

# Transcom donates Tk 1.37cr to workers' welfare fund

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Transcom Group has donated Tk 1.37 crore, which is 0.5 percent of the company's profit, to the Workers' Profit Participation Fund (WPPF) under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, reinforcing its commitment to workers' welfare.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury received the cheque from representatives of the group at a ceremony at his office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

M Shabbir Ali, corporate head of human resources and director of Transcom Group; Md Rafiqul Islam, head of human resources at Eskayef Pharmaceuticals Limited; and HM Ruman Uddin, deputy manager of Transcom Limited, were present.

"At Transcom, we believe empowering

workers is the most sustainable way to build a nation," said Ali, adding that participation in the WPPF reflects the company's commitment to supporting employees. The latest contribution exceeds last year's Tk 1.25 crore donation, continuing the group's efforts to support its workforce.

Under the Bangladesh Labour Law, companies allocate a portion of profits to the WPPF, which provides financial assistance for medical needs, education of workers' children and support for families in distress.

Officials of the Ministry of Labour and Employment praised Transcom for its transparency and role in promoting corporate responsibility.

The group said it remains committed to ensuring that business growth translates into benefits for its employees.



PHOTO: TRANSCOM GROUP  
Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury poses for a group photograph after receiving a Tk 1.37 crore donation cheque for the Workers' Profit Participation Fund from representatives of Transcom Group at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

# Monzur Mofiz appointed MD of Premier Bank

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Md Monzur Mofiz has been appointed managing director of Premier Bank PLC for a three-year term, effective from April 16, 2026.

Prior to the appointment, he had been serving as acting managing director of the bank since December 14, 2025.

He has more than three decades of banking experience, according to a press release.

Mofiz began his career with Sonali Bank PLC in 1993. He later served as managing director of ONE Bank PLC. He has expertise in corporate banking, fund management, retail and SME deposit growth, and agent banking.

He previously worked at Dutch-Bangla Bank, City Bank and AB Bank in various capacities.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and an MBA in finance from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at the University of Dhaka.



Md Monzur Mofiz

# Pubali Bank opens e-banking booth at burn and plastic surgery institute



PHOTO: PUBALI BANK  
Prof Mohammad Nasir Uddin, director of the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (NIBPS), inaugurates an electronic banking booth of Pubali Bank PLC on the institute premises in Dhaka on Wednesday.

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Pubali Bank PLC has launched an electronic banking booth at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (NIBPS) in Dhaka to provide fast, secure and modern banking services.

Prof Mohammad Nasir Uddin, director of NIBPS, inaugurated the booth at the institute's premises on Wednesday, according to a press release.

At the event, Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, said there is no alternative to technology-based banking in the current era.

He added that Pubali Bank is continuously introducing modern initiatives to ensure fast, secure and hassle-free services at customers' doorsteps. As part of this effort, the bank has set up an electronic banking booth at a key healthcare institution like NIBPS.

He further said the booth will enable doctors, officials, employees, patients and their relatives to withdraw cash, deposit money and access various banking services 24 hours a day, making transactions safer, easier and more time-efficient.

Nasir Uddin said the introduction of such banking facilities on hospital premises would make financial transactions easier and more convenient for patients and their families, thereby supporting medical services.

He expressed hope that the new booth would ensure modern and secure banking services for all concerned.

Prof Hasib Rahman and Prof Nasrin Sultana of NIBPS, and Md Rafiqul Islam, general manager and regional manager for Dhaka South at the bank, along with senior executives of both institutions, were also present.

# Oil prices little changed

REUTERS, Tokyo/Singapore

Oil prices were little changed on Thursday, reversing earlier declines, on scepticism that peace talks between the US and Iran will reach a deal to end the war that has bottled up oil output from the key Middle East producing region.

Brent crude futures were down 26 cents to \$94.67 a barrel at 0611 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures climbed 14 cents to \$91.43 a barrel. Both benchmarks settled little changed on Wednesday but traded in a wide range.

The US-Israeli war on Iran has resulted in the largest ever disruption of global oil and gas supplies due to Iran's interruption of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, which typically carries about 20 percent of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas flows.

# SBAC Bank deposits cross Tk 11,000cr

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SBAC Bank PLC's deposits grew 15 percent year-on-year to surpass Tk 11,000 crore last year.

To mark the milestone, the bank organised a programme at its head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Md Moklesur Rahman, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the event as the chief guest.

