

Prime Bank, Coracle to help streamline student visa processes for Germany

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Prime Bank PLC has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Coracle GmbH, a provider of blocked account services in Germany, to streamline and accelerate the visa application process for Bangladeshi students aspiring to pursue higher education in Germany.

Md Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of the bank, and Sheikh Hafeez Maeen, director and country representative for Bangladesh at Coracle, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate head office in the capital's Gulshan recently, according to a press release.

As part of this collaboration, Coracle

GmbH will issue a confirmation certificate of fund receipt on the same day the transaction is made or within the shortest possible timeframe based on the SWIFT message received from Prime Bank PLC.

This certificate is a mandatory requirement for the German visa interview and is ordinarily issued only once the funds have been credited to the student's blocked account in Germany.

Asad bin Rashid, head of student banking at the bank; Md Mohamad Rabib Hasan, chief bancassurance officer; and Nafis Uddin Mehran, product manager and business lead (student banking), along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Sheikh Hafeez Maeen, director and country representative for Bangladesh at Coracle, and Md Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's corporate head office in the capital's Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Mastercard announces winners of Ramadan Grocery Campaign 2025



PHOTO: MASTERCARD

Sohail Alim, director of Mastercard Bangladesh, poses for group photographs with winners of "Ramadan Grocery Campaign 2025" at a function in Dhaka recently.

Bengal Commercial Bank strikes deal with Emerging Credit Rating

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Bengal Commercial Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Emerging Credit Rating Limited (ECRL), a prominent credit rating agency.

Tarik Morshed, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Arifur Rahman, chief executive officer of ECRL, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

KM Awlad Hossain, additional managing director of the bank; Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director; and Md Anisur Rahaman, chief financial officer, attended the signing ceremony.

NKA Mobin, executive president of ECRL, and Md Mamun-Ul-Haque Mullik, assistant general manager for business development, were also present, along with senior officials from both organisations.

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Mastercard, the global digital payment service provider, has announced the winners of its "Ramadan Grocery Campaign 2025", honouring cardholders with the highest spending at participating partners and seven leading supermarket chains across the country - Shwappo, Unimart, Agora, Meena Bazar, Lavender, Prince Bazar, and The Daily Shopping.

A total of 96 winners were awarded prizes, including home appliance vouchers valued at up to Tk 50,000, as well as a variety of gadget and grocery

vouchers, said a press release.

The campaign, titled "Grocery Means Mastercard", encouraged cardholders to use their Mastercard debit, credit, or prepaid cards to shop at partner supermarkets throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

Sohail Alim, director of Mastercard Bangladesh, attended the award ceremony.

Jubaer Hossain, lead of merchant and commerce at Mastercard, was also present, along with senior officials from partner banks and the participating super store chains.



Arifur Rahman, chief executive officer of Emerging Credit Rating Limited, and Tarik Morshed, managing director and CEO of Bengal Commercial Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK

Bank Asia organises training on 'business communication and etiquette'



Salim Solaiman, adjunct faculty at the Bangladesh Institute of Management, poses for photographs with participants of the training programme titled "Business Communication and Etiquette" at the Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development in Lalmatia, Dhaka on Wednesday.

PHOTO: BANK ASIA

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Bank Asia PLC organised a daylong training programme titled "Business Communication and Etiquette" at the Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development on Wednesday in Lalmatia, Dhaka.

Officials from various branches within the Dhaka zone, along with representatives from the bank's corporate office, participated in the session.

Salim Solaiman, adjunct faculty at the Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM), conducted the training as the designated resource person, according to a press release issued by the bank.

The programme was designed to enhance employees' knowledge and proficiency in professional communication and business etiquette.

Senior officials of the bank were also present.

Global Islami Bank opens sub-branch in Kadamtali

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Global Islami Bank PLC opened a sub-branch in Kadamtali of Chattogram yesterday, reaffirming its commitment to providing modern banking services.

Ataus Samad, managing director (acting) of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Among others, Mohammad Nasir Uddin, head of the special recovery cell at the bank, and Mohammad Akhtar Hossain, head for the Chattogram zone, were also present.



Ataus Samad, managing director (acting) of Global Islami Bank PLC, inaugurates the Kadamtali sub-branch in Chattogram yesterday. Syed Sadat Ahmed, managing director of ABN Group; Mohammad Nasir Uddin, head of special recovery cell at the bank; and Mohammad Akhtar Hossain, head for the Chattogram zone; among others, were also present.

