

## City Bank unveils 'world elite credit card' with Mastercard

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City Bank PLC, in partnership with Mastercard, has launched the first-ever credit card under the Mastercard network in Bangladesh, named the "City Bank Mastercard World Elite Credit Card".

Designed for affluent and high-net-worth customers, the card provides a wide range of exclusive lifestyle benefits, personalised services, and seamless global access, according to a press release.

With this introduction, City Bank aims to elevate the premium banking experience and cater to clients who value luxury, convenience, and international-standard services.

Md Mahbubur Rahman, additional managing director and chief financial officer of City Bank PLC, and Gautam Aggarwal, president of Mastercard South

Asia, inaugurated the card at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

Rahman said the introduction of the World Elite Credit Card reflects City Bank's commitment to bringing world-class financial products to its customers.

Aggarwal highlighted the rising number of affluent consumers in Bangladesh who seek premium experiences while maintaining local relevance, noting that this trend mirrors the country's economic progress.

Cardholders will enjoy a host of privileges, including a Tk 10,000 welcome gift voucher and dedicated investment advisory services from City Capital.

They will also have access to "Buy One Get One Free Buffet" offers at leading five-star hotels such as Sheraton Dhaka, The Westin Dhaka, Le Méridien, and others.



Md Mahbubur Rahman, additional managing director and chief financial officer of City Bank PLC, and Gautam Aggarwal, president of Mastercard South Asia, attend the launch of a credit card, named the "City Bank Mastercard World Elite Credit Card" at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: CITY BANK

## BRAC Bank launches platinum multicurrency debit card with Mastercard

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BRAC Bank PLC Sunday launched a new Platinum Multicurrency Debit Card on the Mastercard network, offering customers a convenient and secure way to manage both local and international transactions.

Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO of BRAC Bank PLC, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard Bangladesh, unveiled the card at an event in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Khan said, "The

Mastercard Platinum Multicurrency Debit Card reflects BRAC Bank's focus on innovation and customer convenience. It brings together everyday usability, global access, and secure technology, empowering customers to manage their finances confidently, wherever they are."

Kamal said, "This new card is designed to empower customers with greater flexibility, enhanced security, and access to exclusive local and global benefits, bringing world-class payment experiences to their fingertips and shaping the future of digital commerce in Bangladesh."

He began his professional career at Arab Bangladesh Bank (AB Bank) Limited as a probationary officer.

He later worked at BRAC Bank, IPDC Finance, Midland Bank, IIDFC, and Uttara Finance and Investment Limited.

He has also participated in numerous local and international programmes on credit risk, corporate finance, MSME financing, loan structuring, international trade, ethical banking, green financing and leadership. He has received multiple awards for his performance throughout his career.

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Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO of BRAC Bank PLC, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard Bangladesh, pose for photographs at the launch of the new "Platinum Multicurrency Debit Card" at an event in Dhaka on Sunday.

PHOTO: BRAC BANK

## Meghna Bank arranges AML & CFT training for Khulna region

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Meghna Bank PLC recently arranged a daylong training programme on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) for branch officials of the Khulna zone.

Mohammad Mokter Hossain, additional director of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), and Shahalam Kazi, joint director, conducted the sessions as resource persons, according to a press release.

The training session aimed to enhance awareness and strengthen the capacity of bank officials in money laundering prevention activities and in reporting suspicious financial transactions, in line with the guidelines of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU).

Among others, Rashedul Alam,



Mohammad Mokter Hossain, additional director of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, and Shahalam Kazi, joint director, pose for a group photograph with participants of a training on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, organised by Meghna Bank PLC, in Khulna recently.

PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

head of the human resources division of the bank, and Md Nizam Uddin Parvej, head of the anti-

money laundering department and deputy chief anti-money laundering compliance officer, were also present.

## Alliance Finance supports CRP's income-generating projects for people with disabilities

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Alliance Finance PLC has partnered with the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) to support ongoing skill development initiatives aimed at empowering people with disabilities, as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts.

