

ACI Renewable partners with GoodWe to advance smart, sustainable power solutions

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GoodWe Bangladesh, a subsidiary of GoodWe Technologies Co Ltd --a globally recognised solar inverter and energy storage solutions provider-- has partnered with ACI Renewable Energy to advance smart and sustainable power solutions in Bangladesh.

The partnership was struck recently at the ACI Centre in Dhaka, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the country's renewable energy landscape, according to a press release.

Subrata Ranjan Das, managing director of ACI Renewable Energy, and James Hou, head of sales for Asia and the Pacific region at GoodWe Technologies Co Ltd, attended the event at the ACI Centre.

Asif Uddin, chief business officer

of ACI Renewable Energy; Asif Faisal Rumy, deputy business director; Tanvir Ahmed Tanim, senior product manager at GoodWe Technologies; Jing Liu, product manager (C&I Energy Storage); Brad, senior solution manager; and Mahir Shahriar, country manager for Bangladesh, were also present.

Speaking at the event, the guests highlighted how GoodWe's advanced technologies would support Bangladesh's vision of achieving energy independence and a Smart Bangladesh by ensuring stable, efficient, and eco friendly energy solutions.

Through this collaboration, ACI Renewable Energy and GoodWe aim to empower industries, households, and communities with smarter, more sustainable power alternatives, driving Bangladesh closer to a greener future.



James Hou, head of sales for Asia and the Pacific region at GoodWe Technologies Co Ltd, and Subrata Ranjan Das, managing director of ACI Renewable Energy, attend the programme at the ACI Centre in Dhaka recently.

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United Commercial Bank opens new branch in Hajiganj



Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid, managing director and CEO of United Commercial Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's new branch in Hajiganj, Chandpur yesterday.

Dhaka Bank unveils collection booth at DSAC Zone

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Dhaka Bank PLC has opened a booth to collect holding tax and trade licence fees from residents and business owners under the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSAC) at its zonal office in Dhaka.

Sheikh Abdul Bakir, deputy managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, and Akther Unnisa Shiuly, zonal executive officer of Zones 8-10 under DSAC, jointly inaugurated the collection booth, according to a press release.

From now on, residents and business owners under DSAC Zones 6-10 will

be able to pay their holding tax and trade licence fees in person at the newly established booth.

Additionally, holding taxes and fees of DSAC can be paid in real time from any branch of Dhaka Bank.

The bank has also enabled DSAC residents to pay taxes and fees online in real time through the Dhaka Bank mobile app and internet banking since January 2025.

Earlier, the bank launched its first collection booth for DSAC holding tax and trade licence fees at Nagar Bhaban on July 2 this year.

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United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) opened a new branch in Hajiganj, Chandpur yesterday.

This is the bank's 232nd branch, according to a press release.

Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid, managing director and CEO of United Commercial Bank PLC, inaugurated the branch as the chief guest.

In his address, Rashid said, "In the history of UCB, not a single cheque has ever bounced, and not a single transaction has been delayed even for a moment; this stands as a testament to our professionalism and service excellence."

"In the first nine months of this year alone, UCB achieved more than Tk 10,100

crore in net deposit growth and added over 5.5 lakh new accounts. This reflects the unwavering trust and confidence of our valued customers."

He introduced the entire Hajiganj Branch team and expressed his gratitude for their dedication.

"I am truly delighted to be in the historic district of Chandpur, and especially in Hajiganj," he said.

"Once, this was one of the major trading hubs of the region. Even today, Chandpur ranks as the ninth-largest remittance-receiving district in Bangladesh. For the people of this heritage-rich and promising area, UCB is committed to delivering the finest banking services, ensuring that the people of Hajiganj receive the service, dignity, and trust they deserve."



Sheikh Abdul Bakir, deputy managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, and Akther Unnisa Shiuly, zonal executive officer of Zones 8-10 under the Dhaka South City Corporation, jointly inaugurate the collection booth at DSAC zonal office in Dhaka recently.

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Bay terminal to go into operation by 2030

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The previous government had not only transform Chattogram but also strengthen Bangladesh's position on South Asia's trade map.

"With the launch of the Bay Terminal, the country's export capacity will significantly expand, ship turnaround time will be dramatically reduced, and the overall economy will experience a major boost," he added.

The CPA chairman further said design and preparatory work for the Bay Terminal construction project are nearing completion.

The government and the port authority have already held preliminary discussions with several domestic and international construction firms.

Commodore Kaosar Rashid, member (engineering) of the CPA, said the Bay Terminal project has become essential to ease the growing pressure on the Chattogram port.

"All port stakeholders are eager to see the terminal (project) implemented without delay," he said.

The previous government had approved establishing the Bay Terminal, comprising four terminals, on around 2,500 acres of land in the Anandabazar area of North Halishahar, Chattogram.

The project involves construction of breakwaters and navigation channels and development of port facilities such as road and rail links, container yards and jetties.

