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PHOTO: AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK

Al-Arafah Islami Bank opens stall at SME Product Fair

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Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC has opened an SME stall at the 12th National SME Product Fair at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center in Agargaon, Dhaka.

Mohd Rafat Ullah Khan, acting managing director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC, inaugurated the SME stall as the chief guest on Sunday, according to a press release.

During the inauguration, Khan said the SME sector is playing an important role in enhancing the capacity of small and medium entrepreneurs in the country.

“Al-Arafah Islami Bank is continuously working to provide financing, training, and guidance to entrepreneurs through financial inclusion.”

“The bank is committed to providing easier, innovative, and Shariah-compliant banking services to SME entrepreneurs,” he added.

Visitors at the fair can receive on-the-spot information, consultation, and guidance from the stall regarding the bank’s Shariah-compliant investment facilities, SME financing, women entrepreneur support, digital banking services, and various other offerings.

SM Abu Jafar, deputy managing director of the bank; Jalal Ahmed, executive vice-president; Solaiman Al Raji and Monirul Islam, senior vice-presidents; and Sheikh Asadul Haque, senior assistant vice-president; along with other senior officials, were also present at the event.



Nazma Mobarek, secretary to the Financial Institutions Division under the Ministry of Finance, inaugurates the workshop, titled “Non-Performing Loan (NPL) Management”, at the bank’s head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK

Bangladesh Development Bank holds workshop on NPL management


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Bangladesh Development Bank PLC recently organised a workshop, titled “Non-Performing Loan (NPL) Management”, at its head office in Dhaka.

Nazma Mobarek, secretary to the Financial Institutions Division under the Ministry of Finance, inaugurated the

workshop as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Ahmed Ismet, chairman of the bank; Md Azimuddin Biswas, additional secretary of the Financial Institutions Division; and Md Jashim Uddin, managing director and chief executive officer, along with other senior executives of the bank, were also present at the event.



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Invitation for e-Tenders

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for Procurement of the following works.

Invitation Reference No.	Tender ID	Package No. & description	Tender/proposal document last selling date & time	Tender/proposal closing & opening date & time
42.01.4100. 622.01.07. 09.25-1507 Dated: 07.12.2025	1191943	Package No. Jash/OEB-09/25-26 Supply of 175 kg weight(polyester) geobags for use Emergency Situations in the Coming monsoon season under operational expenditure budget of Jashore WD Division, BWDB Jashore during the year 2025-26.	23-Dec-2025 17:00 hrs	24-Dec-2025 11:10 hrs
42.01.4100. 622.01.07. 09.25-1502 Dated: 07.12.2025	1191829	Package No. Jash/OEB-05/25-26 Re-excavation of Buri Bhadra River from km 0.000 to km 1.000-1.000 km & from km 3.800 km to km 5.000 = 1.200 km Total 2.200 km at Upazila: Keshabpur, District Jashore under Operational Expenditure Budget of Jashore WD division, BWDB. Jashore during the year 2025-26.	23-Dec-2025 17:00 hrs	24-Dec-2025 11:00 hrs

This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copies will be accepted.

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Prime Bank, BB host ‘Customer Awareness Week’

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Prime Bank PLC, in collaboration with Bangladesh Bank, recently organised the “Customer Awareness Week 2025 (Dhaka Division)” at the City Convention Hall in Kishoreganj.

Md Niamul Kabir, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, attended the event as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Under the theme “Building Awareness for Financial Security”, the event was attended by Joydeb Chandra Banik, director of Bangladesh Bank’s Mymensingh Office, and Md Iqbal Hossain, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, as special guests.

The ceremony featured extensive discussions on key aspects of banking safety — including secure digital transactions, fraud prevention strategies, cyber risks, customer grievance redressal mechanisms, data protection, banking policies, and the rights and responsibilities of customers.

Several sessions were held on financial inclusion and customer protection to ensure that people from all walks of life can access financial services easily, safely, and confidently.



Md Niamul Kabir, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, poses for a group photograph with participants of the “Customer Awareness Week 2025 (Dhaka Division)” at the City Convention Hall in Kishoreganj recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Munir Ahmed Chowdhury, director of the Financial Integrity and Customer Services Department of the central bank, presided over the programme.

Kazi Reshad Mahub, head of consumer protection and service quality at Prime Bank, gave a presentation on the bank’s innovative initiative ‘Prime Serve’ and its customer complaint resolution process.

Mohammad Mahenur Alam, additional director of the FICSD of Bangladesh Bank and head of the strategic communication team; Kamal Siddique and Fakir Mazhar, customer representatives; along with senior officials from Bangladesh Bank, senior representatives from 54 banks and 19 non-bank financial institutions, as well as local customers and business leaders, were also present.

