

# IFIC Bank celebrates 49th anniversary

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IFIC Bank PLC yesterday celebrated its 49th founding anniversary with a ceremony held at IFIC Tower in Purana Paltan, Dhaka.

Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of IFIC Bank PLC, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Husain extended heartfelt gratitude and warm greetings to all valued customers, shareholders, employees, and well-wishers for their contribution to the bank's success over the past 49 years.

He said this remarkable milestone had been achieved through collective effort, trust, and continued support, and expressed optimism that IFIC Bank would continue to play a vital role in the nation's economic progress through its commitment to service, efficiency, inclusion, and innovation.

In his congratulatory remarks, Syed Mansur Mustafa, managing director of the bank, conveyed sincere appreciation to the current members of the board for their guidance and steadfast dedication to ensuring good governance.

He noted that IFIC Bank, established under a public-



**Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of IFIC Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's 49th founding anniversary at IFIC Tower in Purana Paltan, Dhaka yesterday.** PHOTO: IFIC BANK

private partnership, now operates 1,415 branches and sub-branches with more than 6,000 skilled and dedicated employees, providing accessible banking services across the country from major cities to remote rural areas.

He further said the bank is continuously working to enhance customer service, expand technology-driven solutions, and promote digital banking to make

the future of banking more convenient, secure, and interactive.

Kazi Md Mahboob Kasem, independent director of the bank, was also present, along with directors, deputy managing directors, senior management, and heads of various departments from the head office, as well as other officials.

# Pubali Bank promotes digital banking among National University students



**Prof ASM Amanullah, vice-chancellor of National University, inaugurates the "Banking Products Campaign", organised by Pubali Bank PLC, on the university campus in Gazipur recently. Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, was present.** PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

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Pubali Bank PLC has organised a "Banking Products Campaign" on the National University campus in Gazipur, aiming to raise awareness among students about modern banking services, digital facilities, and other offerings.

Prof ASM Amanullah, vice-chancellor of National University, inaugurated the campaign as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, attended the programme as the guest of honour.

Commenting on the initiative, Ali said, "Pubali Bank has always been committed to providing modern, convenient, and secure banking services to its customers. Today's Banking Products Campaign is a continuation of that commitment."

"Our goal is to bring people from all walks of life, including the country's young generation, under the umbrella of digital banking and make financial services more accessible."

"I believe this initiative will make customers more aware of Pubali Bank's services and enhance their trust and interest in banking," he added. Mohammad Arifur Rahman, head of Gazipur region and deputy general manager of the bank, presided over the event.

Prof Md Lutfor Rahaman and Md Nurul Islam, pro-vice chancellors of the university; Prof ATM Zafrul Azam, treasurer; Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, public relations officer and assistant general manager of the bank; and Rehana Khatun, manager of Board Bazar Branch, along with senior officials of both institutions, were also present.

# HSBC named 'Best Cash Management Bank' in Bangladesh by Euromoney

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) Bangladesh has been voted the "Best Cash Management Bank" in Bangladesh for the 16th time in the Euromoney Cash Management Survey 2025.

The multinational bank has also been named the "Best Cash Management Bank for Client Service" in Bangladesh for the eighth consecutive year.

This year, the bank has received both awards for the second year in a row, according to a press release. Commenting on the achievement, Md Mahubub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, stated: "For 16 years, our clients have voted us number one in Bangladesh for cash management."



That's more than a ranking; it's a testament to the trust they place in our team and our unique ability to combine global network strength with deep local expertise."

"We are incredibly grateful to our clients for this recognition and remain dedicated to continuing to meet their expectations," he added.

Newaz Musharraf, head of Global Payments Solutions at HSBC Bangladesh, said: "This number one ranking in cash management from Euromoney makes us feel even more responsible to continue enabling our clients to prosper in this evolving operating environment."

"With this recognition, based on direct voting by our clients in Bangladesh, we are further inspired by a shared ambition and remain committed to providing seamless, robust, and scalable cash and payment solutions that support the growth journey of our customers," he added.

The Euromoney Cash Management Survey, conducted by the leading global business and finance magazine Euromoney, is one of the most recognised and comprehensive rankings in the industry, with responses from around 30,000 corporate participants.

# Shahjalal Islami Bank relocates centralised trade services division

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Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC has recently opened its relocated centralised trade services division (CTSD) at Devotech Technology Park on Road H3/A in the capital's Gulshan, aiming to provide improved services to customers.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, inaugurated the relocated division as the chief guest.

According to a press release, the CTSD has been shifted to a new location to meet customer demand and as part of the bank's policy decision to centrally manage import and export trade for risk-free services.

Imtiaz U Ahmed, additional managing director, and MM Saiful Islam, deputy managing director, attended the event as special guests.

KM Harunur Rashid, head of the

public relations division, moderated the programme, which was presided over by Galib Mahmood, vice-president and head of the division.

