

## bKash launches weekly Islamic DPS with Dhaka Bank

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bKash, the country's leading mobile financial services (MFS) provider, has launched Dhaka Bank PLC's short-term weekly Islamic deposit pension scheme (DPS) on its app, responding to growing customer interest in shariah-compliant savings products.

Under the new service, customers can deposit between Tk 250 and Tk 5,000 weekly for a tenure of six or 12 months, according to a press release.

The initiative is designed to encourage small, disciplined savings, particularly among unbanked and marginalised communities.

The weekly Islamic DPS allows low-income individuals and daily wage earners to save modest amounts in a Shariah-compliant manner.

The accumulated funds can be used for future financial security, agricultural or business investments, education, medical expenses, or emergencies.

To open a DPS account, users need to select the 'Savings' option on the bKash app and tap 'Open New Savings'.

They must then choose 'Islamic Savings', select 'Weekly' as the deposit frequency, pick a six- or 12-month tenure, and set a weekly deposit amount.

After selecting Dhaka Bank from the list of partner institutions, customers are required to provide nominee details, review the information, agree to the terms and conditions, and confirm the application using their bKash PIN.

Upon completion, confirmation messages are sent by both bKash and the bank. Customers can open multiple DPS accounts through the same app.

bKash launched its digital savings service in 2021 with monthly DPS offerings from IDLC Finance Limited.



Mohammed Akter Biswas, managing director of Akter Properties Limited, and Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of distribution at Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at Prime Aspire in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

## Prime Bank clients to get discounts on apartments from Akter Properties

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Prime Bank PLC has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Akter Properties Limited, a real estate developer in Dhaka, to provide benefits to home loan customers.

Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice president and head of distribution at Prime Bank PLC, and Mohammed Akter Biswas, managing director of Akter Properties Limited, signed the

agreement at a ceremony held recently at Prime Aspire in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the arrangement, Prime Bank customers who avail themselves of home loans to purchase apartments from Akter Properties will receive a 5 percent discount on the base price of the apartment.

The benefit will also be extended to employees of Prime Bank PLC.

The partnership reflects Prime Bank's ongoing commitment to

delivering value-added, lifestyle-oriented financial solutions and supporting customers in achieving their homeownership aspirations.

Joarder Tanvir Faisal, executive vice-president and head of cards and retail assets at Prime Bank PLC, and Md Sazzad Masud, deputy general manager of Akter Properties Limited, were also present at the signing ceremony, along with other senior officials from both organisations.

## Imtiaz U Ahmed appointed as MD of Midland Bank

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Imtiaz U Ahmed has been appointed as the new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Midland Bank PLC.



Imtiaz U Ahmed

Prior to joining Midland Bank, Ahmed served at Shahjalal Islamic Bank PLC and Eastern Bank PLC, according to a press release.

A seasoned leader with a proven track record in the financial services sector, he brings a wealth of professional experience gained through key leadership roles at both branch and corporate head office levels.

His expertise spans corporate and institutional banking, export financing, internal control and compliance, human resources, special asset management, and treasury management.

Ahmed has a distinguished banking career spanning more than 25 years.

His leadership, combined with a strong focus on performance management and transformation initiatives, has consistently driven business growth, particularly in export financing, while significantly enhancing portfolio quality.

Before entering the banking industry, he built a solid professional foundation in the capital market at the Chittagong Stock Exchange and in the audit profession at KPMG Rahman Rahman Huq.

Ahmed obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees in finance and accounting.

## LG partners with Transcom Digital to strengthen Bangladesh retail network

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LG Electronics has expanded its retail presence in Bangladesh through a brand launch event at a Transcom Digital outlet in Gulshan-1, Dhaka, reinforcing its commitment to delivering premium home solutions to consumers.

Han Chango, home solutions product director of LG Electronics, and Rashedul Islam, head of business at Transcom Digital, jointly inaugurated the event, according to a press release.

The launch marks the beginning of a strategic retail collaboration aimed at enhancing access to LG's innovative and energy efficient home appliances through Transcom Digital's nationwide retail network.

Speaking at the event, Chango said LG remains committed to delivering innovations that improve everyday life and that the partnership would bring globally trusted technology closer to customers in Bangladesh.



Rashedul Islam, head of business at Transcom Digital, and Han Chango, home solutions product director of LG Electronics, jointly inaugurate a brand launch event at a Transcom Digital outlet in Gulshan-1, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: LG ELECTRONICS

## HSBC earnings top forecasts

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"We are also targeting year-on-year revenue growth over the same period on the same basis, rising to five percent in 2028."

The firm said the drop in 2025 pre-tax profit was mainly down to a US\$4.9 billion year-on-year net adverse impact from notable items, including dilution and impairment losses of US\$2.1 billion related to its associate Bank of Communications.

