

NCC Bank Securities signs loan deal with ICB

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NCC Bank Securities and Financial Services Limited (NCCB Securities), a subsidiary of NCC Bank PLC, has recently signed a loan agreement with the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB).

Under the agreement, ICB has approved a loan of Tk 2,500 crore for NCCB Securities to invest in its own portfolio.

Niranjan Chandra Debnath, managing director of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), and M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC and director of NCCB Securities, signed the agreement at a ceremony held at ICB's head office in Motijheel, Dhaka, according to a press release.

Speaking at the ceremony, Debnath said, "This agreement is not just a financial transaction; it is a symbol of mutual trust, cooperation, and our joint commitment to building a stronger and more sustainable capital market."

Arefin remarked, "We highly value our long-term relationship with ICB, which has been playing a significant role in the development and stability of the country's capital market."

"Today's collaboration is an expression of mutual trust and a joint commitment



M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC and director of NCCB Securities, and Niranjan Chandra Debnath, managing director of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the latter's head office in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

to responsibly strengthening and stabilising the capital market."

"NCC Bank is committed to financial transparency and corporate governance. This agreement will not only further

strengthen our relationship but also pave the way for new strategic collaborations with ICB in the future," he added.

Md Nurul Huda, deputy managing director of ICB; Md Habib Ullah, general

manager; Babul Chandra Debnath, deputy general manager; Ahsanul Arefin, chief executive officer of NCCB Securities; and Mohammad Delwar Hossain, first assistant vice-president, were also present.

Eastern Bank organises annual risk conference

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) recently organised its "Annual Risk Conference 2025" under the theme "Transforming Risk Culture-Within and Beyond" at its head office in Dhaka.

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision (DOS) at Bangladesh Bank, attended the conference as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Ali Reza Iftikhar, managing director of Eastern Bank PLC, presided over the programme, where Surabhi Ghosh, additional director of the DOS at the

central bank, was present as the special guest.

During the event, participants reviewed key areas of risk, including liquidity, market, operational, credit, and other core risks, and discussed the way forward for strengthening the bank's overall risk management framework, the release added.

Mahdiar Rahman, chairman of the executive risk management committee of EBL, was also present, along with deputy managing directors, the risk management division, division heads, senior executives, and senior managers from across the country.



ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision (DOS) at Bangladesh Bank, poses for a group photograph with participants of the "Annual Risk Conference 2025", organised by Eastern Bank PLC, at the latter's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Mutual Trust Bank hosts '5th Annual Risk Conference 2025'

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) recently organised its "5th Annual Risk Conference 2025", underscoring the bank's commitment to fostering a robust risk management culture and aligning with regulatory expectations.

The event brought together over 425 participants, including branch managers, branch operations managers, customer service officers, and executives involved in managing risks at both branch and head-office levels.

This year's conference theme, "Adaptive Risk Strategies: Balancing Regulation, Innovation, and Sustainability", reflected the bank's proactive approach to addressing emerging challenges.

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-site Supervision (Division 2) at Bangladesh Bank, attended the conference at MTB Tower on III Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in Dhaka.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC, presided over the event.



PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-site Supervision (Division-2) at Bangladesh Bank, and Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC, pose for a group photograph with participants of MTB's "5th Annual Risk Conference 2025" at MTB Tower in Dhaka recently.

Mercantile Bank hold anti-money laundering training in Sylhet



Khaled Ahmed, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, poses for a group photograph with participants of a training programme on "Prevention of Money Laundering & Combating Financing of Terrorism" in Sylhet recently.

PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

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Mercantile Bank PLC recently organised a training programme on "Prevention of Money Laundering & Combating Financing of Terrorism" in Sylhet, aimed at strengthening awareness and capacity among banking and financial professionals in the region.

A total of 50 participants from the Sylhet region attended the event.

Khaled Ahmed, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, attended the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Shamim Ahmed, deputy managing director and chief anti-money laundering compliance officer of Mercantile Bank PLC, was present as the special guest.

The speakers emphasised the importance of continuous training in preventing financial crimes and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Bitcoin's 2025

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Saylor, speaking to Reuters last week, said his company could survive a 95 percent fall in the price of bitcoin.

Those April and October plunges highlighted the growing correlation between bitcoin and equities, and in particular, artificial intelligence stocks, which share similar attributes and have been hit

by worries that valuations are in bubble territory.

Historically, bitcoin and stocks did not move in tandem because crypto was seen as an alternative investment. But with broader crypto adoption by traditional retail investors and some institutions, the correlation looks to be strengthening, analysts said.

Trump says US will allow sale

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Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun did not directly confirm the agreement when asked, but said that "China has always advocated for mutual benefit and win-win outcomes through cooperation between China and the United States."

Under Biden-era restrictions, the H200 and

similar advanced chips were blocked from export to China.

"We applaud President Trump's decision to allow America's chip industry to compete to support high paying jobs and manufacturing in America," an Nvidia spokesperson told AFP.

"Offering H200 to approved commercial

customers, vetted by the Department of Commerce, strikes a thoughtful balance that is great for America."

