

## Prime Bank launches credit card with no fees

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank PLC has unveiled a credit card, named "Zero by Prime Bank", which abolishes all fees, redefining customer convenience and transparency in Bangladesh's credit card industry.

Zero by Prime Bank is a Visa Signature card that enables customers to enjoy premium benefits without any financial burden. It is the first product of its kind in the country to guarantee no issuance fee, no annual fee, no EMI processing fee, no renewal fee, no mobile financial service (MFS) transfer fee, and absolutely no hidden charges.

The card also incorporates a tactile blind notch for visually impaired customers, ensuring accessibility and promoting inclusivity.

Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director-consumer banking

at Prime Bank PLC, inaugurated the card at a function held at Prime Tower in the capital's Nikunja yesterday, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, officials emphasised that Zero by Prime Bank will transform the credit card experience by combining global acceptance, customer-centric benefits, and complete fee transparency. Customers may apply for the card at [www.zero by prime.com](http://www.zero by prime.com) or by visiting any nearby branch.

The launch, the press release noted, reflects Prime Bank's strong commitment to innovation and financial inclusion, empowering customers with a product that delivers value and freedom while dismantling cost barriers. With Visa's global network and Prime Bank's trusted services, Zero by Prime Bank establishes a new benchmark for the industry.



Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director-consumer banking at Prime Bank PLC, poses for photographs at the launch of the card named "Zero by Prime Bank" at Prime Tower in the capital's Nikunja yesterday.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK



Zishan Ahammad, executive vice-president and head of cards, ADC and internet banking at Bank Asia PLC, and Md Ahsanul Hossain, manager of sales and marketing at Sayeman Beach Resort, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the Bank Asia Cards Department office in the capital's Sukrabd recently.

PHOTO: BANK ASIA

## Sayeman Beach Resort offers privileges to Bank Asia cardholders

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Bank Asia PLC has entered into a partnership agreement with Sayeman Beach Resort, Cox's Bazar to offer privileges to the bank's credit cardholders.

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Department office in the capital's Sukrabd recently, according to a press release.

As part of this collaboration, Bank Asia cardholders can now enjoy a special "Buy 1 Get 2 Nights Stay" offer at the renowned beachfront resort.

The offer will remain valid from September 1 to December 31 this year.

This partnership reflects Bank Asia's continued commitment to enhancing customer experience by offering unique lifestyle and travel benefits to its cardholders, the press release added.

## Sonali Life Insurance wins awards at Commonwealth Partnership Summit in Malaysia



PHOTO: SONALI LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Sheikh Mohammad Daniel, director of Sonali Life Insurance Company Limited, along with a team from the life insurer, poses for group photographs with organisers of the "Commonwealth Partnership Summit & Business Excellence Awards 2025," at the Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia recently.

PHOTO: SONALI LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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Sonali Life Insurance Company Limited recently won multiple awards in digital innovation and insurance excellence at the "Commonwealth Partnership Summit & Business Excellence Awards 2025," held at the Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

The life insurer received accolades across categories celebrating digital transformation, insurtech innovation, and marketing leadership, cementing its status as a forward-looking insurer in the Commonwealth region.

Key categories in which Sonali Life was honoured include "Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year," "Insurtech Initiative of the Year," "Education Insurance Initiative of the Year," "Best Marketing Initiative of the Year," "New Insurance Product of the Year," and "Best Customer Service Initiative of the Year."

Sheikh Mohammad Daniel, director of Sonali Life Insurance Company Limited, along with a team from the insurer, received the awards from the organisers at the summit, according to a press release.

## Shahjalal Islami Bank opens relocated Muradpur branch

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Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC yesterday opened a relocated Muradpur Branch at Katalganj in Panchlaish thana of Chattogram, aiming to provide better services to clients.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, inaugurated the branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Ahmed said, "We have relocated this branch to a more spacious location to provide better services to our clients. We hope our customers will now receive improved services."

The branch, which began operations on December 18, 2007, has contributed to the overall development of the area, including industry, trade and infrastructure.



Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, inaugurates the relocated Muradpur branch at Katalganj in Panchlaish thana of Chattogram yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

## Dollar trades lower with Fed cut in view

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The data keeps the Fed on track for a widely expected rate cut at its upcoming meeting on September 16-17. Money markets are pricing in an 87 percent chance of an easing, up from 63 percent a month earlier, CME's FedWatch tool showed.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, was down 0.09 percent at 97.803 in afternoon trading.

"FX markets remain range bound as investors await the next US labor market report on September 5th," said Dan Tobon, head of G10 FX strategy at Citi.

Weak consumer sentiment continues to hang over an anxious market, which is rebalancing and hedging portfolios at month's end after US equities rallied throughout August, said Uto Shinohara, senior investment strategist at Mesirow Currency Management.

## Abul Hashem made MD of Uttara Bank

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Md Abul Hashem has been appointed managing director (MD) and chief executive officer of Uttara Bank PLC.

Prior to this appointment, Hashem served the bank as deputy managing director, head of treasury, and chief anti-money laundering compliance officer (CAMLCO) concurrently, according to a press release.



Md Abul Hashem

He began his professional banking career at Uttara Bank PLC as a probationary officer in 1997.

During his 28 year career, he has held various positions in the bank, including roles in the credit division, accounts department, reconciliation department, recovery department, development and support department, card department, credit business development department, and asset and liability management department at the head office.

He was awarded the Integrity Reward for the fiscal year 2020-21 in recognition of his contribution to the practice of integrity in the bank.

In his professional career, he visited the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Singapore, Bahrain, Oman, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and India to attend official training sessions, meetings, seminars and symposiums.

Hashem holds an MSS degree in political science from the University of Dhaka and completed an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) from the Bangladesh University of Business and Technology.



Abul Alam Ferdous, additional managing director of United Commercial Bank PLC, addresses the "Hajj Agency Conference" at a hotel in Sylhet recently.

## UCB holds 'Hajj Agency Conference' to enhance services for pilgrims

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United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) recently organised a "Hajj Agency Conference" at a local hotel in Sylhet, aiming to ensure better and more convenient services for Hajj pilgrims.

Abul Alam Ferdous, additional managing director of United Commercial Bank PLC, attended the conference as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Ferdous emphasized, "UCB is always committed to delivering innovative financial solutions and the best possible services to meet the needs of Hajj pilgrims."

With the active participation of UCB officials and leading Hajj agencies from the Sylhet region, the conference served as a significant platform for strengthening mutual cooperation.

Participants expressed optimism that such initiatives would further ensure safer, more efficient, and higher-quality services for future pilgrims.

Mohammad Abdul Hoque, chairman of the Sylhet Zonal Committee of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB), and Mohammad Abdul Kadir, secretary of the committee, along with senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the conference.

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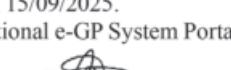
#### e-Tender Notice, 02/2025-2026 (OTM)

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for Procurement of works below under LGED, Kalai, District, Joypurhat.

SL. No.	Package No. & e-Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender security (Tk)	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time
01	INF-2021-22-503858-01 Tender ID: 1146263	Supplying High & Low bench (Polypropylene) for different Educational Institutions, under Kalai Upazila, District: Joypurhat.	33,000/-	14-09-2025 upto 16.00pm	15-09-2025 at 13.00pm

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 12.00am on 15/09/2025. Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).



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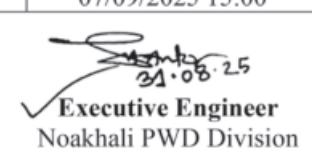
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#### 2nd (Amendment) Corrigendum Notice

It is hereby notified to all concern that the following amendment have been made to the invitation of work "Construction of 10-Storied Hospital Building with 10-Storied Foundation Including Single Basement for Noakhali Medical College Under the Project of Establishment of 500-Bedded Hospital & Ancillary Buildings in Jessore, Cox's Bazar, Pabna and Noakhali. (1st revised)" Tender ID: 1130979 vide Memo No. 2360/36 dated: 29/07/2025, vide Memo No. 2633/36 dated: 20/08/2025 due to unavoidable circumstance and the amendments shall be as follows.

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