

## Pubali Bank, bKash launch automated cash service

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Pubali Bank PLC has signed a partnership agreement with the country's leading mobile financial service (MFS) provider, bKash Limited, to launch 24/7 automated cash management services for bKash agents, distributors and partners across the country.

Md Rabiul Alam, deputy general manager and head of the Alternative Delivery Channel Division of Pubali Bank PLC, and Moinuddin Mohammed Rahgir, chief financial officer of bKash Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release. Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, attended the signing ceremony.

Under the partnership, bKash's extensive network of agents and distributors maintaining accounts with Pubali Bank will gain access to round-the-clock automated cash management facilities. The service is designed to enable seamless fund transfers, instant settlements and improved liquidity management, allowing partners to operate



Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, exchange signed documents of the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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beyond traditional banking hours.

Ahamed Ashraf Sharif, head of treasury at bKash Limited; Endra Mohan Sutradhar, general manager and head of the Software Development Division and chief technology officer; and Md Helal Uddin, general manager and head of the ICT Operation Division, were

present at the event.

Sukanta Chandra Banik, general manager and head of the Gulshan Corporate Branch, and Shah Md Ziaur Rahaman, general manager of the Software Development Division, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.

## Eastern Bank offers car purchase financing through Zantrik



Biplob Chandra Biswas, co-founder and chief operating officer of Zantrik Limited, and M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at Eastern Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) recently signed an agreement with Zantrik Limited, an automobile repair and maintenance service provider in Dhaka, to offer financing facilities for car purchases.

M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at Eastern Bank PLC, and Biplob Chandra Biswas, co-founder and chief operating officer (COO) of Zantrik Limited, signed the agreement in the capital, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, EBL customers will be able to avail financial support when purchasing cars through Zantrik, making vehicle ownership more accessible.

Mohammad Salekeen Ibrahim, head of assets at the bank; Ghalib Shams Islam, acting head of assets (retail); and Muhtasim Mahdi Al-Farooque, managing director of Zantrik Limited, among others, were also present at the signing ceremony.

## NCC Bank organises annual business conference

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

NCC Bank PLC recently organised a two day "Annual Business Conference 2026" at the Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa in Cox's Bazar, aiming to accelerate the bank's business growth through the expansion of service coverage.

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

In his address, Salim congratulated all concerned on achieving the bank's business targets despite

various challenges in the banking sector over the past year. He said NCC Bank's business operations are expanding rapidly and emphasised that maintaining and further enhancing service quality is essential to sustaining this growth.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank, presided over the event and said that despite the slowdown in both domestic and global economies, NCC Bank achieved notable success over the past year.

He added that the bank recorded positive growth across all major business areas, including loans

and investments, deposits, export-import trade, and the recovery of non-performing loans.

At the same time, the cost of fund mobilisation declined and asset quality improved significantly, strengthening the bank's overall financial position and bottom line.

Abdus Salam, vice-chairman of the bank; Amjadul Ferdous Chowdhury, Tanjina Ali, Syed Asif Nizamuddin, Khairul Alam Chaklader, Md Moinuddin, Mohammed Sazzad Un Newaz, Shamima Newaz, Morshedul Alam Chaklader and Nahid Banu, directors, attended the programme.



Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of the bank's "Annual Business Conference 2026" at the Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa in Cox's Bazar recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK



Md Arfan Ali, chairman of Zaytoon Fintech Limited, and Kimiwa Sadat, managing director (current charge) of Community Bank Bangladesh PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: COMMUNITY BANK

## Trust Bank strikes credit guarantee deal with PKSF

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Trust Bank PLC recently signed a credit guarantee agreement under the "Credit Enhancement Scheme" with Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), aiming to expand access to formal financial services for micro-entrepreneurs in underserved regions across the country.

Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of Trust Bank PLC, and Md Fazlul Kader, managing director of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation, signed the agreement in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Kader said the initiative would simplify access to formal credit for grassroots micro-entrepreneurs, opening up new avenues for business expansion.



Md Fazlul Kader, managing director of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation, and Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of Trust Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

## Prime Bank hosts seminar on youth empowerment at Buet

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank PLC, in collaboration with the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and its Career Club, hosted a seminar, titled "Financial Inclusion: Engaging & Inspiring Youth in Banking", on the university campus under its PrimeAcademia initiative, aiming to bridge academia and the evolving financial sector.

Delivering the keynote address, M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director and head of the consumer and SME banking division at Prime Bank

making in building sustainable financial institutions.

She called on young women to step forward with confidence and assume leadership roles in the financial sector.

Focusing on grassroots empowerment, MM Mahbub Hasan, senior vice-president and head of financial inclusion and school banking, underscored the importance of financial literacy and effective money management.

He noted that early exposure to structured banking knowledge could help nurture financially responsible citizens and future leaders.



M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director and head of the consumer and SME banking division at Prime Bank PLC, presents a crest to a student at a seminar, titled "Financial Inclusion: Engaging & Inspiring Youth in Banking", on Buet campus in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

PLC, spoke on the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI), data-driven decision-making and innovation in modern banking, according to a press release.

He encouraged students to prepare for careers that combine technology, creativity and purpose, stressing that inclusive growth would depend on the next generation's ability to adapt and lead.

Shaila Abedin, senior executive vice-president and head of liability, highlighted the importance of female leadership, ethical banking and values-based decision-

Adding an academic perspective, Ferdous Sarwar, professor of the Department of Industrial and Production Engineering at BUET, stressed the need for stronger industry-academia collaboration to better align education with real-world financial challenges and opportunities.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from BUET faculty members, senior bank officials and students, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing financial inclusion, innovation and national development.

## Community Bank, Zaytoon Fintech sign Bangla QR deal

### STAR BUSINESS DESK

Community Bank Bangladesh PLC has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Zaytoon Fintech Limited to deliver integrated digital financial solutions, reinforcing their shared commitment to advancing financial inclusion across Bangladesh.

Kimiwa Sadat, managing director (current charge) of Community Bank Bangladesh PLC, and Md Arfan

Ali, chairman of Zaytoon Fintech Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Through the rollout of Bangla QR merchant acquiring services, the collaboration aims to broaden access to secure and seamless banking and payment services, particularly in geographically dispersed areas and among underserved and marginalised communities.

Under the agreement, the fintech

company will operate as a payment system operator, titled "White Label Merchant Acquirer (PSO-WLMA)", providing Bangla QR-based payment and acquiring services through Community Bank Bangladesh PLC's extensive nationwide distribution network.

Shamsul Haque Sufyani, chief operating officer of the bank, and SK Perves Maraker, head of agent banking, foreign remittance, transaction banking and strategic business unit, were also present.

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### Invitation for e-Tender

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

| SI No. | Tender ID No. | Invitation Reference No. | Name of works   | Tender closing date & time |
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| 1      | 1213905       | egp/patua/app/non res-13 | Monthly maintenance and repair work of three running lifts at Patuakhali district CJM Court Building. | 16.02.2026<br>12:04pm      |

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