

## Bank Asia wins 'FinTech Innovation of the Year-Financial Inclusion' award



Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, poses for photographs after receiving the award at the 3rd Bangladesh FinTech Award 2025 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka on Saturday. PHOTO: BANK ASIA

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Bank Asia PLC has won the "FinTech Innovation of the Year-Financial Inclusion" award at the 3rd Bangladesh FinTech Award 2025 for its Micro Merchant initiative, which has significantly expanded digital payment access and strengthened financial inclusion at the grassroots level. Ahsan H Mansur, governor of Bangladesh Bank, attended the event as the chief guest and handed over the awards to the recipients at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka in the capital on Saturday, according to a press release.

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, and Mohammad Ziaul Hassan Molla, deputy managing director, received the award on behalf of the bank at the award-giving ceremony organised by the Bangladesh Brand Forum. Launched in July 2020, the Micro Merchant service enables fast, affordable, and secure digital transactions at the community level through mobile app-based operations. Currently, 28,000 micro merchants are active across the country and have facilitated more than 20 million transactions amounting to Tk 36,646.72 million to date.

## Akij Resource launches Enovar brand

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Akij Resource, a concern of Akij Group, has launched a new brand "Enovar", offering a wide range of reliable, modern, and smart products designed to keep consumers ready for every moment.

Through this launch, Enovar introduced a comprehensive lineup of electricals, home appliances, water pumps and tools, all equipped with advanced smart technologies to make everyday life, both at home and beyond, simpler and more efficient.

Sheikh Jasim Uddin, managing director of Akij Resource, inaugurated the brand as the chief guest at the United Convention Center in Dhaka on Saturday, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Uddin said, "Akij Resource is not just a corporate house; it is a platform committed to improving people's lives. Our goal is to make life more digitalized and smarter in tune with the times."

"Enovar believes that every individual carries the potential for something greater, and we are ready to empower people on that journey of possibilities," he added.

Masud Al Amin Rajib, chief executive officer of Akij Light



Sheikh Jasim Uddin, managing director of Akij Resource, attends the launch of the smart product brand "Enovar" at the United Convention Center in Dhaka on Saturday. PHOTO: AKIJ RESOURCE

Engineering Ltd, said, "We believe people face new challenges every day. Enovar aims to make tackling those challenges easier so that individuals are ready at every moment."

"To achieve this, we've ensured the highest standards across all our product categories. We are confident that Enovar will earn people's trust in meeting their everyday needs."

Faria Hossain, chairman of Akij Resource; Mohammad Towfique

Hasan, chief business development officer; Sohanur Rahman Sohan, deputy chief operating officer; Kazi Mottakin Hossain, cluster chief financial officer; Masud Al Amin Rajib, chief executive officer of Akij Light Engineering Ltd; Md Sajjadul Islam, head of marketing; and Md Touhidul Islam Faisal, head of operations, along with other senior officials, dealers, distributors, senior banking executives, and foreign delegates, were also present.

## Lotto signs deal with Football Federation

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Lotto Bangladesh has signed a partnership agreement with Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to become the official footwear partner for the Bangladesh vs India football match, set to take place at the Bangladesh National Football Stadium on November 18.

Kazi Jamil Islam, managing director of Lotto Bangladesh, and Imran Hossain Tushar, general secretary of the BFF, signed the deal in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

This partnership marks another milestone in Lotto's ongoing commitment to empowering Bangladeshi football and inspiring a new generation of athletes through world-class sportswear and innovation.

"Football has always been at the heart of Lotto's legacy. Partnering with this iconic regional clash between Bangladesh and India reflects our belief in the power of sport to unite, inspire, and push boundaries," said Kazi Jamil Islam, managing director of Lotto Bangladesh.

## Mercantile Bank opens 'Mercantile Priority Zenith'



Mati Ul Hasan, managing director of Mercantile Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's premium banking segment, titled "Mercantile Priority Zenith", at MBL Centre on Satmasjid Road in Dhanmondi on Sunday. PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

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Mercantile Bank PLC has launched its premium banking segment, titled "Mercantile Priority Zenith," at the MBL Centre on Satmasjid Road in Dhanmondi on Sunday.

Mati Ul Hasan, managing director of Mercantile Bank PLC, inaugurated the centre following his address at the ceremony.

He said the launch marks a milestone in the bank's journey towards customer-centric excellence. The exclusive segment is designed to ensure privacy, quality service, and a dedicated team to meet complex financial needs with personalised care, according to a press release.

Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director and chief business officer, delivered the welcome address and shared his vision for the new centre.



