

## Volumezero to design school campus in Purbachal for Prime Bank Foundation

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Prime Bank Foundation has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Volumezero Limited, a Dhaka-based architectural firm, to design an international school campus in Purbachal.

Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of the foundation, joined the event as the chief guest at the event held at the Marina Yasmin Chowdhury Hall, Prime Tower, in the capital's Nikunja-2 recently, according to a press release.

In his address, Chowdhury remarked that the establishment of the school would make a substantial contribution to the socio-economic development of the country, setting a commendable example for others to emulate.

Under this collaboration, Volumezero Limited will be entrusted with providing architectural design and supervision services for the creation of a modern educational institution.

The envisioned school aims to provide a well-rounded academic environment, combining educational excellence with moral development, religious values, and cultural heritage, all at an accessible and affordable cost.

The architectural design will embody a deep respect for nature, with a focus on cultivating a serene, inspiring, and inclusive space conducive to nurturing young minds.

A comprehensive feasibility study has already been completed, paving the way for the next stage of the project's development.



PHOTO: PRIME BANK FOUNDATION

**Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank Foundation, poses for photographs with guests and high officials from the foundation and Prime Bank PLC at the Marina Yasmin Chowdhury Hall of Prime Tower in the capital's Nikunja-2 recently.**

## Agrani Bank launches remittance app



PHOTO: AGRANI BANK

**Md Shameem Ahsan, high commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia, inaugurates the app under the initiative of Agrani Remittance House SDN BHD recently. Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed, chairman of Agrani Bank PLC, was present.**

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Agrani Bank PLC has unveiled the "Agrani Remit App" with the objective of facilitating fast, convenient, secure, and lawful remittance transfers from Malaysia to Bangladesh.

Although officially inaugurated, the app is scheduled to be made available to customers during the first week of June. The application will enable users to remit funds directly to any branch of Agrani Bank, other banks within Bangladesh, as well as to mobile financial services such as bKash and Nagad.

Md Shameem Ahsan, high commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia, launched the app under the initiative of Agrani Remittance House SDN BHD, a subsidiary of Agrani Bank based in

Malaysia, the bank confirmed in a press release.

Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed, chairman of the bank, and Md Anwarul Islam, chief executive officer, attended the inaugural ceremony as special guests.

Mohammad Khorshed A Khastagir, deputy high commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia; Syed Shariful Islam, counsellor (labour); Mosammat Shahanara Monica, minister (labour); and Sultan Ahmed, chief executive officer and director of Agrani Remittance House SDN BHD, were present.

Tareq Uddin, executive director of Dotlines, a Dhaka-based software company, along with officials from both countries and members of the Bangladeshi expatriate community, were also present.

## Dhaka Bank Training Institute organises foundation training course

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Dhaka Bank Training Institute (DBTI) has conducted its 83rd foundation training course, signifying another significant milestone in the bank's ongoing commitment to professional excellence and capacity building.

The 15-working day programme was meticulously designed to equip participants with essential banking knowledge and practical skills, according to a press release.

A total of 32 aspiring trainee assistant officers and trainee assistant cash officers participated in the course.

Throughout the programme, the trainees engaged in an extensive curriculum encompassing key areas such as general banking and cash operations, customer service excellence, risk management, compliance, and other pertinent aspects of the banking sector.

The objective of the training was to lay a robust foundation for the participants, ensuring they are thoroughly prepared to contribute meaningfully to the bank's sustained success.

Seasoned professionals facilitated the sessions, delivering valuable insights and hands-on expertise to support a seamless transition for the trainees into their respective roles within Dhaka Bank.



PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

**Participants of the foundation training course pose for group photographs after the conclusion of the 15-day training at the Dhaka Bank Training Institute in the capital recently.**

## Guardian Life offers insurance services to employees of Red Sea Gateway Terminal



**Ghazi Rafi Ahmed Shams, senior vice-president and head of group insurance at Guardian Life Insurance Limited, and MA Hasan Faruque, head of logistics services at Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT), pose for photographs following the signing of an agreement on the RSGT premises in Chattogram recently.**

PHOTO: GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE

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Guardian Life Insurance Limited has recently entered into an agreement with Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT), the first privately funded terminal operator based in Saudi Arabia, to provide comprehensive life and medical coverage for all RSGT employees.

Erwin Hazze, chief executive officer of RSGT, and Sheikh Rakibul Karim, chief executive officer (acting) of the life insurer, signed the agreement at RSGT's premises in Chattogram, according to a press release.

Under this agreement, RSGT employees and their families will be entitled to the benefits of Guardian's Group Insurance scheme.

Ghazi Rafi Ahmed Shams, senior vice-president and head of group insurance at the life insurer; Itakher Ahmed, senior vice-president and deputy head of group insurance; Mohammed Soieb, senior assistant vice-president and team lead of group insurance; and SM Hashibur Rahman, business development manager of group insurance, were present.

Among others, MA Hasan Faruque, head of logistics services at RSGT; Mohammed Delwar Hossain, head of human resources; Md Asaduzzaman, procurement supervisor; and Tasfia Amin, junior procurement officer, were also present.

## Shams Mahmud re-elected president of Thai chamber

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Shams Mahmud, managing director of Shasha Denims Limited, has been re-elected president of the Bangladesh-Thai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BTCCI) for a two-year term (2025-2027).

The election took place during the organisation's 19th annual general meeting (AGM), held recently at Gulshan Club Limited in the capital's Gulshan, said a press release.

Mahmud is a prominent entrepreneur in Bangladesh's textile and readymade garments sector.

He is also the managing director



of Shasha Garments and Shasha Textiles, and a director of EOS Textiles Ltd, Track Innovative Technologies Ltd, and Fly Dhaka Airlines Ltd. He serves as the secretary general of the Consular Corps Bangladesh.

Md Munir Hossain, director of Vertex Group, and Hossain A Sikder, managing director of Kohinoor

Leather Products Ltd, have been elected as senior vice-president and vice-president, respectively.

Tanvir Ahmed of Sheltech Group has been elected director administration, and Md Ahsanuzzaman of Spectra Hexa, director finance, for the same term.



**M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at Eastern Bank PLC, inaugurates the sub-branch in Palashbari upazila of Gaibandha recently.**

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

## Eastern Bank opens sub-branch in Palashbari

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has inaugurated a new sub-branch in Palashbari upazila of Gaibandha district.

M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of

retail and SME banking at the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch in Palashbari recently, according to a press release.

Abu Rasel Muhammad Masum, branch area head of the bank, along with senior officials, and prominent local businessmen, were also present.

## Citizens Bank holds annual business review meeting

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Citizens Bank PLC has recently organised "Annual Business Review and Way Forward Strategy Meeting" at its head office in the capital's Motijheel.

Md Mostafizur Rahman, managing director (current charge) of the bank, presided over the meeting as the chief guest, the bank stated in a press release.

The meeting featured discussions on various facets of banking operations and business development within the context of the current macroeconomic landscape.

Md Abdul Latif, deputy managing director of the bank; Md Waheed Imam, senior executive vice-president and company secretary; and Md Saiful Islam, chief financial officer, along with divisional heads and branch managers, were also present.



**Md Mostafizur Rahman, managing director (current charge) of Citizens Bank PLC, poses for group photographs with participants of the "Annual business review and way forward strategy meeting" at the bank's head office in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.**

PHOTO: CITIZENS BANK