

Prime Bank signs payroll banking deal with BHL Group

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a payroll banking agreement with BHL Group, one of the country's emerging business conglomerates.

M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of the bank, and Swapan Kumar Ghosh, finance director of the group, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan recently, according to a press release.

Under the terms of the agreement, employees of BHL Group will enjoy preferential banking services from Prime Bank, including credit card and loan facilities.

They will also benefit from "PrimePay", the bank's digital portal, which enables seamless, automated salary disbursements and facilitates round-the-clock corporate payments.

Hasina Fardous, head of payroll banking of the bank; Md Abdullah Al Noman, assistant general manager and head of human resources and administration; Md Hafizur Rahman, assistant general manager for ICT; and Md Motiur Rahman, assistant general manager and head of group accounts at BHL Group, were also present, along with other officials from both organisations.



PHOTO: PRIME BANK

M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, and Swapan Kumar Ghosh, finance director of BHL Group, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan recently.



Prof Abu Borhan Mohammad Badruzzaman, vice-chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, and Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank, pose for photographs during the launch of a co-branded card at the BUET Council Bhaban auditorium in the capital recently.

Pubali Bank launches co-branded card with BuEt

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Pubali Bank PLC, in collaboration with the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BuEt), has launched a co-branded card for its clients.

Prof Abu Borhan Mohammad Badruzzaman, vice-chancellor of the BuEt, inaugurated the card, at the BUET Council Bhaban auditorium in the capital recently as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Mohammad Ali, managing director

and CEO of the bank, presided over the event. Prof Abdul Hasib Chowdhury, pro-vice chancellor of the university, attended the programme as the special guest.

Abu Laich Md Samsujjaman, general manager and head for Dhaka central region of the bank; NM Firoz Kamal, deputy general manager and head of card business, and Masuma Khatun, deputy general manager and head of Shahbag Avenue branch, along with other officials from both the organisations, were also present.

Gold prices rebound on dollar weakness

REUTERS

Gold prices rose more than 1 percent on Monday, helped by a weaker dollar and safe-haven demand after Moody's downgraded the US government's credit rating amid lingering trade concerns.

Spot gold was at \$3,234.41 an ounce at 0839 GMT, reversing the previous session's losses. US gold futures gained 1.6 percent to \$3,237.70.

"Gold has rebounded above the \$3,200 level after a negative week as appetite for safe haven assets is increasing due to worries about the US economic outlook," said Carlo Alberto De Casa, external analyst at Swissquote.

Moody's cut the United States' top sovereign credit rating by one notch on Friday, the last of the major ratings agencies to downgrade the country, citing concerns about its growing \$36 trillion debt pile.

The dollar slipped 0.7 percent against a basket of other major currencies, making greenback-priced gold cheaper for overseas buyers.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in television interviews on Sunday that President Donald Trump will impose tariffs at the rate he threatened last month on trading partners that do not negotiate in "good faith".

Meanwhile, soft economic data out of China also weighed on risk sentiment in the wider financial markets. Gold, often used as a safe store of value in times of political and financial uncertainty, rose to an all-time high of \$3,500.05 per ounce on April 22 and is up 22 percent so far this year.

"We maintain our gold price forecast of \$3,700/oz by year end and \$4,000/oz by mid 2026, despite delayed Fed cuts and lower US recession risk," Goldman Sachs said in a note.

NCC Bank celebrates 32nd anniversary

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NCC Bank PLC has celebrated its 32nd anniversary, reaffirming its dedication to remaining a beacon of trust and reliability for its clients.

Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the celebratory programme at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Reflecting on the bank's journey, Md Nurun Newaz Salim remarked, "Since its founding on May 17, 1993, NCC Bank has spent 32 years contributing significantly to the nation's economic development.

"Our commitment to ethical governance and customer trust has positioned us among the country's premier financial institutions.

"I am confident this trajectory of excellence will endure," he added.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank, led a discussion highlighting the bank's milestones and outlining a forward-looking vision.

M Shamsul Arefin emphasised the bank's robust financial

health, attributing its success to transparency, compliance, and strong corporate governance.

"We strive to offer secure, innovative, and accessible banking solutions, transcending time and location barriers. By embedding NCC Bank in the forefront of stakeholders' minds, we aim to ensure banking services for all," he stated, urging the team to pursue this vision collaboratively.

Abdus Salam, vice chairman of the bank; Sohela Hossain, director and former vice-chairman; Tanzina Ali, director and former vice-chairman; Syed Asif Nizamuddin, director; Khairul Alam Chaklader, director and executive committee chairman; Mohammed Sazzad Un Newaz, director; and Meer Sajed Ul-Basher, independent director and audit committee chairman, were present.



Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank PLC, inaugurates the celebratory programme of the bank's 32nd anniversary at its head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

SMC unveils new ORSaline to mark 50 years of lifesaving impact

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Social Marketing Company (SMC) has launched a new oral rehydration solution, "SMC ORSaline", under the brand "ORSaline-N", featuring a fresh new packaging design.

The newly unveiled pack commemorates SMC's 50th anniversary, reflecting its enduring legacy of innovation and its remarkable impact in saving lives over the past five decades.

Waliul Islam, chairman of SMC, formally inaugurated the rebranded ORSaline at a ceremony held at the company's head office in Banani, Dhaka, recently, according to a press release.

Sayef Nasir, managing director of SMC Enterprise Limited, stated, "The exciting and distinctive pack of SMC ORSaline reflects SMC's commitment to keeping the world's No. 1 brand contemporary and relevant to millions of consumers through continuous innovation.

"We are committed to preserving the SMC legacy as we leap forward to



Waliul Islam, chairman of Social Marketing Company (SMC), inaugurates a new oral rehydration solution, "SMC ORSaline", under brand, "ORSaline-N" at the company's head office in the capital's Banani recently.

PHOTO: SMC

build a prosperous future together driven by the dynamism of our achievements over the past five decades," he added.

Toslim Uddin Khan, managing director and CEO of SMC, said, "All of SMC's initiatives, including the rebranded packaging, are part of our broader mission to enhance the wellbeing of millions of

underprivileged women, children, and families across Bangladesh."

SMC ORSaline remains a trusted and highly relevant remedy for millions of Bangladeshi consumers suffering from dehydration due to diarrhoea and other conditions such as vomiting, excessive sweating, physical exhaustion, or heat stroke.

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e-Tender Notice: OTM

Ref No: 35.03.0000.004.07.009.25- 351 Date: 18 May 2025

These e-Tenders have been invited in e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods and related services by Director (Operation), Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), BRTA HQ, Chairmanbari, Banani, Dhaka-1212.

Tender ID	Description	Tender Publication date & Time	Tender Document Last Selling date & time	Tender Closing/ Opening date & time
1111039	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Enclosure for existing Power Store at BRTA Data Center, BRTA HQ, Banani.	19-May-2025 09:00 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 11:30 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 12:30 Hours (BST)
1111044	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Enclosure for existing Unity Storage System at BRTA Data Center, BRTA HQ, Banani.	19-May-2025 09:00 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 11:30 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 12:30 Hours (BST)
1111046	Supply of spare parts and replacement of defective devices, Installation, repairing and commissioning of 250KVA existing Power Generator for BRTA HQ Data Center & Power Room.	19-May-2025 09:00 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 11:30 Hours (BST)	04-Jun-2025 12:30 Hours (BST)

These are the online tenders where only e-Tenders will be accepted in national e-GP portal system (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). No offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tenders please register on e-GP Portal. Information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

For further information, visit: <https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>

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"স্পারসো রিসার্চ ফেলোশিপ বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

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