

Square Toiletries holds annual sales conference

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Square Toiletries Limited recently held its “Annual Sales Conference 2026” at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox’s Bazar, with nearly 1,600 members of the company taking part.

This year’s conference slogan was “Shahoshi Loraie, Lokkho Chariye.”

Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Toiletries Limited, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his inaugural speech, Chowdhury said 2025 had been a challenging year for everyone, adding that the year was successfully concluded due to the collective efforts and sense of responsibility of all employees.

He expressed optimism that the momentum of success would continue in the new year. During the conference, Square Toiletries launched several new products, including Meril Serum Soap Bar, Meril Moisturising Shower Gel and Hair Growth Scalp Serum, under its

renowned brands Meril, Milk Soap Bar, Vitamin-C Soap Bar and Maya.

Square’s oral care brand White Plus introduced a 10 percent Baking Soda Toothpaste, expected to add a new dimension to teeth whitening.

Noting that most powdered instant drinks in the market contain nearly 94 percent sugar, the company said its brand Zerocal has launched a powdered instant drink targeting health conscious consumers.

Revive, a trending skincare brand, launched the Revive Glass Skin Serum Range at an affordable price, aiming to meet the demands of modern skincare.

Meanwhile, Square’s natural wellness brand Maya introduced new skincare and haircare products made entirely with natural and organic ingredients.

Actor Shakib Khan, brand ambassador of Meril Petroleum Jelly, was present.

The company also recognised and awarded its best salespeople for outstanding performance throughout the year.



Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Toiletries Limited, poses for a group photograph with participants of the company’s “Annual Sales Conference 2026” at Hotel Sea Palace in Cox’s Bazar recently.

PHOTO: SQUARE TOILETRIES

Pubali Bank arranges managers’ conference

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Pubali Bank PLC yesterday held its “1st Managers’ Conference-2026” for managers of all branches, sub-branches and Islamic banking windows from the Dhaka Central, North and South regions.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest at the bank’s head office in Dhaka, according to a press release. In his speech, Ali urged managers to play a more active role in the bank’s ongoing progress, the development of customer service and the expansion of technology-based banking systems.

He said, “Pubali Bank is a symbol of trust and confidence in the country’s financial sector. Every branch must work together to make customer service easier, faster and more modern.”



Air Commodore (ret) Md Shaharul Huda, executive member of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, and Osman Ershad Faiz, managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding at Bida’s office in Agargaon, Dhaka recently. Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, executive chairman of Bida, was present.

PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

Bangladesh Development Bank organises managers’ conference

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Bangladesh Development Bank PLC yesterday organised its “Managers’ Conference-2026” at its head office in Dhaka.

Ahmed Ismet, chairman of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Md Jashim Uddin, managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, presided over the meeting.

Md Abdul Mojib, Md Shah Alam, Sultan Mahmud Bin Zulfiqar,

Md Shah Alam Mia and Md Chaynul Haque, directors of the bank, attended the event.

Parveen Akter, deputy managing director, was also present, along with all general managers, managers and other senior officials of the bank.



PHOTO: BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK

Ahmed Ismet, chairman of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, attends the bank’s “Managers’ Conference-2026” at its head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Dhaka Bank to integrate services with Bida’s OSS portal

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Dhaka Bank PLC recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) to integrate its services with Bida’s One Stop Service (OSS) portal.

Osman Ershad Faiz, managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, and Air Commodore (ret) Md Shaharul Huda, executive member of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, signed the MoU at the Bida’s office in the capital’s Agargaon, according to a press release.

In his remarks, Faiz said, “We express our sincere gratitude to Bida for this

visionary One Stop Service initiative, which is a transformative step towards improving Bangladesh’s investment climate.”

“By simplifying and digitalising the business setup process, the OSS portal significantly enhances the country’s ability to attract foreign direct investment. Dhaka Bank, with its 30 years of experience and strong reputation as a corporate-oriented bank, is well positioned to support this national agenda.”

“We are fully prepared to offer our expertise and tailored financial services to both foreign and domestic investors through this integrated platform, ensuring a seamless and efficient banking experience,” he added.



Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank PLC, inaugurates a new shariah-based banking branch in Feni recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

NCC Bank opens Islamic banking branch in Feni

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NCC Bank PLC launched a shariah-based Islamic banking branch in Feni last week, marking a milestone in the bank’s expansion of Islamic banking services across the country.

Through the branch, customers from all sectors, including SME, agriculture and import-export trade, will be able to access comprehensive shariah-based Islamic banking services.

Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank PLC, inaugurated the branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his address, Salim said, “Over its 32-year journey, NCC Bank has earned the trust of customers through modern, technology-driven and timely banking services. The bank remains firmly committed to providing enhanced customer service to meet the evolving needs of its clients.”

“Considering the growing importance of Islamic banking in the socio-economic context of Bangladesh, we have already introduced shariah-based banking operations, which have received encouraging responses. Alongside

conventional banking, Islamic banking will play a vital role in strengthening the country’s financial sector and the local economy,” he added.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank, presided over the event, where Abdus Salam, vice-chairman; Khairul Alam Chaklader, chairman of the executive committee; and Syed Asif Nizamuddin, director, attended as special guests.

Referring to the strong potential of Islamic banking in Bangladesh, Arefin said NCC Bank has launched shariah-compliant banking services across the country. He added that the bank has already opened two full-fledged Islamic branches in Gulshan, Dhaka, and Muradpur, Chattogram, along with Islamic banking windows at 32 branches nationwide.

Among others, Md Zakir Anam and Md Habibur Rahman, deputy managing directors; Abul Quasem Md Safiullah, executive vice-president and head of Islamic banking; Sharif Mohammad Mahsin, senior vice-president and head of SME; Mohammad Nurul Haque, senior vice-president and head for the South East region; and Khaled Afzal Rahim, vice-president and head of branch support, were also present.

Premier Bank hosts BAMLCO conference

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Premier Bank PLC yesterday organised a daylong “BAMLCO Conference 2026” at its head office in Banani, Dhaka, aimed at enhancing knowledge and capabilities in anti-money laundering (AML) and combating the financing of terrorism (CFT).

Md Mofizur Rahman Khan Chowdhury, executive director and deputy head of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), attended the event as the chief guest.

In his remarks, Chowdhury emphasised the need to build a strong, risk-based and sustainable compliance framework within the banking sector to effectively prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

He also highlighted the importance of regular capacity building, robust transaction monitoring systems, and the timely identification, analysis and reporting of suspicious transactions.

Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurated the conference, according to a press release.

In his inaugural remarks, Rahman said



Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank’s “BAMLCO Conference 2026” at its head office in Banani, Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

compliance is a key foundation of trust and sustainable growth in banking. He added that by equipping officials with appropriate knowledge and effective tools, Premier Bank continues to reaffirm its commitment to integrity and transparency.

Rahman also said the previous practice of inflating expenses—a common money-laundering technique—has been fully eliminated, strengthening the bank’s compliance culture and reflecting its commitment to strict regulatory adherence.

Meghna Petroleum declares 200% cash dividend

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Meghna Petroleum Limited has announced a 200 percent cash dividend for the year 2025.

The announcement was made at the company’s 47th annual general meeting (AGM), which was held virtually yesterday, according to a press release.

Farzana Momtaz, secretary to the Power Division and chairman of Meghna Petroleum Limited, presided over the meeting, which was attended virtually by a large number of shareholders from across the country. The company reported a profit after tax of Tk 664.32 crore, while its earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 61.39 for the financial year (FY) 2024-25.

Ummul Hasna and Md Abdullah Al Mamun, independent directors of the company; Md Ziaul Haque, additional secretary of the Energy and Mineral Resources Division and director; Rawnak Jahan, joint secretary of the Finance Division and director; and Naznin Parvin, joint secretary and director (finance) of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), attended the meeting.

Among others, Md Ali Ahmed Shawkat Chowdhury, professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET); Zeyad Rahman, shareholder director and representative of Delta Life Insurance PLC; Md Shahirul Hasan, managing director; and Farhana Akter, company secretary, also joined the meeting.



PHOTO: MEGHNA PETROLEUM

Farzana Momtaz, secretary to the Power Division and chairman of Meghna Petroleum Limited, presides over the company’s 47th annual general meeting yesterday. The meeting announced a 200 percent cash dividend for 2025.