

PBIL signs MoU with Amanie Advisors to boost Islamic investment

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Prime Bank Investment Limited (PBIL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Malaysia-based Amanie Advisors, a leading Shariah advisory firm, to accelerate the development of the Shariah-compliant investment landscape in Bangladesh.

Syed M Omar Tayub, managing director and CEO of Prime Bank Investment Limited, and Suhaida Mahpot, chief executive officer of Amanie Advisors, Malaysia, signed the MoU at Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur recently, according to a press release.

Tayub emphasised the transformative potential of the partnership, describing it

as a significant milestone in the country's Islamic investment journey. He highlighted the shared ambition of creating ethical, innovative, and investor-friendly Shariah-compliant solutions aligned with Bangladesh's economic priorities.

Mahpot observed that Amanie Advisors was proud to bring Malaysian expertise to Bangladesh, leveraging more than two decades of global experience across multiple jurisdictions.

The collaboration will focus on Sukuk structuring and advisory services, as well as the development of innovative Shariah-compliant financial products. It will also promote research, policy advocacy, and specialised training to strengthen market expertise.



Suhaida Mahpot, chief executive officer of Amanie Advisors, Malaysia, and Syed M Omar Tayub, managing director and CEO of Prime Bank Investment Limited, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur recently.

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UCB provides Hepatitis B vaccines to students of Dhaka Medical College



Prof Md Kamrul Alam, principal of Dhaka Medical College, poses for group photographs with participating doctors and students of the Hepatitis B vaccination programme at an event recently.

PHOTO: UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK

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United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB), in collaboration with the Sandhani Dhaka Medical College unit, has launched a Hepatitis B vaccination programme for nearly 500 students as part of healthcare initiative under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts.

Prof Md Kamrul Alam, principal of Dhaka Medical College, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest at the college's Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon Auditorium in the capital, according to a press release.

In his address, Prof Alam remarked, "As a leading financial institution, UCB's commitment to social responsibility is exemplary and sets a remarkable benchmark for other organisations in the country."

Zeeshan Kingshuk Haque, chief communications officer of UCB, added: "This vaccine will act as a protective shield for the frontline warriors of tomorrow. We are proud to support medical students in safeguarding their health through this noble initiative."

Prof Zia Uddin Ahmed of the Division of Nephrology at Temple University, USA, joined the event virtually.

Social Islami Bank holds 30th AGM

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Social Islami Bank PLC organised its 30th annual general meeting (AGM), which was held virtually yesterday.

Prof M Sadiquul Islam, chairman of Social Islami Bank PLC, presided over the meeting as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Md Nazmul Ahsan, the company

secretary of the bank, conducted the meeting.

Maksuda Begum, vice-chairman of the bank; Shafiuzzaman, managing director; Abdullah Masum, chairman of the Shariah Supervisory Committee; along with directors, shareholders and deputy managing directors, also joined the meeting.



Prof M Sadiquul Islam, chairman of Social Islami Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 30th annual general meeting yesterday.

PHOTO: SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK

Mercantile Bank, IFAD Motors ink deal on 0% EMI facility



PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

Muidur Rahman Tanvir, head of business of IFAD Motors Limited, and Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director and chief business officer of Mercantile Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in the capital recently.

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Mercantile Bank PLC has recently signed an agreement with IFAD Motors Limited, an automotive

company and a subsidiary of IFAD Group, at the bank's head office in the capital.

Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director and chief

business officer of Mercantile Bank PLC, and Muidur Rahman Tanvir, head of business of IFAD Motors Limited, signed the agreement, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, Mercantile Bank credit cardholders will be entitled to a zero percent EMI facility ranging from three to twenty-four months for any purchase from IFAD Motors.

Mostafizur Rahman, head of cards and ADC at the bank; Mohammad Faruque Ahmmed, head of corporate banking division; Md Mukitil Kabir, head of corporate affairs division; Tapon James Rozario, head of ILMD; and Md Rabiul Haque, head of sales and marketing at IFAD Motors; MA Aziz, head of commercial and banking; Md Masud Hossain Mizi, senior manager of accounts and finance; along with other senior officials of both organisations, were also present.

HSBC to honour exporters

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The awards are open to all local exporters, not just HSBC clients. There is no entry fee, and winners will receive recognition rather than financial prizes. The ceremony is scheduled for the last week of November.

Several past winners attended the press conference to share their experiences.

