

# Visa organises ‘Leadership Conclave Bangladesh’ to promote digital empowerment

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Visa, the global digital payment solutions provider, recently organised a programme, titled “Visa Leadership Conclave Bangladesh 2025” to reaffirm its continued commitment to supporting Bangladesh’s transition towards a digitally empowered economy.

This year’s event brought together representatives from over 60 organisations, including leading local and international banks, mobile financial service (MFS) providers, fintech platforms, government and development agencies, diplomatic missions, and private sector leaders spanning e-commerce, retail, aviation, and agricultural technology (agri-tech).

Ahsan H Mansur, governor of the Bangladesh Bank, attended the programme as the chief guest at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital’s Banani, according to a press release.

Visa honoured 17 organisations from Bangladesh’s banking, fintech, and retail sectors in recognition of their notable contributions to the digital payments ecosystem between July 2024 and June 2025.

A total of 30 awards were conferred, celebrating excellence across various categories such as fintech, merchant acceptance, e-commerce, cross-border



Ahsan H Mansur, governor of the Bangladesh Bank, poses for group photographs with hosts and Visa’s partners from the banks and non-bank financial institutions at the recently held “Visa Leadership Conclave Bangladesh 2025” at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital’s Banani.

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payments, Visa debit and credit card operations, and commercial cards, highlighting innovation and leadership in the country’s rapidly expanding digital economy.

Commenting on the occasion, Sandeep Ghosh, group country manager for India and South Asia at Visa, stated: “Through strategic collaborations and the introduction of cutting edge payment

solutions, we aim to empower consumers, businesses, and communities across the country.”

Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan at Visa, remarked: “This year’s Visa Leadership Conclave serves not only as a testament to progress but also affirms our collective commitment to building a more connected and resilient financial

future.”

Ramakrishnan Gopalan, head of product for India and South Asia at Visa, was also present, along with Visa’s partners, including representatives from banks, NBFIs, fintechs, merchants, and processors, with participation from managing directors, CEOs, and senior management teams.

# Dhaka Bank signs MoU with Omnicare Diagnostic



Fida Hossain, managing director of Omnicare Diagnostic Limited, and HM Mostafizur Rahaman, senior executive vice-president and head of the retail business division at Dhaka Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the former’s head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

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Dhaka Bank PLC has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Omnicare Diagnostic Limited.

HM Mostafizur Rahaman, senior executive vice-president and head of the retail business division at Dhaka Bank PLC, and Fida Hossain, managing director of Omnicare Diagnostic Limited, signed the MoU at the latter’s head office in the capital, according to a press release.

As part of this strategic partnership, employees of Dhaka Bank, along with their dependents and cardholders, will be entitled to year-round discounts on a comprehensive range of diagnostic and healthcare services.

This collaboration underscores Dhaka Bank’s ongoing commitment to the well-being of its stakeholders by enhancing access to high-quality healthcare services, the release added.

Senior officials from both institutions were also present at the signing ceremony.

# Trust Bank celebrates \$1b inward remittance landmark

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Trust Bank PLC has achieved a significant milestone by securing \$1 billion in inward remittance by July 2025, capturing a 5.70 percent market share among the 60 scheduled banks in Bangladesh.

To mark the occasion, the bank organised a celebration programme at the Army Headquarters in the Dhaka Cantonment recently, according to a press release.

Chief of Army Staff Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman, chairman of Trust Bank PLC, inaugurated the event as the chief guest.

“This outstanding achievement stands as a testament to the unwavering trust and confidence of our valued NRB clients across the globe, as well as the relentless dedication and synergy of our entire remittance ecosystem,” the press release stated.

Maj Gen Md Hakimuzzaman, vice-chairman of the bank, and Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director and chief executive officer, along with other board members, were also present at the event.



Chief of Army Staff Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman, chairman of Trust Bank PLC, cuts a cake at the Army Headquarters in the Dhaka Cantonment recently to celebrate the remarkable achievement of the bank.

