

Pubali Bank signs deal with Visa Worldwide

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Pubali Bank PLC has recently signed an agreement with global digital payment solutions provider Visa Worldwide Pte Ltd to launch promotional and marketing activities and various incentive programmes for Visa card and point of sale (POS) acquiring business by the bank.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and chief executive officer of Pubali Bank PLC, and Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh at Visa, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Md Shahnewaz Khan, deputy managing director of Pubali Bank PLC, and Arifur Rahman, director of Visa for South Asia, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, attended the programme.

Endra Mohan Sutradhar, general manager, chief technology officer, and head of the software development division; Md Helal Uddin, general manager and head of the ICT operation division; Ashim Kumar Roy, general manager and head of the card operation division; and Mohammad Liton Miah, general manager, chief financial officer, and head of the central accounts division, were present.

Md Rabiul Alam, deputy general manager and head of the ADC division; NM Firoz Kamal, deputy general manager and head of the card business division; Md Shamsul Alam, assistant general manager of the ADC division; and Md Sayeed Ahmmed, assistant general manager of the ADC division, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh at Visa, and Mohammad Ali, managing director and chief executive officer of Pubali Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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BRAC Bank, MetLife partner to enable seamless payments across all channels



Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, and Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO of BRAC Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing an agreement in Dhaka recently.

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BRAC Bank PLC has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to simplify and streamline insurance premium payments for MetLife policyholders across both digital and physical banking channels.

Through this collaboration, MetLife customers will be able to pay their premiums via BRAC Bank's branches, sub-branches, agent banking outlets, ASTHA internet banking, payment gateways, ATMs/CDMs, and through direct debit instructions.

The integration is enabled by real-time API connectivity between the two institutions, ensuring instant payment reflection, faster reconciliation, and enhanced operational transparency, according to a press release.

Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO of BRAC Bank PLC, and Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, signed an agreement in this regard at a ceremony held in Dhaka recently.

Khan said, "This partnership reaffirms BRAC Bank's commitment to advancing digital financial solutions and driving ecosystem interoperability."

NRBC Bank unveils 'Sustainability Report-2024'

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NRBC Bank PLC yesterday published its first-ever "Sustainability Report-2024", focusing on sustainable development, social responsibility, and environmentally friendly financing.

This year the report, prepared in line with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards, carries the theme "Inclusive Innovation, Green Tomorrow."

Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO of NRBC Bank PLC, unveiled the report as the chief guest at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

During the event, Khan said the publication of the sustainability report under the GRI guidelines reflects NRBC Bank's long-term commitment to financial stability, environmental responsibility, and social justice.

He added that the bank would continue to expand financing in areas such as green banking, renewable energy, micro and social welfare sectors, and other environmentally friendly initiatives. NRBC Bank remains dedicated to building a livable Bangladesh and a better world for future generations.

According to the report, NRBC Bank conducts its banking activities by prioritising environmental protection, social development, and good governance.

In 2024, the bank achieved significant progress in green and sustainable financing.

Through investments in renewable energy, energy-efficient technologies, sustainable waste management, green buildings, and climate-resilient agricultural initiatives, NRBC Bank is directly contributing to farmers' welfare, national food security, and sustainable development.

The report further states that sustainable banking is synonymous with strong and innovative banking. The positive impact of NRBC Bank's eco-friendly initiatives will benefit customers, borrowers, and shareholders alike. Transparent and responsible banking

practices will enhance the importance of green financing projects. As a result, entrepreneurs will experience reduced long-term costs and increased profitability.

Depositors and shareholders can be assured that their funds and investments are not being used in environmentally harmful sectors.

Harunur Rashid, deputy managing director and chief financial officer of the bank, and Mohammad Abdul Qaium Khan, deputy managing director and chief operating officer, along with other members of the sustainability reporting committee, were also present.



Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO of NRBC Bank PLC, attends the launch of the bank's first-ever "Sustainability Report-2024" at its head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: NRBC BANK

Tobacco farming on cropland

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consequences for public health and urged the government to withdraw it.

Professor Rumana Haque of the Department of Economics at the University of Dhaka said that the country must find a way out of tobacco cultivation.

"The first step is to urgently amend the tobacco control law," she said.

She also emphasised the need to reinstate the 25 percent export duty on tobacco leaves and tobacco products, noting that the health costs from tobacco-related diseases are more than double the revenue earned from tobacco.

Sushanta Sinha, a special

correspondent at Ekattor Television, claimed that tobacco companies are misleading the government with false information to block amendments to the tobacco control law and prevent tax increases.

He added that multinational tobacco companies are trying to portray price and tax hikes negatively by spreading stories of smuggling and showing reduced revenue to undermine the effectiveness of such measures.

Shahanuare Shaid Shahin, president of the BAJF, and Abu Khalid, general secretary of the organisation, also spoke at the event.

Global garment supply chain

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to improve wool production as global demand for wool products continues to rise.

Hill added that wool is increasingly being used for garment manufacturing worldwide, including in denim products. Bangladesh's wool imports are also increasing, he said.

Bangladesh imported wool products, mainly yarn and fabrics, worth \$80 million in 2022, he said.

Sana Arshad, deputy general manager of Pakistani denim fabric

supplier Azgard Nine Limited, said her company is performing well with its existing customers in Bangladesh, but new customer acquisition remains limited.

Her company currently ships 80,000 metres of denim fabrics a month to three or four companies in Bangladesh and expects to raise that volume to 400,000 metres in the near future.

"My market is expanding in Bangladesh. This market is fine for us, and we have been supplying denim fabrics here for the last eight to nine years," she said.

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e-Tender Notice: 03/2024-2025 (LTM)

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Invitation for e-GP-Tender (LTM)

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Memo No: XEN/EED/KUR/2025/4736

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SL No.	Package No.	Name of Works & Location	Tender ID No.	Tender Document Last Selling	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	Exen/EED/Kur/Rev/SHED/4931/2024-25/20	Construction works of Internal Roads at Bhurungamari Pilot govt. high School under Bhurungamari Upazila, District Kurigram.	1160392	18-11-2025 Time 16:00	19-11-2025 Time 12:00
2.	Exen/EED/Kur/Rev/SHED/4931/2024-25/21	Repair & Renovation works of Model Building at Fulbari Joshimia Model Government High School under Fulbari Upazila, District- Kurigram.	1160393	18-11-2025 Time 16:00	19-11-2025 Time 12:00
3.	Exen/EED/Kur/Rev/SHED/4931/2024-25/22	Construction works of Internal Roads at Office of the Executive Engineer's under Sadar Upazilla, District Kurigram.	1160394	18-11-2025 Time 16:00	19-11-2025 Time 12:00
4.	Exen/EED/Kur/Rev/SHED/4931/2024-25/23	Repair & Renovation works of the Teacher's Auditorium at Thanahat A. U. Pilot govt. high School under Chilmaria Upazila, District Kurigram.	1160395	18-11-2025 Time 16:00	19-11-2025 Time 12:00

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