HSBC cited "a strong performance" from its wealth business, which saw US\$2.4 billion growth in constant currency profit before tax excluding notable items.

The London-headquartered lender concluded a drawn-out shakeup of

its leadership in December when it picked finance industry veteran Brendan Nelson to replace Mark Tucker as chairman.

Nelson said in a shareholder letter on Wednesday that the global economy was expected to expand this year.

"Despite significant policy uncertainty, global trade is also set to grow, supported by the expansion of new trade corridors and the boom in AI hardware demand," Nelson said.

"Inflation should continue drifting downward, although with divergence across markets. Somewhat uneven growth across industries and geographies could contribute to periodic financial volatility," Nelson pointed to the United States

as a "key driver of global growth, reaping the benefits of sizeable investments in AI, tax cuts and incentives, as well as substantial deregulation".

"In China, a stronger policy push should anchor its growth, and we expect it to broadly maintain its expansion pace of recent years, as structural reforms start to gain traction," he added.

Investors welcomed the report, pushing HSBC's shares up 2.7 percent in afternoon trade in Hong Kong.

They had already doubled since Elhedery took over as CEO in 2024, and hit a record high this month. The bank said in January that it had completed its privatisation of its Hong Kong subsidiary Hang Seng Bank.



### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police  
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In-Service Training Centre, Lalmonirhat  
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### e-Tender Notice (Open Tendering Method)

Memo No. 178

Dated: 24/02/2026

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

Tender ID No.	Description of works	Last selling date and time	Security submission date and time	Opening date and time	Tender security
1235600	RCC Road Construction Work at In-Service Training Centre, Lalmonirhat	10/03/2026 15:30	11/03/2026 12:00	11/03/2026 12:30	10,000/-

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

For more details please contact to the PE's Support Desk (0591-61333).

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
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Memo No. 25.45.1000.000.104.14.0002.25.69

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Request for Re-Expression of Interest (Re-Eoi) for the Services of  
Integrated Surveying, Mouza Mapping & Preparing Plan for "Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area" Project

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW)			
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, "Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area" Project			
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401			
5	Procuring Entity District	Barishal			
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm			
7	EOI Ref No	25.45.1000.000.104.14.0002.25.69			
8	Date	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget			
11	Development Partners	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Program Code	222020600			
13	Project/Program Name	"Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area"			
14	Eoi Closing Date and Time	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026; Time: 11:00 AM			
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT					
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Integrated surveying, Mouza Mapping & Preparing Plan for "Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area" Project: i) Physical feature & Topographic Survey with ground truthing & Land use/landcover; ii) Drone Survey for Core Urban Area & Potential Urban Area for detail Action Plan iii) Socio Economic Surveying iv) Traffic & Transportation Survey v) Mouza Map Procurement & Digitization vi) Preparing Spatial Development Strategies/Structure Plan reflecting Major landuse zoning/guidelines & other Policy Issue vii) Preparing Urban Area Plan reflecting detail landuse guidelines; urban infrastructure plan like transport, drainage network, urban public space, conservation of Agri land & ecological sensitive area & other urban services like urban housing, health services, education, entertainment etc. viii) Preparing Action Area Plan with detail layout & architectural design of each action plan			
17	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. For individual firm minimum experience 5 years. or for joint venture (JV) minimum 5-year experience for lead firm & minimum 3-year specific experience for others. b. Required hardware (RTK GPS), Drone and licensed software [Survey data processing (GPS data Processing Software, etc.), GIS (Arc GIS) and Photogrammetric (Photogrammetric stereo image processing Software) and other related original software]. c. Related Experience (Photogrammetric mapping by using 3D workstation etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer, and other logistics) e. Related professionals (Team Coordinator, GIS Expert, Ecologist, Socio-economic Analyst, Spatial development strategy Analyst, Landscape Designer, Transport Planning Expert, Survey Expert, Junior Urban Planner, Junior GIS/RS Specialist, Surveyor) and 3D GIS and spatial planning support staffs.			
18	Other Details	Interested consulting Firms/Joint venture are hereby invited to submit Eoi containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), legal documents showing managerial and financial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2025), Staffing and inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services.			
19	Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged			
20	Ref No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
	25.45.1000.000.104.14.0002.25.69	Not phased	Barishal Metropolitan Area	April, 2026	July, 2027
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
21	Name of Official Inviting Eoi	Asduzzaman			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Eoi	Senior Planner Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office			
23	Address of Official Inviting Eoi	Office of the Senior Planner, Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office, 834 Police Line Road, Barishal			
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Eoi	Phone no: 01732122258			
25	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs				

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