Trump emphasized that Nvidia's most advanced chips — the Blackwell series and forthcoming Rubin processors — are not included in the agreement and remain available only to US customers.

bKash redefines 'Amar bKash' icon based on customer needs

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The country's leading mobile financial service (MFS) provider, bKash, recently redefined its app to make it simpler and more efficient, tailoring its features to each customer's usage patterns and needs.

The new presentation of the 'My bKash (Amar bKash)' icon now gives users an instant snapshot of their daily financial transactions.

By consolidating all transaction details into one customised space, overall financial management has become easier and more effective, according to a press release.

The interfaces of 'My bKash' and 'My Offers' have also been redesigned in a cleaner and more organised way.

Along with this, new themes have been added, bringing significant changes to the overall look of the widely used app.

Additionally, the latest version of the bKash app includes features such as bonus points, the option to purchase insurance policies directly from the app, coupons, rewards, and more.

Dollar steady

REUTERS, Singapore/London

The dollar held steady on Tuesday ahead of an expected rate cut from the Federal Reserve, while the Aussie dollar was firmer after its central bank ruled out more easing.

Markets are anticipating a rate cut from the Fed, and preparing for several more central bank decisions before the weekend.

"The Fed is tomorrow so market participants probably aren't really looking for repositioning ahead of this," said Michael Pfister, FX analyst at Commerzbank.

The US dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, slipped 0.1 percent to 98.977.

Traders are also looking ahead to the US NFIB's small business optimism index for November as well as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) for October due later in the session.

Bond investors are dialling back expectations of rate cuts in 2026 as scepticism mounts that Kevin Hassett, the frontrunner to succeed Jerome Powell, whose eight-year term as Fed chair ends in May, will prove as dovish as hoped by US President Donald Trump.

"গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অঞ্চলয় রোখ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।"

"বিনিয়োগ ও স্থানীয় নিরপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার।"

বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস ফিল্ডস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)
Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd.
(A Company of Petrobangla)

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFCL), A Company of Petrobangla
3	Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFCL)
4	Procuring Entity Code	-----
5	Procuring Entity District	Brahmanbaria
6	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Ref. No. BGFCL/GOODS(FP)/235 Dated December 09, 2025
7	Invitation for	Procurement of Spare Parts of Waukesha Engine; Engine Model: 16V275GL+
8	Procurement Method	One stage two envelope tendering (International Competitive tendering)
9	Budget & Source of Fund	Own Fund of BGFCL
10	Tender Publication Date	December 10, 2025
11	Tender Selling Date & Time	a) Tender documents will be available between 09:00 hrs & 15:00 hrs (BST) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) from December 10, 2025 to January 21, 2026. No extension in closing date for selling of tender documents will be allowed. b) Place: BGFCL's Liaison office at Petrocentre (14th Floor), 3 Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka. c) Price of Tender Document: Tender documents will be sold on payment of USD 20.00 or BDT 2,500.00 (Non-refundable)
12	Tender Closing Date & Time	a) Date & time: January 22, 2026 up to 11:15 hrs (BST). b) Place: BGFCL, Head Office, Meeting room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria - 3400.
13	Tender Opening Date & Time	a) Date & time: January 22, 2026 at 11:30 hrs (BST) in presence of the Tenderer's representatives, if any. b) Place: BGFCL Head Office, Meeting Room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400.
14	Date, Time & Place for Pre-Tender meeting	Not Applicable
15	Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed firms, manufacturers and suppliers from all countries except Israel with the following international experience: (a) Tenderer must have overall minimum 05 (five) years experience. (b) If the tenderer is not the manufacturer himself, the tenderer must submit Authorization Letter from the manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized distributor to prove the quoted materials are genuine. (c) Tenderer shall have experience in supplying similar materials to other than the Tenderer's own country. (d) Manufacturer shall have minimum 10 (ten) years experience in manufacturing the offered products. (e) Manufacturer shall have valid ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 certificates as well as tenderer shall have valid ISO 9001 certificate.
16	Description of Goods	Spare Parts of Waukesha Engine; Engine Model: 16V275GL+
17	Tender Security Amount	USD 4,750.00 or BDT. 5,60,000.00 In the form of Bank Guarantee only
18	Delivery Time	120 days from the date of L/C opening
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. M. K. Masuk
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (Technical Services)
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFCL), Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria - 3400, Bangladesh, Telephone no. +8801730 093679, E-mail: prb@bgfcl@gmail.com, bgfcl@bgfcl.org.bd
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	
	Special Information	i. Tenders must remain valid for 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of closing of the tender. ii. The tender security must remain valid for 148 (one hundred forty eight) days from the date of closing of the tender. iii. In case of any unavoidable circumstances such as strike, civil commotion, Govt. declared holiday, etc. tender will be received and opened on the following working day. iv. Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. v. Tender submitted by e-mail will be rejected. Likewise photocopy of e-mailed tenders will also be rejected. vi. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders or annul the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected tenderers. vii. This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Act 2006 and the Public Procurement Rule 2025. The aforesaid notice is also available at and BPPA website @ www.cptu.gov.bd, Petrobangla website @ www.petrobangla.org.bd and BGFCL website @ www.bgfcl.gov.bd.

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