

PBIL joins hands with LixCap to boost sustainable cross-border financing

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Prime Bank Investment PLC (PBIL), a leading investment bank and a wholly owned subsidiary of Prime Bank PLC, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Lixia Capsia Gestionis LLC (LixCap), a Delaware-based firm specialising in economic research and transaction advisory for emerging markets.

The virtual agreement, signed recently, aims to catalyse cross-border investments, promote sustainable finance, and support key sectors such as renewable energy, agribusiness, and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Bangladesh.

Syed M Omar Tayub, managing director and CEO of PBIL, and William C Fellows, managing director of Lixia Capsia Gestionis LLC (LixCap), virtually attended the signing ceremony, according to a press release.

"By aligning PBIL's deep knowledge of Bangladesh's investment landscape with LixCap's global reach, we are positioned to accelerate sustainable projects that drive inclusive growth and resilience," said Tayub.

Fellows noted that Bangladesh offers a "vibrant and compelling opportunity

for international capital," adding that the partnership would create a "trusted, strategic channel" for investments in green and sustainable sectors.

Under the MoU, both organisations will collaborate on co-structuring high-impact transactions, attracting international capital, and developing sector-specific funds for agriculture, renewables, logistics, and other growth industries.

They will also work on blended finance and risk-mitigation solutions with development finance institutions, multilaterals, and donors.

In addition, PBIL and LixCap plan to develop ESG-aligned investment frameworks, advise on sustainability and climate finance, and design green bond and renewable energy projects.

The partnership also includes joint capacity-building initiatives and policy advisory support to foster investment-friendly reforms.

PBIL provides a full range of investment banking services, including equity and debt market solutions, advisory, and portfolio management, backed by digital infrastructure and a skilled team.

LixCap, with a record of mobilising



William C Fellows, managing director of Lixia Capsia Gestionis LLC (LixCap), and Syed M Omar Tayub, managing director and CEO of PBIL, attend the virtual signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding, held recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK INVESTMENT

over \$750 million in private capital, brings expertise in blended finance, agribusiness, renewable energy, and SME development, making it a strong global partner for Bangladesh's sustainable growth.

Through this alliance, PBIL's local insights and LixCap's international experience are expected to drive investments in sectors vital to Bangladesh's industrialisation and climate resilience.

Trump signs Malaysia trade and rare earths deal

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

US President Donald Trump and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim signed a trade agreement Sunday, boosting US access to critical minerals as China tightens controls on rare earths.

Beijing this month announced sweeping restrictions on the rare earths industry, prompting Trump to threaten 100 percent tariffs on imports from China in retaliation.

Trump is in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur at the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit, ahead of a meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Thursday.

Under the new US-Malaysia deal, Kuala Lumpur pledged to "refrain from banning or imposing quotas on exports to the US of critical minerals", while Washington agreed the formalisation of a 19 percent tariff on Malaysian goods.

"Malaysia has committed to ensure no restrictions are imposed on the sale of rare earth magnets to US companies", the White House said in a joint statement.

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Malaysia also vowed to speed up development of its critical minerals sector in partnership with US firms, including extending operating licences to boost production capacity.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said the deal would make investment and trade in critical minerals "as free as possible and as resilient as possible".

"We live in a world where having these critical minerals is important to our manufacturing, to our technology and to our economy," Greer said at the signing. "It's very important that we cooperate as willing partners with each other to ensure that we can have smooth supply chains."

Malaysia said in 2023 that it holds around 16.2 million tonnes of untapped rare earth reserves.

A nationwide moratorium on raw rare earth exports took effect on January 1, 2024, aiming to encourage domestic processing. At the height of a US-China trade dispute in 2019, Chinese state media suggested that rare earth exports to the United States could be cut in retaliation — sparking fear among manufacturers.

Mutual Trust Bank celebrates 26th anniversary



Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO Mutual Trust Bank PLC, inaugurates the celebration at the bank's corporate head office in Gushan, Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) yesterday celebrated its 26th founding anniversary, marking another milestone in its journey of growth, innovation, and endless possibilities.

To mark the occasion, the bank organised celebrations at its corporate head office in Gulshan, Dhaka, as well as across all its branches and sub-branches nationwide, reaffirming its commitment to innovation, sustainability, and customer-centric banking and strengthening a legacy of trust that continues to inspire the future.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Rahman expressed heartfelt appreciation to regulators, MTBians, customers, partners, and the media for their continued trust and support.

AB Bank opens relocated Kakrail Islami Banking Branch

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AB Bank PLC has relocated its Kakrail Islami Banking Branch to HR Bhaban on 26/1 Kakrail Road,

Ramna in Dhaka recently.

The branch has been equipped with modern banking facilities to provide better service to its customers.

Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director and chief executive officer of AB Bank PLC, inaugurated the relocated branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.



Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director and chief executive officer of AB Bank PLC, inaugurates the relocated Kakrail Islami Banking Branch in Ramna, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: AB BANK

Midland Bank partners with Olwel to offer clients healthcare service discounts

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Midland Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Olwel, a Finland-based startup company operating in Bangladesh that offers a digital platform connecting qualified general practitioners with patients for home-based medical care.

Md Nazmul Huda Sarkar, chief technology officer of Midland Bank PLC, and Feroz Salahuddin, director of medical operations at Olwel, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan-2, Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Midland Bank cardholders across debit, credit, and prepaid categories will enjoy a 10 percent discount on telemedicine services (for GP doctors only) and doctor home visits, a 10 percent discount on the Parent Care Plan, and up to 25 percent discount on home sample collection and lab tests (excluding collection fees) from



Feroz Salahuddin, director of medical operations at Olwel, and Md Nazmul Huda Sarkar, chief technology officer of Midland Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan-2, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

Olwel.

Md Abed-Ur-Rahman, head of cards at the bank, and Shakil Mahmud, coordinator of health

services at the startup company, along with officials from both organisations, were also present at the signing ceremony.

Premier Bank celebrates 26 years of banking excellence

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Premier Bank PLC yesterday celebrated the 26th anniversary of its commercial journey.

To mark the occasion, the bank organised programmes at its head office in Banani, Dhaka and all its branches and sub-branches nationwide.

Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurated the event as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his inaugural speech, Rahman said, "Let's unite as one proud Premier family and make this celebration truly meaningful. As we move ahead, let's join hands to grow even stronger and make Premier Bank the bank of choice for everyone."

He also expressed gratitude to customers, patrons, regulatory bodies, media partners, and well-wishers for their continued support throughout the bank's journey.

Md Forkan Hossain, independent director and chairman of the audit committee; Syed Faridul Islam, independent director and chairman of the executive committee; 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 Limited, attended the programme.

Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of the bank, said, "Let's celebrate this milestone with enthusiasm and hope as we step into a bold new chapter together. Here's to 26 years of Banking for Greater Good and to an even brighter tomorrow ahead."



Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurates the celebration of the bank's 26th anniversary at its head office in Banani, Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

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Tender ID	Description	Tender /Proposal publication Date	Tender /Proposal Closing & Opening Date
1148017	Supply of Sport's Goods. Code No. 3256107 under Rajshahi Medical College during the FY: 2025-26. RMC/Tender/2025-26/PG-26	27-Oct-2025	10-Nov-2025

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. To submit e-Tender, registration in the e-GP system portal (<https://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 e-GP registered Bank's Branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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