in Dhaka recently.

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Southeast Bank PLC recently organised a training programme titled "Capacity Development Programme to Enhance Marketing Expertise on Retail Banking Loan and Credit Card."

The initiative aims to equip banking professionals with cutting-edge strategies and practical skills to effectively market financial products in an increasingly competitive environment.

A total of 70 participants from various branches of the bank attended the programme, according to a press release.

MA Kashem, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the event as the chief guest, delivering an insightful speech that

emphasised the bank's commitment to innovation and customer-centric growth.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, also participated in the event.

Md Jahangir Kabir, executive vice-president and head of ID at the bank; Md Abdul Kader, senior assistant vice-president and head of the retail banking division; Farhana Hossain Erna, assistant vice-president; and Humaira Sharmeen, CEO of Humaira's Collection and lead consultant at Campus to Corporate, attended as resource persons.

Sayma Banu, director (training) of the Southeast Bank Training Institute, along with other senior officials of the bank, was also present.

US job openings rise, layoffs low

REUTERS, Washington

US job openings increased in January, but demand for labour is likely to soften in the months ahead amid concerns that uncertainty over import tariffs and aggressive government spending cuts could cause a sharp slowdown in economic activity.

For now, the labor market is holding steady, with the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS report, from the Labor Department on Tuesday showing layoffs declining for a fourth straight month to the lowest level since last June.

There were 1.13 job openings for every unemployed person, up from 1.09 in December. Hiring, however, remained tepid consistent with caution among businesses. President Donald Trump's whiplash trade policy, marked by on-again and off-again tariffs against Canada and Mexico, has shaken business and consumer confidence.

Investors have dumped stocks, wiping out all the gains notched in the aftermath of Trump's November 5 election victory, as the risks of a recession have increased from the trade tensions.

"This report tells us that the labor market was healthy from the perspective of continued expansion prior to the policy regime shift that began to unfold with the new administration," said Conrad DeQuadros, senior economic advisor at Brean Capital.

"Unfortunately, the report tells us nothing about how companies will respond to the threat of tariffs and rising uncertainty, and this could take several months to unfold."

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAR 12, 2025)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 72-Tk 85	3.29 ↑	14.60 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	0	5.00 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	-3.15 ↓
Soybean (litre)	Tk 174-Tk 184	-1.92 ↓	18.15 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 30	0	-23.08 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 35-Tk 50	-5.56 ↓	-57.50 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-2.30 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

National Bank signs MoU with Asgar Ali Hospital for discounts, benefits

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National Bank Limited recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Asgar Ali Hospital.

Kazi Kamal Uddin Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of the information technology division at the bank, and Maruf Bin Hafiz, senior manager, corporate affairs of the hospital, signed the agreement at the latter's office in Dhaka, said a press release.



Kazi Kamal Uddin Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of IT division at National Bank, and Maruf Bin Hafiz, senior manager, corporate affairs of Asgar Ali Hospital, pose for photographs after signing the deal at the latter's office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NATIONAL BANK

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Syed Manzur Elahi
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Chairman, Apex Group

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Bangladesh Power Development Board

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আঞ্চলিক মোরামত কারখানা
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Memo No. 27.11.3300.808.20.001.25-169

Date: 10.03.2025

e-Tender Notice (Open Tender Method)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal for the following procurement. Interested tenderers are requested to visit <https://www.eprocure.gov.bd> for the details.

Tender ID	Description of goods	Tender document publication date and time	Tender document last downloading date and time	Last date and time of tender submission	Tender opening date and time	Tender security (BDT)
1084832	Procurement of Press Board of 1mm & 1.50mm for ZRS, BPDB, Tongi, Gazipur	20-Mar-2025 11:00	07-Apr-2025 16:00	07-Apr-2025 16:30	08-Apr-2025 14:00	36,000/-
1084880	Procurement of Copper Made HT and LT Terminal Rod/Lead for 200kva and 250kva Transformer for ZRS, BPDB, Tongi, Gazipur.	20-Mar-2025 12:00	08-Apr-2025 16:00	08-Apr-2025 16:30	09-Apr-2025 14:00	36,000/-
1084881	Procurement of Copper Made LT Terminal Rod/Lead For 100kva Transformer at ZRS, BPDB, Tongi, Gazipur.	20-Mar-2025 12:30	07-Apr-2025 16:00	07-Apr-2025 16:30	08-Apr-2025 15:00	21,000/-
1084882	Procurement of Copper made LT/HT coupling of different sizes for the office of ZRS, BPDB, Tongi, Gazipur.	20-Mar-2025 14:00	08-Apr-2025 16:00	08-Apr-2025 16:30	09-Apr-2025 15:00	21,000/-

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the e-GP System Portal <https://www.eprocure.gov.bd> is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online any registered bank branches.

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BPDB, Tongi, Gazipur

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invites **Two Envelope System** International Tender for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Documentation & SAT of Pharmaceutical Machinery for Bogura Plant on C&F© Dhaka By Air and Chittagong by Sea Basis:-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/Machine/SEM/67/2024-2025 dated 12/03/2025	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Validation with documents of following Machine (specification as per tender schedule): For Bogura Plant (Double Envelope System) 01. Dissolution Tester - 01(One)	Tk. 1250.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 11.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 17/04/2025 at 11.00AM Opening : 17/04/2025 at 11.15AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, 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 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour 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.

N.B: **This Information is also available at our Website : www.edcl.gov.bd**

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General Manager
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For : Managing Director.