

EBL, Mongla Port Authority sign MoU to digitise port transactions

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Mongla Port Authority (MPA) to introduce advanced digital banking services at Mongla port.

Md Jabelul Alam, head of transaction banking at the bank's corporate banking division, and AKM Anisur Rahman, member (engineering and development) of MPA, signed the MoU recently at Mongla port in Bagerhat, according to a press release.

The partnership aims to improve the efficiency of financial transactions at the port by implementing secure, modern and seamless digital payment and

collection solutions.

Under the initiative, EBL and MPA will jointly develop a comprehensive digital ecosystem, enabling port users to carry out transactions smoothly through the bank's digital banking platform.

Among others, Captain Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, harbour master of the MPA; Md Kamal Hossain, deputy secretary (director, traffic); Md Mahfuzur Rahman, deputy chief finance and accounting officer; Md Fazle Alam, chief audit officer; Lt Col Md Arif Billah, chief engineer (mechanical and electrical); and Mohammad Arif Chowdhury, head of cash management at EBL's transaction banking division, were also present at the event.



AKM Anisur Rahman, member (engineering and development) of Mongla Port Authority, and Md Jabelul Alam, head of transaction banking and corporate banking division at Eastern Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding at Mongla port in Bagerhat recently. PHOTO: EASTERN BANK



Muhammad Kamrul Islam, chairman of Filon Poultry & Fish Feeds PLC, and Md Abdullah Al Mamun, deputy managing director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC, exchange signed documents of the memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK

Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Filon Poultry sign MoU for digital sales proceeds

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Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Filon Poultry & Fish Feeds PLC, an agro-based manufacturing company in Bangladesh, to facilitate the collection of sales proceeds through digital channels.

Md Abdullah Al Mamun, deputy managing director of the bank, and Muhammad Kamrul Islam, chairman of the feed manufacturing company, signed the MoU at a ceremony held at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, Filon Poultry & Fish Feeds will collect payments from its distributors through the bank's

branches, sub-branches, and other delivery channels by integrating with the bank's Application Programming Interface (API).

The arrangement is expected to ensure more efficient and secure collection management for corporate clients through the use of advanced banking technology, the release added.

Md Amdatul Haque and Bassu Sheikh, senior assistant vice-presidents of the bank; Aysa Parvin, assistant vice-president; Nazmul Hossain, senior principal officer; and SM Fakhru Alam, adviser to the company, were also present at the signing ceremony, along with senior officials from both organisations.

ICAB holds 22nd convocation

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) held its 22nd convocation at the InterContinental Dhaka yesterday, celebrating the achievements of newly qualified chartered accountants.

Zahir Uddin Swapon, minister for information and broadcasting, attended the programme as the chief guest and highlighted the vital role chartered accountants play in ensuring financial transparency, strengthening governance and supporting sustainable economic growth, according to a press release.

Referring to the evolving global landscape, he said the profession is

undergoing rapid transformation due to technological advancements such as artificial intelligence and data analytics.

The minister urged the new graduates to embrace innovation, adapt to change and position themselves as strategic leaders and trusted advisers in both public and private sectors. He also underscored the importance of integrity, noting that trust remains the cornerstone of the accountancy profession.

Salimullah Khan, professor at North South University, delivered the convocation address, describing chartered accountants as key contributors to economic and social systems and emphasising their role beyond technical functions.



Zahir Uddin Swapon, minister for information and broadcasting, and NKA Mobin, president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, pose for a group photograph with participating chartered accountants at the 22nd convocation at InterContinental Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: ICAB

Southeast Bank holds Dhaka regional business review meeting

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Southeast Bank PLC yesterday held its quarterly business review meeting for the Dhaka region at its training institute in the capital.

A total of 37 branch managers from the region took part in the meeting.

Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

During the meeting, he emphasised business growth, overall development, loan performance, recovery strategies and improved customer service standards.

Discussions were also held on the implementation of strategic business policies and plans for 2026.

Participants identified potential areas for growth and expressed their commitment to further strengthening the bank's overall performance. The meeting concluded on an optimistic note, with a firm commitment to achieving future goals.

Additional managing directors, deputy managing directors, senior executives from the head office, departmental heads and branch managers from the Dhaka region, along with members of the bank's senior management team, were also present.



Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, managing director and CEO of Southeast Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants in its quarterly business review meeting for the Dhaka region at the bank's training institute in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

US inflation surges to 3.3%

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Economic advisor Kevin Hassett claimed some wins for the White House, citing drops in the price of eggs, beef and concert tickets on Fox News.

US Vice President JD Vance said he hoped for a "positive" outcome as he departed Washington

for US Iran peace talks in Pakistan this weekend.

But experts predicted more economic pain ahead due to the war in Iran, especially for middle and lower-income households already squeezed by rising energy and airfare prices.

Heather Long, chief

economist at Navy Federal Credit Union, said that inflation soared in March to the highest level in almost two years.

"This is only the beginning. Food prices, travel and shipping costs are all going up in April and will exacerbate the pain," she said.

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Dollar set for biggest weekly drop

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"People were buying the US dollar when the war was at its most intense moment and now they're selling as the tail risk of a really bad outcome has faded quite a bit," said Jason Wong, senior strategist at BNZ in Wellington.

"Even though it still looks a bit shaky, the ceasefire removing that tail risk is important from a sentiment point of view," he said, adding that the mood could turn very quickly if the anticipated weekend peace talks fail to deliver progress.

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1	1253267	Package No.01/PZP-ADP/2025-26/W-01	26.04.2026/12.30	26.04.2026/13.00
2	1251298	Package No.01/PZP-ADP/2025-26/W-02	26.04.2026/12.30	26.04.2026/13.00
3	1251312	Package No.01/PZP-ADP/2025-26/W-03	26.04.2026/12.30	26.04.2026/13.00

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