Mohammed Ashfaquul Hoque, senior executive vice president and head of Internal Control and Compliance Division, and Md Jafar Sadeq, chief financial officer, along with heads of various divisions of the bank's corporate head office, senior officials, and branch managers, were also present.



**Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, inaugurates the relocated "centralised trade services division" at Devotech Technology Park in the capital's Gulshan recently.** PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

# City Bank unveils first ESG report, reinforcing sustainability commitment

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City Bank PLC has unveiled its first Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report, titled "Bank on Solidity, Banking on Sustainability", marking a significant milestone in the bank's sustainability journey.

Building on its previous Sustainability Reports, the comprehensive ESG Report aligns with global frameworks, including the GRI Standards, IFRS S1 and S2, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among others, according to a press release.



The report highlights the bank's climate and environmental initiatives, as well as its broader contributions to the economy and society, driven by strong governance and the integration of sustainability into strategic decision-making.

It details progress in green and sustainable finance, including

investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and waste management, alongside the integration of environmental and social risk management (ESRM) in lending.

Beyond climate action, the report underscores City Bank's efforts in financial inclusion, support for women entrepreneurs, SME financing, CSR activities, and maintaining a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, demonstrating transparency and accountability.

Commenting on the publication, Mashrur Arefin, managing

director and CEO of City Bank PLC, said, "Our ESG Report reflects our journey towards becoming a future-ready, responsible, and inclusive financial institution, strengthening stakeholder trust and reinforcing our role as a catalyst for sustainable growth in Bangladesh."

According to the release, the publication marks a new chapter in City Bank's sustainability journey, enhancing its credibility with regulators, investors, development partners, and customers seeking responsible long-term partnerships.

# Berger Paints, bti team up to raise construction standards



**FR Khan, managing director of Building Technology & Ideas Limited, and Md Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, chief operating officer and director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the realtor's corporate office in Dhaka on Tuesday.** PHOTO: BERGER PAINTS BANGLADESH

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Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited has entered into a strategic partnership with Building Technology & Ideas Limited (bti), a leading real estate developer in the country, aiming to enhance the quality, aesthetics, and durability of bti's developments.

Under the collaboration, Berger Paints will supply its premium range of eco-friendly paints and advanced coating solutions for bti's residential and commercial projects across Bangladesh.

The partnership reflects a shared vision to set new benchmarks in innovation, sustainability, and construction excellence within the country's real estate sector.

Md Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, chief operating officer and director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, and FR Khan, managing director of Building Technology & Ideas Limited, formalised the agreement at the realtor's corporate office in Dhaka on Tuesday, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Chowdhury highlighted Berger Paints' continued focus on innovation, quality, and sustainability. "At Berger, we believe in creating

value through advanced technology and environmentally responsible products. Our solutions are designed to enhance the beauty and longevity of modern architecture, ensuring lasting satisfaction for our partners and customers," he said.

Khan underscored the shared commitment between the two companies.

"bti has always focused on delivering projects that blend aesthetics with enduring quality. Partnering with Berger Paints, a name synonymous with innovation and reliability, will further strengthen that vision for our clients," he said.

AKM Sadeque Nawaj, chief business officer of Berger Paints; Shabbir Ahmad, general sales manager of corporate sales and service; Asadur Rahman, head of corporate sales; and Mohammad Humayun Kabir, area manager of corporate sales, attended the event.

M Bodrul Islam, chief business officer of bti; Abu Kamal Mohammad Pasha, director of FRC and procurement; Mohammad Gias Uddin, deputy general manager of procurement; and Sonet Hossain, assistant manager of procurement, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.

# Premier Bank launches revamped website to enhance customer experience

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Premier Bank PLC yesterday launched its revamped website at the bank's head office in Banani, Dhaka, aiming to enhance customer experience and meet the evolving needs of clients in the digital age.

The newly upgraded website is the result of extensive user research and technological investment, featuring a modern, engaging, and streamlined interface designed with customers in mind.

It offers improved mobile responsiveness, ensuring smooth navigation across all devices and enabling users to access banking services anytime, anywhere. Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurated the website as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Rahman expressed enthusiasm for the new digital platform, saying: "This website represents our dedication to innovation and service excellence. We are committed to providing our clients with superior banking solutions that are both efficient and secure."

"The combination of advanced security and a streamlined, user-friendly interface ensures that digital banking with Premier Bank is now easier and safer than ever before," he added.



**Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's revamped website at its head office in Banani, Dhaka yesterday.** PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of the bank, chaired the event.

The new website allows customers easy access to account information and digital services such as credit card applications, new account openings, Pmoney, and quick account facilities. It also highlights Premier 360 Digital Integrations, including tax submission support and simplified

workflows. Syed Faridul Islam, independent director and chairman of the executive committee of the bank; Md Sazzad Hossain, independent director and chairman of the risk management committee; Prof Sheikh Morshed Jahan, independent director; and M Nurul Alam, independent director and chairman of Premier Bank Securities Ltd, attended the event.