Kanti Kumar Saha, chief executive officer of Alliance Finance PLC, handed over a cheque to Valerie Ann Taylor, founder of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, at the latter's office in Savar recently, according to a press release.

Since its inception, CRP has been working to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities into mainstream society.

Many individuals with disabilities in Bangladesh lack the financial resources to engage in income-generating activities, resulting in economic hardship and social



Valerie Ann Taylor, founder of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, receives a cheque from Kanti Kumar Saha, chief executive officer of Alliance Finance PLC, at her office in Savar recently.

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To address this issue, CRP provides comprehensive rehabilitation services that include donor-funded skills development training and in-

kind post-training support.

These programmes help individuals with disabilities become economically independent and regain confidence.

## Economic activities subdued

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The economic review from the chamber cited higher exports and imports during the July-September period of 2025 and projected that increased exports and imports may continue in the next quarter.

The spike in exports was mainly fuelled, as usual, by robust performance in both knitwear and woven garments, it added.

The MCCI forecast an increased inflow of remittances and relatively stable foreign exchange reserves in the October-December quarter.

The review said net inflows of foreign direct investment (FDI) in

the first three months of the current fiscal year increased, but added that FDI inflow in Bangladesh is low compared to many other countries at a similar level of development.

"Bangladesh's low labour costs are generally believed to be attractive to foreign investors, yet they hesitate to make fresh investments in the country because of underdeveloped infrastructure," it said.

Shortages of energy and weak transmission infrastructure, lack of consistency in policy and regulatory frameworks, scarcity of industrial land, corruption, and non-transparent and uneven application

of rules and regulations are other impediments.

"The government needs to address these impediments to attract more FDI to the country and ensure the country's economic development."

The MCCI report cited slow economic growth at 3.35 percent in the fourth quarter of the last FY25, down from 4.86 percent in the previous quarter, but said there had been "some signs of recovery".

"Improvements in exports,

imports, inflation, and remittances have helped stabilise foreign currency reserves and provided some support to the broader economy," it said.

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## Mohammad Shahin made new MD of IIDFC

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Abu Shadat Mohammad Shahin has recently been appointed as the managing director (MD) of IIDFC PLC.

Prior to this appointment, Shahin had been serving as the managing director (current charge) since April 2025, according to a press release.

He joined IIDFC as a deputy managing director in September 2024.

Shahin has 25 years of distinguished experience in the banking and financial sector and is recognised for his strategic leadership and in-depth industry expertise.

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## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ

পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়

ব্রাক্ষণবাড়িয়া

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

তারিখ: ২৩/১/২০২৫

স্মারক নং-৪৬৩৫/১ম খন্ড (রেশন)

২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বছরের ত্যো কোয়ার্টারের (জানুয়ারি/২০২৬ হতে মার্চ/২০২৬ পর্যন্ত) জন্য রেশন সাময়ীর মণ্ডলোভাল ও সয়াবিন তেল দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে ক্ষয় এবং নিমিত্তে দি পুরাণ প্রক্রিয়ামেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৬ ও ২০০৮ অনুসারে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে সীমান্মোহরকৃত বামে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১ মুসলিম/বিভাগ

ব্রাক্ষণ মুসলিম/জনমিলাপনা বিভাগ।

২ সংস্থা

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।

৩ দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান

পুলিশ সুপার কার্যালয়বাড়িয়া।

৪ কি কারণে দরপত্র আহবান

জেলা পুলিশের দেশন সাময়ী ক্ষয়।

৫ দরপত্র নং

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৬ তারিখ

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কাজের বিবরণঃ

৭ দরপত্রের পক্ষত

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।

অধিকার উৎসঃ

৮ বাজেট ও অর্দেনেটিক খাত

বাজেট খাত।

তথ্যাদিঃ

৯ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের তারিখ

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১০ দরপত্রের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়

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১১ দরপত্র জ্ঞান প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়

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অফিসের মাম ও টিকানাঃ

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