

Eastern Bank, Grameen Digital join hands to support hajj pilgrims

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has entered into a partnership agreement with Grameen Digital Healthcare Solutions to provide round-the-clock healthcare services to its customers undertaking the hajj pilgrimage this year, via the "Shukhee" mobile application.

An agreement to this effect was signed at EBL's head office in the capital on Monday, the bank announced in a press release. Developed by Grameen Digital Healthcare Solutions, the digital healthcare services will be accessible through the Shukhee app.

EBL will fully sponsor the subscription, enabling its customers to receive essential medical support throughout their pilgrimage.

According to EBL, this represents a pioneering initiative in Bangladesh's

banking sector, aimed at delivering healthcare assistance during one of the most spiritually profound journeys in a Muslim's life.

"This partnership reflects EBL's ongoing commitment to enhancing customer experience and contributing meaningfully to the broader healthcare ecosystem in Bangladesh," said Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of EBL.

Ahmed Armaan Siddiqui, chief executive officer of Grameen Digital Healthcare Solutions, and Mohammad Solaimun Rasel, chief technology officer and chief business officer, joined the event.

Among others, Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director of the bank, Riad Mahmud Chowdhury, deputy managing director and head of corporate banking, and Md Jabelul Alam, head of transaction banking, corporate banking, were also present.



Ahmed Armaan Siddiqui, chief executive officer of Grameen Digital Healthcare Solutions, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing an agreement on healthcare support for hajj pilgrims at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Monday.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Dollar holds gains

REUTERS

The dollar retreated slightly on Tuesday but held on to most of the previous session's gains on lingering optimism over a tariff deal between the United States and China, which tapped the brakes on a trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Washington and Beijing on Monday announced an agreement to slash the massive tariffs they had imposed on each other for 90 days, sparking a relief rally across markets that swept up global stocks and sent the dollar surging.

The situation is still very dollar-centric according to Kit Juckes, chief FX strategist at Societe Generale, who said the dollar's rally on positive sentiment from US-China talks was helped by the short-term positioning in the currency being squeezed out a little bit.

"Looking at it today, we're bouncing back. It's a little bit quieter."

versus the Japanese yen, the dollar was down 0.45 percent at 147.82 yen, having rallied more than 2 percent on Monday. The euro rose 0.18 percent to \$1.107, after sliding 1.4% overnight.

The dollar fell 0.56 percent against the Swiss franc to 0.8405, reversing some of Monday's 1.6 percent jump. Sterling ticked up 0.22 percent to \$1.3207.



Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, inaugurates the new sub-branch at Ishak Tower on Tin Potti Road in Karatia upazila of Tangail recently.

PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

Midland Bank launches sub-branch in Karatia

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Midland Bank PLC has recently launched a new sub-branch at Ishak Tower on Tin Potti Road in Karatia upazila of Tangail.

Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch as the chief guest, the bank stated in a press release.

In his speech, Zaman expressed his gratitude to the audience present at the programme and encouraged them to establish a relationship with the bank by opening an account.

He instructed branch officials to provide the best service to customers and urged them to use 'midland online'—the bank's free internet banking application—to enjoy safe, secure, and modern banking services from anywhere, at any time.

Md Rashadul Anwar, head of public relations division of the bank, moderated the inaugural ceremony.

Md Rashed Akter, head of retail distribution division of the bank, and Mushfiqur Rahman, branch manager of Karatia sub-branch, together with head of general services division, public relations division, area head, cluster heads of the bank, customers, and local businessmen, were also present.

Sonali Bank opens 1,234th branch in Ranirbandar



Md Shawkat Ali Khan, managing director and CEO of Sonali Bank PLC, inaugurates the new branch of the bank at Ranirbandar in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur recently.

PHOTO: SONALI BANK

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Sonali Bank PLC has recently inaugurated a new branch at Ranirbandar in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur.

This is the 1,234th branch of the bank, according to a press release.

Md Shawkat Ali Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank,

inaugurated the branch as the chief guest.

Md Mizanur Rahman Mazumder, general manager of the bank in Dinajpur, presided over the inaugural ceremony.

Md Nurun Nabi, deputy managing director of the bank, along with local businesspeople and clients, were also present.

