

Banglamark offers benefits to Prime Bank's customers

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Prime Bank PLC has recently signed a strategic partnership agreement with Banglamark MotorTech, one of leading automobile companies in Bangladesh, offering a range of exclusive lifestyle privileges to its customers.

Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of branch distribution at Prime Bank PLC, and Dhiman Paul, executive director, project and execution of Banglamark MotorTech, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan, according to a press release.

Under this partnership, Prime Bank customers will benefit from attractive and customised offerings from Banglamark MotorTech.

The collaboration underscores the bank's ongoing commitment to enhancing value-driven services and providing unique lifestyle advantages for its clientele.

Abdullah Al Mamun, vice-president and head of the asset sales at the bank, and Iftekhar Mahbub, general manager, C&A of the automobile company, were also present, along with other senior officials from both organisations.



Dhiman Paul, executive director, project and execution of Banglamark MotorTech, and Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of branch distribution at Prime Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Midland Bank launches blind notch 'TakaPay' card

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Midland Bank PLC has recently launched a blind notch card, branded "TakaPay", for its customers.

A blind notch card is a debit or credit card with a small edge cut designed to help visually impaired users identify and orient the card for use.

Introduced under the directives of Bangladesh Bank, the TakaPay card is Bangladesh's own payment card, designed to reduce dependence on foreign currencies and simplify local transactions. It functions primarily as a debit card, intended exclusively for domestic use.

Md Ahsan uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, unveiled the card at a ceremony held at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

At present, the card can be utilised at POS (Point of Sale) terminals and ATMs, with e-commerce transactions expected to be enabled shortly, as

indicated by Bangladesh Bank.

The card aims to make local market transactions more convenient and cost effective, providing secure payments for both online and offline purchases. Transaction costs are

anticipated to be lower than those of international cards.

By promoting the use of TakaPay, reliance on foreign currencies will decrease, positively impacting the national economy.



Md Ahsan uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, poses for photographs after unveiling the blind notch "TakaPay" card at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

BRAC Bank, MetLife bring digital insurance for Astha app

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BRAC Bank PLC has entered into a partnership agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to introduce digital life and health insurance services through its digital banking app, Astha.

Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO (current charge) of BRAC Bank PLC, and Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Commenting on the initiative, Khan said: "This collaboration underscores our vision of harnessing digital innovation to offer holistic financial solutions." "Such an industry partnership will boost insurance penetration, promote financial inclusion, and provide financial security," he added.

Ahmad remarked: "This collaboration between two trusted financial institutions represents a strategic alignment to enhance insurance accessibility across Bangladesh."

"Alongside managing their banking needs, BRAC Bank's robust Astha App will now make it even easier for customers to access MetLife's world-class insurance solutions and services."

Through this collaboration, Astha users will be able to purchase affordable, digitally

enabled insurance policies and submit claims entirely online, making protection solutions more accessible, transparent, and convenient. The initiative expands financial inclusion by bringing essential risk coverage within easy reach of customers.

This service forms part of BRAC Bank's bancassurance services, launched in 2024, allowing customers to access insurance products directly through the bank's distribution network. The partnership bridges

banking and insurance to ensure seamless access and strengthen customer trust.

Syed Abdul Momen, additional managing director and head of SME banking and AMD; M Masud Rana, chief financial officer; Sabbir Hossain, deputy managing director and chief operations officer; Mahiul Islam, deputy managing director and head of retail banking; and Md Muniruzzaman Molla, deputy managing director and head of operations, attended the event.



Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, and Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO (current charge) of BRAC Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

Berger Paints, Khulna University partner to foster academia-industry collaboration

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Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Khulna University's Architecture Discipline to establish an academia-industry nexus aimed at providing practical learning opportunities for students and enhancing academic excellence.

Prof Md Noor Un Nabi, treasurer of Khulna University, and Abul Kasem Mohammad Sadeque Nawaz, chief business officer (sales & marketing) of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, signed the agreement at the university's administrative building in Khulna yesterday, according to a press release.

Following the MoU signing, the Berger Paints delegation paid a courtesy call on Prof Md Rezaul Karim, vice-chancellor of the university.

Welcoming the initiative, Karim remarked that such collaborations would not only enrich students' professional knowledge and skills but also contribute to developing

an academic environment of international standard.

