

Prime Bank, Mastercard unveil next-gen NFC sticker card 'TapIn'

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Prime Bank PLC, in partnership with Mastercard, has launched a next-generation NFC-enabled debit sticker card, branded "TapIn", expanding contactless payment options for customers in Bangladesh.

Developed and powered by IDEMIA, in collaboration with local partner ADN Technologies Ltd, the sticker card is designed to offer a fast, secure and seamless payment experience, particularly for customers with dynamic urban lifestyles.

M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, jointly inaugurated the card at a ceremony held yesterday at Prime Tower in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Choudhury said the launch reflects the bank's commitment to delivering innovative, secure and convenient payment solutions.

"As customer lifestyles evolve, we aim to provide seamless digital experiences that simplify everyday transactions while ensuring the highest standards of security and reliability," he said.

Kamal noted that modern consumers expect payments to keep pace with their daily lives.



Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, and M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph with the bank's customers holding the NFC sticker debit card at the launching ceremony in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

UCB, Ernst & Young Advisory Services partner to strengthen carbon accounting

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United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) has signed an agreement with Ernst & Young Advisory Services Bangladesh Limited (EY ASBL) to enhance its carbon accounting and emissions measurement practices as part of its broader sustainability strategy.

Nabil Mustafizur Rahman, additional managing director and chief risk officer of United Commercial Bank PLC, and Naushad Ekramullah, partner and managing director of Ernst & Young Advisory Services Bangladesh Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the arrangement, EY ASBL will support UCB in preparing its greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for the 2024-2025 financial year.

The exercise will measure and analyse the bank's carbon emissions across all three recognised scopes: direct emissions from its own operations (Scope 1), emissions arising from electricity and energy consumption (Scope 2), and other indirect emissions linked to operational activities (Scope 3).

The comprehensive assessment is expected to provide the bank with a clearer understanding of its environmental footprint and inform a structured roadmap for emission reduction.

The partnership is also set to reinforce UCB's sustainable finance agenda. By establishing a robust carbon accounting framework, the bank aims to implement more effective emission mitigation strategies in the coming years while strengthening its environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting in line with international standards.

As financial institutions worldwide increasingly prioritise environmentally responsible operations, UCB's initiative underscores its ambition to combine financial performance with environmental stewardship.

Faruk Ahmed, chief financial officer of the bank; Saiful Islam, senior executive vice-president; Zishan Kingshuk Haq, chief communication officer; and Mohammad Asif Qureshi, senior executive vice-president (GSD), attended the programme.

Rana Sohel, associate director of EY ASBL, and Ibrahim Redwan, manager, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.

Eastern Bank inks deal with Turkish Airlines for lounge access

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has entered into an agreement with Turkish Airlines to enhance travel privileges for premium passengers departing from Dhaka.

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank PLC, and Islam Güre, country manager of Turkish Airlines, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the arrangement, Business Class passengers of Turkish Airlines will enjoy complimentary access to the "EBL Skylounge" at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The initiative is expected to strengthen collaboration between the two organisations while offering an elevated airport experience for travellers flying on the Istanbul-bound carrier from Bangladesh, the release added.

M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at EBL; Farzana Qader, head of retail alliance; R Yusuf Saritaç, station manager for Dhaka; and Semih Külcü, regional accounting manager at Turkish Airlines, were also present at the signing ceremony.



Islam Güre, country manager of Turkish Airlines, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank PLC, pose for a photograph at the signing ceremony held at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK



Naushad Ekramullah, partner and managing director of Ernst & Young Advisory Services Bangladesh Limited, and Nabil Mustafizur Rahman, additional managing director and chief risk officer of United Commercial Bank PLC, exchange signed documents of the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: UCB

Iran war shakes up global shipping routes

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The firm said the region produces up to 23 million tons of polyethylene — one of the most widely used plastics in the world — annually, representing 15 percent of global production.

On Sunday the Emirati port of Jebel Ali, central to the export of petroleum derivatives, caught fire, according to local authorities.

Another port facility in Kuwait had to temporarily suspend operations after debris fell nearby, according to local media.

EXTENDED SHIPPING ROUTES

Several of the world's major shipping companies have announced they are avoiding the Strait of Hormuz

due to the risk posed by the military conflict in the region.

Insurers have significantly increased their rates for ships transiting the Middle East.

Under these conditions, navigating the Gulf is becoming prohibitively expensive or impossible for cargo ships.

According to Armateurs de France, a shipowners association, 60 ships flying the French flag or belonging to French companies are currently stranded in the Gulf.

The Danish company Maersk and the French company CMA CGM have suspended transits through the Strait of Hormuz, as well as transits through

the Suez Canal, which connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea.

Those ships must now circumnavigate Africa to reach Europe from the Middle East and Asia, a detour of several thousand kilometers.

FOOD RISKS

The shipping conditions also disrupt the arrival of cargo to the Middle East, a region that relies in part on food imports.

Many transports pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

During a June 2015 US military operation in Iran, for example, entire shipments of rice destined for the region were blocked in India.

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

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1	UZZP/SITA/UP/Maint/25-26/01	Maintenance of Bhatiari Union Porishad Bhaban Under Sitakunda Upazila, Chattogram	1237114	24-03-2026 17:00:00	25-03-2026 13:00:00

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1	CCC/Xen-1/W7/25-26/WR-007	Construction of Nazirpara Damua pond East Ghat to Tula Factory to Chand Mia Road at 7 No. West Sholoshahar Ward	1237252	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	16-Mar-2026 12:00	16-Mar-2026 14:00
2	CCC/Xen-1/W7/25-26/WR-010	Development of Mohammadpur Hazi Nuruzzaman Munsir Bari More to Liver Society to Sunnia Women Madrasa at 7 No. West Sholoshahar Ward	1237899	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	16-Mar-2026 12:00	16-Mar-2026 14:00

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