The terminal is expected to enable the berthing of vessels with a draft of up to 12 metres and of up to 280 metres in length.

Currently, the Chittagong port, the maritime gateway for over 90 percent of the country's international trade volume and 98 percent of its container traffic, can only receive small feeder vessels during limited hours of the day.

The conference was attended by representatives of potential local and foreign contractors, leaders of port user associations, engineers, and officials from the Planning Commission.

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There was a fire at the airport, who will invest in a country where such incidents occur at modern facilities?"

"Every international terminal and port should have state-of-the-art firefighting systems, but the system failed. It's tragic," he said.

Lutfe Siddiqi, special envoy on international affairs to the chief adviser, called for a complete redesign of the administrative and governance structure, noting that piecemeal reforms would not be enough to ensure long term efficiency and growth.

He advised businesses not to delay in engaging with the next elected government to take advantage of reform opportunities, something which had been missed after the student-led uprising in Bangladesh.

"We had worked on a consensus commission aimed at bringing reforms; however, economic reforms never took place," he said.

The envoy also stressed the role of the private sector in driving change. "The private sector must put pressure to accelerate economic reforms," he said.

Internet prices may rise under proposed guideline

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However, under the new policy, the regulator's total share in revenue from the sector would rise to 40.25 percent, he added.

"The proposed policy will widen the digital divide between urban and rural areas," he said. "On one hand, they talk about reducing internet prices; on the other, their policy decisions are making it more expensive."

"For Starlink, the government has set a licence fee of only \$10,000 (around Tk 12 lakh), while local ISPs

are required to pay Tk 25 lakh. Why is such a global company being given preferential treatment?" he asked.

The ISPAB said the draft guideline explicitly allows mobile operators to provide fixed connectivity through fixed wireless access and last-mile fibre connections.

"This will create unfair competition for local ISPs who have built their networks with their own investment," the association said, warning that consumers would ultimately bear the consequences.

FDI grows 19% in FY25, defying global

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the past two decades show that countries experiencing major uprisings typically face a sharp fall in FDI the following year.

For instance, Sri Lanka recorded a 19.49 percent decline after 2022, Chile 15.68 percent after 2019, Sudan 27.60 percent after 2019, Ukraine 81.21 percent after 2014, Egypt 107.55 percent after 2011, and Indonesia 151.45 percent after 1998.

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2.	1167490	30.31.0000.000.121 .07.0001.24.136	Supply, testing and commissioning of Portable weighing machine for Export Cargo operation at SAIA, CTG.	18-Nov-2025 13:26:00	
3.	1167504	30.31.0000.000.201 .08.0055.783	Supply of Different Types of Tire Tube for MT vehicles at SAIA, Ctg.	19-Nov-2025 13:26:00	
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Saiful Islam re-elected president of DSE Brokers' Association

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Saiful Islam, director of BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Ltd, has been re-elected president of the DSE Brokers' Association of Bangladesh (DBA) for a two year term covering 2026 and 2027.

Md Moniruzzaman, managing director and CEO of Prime Bank Securities Ltd, was elected senior vice-president, while Md Nafeez Al Tarik, managing director of Dhaka Bank Securities Ltd, was elected vice-president of the association.

The DBA announced the results through a press release yesterday.

The election schedule was announced on August 28, with October 19 set as the last date for submission of nomination papers.

On that day, 15 candidates -- one each for the posts of president, senior vice-president, and vice-president, and 12 for director posts -- submitted their nominations.

After scrutiny, the election board declared all 15 nominations valid on November 1.

The last date for withdrawal of candidacy was November 3.

As no one withdrew and the number of valid candidates equalled the number of available posts, the board declared all of them elected unopposed, in accordance with the Trade Organisation Rules 2025.

The newly elected members will formally assume office at the upcoming annual general meeting of the DBA.

Gold gains

REUTERS

Gold prices rose on Monday, helped by expectations of further US interest rate cuts after comments from the US Federal Reserve Board's Christopher Waller, though a stronger dollar and easing trade tensions kept gains in check.

Spot gold was up 0.5 percent at \$4,020.45 an ounce by 0905 GMT. US gold futures for December delivery rose 0.9 percent to \$4,031.50.

"We are still in a consolidation mode. The lack of US economic data makes it a bit more difficult, but weaker US economic data should support further Fed rate cuts and allow gold to move to \$4,200 per ounce by the end of the year," said UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo.

The Fed should cut the policy interest rate again in December, Fed's Waller said on Friday, citing weakness in the labour market.

Traders are now pricing in about a 70 percent chance of a Fed rate cut in December, according to CME's FedWatch Tool. Non-yielding gold thrives when interest rates are low and in times of economic uncertainty.

Investors have their eyes on other news, including ADP US employment data and ISM PMIs this week, for indicators that could alter the Fed's hawkish stance.