Kazi Jamil Islam, managing director of Lotto Bangladesh, and Imran Hossain Tushar, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, pose for photographs after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: LOTTO BANGLADESH

### Revised Tender Notice

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the date and time mentioned in the open tender notice published in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur Memo No: 05.45.3900.000.012.01.0079.25-813 Date: 16/10/2025 has been revised as follows:

Sl	Perticular Information	Date	Time
17	Tender Last Selling Date	17/11/2025	03.00 PM
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	18/11/2025	12.00 PM
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	18/11/2025	01.00 PM

Note: Other all terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

  
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## Fix tax rates for illegal phones

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4G coverage, meaning millions of people still lack access to internet-based services simply because they do not own compatible handsets.

Lowering duties and rationalising the tax structure, the commission argues, would help make smartphones more affordable and expand access to digital services.

BTRC stressed the importance of establishing fair competition between locally produced devices and imported phones.

It said that without alignment in tax policies, local manufacturers will continue to face an unfair

disadvantage, particularly against illegally imported devices that enter the market without duty or VAT documentation.

A harmonised tax structure, the letter added, would "ensure the interests of all involved" and enhance consumer confidence.

The commission believes that once NEIR becomes operational, the use of illegal handsets will decline significantly, shifting more of the market towards legally imported and locally produced smartphones.

This shift, it said, would help the handset industry grow and increase its contribution to the national economy.

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### Invitation for e-Tender notice

1	Ministry/ Division	Local Government Division.
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).
3	Project/Program Name	Project for Safe Water Supply Throughout the Country & Project for Development of Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities at Swarupkathi Pouroushava
4	e-Tender IDs (with Package Number)	1164884 (PSWSC-6606), 1164502 (SMWSSP-PW 15), 1164503 (SMWSSP-PW 16) & 1164505 (SMWSSP-PW 13).
5	Description of works	PSWSC-6606: Construction of Piped Water Supply Scheme with 02 Nos Test Tubewell, 02 Nos Production Tubewell, 01 No Pump House, 01 No R.C.C Over Head Water Tank, Mechanical works, Electrical Works, Pipe Line/Water Distribution Networks etc. at Kawkhali Upazila in Pirojpur District under Safe Water Supply Through Out The Country Project, FY-2025-2026. SMWSSP-PW 15 & 16: Construction of Warookhana including all Sanitary and Electrical works under "Project for Development of Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities at Swarupkathi Pouroushava" at Sorsena Dorbar Soref Area in Pirojpur District. FY 2025-2026. SMWSSP-PW 13: Construction of 1 KM RCC Drain (1000mm width X 1000 mm Height X 150mm wall thickness) with cover slab under "Project for Development of Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities at Swarupkathi Pouroushava" at Sorsena Dorbar Soref Area in Pirojpur District. FY 2025-2026.
6	Name & Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Jayanta Sarker, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Pirojpur District.
7	This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP Web Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/ firms can see details in the website: <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">www.eprocure.gov.bd</a>	

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Date: 10.11.2025

### e-GP: Tender Notice (OTM)

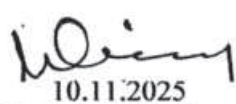
e-Tender is invited in the e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following Physical Services. Details are given below:

Sl. No	Tender ID No.	Description of Procurement	Tender Documents Last selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing & Opening date & Time
1	1164103	Providing Manpower Services for Various Categories to the Seed Certification Agency through Outsourcing	26-Nov-2025 and 01:00 P.M.	26-Nov-2025 at 04:00 P.M.

The interested persons/firms may visit the website [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

  
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### Invitation for Tender (Works) (NOTM) e-Tender Notice No. 03/2025-2026

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works, details are given below.

Sl No	Tender ID No	Package No	Description of works	Tender last selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing/Opening (Date & Time)
1.	1161858	e-Tender/PEDP4 /RAN/SAD/2025-2026/W14-3724	Construction of Boundary Wall & Gate of DHAPAR HAT GPS under PEDP4 at Upazila: Sadar, District: Rangpur.	07-12-2025 16:00	08-12-2025 13:00
2.	1161859	e-Tender/PEDP4 /RAN/SAD/2025-2026/W14-3725	Construction of Boundary Wall & Gate of KALLYAN SANGSHAD GPS under PEDP4 at Upazila: Sadar, District: Rangpur.	07-12-2025 16:00	08-12-2025 13:00
3.	1161860	e-Tender/PEDP4 /RAN/SAD/2025-2026/W14-3726	Construction of Boundary Wall & Gate of HOSSAIN NAGOR GPS under PEDP4 at Upazila: Sadar, District: Rangpur.	07-12-2025 16:00	08-12-2025 13:00

This is an 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 National e-GP system portal (<http://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 registered banks branches up to 07 December 2025 at 16.00.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

  
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