

HSBC, M&J bring API-driven trade solution to Bangladesh

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) Bangladesh has signed an agreement with M&J Group to implement an Application Programming Interface (API) integration for trade transactions, marking a milestone in the digitalisation of international trade operations in Bangladesh.

The integration will enable real-time connectivity between M&J Group's internal systems and HSBC's trade platform, streamlining end-to-end processes, reducing manual intervention, enhancing transparency and cutting turnaround times from hours to seconds.

Salahuddin Ahmed, managing director of M&J Group, and Ahmad Rabiul Hasan, country head for global trade solutions at HSBC Bangladesh, signed the agreement at HSBC's management office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Commenting on the partnership, Ahmed said, "We are proud to partner with HSBC Bangladesh on this pioneering initiative. This integration aligns with our vision of leveraging technology to drive operational excellence and strengthen our global trade capabilities."

Hasan said, "This partnership reflects our continued commitment to supporting our clients with cutting-edge digital solutions. The API integration will not only simplify trade processes but also set new benchmarks for efficiency and innovation in Bangladesh's trade landscape."



Ahmad Rabiul Hasan, country head for global trade solutions at HSBC Bangladesh, and Salahuddin Ahmed, managing director of M&J Group, exchange signed documents of an agreement at HSBC's management office in Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: HSBC

Rashid made MD of Eastern Bank

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Hassan O Rashid has been appointed as the managing director of Eastern Bank PLC (EBL).

Prior to this appointment, he served as chief executive officer of Prime Bank PLC, according to a press release.



Hassan O Rashid

With over 31 years of professional experience in both local and multinational banks, he brings extensive leadership expertise across diverse banking domains. Rashid previously worked at Crédit Agricole Indosuez, HSBC and Standard Chartered Bank in various capacities.

During his earlier tenure at EBL as additional managing director (2015-2021), he played a pivotal role in strengthening the bank's position as a leading financial institution.

He currently serves as vice chairman of the Association of Bankers, Bangladesh.

Rashid obtained his bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Capital University, US, and a master's degree in international management from the Garvin School of International Management, Thunderbird, US.

Prime Bank customers to get discounts on DFSK vehicles

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Prime Bank PLC has signed an agreement with MA Enterprise & MRM Ventures Ltd (DFSK BD) to offer benefits to its customers on the purchase of DFSK vehicles.

Joarder Tanvir Faisal, executive vice-president and head of consumer assets and cards at the bank, and Md Mohtasim Al Rafid, managing director of the enterprise, signed the agreement at Prime Aspire on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Prime Bank

customers will enjoy discounts on various models of DFSK cars.

The collaboration aims to provide greater value and convenience by making vehicle ownership more accessible and affordable through attractive financing and discount offers, the release added.

Takiyan Chowdhury, senior vice-president of secured consumer financing and embedded payments at Prime Bank PLC, and Mohammed Mohsin Khan, vice chairman of MA Enterprise & MRM Ventures Ltd, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the event.



Md Mohtasim Al Rafid, managing director of MA Enterprise & MRM Ventures Ltd, and Joarder Tanvir Faisal, executive vice-president and head of consumer assets and cards at Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at Prime Aspire on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Mastercard announces winners of 'Spend & Win Campaign 2025-26'

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Mastercard, a global digital payment service provider, has announced the winners of its flagship initiative, titled the "Safari Spirit Campaign 2025-26".

The grand prize winner, Chan Miah, a Mastercard credit cardholder of Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC, was awarded a four-day, three-night trip for two to Kenya, including round-trip airfare from Dhaka and a premium safari experience. Other prizes included trips for couples to Thailand and Cox's Bazar.

In addition to these travel experiences, other winners received a range of lifestyle rewards, including vouchers for home appliances and gadgets, as well as dining and shopping vouchers for couples.

Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, said, "Digital payments are increasingly becoming a part of everyday life in Bangladesh, and initiatives like these play an important role in reinforcing consumer confidence in secure and seamless digital transactions."

"By combining everyday spending with exciting rewards, such campaigns promote cashless payments while strengthening the spirit of collaboration across the banking and financial services ecosystem," he added.

The campaign, which ran from December 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, witnessed strong

participation from Mastercard debit, credit, and prepaid cardholders across the country.

Under the campaign, Mastercard cardholders could participate by completing at least four qualifying retail transactions -- each valued at a minimum of Tk 1,000 for domestic purchases or \$25 for international purchases -- using

their cards at physical points of sale or on e-commerce platforms.

Winners were determined based on the total points accumulated from these qualifying transactions, following clearly defined criteria and an independently audited selection process to ensure transparency and fairness.



Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, poses for a group photograph with winners of the "Safari Spirit Campaign 2025-26" in Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: MASTERCARD

Gold prices fall

REUTERS

Gold prices fell on Monday as the dollar firmed, while news that the Strait of Hormuz is closed again pushed oil prices higher, reviving inflation fears.

Spot gold was down 0.7 percent at \$4,792.89 per ounce, as of 0730 GMT, after hitting its lowest since April 13 earlier in the session.

US gold futures for June delivery fell 1.4 percent to \$4,812.20.

"Gold prices are lower today after the US-Iran war ceasefire that markets celebrated last week appeared to be breaking down," said Ilya Spivak, head of global macro at TastyLive.

That has revived the now-familiar 'war trade' dynamics we've seen since the beginning of the conflict. Crude oil prices gained, which echoed into inflation expectation and drove up both yields and the US dollar."