SM Mainul Kabir, managing director and chief executive officer; Md Rabiul Islam, additional managing director; and Md Altaf Hossain Bhuyan, deputy managing director, along with divisional heads and other senior officials, were present.



PHOTO: SBAC BANK  
Md Moklesur Rahman, chairman of SBAC Bank PLC, inaugurates a programme marking the bank's 15 percent year-on-year deposit growth at its head office in Dhaka recently.

# Midland Bank, Dosh General Insurance launch bancassurance service

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Midland Bank PLC recently signed a partnership agreement with Dosh General Insurance Company Limited to introduce bancassurance services.

Intiaz Uddin Ahmed, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Mohammad Khanam, chief executive officer of the non-life insurer, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka's Gulshan, according to a press release.

Under the arrangement, customers will be able to easily access a range of insurance products and services offered by Dosh General Insurance from any branch of Midland Bank PLC.

The service will include Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority-approved products such as car, travel, health, agricultural and crop insurance. Initially, only motor insurance has been introduced, while other products will be rolled out gradually.

These facilities are expected to make insurance services more accessible, enabling customers to avail both banking and insurance



PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK  
Mohammadi Khanam, chief executive officer of Dosh General Insurance Company Limited, and Intiaz Uddin Ahmed, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently.

services on a single platform, thereby enhancing their financial security.

Officials at the event said such partnerships would help expand financial inclusion in the country and ensure modern, integrated financial services for customers.

They also noted that bancassurance services are gradually expanding through joint initiatives by Bangladesh Bank and the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority, allowing

customers to access insurance benefits directly through banks and boosting confidence in policy purchase and claims settlement.

Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of the bank; Md Nazmul Huda Sarkar, deputy managing director and chief technology officer; Md Rashed Akter, head of retail distribution division and chief bancassurance officer, attended the event.

# Wheat imports exceed

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Abul Bashar Chowdhury, chairman of BSM Group, one of the leading importers of consumer goods, said that rice prices are currently comparatively high, so people are leaning towards wheat as an alternative.

In developing countries, consumption typically increases with economic growth, and demand

for wheat rises as it is widely used in fast food and bakery products, unlike rice, which is mainly consumed as steamed rice or a limited range of traditional dishes, he said.

He pointed out that between this year and last, the price of low-grade wheat in the international market has fallen to around \$245. After adding cost and freight (CNF) in Chittagong Port, the price stands at about \$450.

In contrast, even the lowest-grade rice is not available below \$500, he said. Such a price gap is unusual and may have contributed to increased wheat consumption, he surmised.

Chowdhury further added that the government's efforts to address the trade imbalance with the United States may have led to an increase in government-level imports compared to last year.

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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tender invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procurement.

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No. & Name of Work	Publishing date & time	Opening date tender & time
1	1258178	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Fish) Package No-01 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
2	1258179	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Fish) Package No-02 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
3	1258181	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Fish) Package No-03 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
4	1258182	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Meat) Package No-04 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
5	1258183	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Vegetables) Package No-01 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
6	1258184	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Vegetables) Package No-02 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
7	1258185	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Vegetables) Package No-03 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
8	1258186	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-01 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
9	1258187	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-02 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
10	1258188	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-03 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
11	1258189	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-04 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
12	1258190	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-05 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00
13	1258191	Procurement of Dietary Articles (Various Oil, Spices, food ingredients and ancillary goods) Package No-06 for the Period of July/2026 to December/2026	16-Apr-2026 17.00.00	30-Apr-2026 12.00.00

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

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### e-Tender Notice (Open Tendering Method)

This is to notify all concerned that e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> for procurement of the following Goods:

Tender ID No.	Brief Description of Goods	Tender document last selling/ Downloading Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1255032	e-Tender GD 819.01/FY 2025-26: Procurement of Wooden Almira	26-Apr-2026 16:00	27-Apr-2026 14:00	27-Apr-2026 14:00
1257737	e-Tender GD 820.01/FY 2025-26: Procurement of 600 KVA Generator for DPE HQ	03-May-2026 16:00	04-May-2026 16:00	04-May-2026 16:00

- The interested Tenderers may visit the website <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> to get the details of the Tenders. These are e-GP Tenders, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
- To submit e-Tenders, registration in the National e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to the particular date and time specified in the Tender Notice.
- Detail about the Tenders has shown in the e-Tender notice & e-Tender document. Further Information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk [http://www.helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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