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# Eastern Bank unveils co-branded credit cards with Mastercard, Pickaboo

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL), in collaboration with Mastercard and e-commerce platform Pickaboo, has unveiled a range of co-branded credit cards tailored to meet the lifestyle needs of today’s digitally connected, tech-savvy consumers.

The newly introduced cards – EBL Pickaboo Mastercard Titanium Credit Card and EBL

Pickaboo Mastercard World Credit Card – are designed vertically with a sleek, modern aesthetic and come loaded with exclusive benefits, particularly for transactions made on Pickaboo.

According to a press release, the co-branded credit cards are now available for application through EBL’s banking channels.

Osman Ershad Faiz, additional managing director of Eastern Bank PLC; Syed Mohammad

Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard; and Morin Talukder, chief executive officer of Pickaboo; unveiled the cards at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Faiz stated: “This partnership with Mastercard and Pickaboo brings together smart financing and lifestyle rewards in one powerful offering. It’s another step forward in making banking more relevant, convenient, and rewarding for today’s digital-first consumers.”

Kamal added: “This collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to enriching the lives of consumers across various segments.”

Talukder noted: “At Pickaboo, we’ve always aimed to offer more than just products—we deliver convenience, reliability, and innovation. This collaboration is about enriching our customers’ shopping journey with even greater rewards and financial flexibility.”

Designed with convenience and value in mind, the EBL Pickaboo Mastercard Titanium Credit Card offers a waived issuance fee, 1,000 bonus Skycoins, and zero percent interest on 3-month EMIs for Pickaboo purchases through EBL ZIP.

The EBL Pickaboo Mastercard World Credit Card provides enhanced privileges for discerning customers.



PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard; Osman Ershad Faiz, additional managing director of Eastern Bank PLC; and Morin Talukder, chief executive officer of Pickaboo; unveils the co-branded credit cards at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday.

# Al-Arafah Islami Bank regularises 864 officers

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Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC has regularised 864 officers following a merit-based evaluation carried out in line with internal and external audit recommendations and guidance from regulatory bodies.

The assessment process, conducted by the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at the University of Dhaka, was undertaken after irregularities were identified in the bank’s recruitment procedures since 2021, according to a press release.

A total of 1,414 officers took part in the evaluation, which the bank said was designed to ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability in recruitment.

In a statement, the bank said the earlier recruitment system had been flagged in audits as recommendation-based, non-transparent, and inconsistent with good governance principles.

Of the participants, 864 officers met the qualifying criteria and have since been fully regularised. The bank said they are now serving across its operations with dedication and professionalism.

However, 547 officers did not meet the required benchmark. Their separation from service, the bank said, was carried out in full compliance with applicable laws, including internal human resource policies and the Bangladesh Labour Law.

# Gold edges down on stronger dollar

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Gold prices edged lower on Wednesday due to a slightly firmer dollar, while investors held back from making big bets ahead of US President Donald Trump’s decision on appointments to the Federal Reserve.

Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$3,376.69 per ounce, as of 0631 GMT, after hitting a near two-week high on Tuesday. US gold futures fell 0.1 percent to \$3,432.40.

The dollar rebounded from a one-week low hit in the previous session following weak US jobs data that raised rate-cut hopes in September, reducing gold’s appeal to holders of other currencies.

“Gold has been caught between conflicting forces. The drop in yields has helped, but the US dollar has managed to hold up well despite Friday’s selloff. That has produced the range we’re now seeing, as prices wait for conviction across the catalysts,” said Ilya Spivak, head of global macro at TastyLive.

Trump on Tuesday said he would soon announce a short-term replacement for Fed Governor Adriana Kugler, who announced her resignation on Friday, as well as his pick for the next Fed chair.



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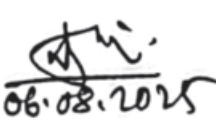
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