The dollar index strengthened, making greenback-priced bullion more expensive for other currency holders. Benchmark 10-year US Treasury yields gained 0.6 percent.

Oil prices jumped and stock markets wobbled as rising tension in the Middle East kept shipping in and out of the Gulf to a bare minimum.

The US has seized an Iranian cargo ship that tried to run its blockade and Iran said it would retaliate, raising the possibility that the ceasefire between the two countries might not last for even the two days it is set to remain in force.

Tehran said it would not participate in a second round of negotiations that the US had hoped to kick off before the ceasefire expires on Tuesday.

Gold prices have fallen about 8 percent since the US and Israel launched strikes on Iran in late February, on concerns that higher energy prices could stoke inflation and keep global interest rates higher for longer.

While gold is considered an inflation hedge, higher interest rates crimp demand for the non-yielding asset.

Meanwhile, gold demand during one of India's key buying festivals stayed muted on Sunday as record prices curbed jewellery purchases, offsetting a modest uptick in investment demand.

MGH to build

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The 250-metre jetty would accommodate one container vessel. Import containers would be immediately sent to the inland container depots (ICD) after unloading from the vessel.

Despite limited space, the terminal yard will be able to accommodate 3,500 TEUs, he said.

Among the port's container

currently operational or under construction, the proposed MGH terminal will be the closest to the sea. Located just 2.60 nautical miles (4.8152 kilometres) from the Karnaphuli estuary, it will allow vessels to berth in comparatively less time.

Its proximity to the sea will enable fuel savings of between 0.6 and 1.3 tonnes per vessel call, according to MGH.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Environment
"Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division" Project (A component of HELP Project)
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Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Individual Consultants (National)

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2.	Agency	: Department of Environment (DoE)
3.	Procuring entity name	: Project Director
4.	Procuring entity district	: Dhaka
5.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	: Individual Consultant (National)
6.	For Package No. S-3; EoI Ref No.	: 22.02.0000.20.11.004.26.63
7.	For Package No. S-4; EoI Ref No.	: 22.02.0000.20.11.005.26.64
8.	Date	: 20 April 2026

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procuring method	: Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Source of funds	: Development Budget
11.	Grant No.	: E325-BD

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project ID	: P501274
13.	Project code	: 224403000
14.	Project name	: Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division
15.	EoI closing date and time	: 6 May 2026, 11:00am

Information for Applicants

Package No.	Name of positions	Number of positions	Duration	Terms of References (ToR) including Educational Qualification
S-3	Environmental Specialist	1 (One)	3 months	B.Sc./Master's in Environmental Engineering, Soil, Water and Environment, Geography & Environment, Biological Science, Geology, Forestry/Wildlife, or Environment Science or equivalent relevant degree is desirable; minimum Bachelor's in the above-mentioned subject is a must.
S-4	Social Specialist	1 (One)	3 months	Masters in Social Science, Sociology or related field

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16.	Name of official inviting EoI	: Md. Samsuzzaman Sarker
17.	Designation of official inviting EoI	: Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division
18.	Address of official inviting EoI	: Department of Environment 1st Floor, Room: 202, Poribesh Bhaban New Building E/16, Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
19.	Contact details of official inviting EoI	: Phone: 88-(02)-223-375062, Email: helpdoepd@gmail.com
20.	Place of submission of EoI	: Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division 1st Floor, Room: 202, Poribesh Bhaban New Building E/16, Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
21.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoIs without showing any reason.	

The Department of Environment is implementing the "Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division" Project. The overall objective of the project is to assess the environmental impact and damage occurred out of Rohingya influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram division.

Project Director of the "Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox's Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division" invites eligible applicants to express their interest in providing the services. Applicants are advised to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services in completed Curriculum Vitae (CV) and proven documents with a cover letter. Request for Application Form with detailed Terms of References (ToR) are available in the website of the Department of Environment (www.doe.gov.bd).

Completed Curriculum Vitae (CV) must be submitted in the Project office on or before 6th May 2026, 11:00am in sealed envelope and be clearly marked the position for Expression of Interest.

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EoI. Persons who are in service should submit EoI through the proper channel, otherwise EoI will be rejected.

-signed-
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Memo No. 58.04.8800.135.05.006.26-1733 Date: 19.04.2026

e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal:

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Publishing date & time	Closing/opening date & time
1	1259423	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Animal Protein Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ka) Package-1 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
2	1259424	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Animal Protein Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ka) Package-2 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
3	1259425	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Animal Protein Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ka) Package-3 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 19:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
4	1259426	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Animal Protein Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ka) Package-4 for the Period from July 2026 to December 6	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
5	1259428	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Animal Protein Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ka) Package-5 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
6	1259429	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of vegetable Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Kha) Package-1 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
7	1259430	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of vegetable Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Kha) Package-2 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
8	1259431	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of vegetable Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Kha) Package-3 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
9	1259432	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of vegetable Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Kha) Package-4 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
10	1259433	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-1 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 19:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
11	1259434	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-2 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 19:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
12	1259435	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-3 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
13	1259436	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-4 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 19:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
14	1259438	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-5 for the Period from July 2028 to December 2026	19-April-2026 19:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00
15	1259439	Goods, Procurement of Supply of Various Types of Oil, Spices, Food Ingredients and Miscellaneous Items (Cats-2 to Schedule-Ga) Package-6 for the Period from July 2026 to December 2026	19-April-2026 17:00:00	30-April-2026 11:00:00

This is an online 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 the National e-GP Portal (<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).

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