

Bank Asia profit jumps 71% in Jan-Sept

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Bank Asia PLC has posted a 71 percent year-on-year rise in net profit to Tk 351 crore for the first nine months of 2025, up from Tk 205 crore during the same period last year.

To disclose the results to shareholders, the bank held an online-based earnings disclosure for the third quarter (Q3) of 2025 at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka on Wednesday, according to a press release.

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, along with ANM Mahfuz and Nurullah Chaudhury, additional managing directors, as well as deputy

managing directors and the chief financial officer, were present at the programme.

The bank reported that investment income nearly doubled to Tk 1,930 crore, boosting its operating profit.

Its earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk 2.58, compared to Tk 1.44 a year earlier, while net asset value (NAV) per share reached Tk 29.28, marking a 21 percent year-on-year increase.

During the July-September quarter alone, the bank posted a net profit of approximately Tk 39.90 crore.

Bank Asia also reported a significant rise in operating cash flow, supported primarily by strong growth in customer deposits.



Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, attends the bank's earnings disclosure for the third quarter of 2025 at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka on Wednesday.

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Pubali Bank signs deal with BMU for online OPD ticketing



Prof Md Shahinul Alam, acting vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Medical University, and Mohammad Ali, managing director and chief executive officer of Pubali Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement in Dhaka on Wednesday.

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National Housing Finance signs MoU with JBS Holdings

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National Housing Finance PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with JBS Holdings Limited, a leading real estate developer in Bangladesh.

Mohammad Shamsul Islam, managing director of National Housing Finance PLC, and Abdul Huque, managing director of JBS Holdings Limited, signed the MoU at the developer's office in Bashundhara Residential Area, Dhaka on Wednesday, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, apartment buyers of JBS Holdings will be able to avail home loan facilities from National Housing Finance PLC on easy terms and within a short processing time.

Among others, Shital Chandra Saha, senior executive vice-president and head of operations at JBS Holdings; Mahbubur Rashid Al-Amin, vice-president and head of business; Jahangir Alam Patwary, adviser; and Md Belayet Hossain, general manager and head of sales, were also present.



Abdul Huque, managing director of JBS Holdings Limited, and Mohammad Shamsul Islam, managing director of National Housing Finance PLC, exchange signed documents of the memorandum of understanding at the developer's office in Dhaka on Wednesday.

PHOTO: NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE

GPH Ispat holds seminar in Chattogram

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GPH Ispat Ltd, one of the country's leading steel manufacturers, recently organised a special technical seminar, titled "Design Guidelines and Code Provisions for Using Higher-Grade Rebar (B600D-R) in RCC Structures: Exploring Opportunities for Rebar Savings in the Context of Bangladesh", in Chattogram.

The seminar featured the country's top engineers and architects who discussed advanced design concepts, structural efficiency, and the use of sustainable construction materials, according to a press release.

Renowned educators and structural engineering experts such as Prof M Shamim Z Bosunia, Prof Syed Fakhru Ameen, and Prof Raquib Ahsan attended the event.

Md Saiful Islam, deputy general manager and head of TMPM, also shared his expert insights on rebar applications and market innovations.



Prof M Shamim Z Bosunia delivers his speech at the seminar organised by GPH Ispat Limited in Chattogram recently.

PHOTO: GPH ISPAT

The keynote address was delivered by Abdullah Al Hossain Chowdhury (Rizvi), who presented a paper highlighting the design and economic benefits of using high-quality rebar and discussed in detail

the application of this technology in modern reinforced concrete structures.

He said, "By using high-quality rebar (B600D-R), we are not only ensuring greater structural stability

and safety but also unlocking new possibilities for cost efficiency and resource optimisation in construction. I believe this technology will pave the way for design innovation and sustainable growth in Bangladesh's construction industry."

By organising this seminar with the country's leading engineers, architects, and senior officials from both the public and private sectors, GPH Ispat once again demonstrated its commitment to advancing the nation's engineering expertise, technological innovation, and knowledge sharing to build a stronger and more sustainable Bangladesh, the release added.

Mohammed Jahangir Alam, managing director of GPH Ispat; Mohammad Almas Shimul, additional managing director; directors Abdul Ahad and Sadman Syakir Sifa; and Mohammad Mamun Kabir, senior general manager (sales and marketing), also attended the event, along with other senior officials.

Community Bank unveils 'SME 360°' to boost small businesses



Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam, chairman of Community Bank Bangladesh PLC, inaugurates the platform, titled "Community SME 360°", at InterContinental Dhaka in the capital recently.

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ONE Bank PLC has received an internationally recognised certification from the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) through the France-based certification authority Bureau Veritas (Bangladesh) Pvt Ltd for meeting the requirements of the ISO standard.

The ISO is a global standard that specifies the requirements for establishing, implementing, and maintaining an Information Security Management System (ISMS).

Bureau Veritas (Bangladesh) conducted an audit of the bank's IT operations, data centre, and disaster recovery site to verify compliance with the ISO/IEC standard.

Sohel Azad, country manager of Bureau Veritas (Bangladesh) Pvt Ltd, handed over the certificate to Shabbir Ahmed, managing director (current charge) of ONE Bank PLC, at the bank's corporate headquarters recently, according to a press release.



Shabbir Ahmed, managing director (current charge) of ONE Bank PLC, receives an ISO certificate from Sohel Azad, country manager of Bureau Veritas (Bangladesh) Pvt Ltd, at the bank's corporate headquarters in Dhaka recently.

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Community Bank Bangladesh PLC has launched "Community SME 360°", an all-in-one platform designed to accelerate the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Bangladesh.

The initiative marks a major step in the country's SME banking sector by integrating access to finance, business opportunities, and professional support under a single platform, the bank said in a press release.

Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam, chairman of Community Bank, inaugurated the platform as the chief guest at InterContinental Dhaka in the capital recently.

The platform combines banking, business, and digital ecosystem solutions to help SMEs overcome common challenges through financial products, strategic guidance, market connectivity, and digital tools.

Entrepreneurs will gain access to

dedicated relationship managers, vetted business models, and networking opportunities through branch-based facilities.

"The platform will enable SMEs to access finance, business models, and digital tools that foster growth and competitiveness both locally and globally," said Kimiwa Sadaat, managing director of the bank.

"We believe 'SME 360°' will redefine the SME banking experience in Bangladesh."

The platform also offers agent banking and franchise partnerships, export and import linkages, accounting and compliance support, and advanced cash management solutions.

Beyondbankingservices,Community SME 360° enables entrepreneurs to engage as agent banking franchisees, dealers, distributors, or vendors to large corporates, while also facilitating franchise and export opportunities for Bangladeshi SMEs in international markets.