

Bank Asia launches QR code cash withdrawal service

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Bank Asia PLC has launched "Scan to Cash", a QR code-based cash withdrawal service, providing a modern alternative to traditional cheque-based withdrawals.

ANM Mahfuz, additional managing director of Bank Asia PLC, inaugurated the service at the Bank Asia Tower Branch in the capital's Karwan Bazar recently, according to a press release.

The fully digital solution allows customers to withdraw cash from any Bank Asia branch without the need for a cheque or debit card, offering a fast, convenient, and hassle-free banking experience.

Under the service, a unique QR code is displayed at the cash counter in each branch. Customers simply open the Bank Asia Smart App on their smartphone, scan the code, enter the desired amount, and authenticate using a one-time password.

Once verified, the teller hands over the cash and the customer's account is immediately debited.

Customers may perform up to five transactions per day, with a daily withdrawal limit of Tk 300,000.

SM Anisuzzaman, Mirza Azhar Ahmad and Syed Zulkar Nayen, deputy managing directors of the bank, along with other senior officials, were also present.



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PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Gold extends rise

REUTERS

Gold extended gains to a third session on Thursday, supported by rising expectations of an interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve in September following tame inflation data, which also weighed on the dollar.

Spot gold rose 0.1 percent to \$3,357.65 per ounce by 0410 GMT. US gold futures for December delivery lost 0.1 percent to \$3,406.80.

"Markets are pricing in the chance that the Fed cuts 50 basis points in September. So, the dollar is weakening, gold is going up as a result, yields are also down," said Kyle Rodda, Capital.com's financial market analyst.

"The technical setup of gold looks really constructive. The trend still looks higher. We just basically need to see the market break through \$3,400 level on a sustained basis."

The dollar languished near multi-week lows against its rivals, making gold less expensive for holders of other currencies. Benchmark US 10-year Treasury yields held near a one-week low.

US consumer prices rose only marginally in July, strengthening expectations of a Fed rate cut next month, with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent noting there is a good chance the central bank will opt for a 50-bp reduction.

NRB Bank unveils two financial products

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NRB Bank PLC has unveiled two new financial products -- NRB Nishchoyota and NRB Easy -- in celebration of its 12th founding anniversary.

Tarek Reaz Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of NRB Bank PLC, inaugurated the products at a ceremony held recently at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Targeted at fixed deposit account holders, NRB Nishchoyota provides customers with complimentary life insurance cover of up to Tk 1 crore,

offering both enhanced financial security and competitive returns.

Designed specifically for Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) worldwide, NRB Easy is a taka-denominated account that allows users to open and operate an account instantly from abroad via the NRB Click mobile application.

Md Shaheen Howlader, Md Ali Akbar Faraji, Anwar Uddin and M Rashidul Huda, deputy managing directors of the bank; Md Rezaul Shahriar, head of retail banking division; and Md Towfiqul A Chowdhury, head of branch banking division; along with other senior officials of the bank, were also present.



Tarek Reaz Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of NRB Bank PLC, inaugurates the two new financial products at the bank's corporate head office in the capital recently.

PHOTO: NRB BANK

Pubali Bank donates microbus to BCSIR

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Pubali Bank PLC has recently donated a microbus to the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and chief executive officer of Pubali Bank PLC, handed over a dummy key to Samina Ahmed, chairman of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), at the organisation's head office in the capital's Dhanmondi, according to a press release.

In his address, Ali said, "Pubali Bank is not merely a profit driven institution; it is equally committed to fulfilling its social responsibilities. In keeping with this ethos, the bank has presented a microbus to BCSIR."

He added that the donation would stand as a symbol of friendship and mutual cooperation between the two organisations in the years ahead.



Samina Ahmed, chairman of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, receives the dummy key of a microbus from Mohammad Ali, managing director and chief executive officer of Pubali Bank PLC, at the organisation's head office in the capital's Dhanmondi recently.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

ONE Bank signs MoU with HAAB

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ONE Bank PLC has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB), aimed at simplifying the collection of Hajj and Umrah registration fees and related transactions for pilgrims served by these agencies.