He further encouraged Berger Paints to broaden the scope of future collaborations.



Abul Kasem Mohammad Sadeque Nawaz, chief business officer (sales & marketing) of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, and Prof Md Noor Un Nabi, treasurer of Khulna University, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the university's administrative building in Khulna recently.

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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)

গ্যাস আর্থিয় সম্পদ।
এর অপরাধ রোধ করে জাতীয়
দায়িত্ব পালন করন।

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: SGFL/MSTE/25-26/FP-02 (RE-TENDER)

Date: 19-08-2025

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2. Agency	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A company of Petrobangla)
3. Purchaser Name	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL)
4. Purchaser District	Sylhet
5. Invitation for	Tender for Procurement of Spare Parts for Caterpillar Gas Engine
6. Invitation Ref No	SGFL/MSTE/25-26/FP-02 (RE-TENDER)
7. Date	19-08-2025.

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (International Competitive Bidding), Single stage two envelope system. The Technical Tender will be opened on the date and time mentioned at Sl. no.14 of this tender notice and the Price Tender of the technically responsive Tenderer(s) will be opened later on.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget and Source of Funds	SGFL's Own Fund.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10. Project Name	N/A
11. Tender Publication Date	19-08-2025
12. Tender Last Selling Date	24-09-2025.
13. Tender Closing Date & Time	25-09-2025 and 12:00 hrs (BST)
14. Tender Opening Date & Time	25-09-2025 and 12:15 hrs (BST)
15. Name and Address of Office for selling Tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre, 13th Floor, 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
16. Name and Address of Office for Receiving & Opening of Tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Head Office, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh.
17. Date & Time of Selling of Tender Document	The tender document will be available for sale from 26-08-2025 to 24-09-2025 during office hours on all working days.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18. Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents of all countries except the country/countries having no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh.
19. Brief Description of Goods	Tender for Procurement of Spare Parts for Caterpillar Gas Engine.
20. Brief Description of Related Services	N/A.
21. Price of Tender document	Taka 5,000.00 or USD 41.00 (non-refundable)
22. Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Md. Atikur Rahman
23. Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Procurement) Phone no.01743624679 E-mail: dgmpr@sgfl.org.bd
24. Address of the	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh.
26. Tender Security Amount	Taka 8,90,000.00 or USD 7,250.00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

27	<p>a) Tender must remain valid for 150 days from the date of opening of the tender.</p> <p>b) Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender (Technical Tender) an acceptable Tender Security in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.</p> <p>c) The Tender security must remain valid for one hundred and seventy-eight (178) days from the date of opening of the tender.</p> <p>d) The scope of supply, terms of supply and information require to be furnished by the Tenderer, etc. are given in the tender document.</p> <p>e) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderer.</p> <p>f) The Tender must not be submitted by Fax or email.</p> <p>g) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance (Strike, Public holiday, etc) the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and Venue.</p> <p>h) This tender notice will also be available at SGFL Website: www.sgfl.org.bd, Petrobangla Website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and BPPA Website: www.cptu.gov.bd</p>
28	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings at any stage prior to award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected Tenderer(s).

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Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

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Japan exports fall most in 4 years as Trump tariffs bite

AFP, Tokyo

Japanese exports suffered their steepest drop in more than four years last month as tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump bit, official data showed Wednesday.

The year-on-year drop of 2.6 percent in July included a 10.1 percent plunge in exports to the United States, the finance ministry data showed.

Japanese exports of motor vehicles – cars, buses and trucks – to the world's biggest economy plummeted by 28.4 percent, while those of auto parts fell 17.4 percent. Trump has imposed painful import tariffs on countries around the world in an attempt to boost US manufacturing and reduce the colossal US trade deficit.

On close of play Japan, Trump initially imposed across-the-board levies of 10 percent as well as tariffs of 25.7 percent on cars.

Japan's automobile industry, which includes giants like Toyota and Honda, accounts for around eight percent of the country's jobs.

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Southeast Bank PLC has recently organised a training programme on "Prevention of Money Laundering & Combating Financing of Terrorism" as the lead bank.

The programme brought together 130 officials from 53 scheduled banks operating in Narayanganj.

Md Mostakur Rahman, director of the



Md Mostakur Rahman, director of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, poses for group photographs with participants, organisers and guests of the training programme in Narayanganj recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

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