PHOTO: GLOBAL ISLAMI BANK



Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurates the relocated Islamic banking corporate branch of the bank in the capital's Paltan on Wednesday. Md Shahnewaz Khan, deputy managing director of the bank, Dewan Jamil Masud, general manager and head of Islamic banking wing, and M Shahnawaz Chowdhury, general manager and head of audit and inspection division, among others, were also present.

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Premier Bank launches bancassurance services

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Premier Bank PLC has launched its new bancassurance services, marking a pivotal advancement in the bank's strategic initiative to integrate insurance offerings into its banking operations.

This endeavour is undertaken in collaboration with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of Bangladesh and Pragati Insurance Limited.

Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the service as the chief guest at the bank's head office in the capital's Banani, said a press release.

On this occasion, Jafar reiterated their commitment to building a robust Bancassurance platform and delivering superior value-added services to customers.



He also added that this partnership will enable customers of Premier Bank PLC to conveniently access a wide array of life and non-life insurance products directly from its branch network, thereby ensuring streamlined services, professional consultation, and hassle-free claims processing.

Syed Nowsher Ali, additional managing director of the bank; Saswata Ray, managing director and CEO of LIC Bangladesh; and Papia Rahman, deputy managing director of Pragati Insurance Limited, attended the programme as special guests.

Fahim Ahmad Ashraf, senior executive vice-president and head of ICC division; Shamim Murshed, senior executive vice-president and head of consumer banking division; Mohammad Al-Amin, senior executive vice-president and head of CRM; Md Ahsan Ul Alam, senior executive vice-president and head of agent banking division; Md Tareq Uddin, executive vice-president and head of brand marketing and PR division; were present.

Among others, Abu Md Sabbir Hassan Chowdhury, executive vice-president and head of IT division; Mohammad Ihsrat Hossain Khan, executive vice-president and head of Islamic banking division; Mohammad Akram Hossain, company secretary; and Nurul Alam, head of bancassurance, were also present.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FAMILY PLANNING LOGISTICS & SUPPLY UNIT (5TH FLOOR) 6, KAWRAN BAZAR, DHAKA 1215, BANGLADESH.				
Invitation for Re-Tender (OTM/NCT, Goods)				
Memo No: 59.11.0000.302.07.44.2025- 1664 E-Tender is invited in the national e-GP portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following goods:				
Tender ID No. & Package No.	Tender Package name	Date & Time of Tender Publication	Last Downloading/Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
ID No: 1115173 MFSTC/GR-II	Procurement of MSR-Infusions.	22 May, 2025, Time: 13:45 PM	03 June, 2025, Time: 17:00 PM	04 June, 2025, Time: 12:30 PM
2. The interested tenderers may visit the National e-GP portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) to get the details of the tender.				
3. This is an online tender where only e-tender (online tender) will be accepted through the national e-GP portal and no off-line/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-tender please register on e-GP portal.				
4. The fees for downloading the e-tender documents from the national e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any schedule bank of Bangladesh registered by the CPTU.				
5. Further information & guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal & e-GP help desk (Help Desk: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).				

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Corrigendum Notice			
This is to inform all concerned that the following corrections has been made in the tender notice for "Invitation for Tender" to the office Memo No. মার্শিল/SIMCBP/NCS-১/৫/২০২৫.৪৪ Dated: 06/05/2025 and Tender document, for the Tender package name "Service Provider Firm for Hiring Vehicles and Transport Facilities":			
SL. No.	Description	As mentioned in original tender notice	To be replaced as corrected
1	2	3	4
Tender Notice			
17	Tender last selling date	25 May, 2025 Time: 4:00pm	03 June, 2025; Time: 4:00pm
18	Tender closing date and time	26 May, 2025; Time: 2:00pm	04 June, 2025; Time: 2:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	26 May, 2025; Time: 2:30pm	04 June, 2025; Time: 2:30pm
25	Tender security and completion time	Tender security: Tk. 2,16,000.00 Completion time: 36 months	Tender security: Tk. 1,50,000.00 Completion time: 12 months
Tender document			
ITT 11.1(b) of TDS	Specific experience minimum value	Tk. 60,00,000.00 lac	Tk. 40,00,000.00
ITT 12.1(a) of TDS	Average Annual Turnover	Tk. 1,29,00,000.00 lac	Tk. 80,00,000.00
ITT 12.1(b) of TDS	Liquid Asset	Tk. 25,00,000.00	Tk. 15,00,000.00
All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be a part and parcel of the said tender.			
Keween 20/05/2025 Dr. Prakash Kanti Chowdhury Project Director (Joint Secretary) Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (SIMCBP) MOWCA			