Kutubuddin Ahmed, chairman of Envoy Legacy Group, said, "We have electricity, but not of reliable quality. As a result, we often have to buy generators to keep factories running, which increases costs. In addition, we must address issues like high logistics expenses, port charges, and infrastructure problems."

He said greater support for emerging industries and more investment in the digital sector are essential.

"If the government can further ease the business environment, new entrepreneurs will be able to contribute more effectively to the country's economic progress," added Ahmed.

MA Jabbar, managing director of DBL Group, reflected on the company's journey.

"When we started, we had just 200 employees. Now, we have around 50,000. Our annual revenue

stands at \$1 billion. Back in 2010, we had no plans or expectations for awards," he said.

"However, the HSBC award significantly enhanced our image among international buyers. It sent a strong, positive message about both our company and the country to our foreign brand partners," he added.

Since 2010, the HSBC Export Excellence Awards have celebrated enterprises and entrepreneurs for their role in advancing the country's economy.

Martin Dawson, deputy development director of the British High Commission Dhaka, among others, was also present.



PHOTO: HSBC BANGLADESH

Md Mahub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, addresses a press conference at the launch of "HSBC Export Excellence Awards 2025" at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka in the capital yesterday.

Asia stocks up before Trump-Zelensky talks

AFP, Tokyo

Asian stocks were mostly higher Monday ahead of talks between Donald Trump, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and European leaders in Washington.

US President Trump met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday, but the summit failed to yield any breakthrough on a ceasefire in Ukraine.

Zelensky, who will be joined in Washington by European leaders, however called a US offer of security guarantees to Ukraine "historic".

"Trump and Putin walked away without a ceasefire, without even the illusion of one," said Stephen Innes at SPI Asset Management.

"What they did offer was theatre: enough 'progress' for Trump to declare victory and quietly holster his double-barreled threat -- tariffs on Beijing for buying Russian barrels and sanctions on Moscow's crude," Innes said.

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Before the Alaska talks, US stocks wavered on Friday after mixed economic data, with retail sales up but an industrial production index and a consumer survey both down.

After a drop on Friday, oil prices, which have been volatile for several days -- Russia is a major crude producer -- were up Monday.

Japan's Nikkei ended up, posting a new record high and adding to gains on Friday after better-than-expected economic growth data.

Thailand's economy also grew by 2.8 percent in the second quarter, the country's economic planning agency said on Monday, boosted by strong exports ahead of US tariffs taking full effect.

But the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) forecast overall growth for 2025 to fall between 1.8 and 2.3 percent. This is below the 2.5 percent seen in 2024, with the NESDC blaming the expected drop on the likely impact of US tariffs.

Hong Kong, Shanghai, Sydney and Taipei were higher Monday, while Seoul and Jakarta fell back.

In Europe, London saw early gains while Paris and Frankfurt fell slightly at the open.

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Office of The Divisional Forest Officer

Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.

Invitation for Re-Tenders

Memo No. 22.01.0000.821.01.001.2025.2302

Dated: 18/08/2025

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department.		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Divisional Forest Officer, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.		
4	Invitation for	Supply of manpower through outsourcing.		
5	Invitation Ref No.	BFD/Revenue/01 of 2025-26		
6	Date	18.08.2025		
KEY INFORMATION				
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM): National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh		
8	Development Partners	Not Applicable		
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION				
9	Project/Programme Name	Divisional Forest Officer, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.		
10	Tender Package No.	10/PPD of 2025-26		
11	Tender Package Name	Supply of manpower through outsourcing.		
12	Tender Publication Date	18/08/2025		
13	Tender Last Selling Date	10/09/2025 up to 5.00 PM		
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	10/09/2025	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM	
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	10/09/2025	12.30 PM	
16	Name & Address of the office (s)			
	- Selling Tender Document	Sadar Range, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.		
	- Opening Tender Document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Tenderers will be the firms having required experience of manpower supply through outsourcing. ii) Tenderers must be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh. iii) Other eligibility requirements have been mentioned in tender document.		
18	Brief Description of Services	Supply of outsourcing manpower for office of Divisional Forest Officer, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban by a firms through outsourcing for the position of Mali (05 nos).		
19	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) Taka only. (Non Refundable)		
20	package	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount
21	single	supply of manpower through outsourcing.	Pulpwood Plantation Division, bandarban	Tk. 60,000/-
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Tohidul Islam		
23	Designation, address, and contact details of official inviting Tender	Divisional Forest Office, Pulpwood Plantation Division, Bandarban. Phone: 02-333302089, E-mail: ppgdbandarban@gmail.com		
24	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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