Mutual Trust Bank inaugurates entrepreneurship development programme in Jashore

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Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) PLC, in collaboration with the SME and Special Programmes Department of the Bangladesh Bank, has inaugurated a month-long entrepreneurship development programme in Jashore.

Some 25 entrepreneurs have registered for this ADB-funded and Ministry of Finance-implemented programme under the Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program (SICIP).

Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, attended the event as the chief guest and highlighted the importance of the programme.

This intensive programme aims to enhance the competencies of entrepreneurs and help them attain eligibility to access finance and financial services from the formal sector to grow their businesses.

Sanjib Kumar Dey, head of the SME and agri-banking division at the bank, presided over the event and thanked all relevant stakeholders for their support and guidance in holding such a timely programme.



Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, poses for a group photograph with participants of an entrepreneurship development programme, organised jointly by Mutual Trust Bank PLC and the SME and Special Programmes Department of the Bangladesh Bank, in Jashore recently.

PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

Trust Bank signs MoU with Bangladesh Angels Network

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Trust Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh Angels Network (BAN) aimed at bridging institutional financial strength with the dynamism of early-stage startups, fostering new avenues for growth and investment.

Sadat Ahmad Khan, senior vice-president and head of the SME division of Trust Bank PLC, and Ivy Huq Russell, chief executive officer of Bangladesh Angels Network, signed the MoU at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Under this collaboration, Trust Bank and Bangladesh Angels Network will work jointly to identify promising startups and support them through access to capital, strategic advisory services, knowledge-sharing, capacity-building programmes, and business readiness initiatives.



Ivy Huq Russell, chief executive officer of Bangladesh Angels Network, and Sadat Ahmad Khan, senior vice-president and head of the SME division of Trust Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

BRAC Bank retains S&P ‘B+’ rating with stable outlook

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BRAC Bank PLC has obtained a ‘B+’ long-term credit rating with a ‘Stable’ outlook, as affirmed by S&P Global Ratings, the world’s leading credit rating agency.

This is equivalent to the sovereign rating of Bangladesh and marks the continuation of this achievement for the last nine years, according to a press release.

Despite challenges in the banking sector, S&P has maintained its confidence in BRAC Bank and stated in its report released on November 26 this year: “BRAC Bank will maintain its financial profile amid tough operating conditions. BRAC Bank’s improved profitability, high earnings retention, and calibrated loan growth should support the risk-adjusted capital ratio over the next two years.”

“We expect the bank’s non-performing loan ratio to stay at 3.1 percent 3.5 percent over the next 12-18 months, significantly lower than the average for Bangladesh’s banking sector. The bank’s balanced loan book and proactive risk management should keep asset quality healthy,” the S&P Global Ratings report added.

Regarding BRAC Bank’s stable outlook, S&P commented: “The stable outlook on BRAC Bank reflects our view that the bank should be able to steadily navigate challenging operating conditions in Bangladesh and maintain its financial profile over the next 12-18 months.”

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Corrigendum for Advertisement of EOI

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Following aspect of the reference EOI “Selection of Training Specialist and Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist”, published on 05 December 2025 has been corrected as follows:

For:

EOI Closing Date	Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the undersigned address by 3:00pm on or before 21/12/25, in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Expression of Interest”, contract Package number and position applied for. In addition to that soft copy of REOI will be required to be submitted through email to: pd.beibey.simcbp@gmail.com
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EOI Closing Date	Expressions of Interest must be submitted through e-GP by 3:00pm on or before 30/12/25
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This is an e-GP tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP website and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, first you need registration on e-GP.

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RE-TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed tender in Local currency is invited from bonafide Manufacturer/Dealer/Suppliers/Importers (enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh Navy:

S.No	Name of Item	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Cost of Tender Schedule	Tender Number	Currency
		From	To				
1.	Rifle Magazine Pouch for 5.56 mm M-4 Carbine, Utility Pouch, Flash Bang Pouch, Smoke Grenade Pouch, Radio Pouch and Tourmiquet Pouch (Qty: 06 L/U)	08-12-25	21-12-25	22-12-25	2000.00	246.07.091.25 Dt. 24 Sep 25	2 nd Time Local

2. Tender schedule with detailed specification/condition will be available in this Directorate General on payment as per I/T selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours on the above mentioned date of selling. The tender can be dropped in the tender box latest by 1200 hours and the same will be opened at 1205 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of the tenderers (if present).

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Lt Commander BN
For Director General