Shabbir Ahmed, managing director (current charge) of ONE Bank PLC, and Syed Golam Sarwar, president of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh, signed the MoU at the latter's head office in the capital's Naya Paltan, according to a press release.

Under the terms of the MoU, all Hajj and Umrah pilgrims will be able to conveniently deposit their registration fees through ONE Bank's Islamic banking branches and windows, as well as its other branches and sub-branches across the country. Furthermore, Hajj agencies will be able to access the full range of banking services at preferential rates.



Syed Golam Sarwar, president of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh, and Shabbir Ahmed, managing director (current charge) of ONE Bank PLC, pose for photographs during the exchange of the signed documents for the memorandum of understanding at the Hajj agency's head office in the capital's Naya Paltan recently.

PHOTO: ONE BANK

Southeast Bank sponsors HAAB for 'Hajj and Umrah Fair'

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Southeast Bank PLC has extended sponsorship to the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB) in support of the "Hajj and Umrah Fair 2025".

The fair began yesterday at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital's Agargaon, according to a press release.

The three-day event is scheduled to end on Saturday.

Md Musfiqur Rahman, executive vice president and head of corporate affairs and CSR at Southeast Bank PLC, handed over the sponsorship cheque to Syed Golam Sarwar, president of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB), at a recent ceremony at the association's head office in Dhaka.

Farid Ahmed Mazumder, secretary general of the HAAB, was also present, along with other senior officials from both organisations.



Syed Golam Sarwar, president of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB), receives a sponsorship cheque from Md Musfiqur Rahman, executive vice-president and head of corporate affairs and CSR at Southeast Bank PLC, at the former's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

US pharma tariffs likely weeks

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The source familiar with the White House process said that announcement is unlikely to come this week given other priorities.

That source and one other source said that they expect the Trump administration to announce the results of its national security investigation into semiconductors first, followed by the pharma announcement, putting it a few weeks away.

The Section 232 provision authorizes the president to adjust imports - including imposing tariffs - if a category of goods is being imported into the United States in quantities

that "threaten or impair the national security."

Medical goods historically have been spared from trade wars due to the potential harm to patient access, and drugmakers have said tariffs could undercut other health policy goals outlined by the Trump administration, including lowering drug prices.

US tariffs on imported pharmaceutical products would mark the latest in a series of sectoral tariffs announced by the administration, following metals and cars, that some economists have predicted will drive up costs for American consumers.



Mostafa Quamrus Sobhan, chairman of Rupali Insurance Company Limited, presides over the insurer's 37th annual general meeting, which was held virtually recently. Quazi Moniruzzaman, Fazlutun Nessa, M Jinnat Ali Mian, Shafia Sobhan Chowdhury, Abu Hena and Shaon Ahmed, directors of the insurer; PK Roy, adviser; Fauzia Quamrun Tania, chief executive officer (in-charge); and Mohammad Atiqur Rahman, company secretary; along with the senior executives, were also present.

PHOTO: RUPALI INSURANCE COMPANY

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e-Tender Notice (NCT)

e-Tender is in the e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procuring of following goods.

Tender ID	Name of Tender	Package No	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Remarks
1136303	Supply of Medicine (General) (Code No. 3252109); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/11	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM
1136304	Supply of Chemical Reagent (General) -Lot-1 for Biochemistry (Code No. 3252110); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/12	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM
1136305	Supply of Chemical Re-agent (General) Lot-2 for Immunology & Hormone assay (Code No. 3252110); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/13	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM
1136306	Supply of Chemical Reagent (General) for serology-Lot-3 (Code No. 3252110); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/14	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM
1136307	Supply of Chemical Reagent (General) Lot-4 for Dialysis (Code No. 3252110); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/15	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM
1136308	Supply of Chemical Reagent (General) -Lot-5 for Hematology (Code No. 3252110); APP ID : 215532 at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/TENDE R/2025-2026/16	10/09/2025	11/09/2025	OTM

03. This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
04. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
05. Detail about the Tender have shown in e-Tender notice and e-Tender document. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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