Pragati Life gets ISO certification for information security

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Pragati Life Insurance PLC has been awarded certification by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), recognising its excellence in information security management systems.

The certification was issued by Intertek, a globally recognised audit and certification body accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

Md Jalalul Azim, managing director and CEO of the life insurer, received the certificate from Nurul Islam Chowdhury, head of information technology at Intertek, during a ceremony held recently at the insurer's head office in Dhaka, said

a press release.

This certification underscores Pragati Life's steadfast commitment to data security, customer trust, and adherence to international standards.

The company reaffirmed its pledge to uphold and continuously enhance these standards in the future.

Speaking on the occasion, Azim stated, "Achieving the ISO 27001:2022 certification is a significant milestone in our journey towards digital transformation and operational excellence."

"It reflects our unwavering dedication to safeguarding customer data and implementing global best practices in information security."



Md Jalalul Azim, managing director and CEO of Pragati Life Insurance PLC, receives the ISO certificate from Nurul Islam Chowdhury, head of information technology at Intertek, at the insurer's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRAGATI LIFE INSURANCE

Uttara Bank declares 35% dividends

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Uttara Bank PLC has announced a 35 percent dividend, including a 17.50 percent cash dividend, for the financial year 2024.

The announcement was made during the bank's 42nd annual general meeting (AGM), which was held virtually on Monday, according to a press release issued by the bank. Azharul Islam, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting.

Shareholders from across the country joined the event online and expressed their satisfaction with the bank's overall development.

During the AGM, the Annual Report 2024, along with the profit and loss account, was duly approved.

Iftekharul Islam, vice-chairman of the bank, and Maksudul Hasan, managing director and CEO (acting), along with other directors, were also present.



Azharul Islam, chairman of Uttara Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 42nd annual general meeting held virtually on Monday. The meeting approved a 35 percent dividend, including a 17.50 percent cash dividend, for 2024.

PHOTO: UTTARA BANK

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Meme No.EE/EED/FAR/e-GP/2024-25/21 Date : 13/05/2025

e-Tender Notice No: 21/2024-2025

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following Goods under EED Faridpur District as mentioned below:

Sl. No	Tender ID	Package No	Description of Works Open Tendering Method (OTM)	Tender Security Submission (Date & Time)	Tender Opening (Date & Time)
01	1110819	FAR/SG/GD-01	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 60 KVA Diesel Generator & Construction Of Generator Room at Boalmari Govt. Girls High School at Faridpur District.	29-05-2025 at 12:00	29-05-2025 at 13:00
02	1110820	FAR/SG/GD-02	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 60 KVA Diesel Generator & Construction Of Generator Room at Rokonuddin Govt. Girls High School at Faridpur District.	29-05-2025 at 12:00	29-05-2025 at 13:00
03	1110821	FAR/SG/GD-03	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 60 KVA Diesel Generator & Construction Of Generator Room at Kamarkhali Govt. Girls High School at Faridpur District.	29-05-2025 at 12:00	29-05-2025 at 13:00
	1110822	FAR/SG/GD-04	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 60 KVA Diesel Generator & Construction Of Generator Room at Bishwa Zaker Monjil Govt. High School at Faridpur District.	29-05-2025 at 12:00	29-05-2025 at 13:00

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be acceptable in the National e-GP system portal and No offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender A1 renewed upto FY. enlistment Category Contractor of Education Engineering Department All District who are registered in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) will be eligible. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Document from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches up to 16:00 on 28-05-2025. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason what so ever.

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Invitation for Tender (Works, NCT)
Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following work.

Tender ID No.	Name of work/ package description	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time
1099738	Establishment of 500 Bedded Hospital and Ancillary Buildings in Jashore, Cox's Bazar, Pabna & Abdul Malek Ukil (AMUMC) & Jononeta Nurul Hoque Adhunik Hospital, Noakhali (S.H: Construction of Academic Building of Nursing College, Construction of Mosque at Jashore) (Josh, MCH/WD-8)	17-Jun-2025 16:00	18-Jun-2025 15:00

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 National 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 through any registered banks branches within the above stated time limit. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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