

Prime Bank clients to get discounts on Proton vehicles

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Rancon Car Hub Limited, a business unit of Rancon Holdings Limited, to offer special benefits to customers purchasing Proton vehicles.

Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of distribution network at the bank, and Muhammad Mostafizur Rashid Bhuiyan, director of the automobile company, signed the agreement at the latter's office in Tejgaon, Dhaka, recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Prime Bank customers will enjoy attractive discounts on the purchase of various Proton vehicles from Rancon Car Hub Limited.

The collaboration reflects Prime Bank's continued commitment to delivering enhanced value and lifestyle benefits to its customers through strategic partnerships, the release added.

Joarder Tanvir Faisal, executive vice-president and head of consumer assets and cards at the bank, and Hussain Mashnoor Chowdhury, chief executive officer of Rancon Car Hub Limited, among other senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the signing ceremony.



Muhammad Mostafizur Rashid Bhuiyan, director of Rancon Car Hub Limited, and Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of distribution network at Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at Rancon Car Hub's office in Tejgaon, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

EBL customers to enjoy discounts on Shanta Lifestyle products



Jane Alam Romel, chief marketing officer of Shanta Lifestyle, and M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at Eastern Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: EBL

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has recently signed an agreement with Shanta Lifestyle, one of the country's premium lifestyle brands, to offer discounts on selected products to its customers.

M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at the bank, and Jane Alam Romel, chief marketing officer of Shanta Lifestyle, signed the agreement at EBL's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the deal, the bank's priority customers will enjoy discounts on Kohler and Kale products available through Shanta Lifestyle.

Sarmin Atik, head of liability and wealth management at EBL; Tanzeri Hoque, head of priority and women banking; Farzana Qader, head of retail alliance; Arif Iftakhar Rabbi, senior manager; and Md Abdul Gofran Bijoy, head of projects and business development at Shanta Lifestyle, were also present, at the signing ceremony alongside senior officials from both organisations.

IPDC Finance launches 'IPDC Infinite' for premium clients

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IPDC Finance PLC, the country's first private-sector financial institution, has launched a premium financial segment, titled "IPDC Infinite", in Dhaka recently to offer a more personalised and elevated banking experience for high net worth customers.

The new segment has been structured into two tiers – Elite and Infinite – focusing on customers' financial aspirations, lifestyle preferences, and evolving expectations.

Under the programme, customers will receive tailored financial solutions alongside a range of premium lifestyle benefits, including dedicated relationship managers, doorstep banking services, priority customer support, airport lounge access, travel and dining offers, healthcare facilities, and other exclusive privileges.



Speaking on the occasion, Rizwan Dawood Shams, managing director of the non-bank financial institution, said the launch marked an important step towards building deeper and more meaningful relationships with customers.

"Today's premium customers seek more than just financial services; they value recognition, personalised experiences, and distinguished service standards," he said.

To enrich customer experience, IPDC Finance has partnered with leading hospitality, travel, dining, healthcare, and lifestyle brands across the country to offer curated benefits and services.

City Bank provides medical equipment for measles treatment

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City Bank PLC has extended support to critical paediatric care facilities at two public healthcare institutions as Bangladesh faces a growing measles outbreak.

The bank is providing essential medical equipment for the dedicated measles intensive care unit (ICU) at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital & Institute (BSHI) and the measles-focused paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The initiative builds on City Bank's earlier support for establishing a high dependency unit (HDU) at the BSHI.

Together, the interventions have helped strengthen more than 40 critical care and specialised treatment beds across public healthcare institutions



in the country, according to a press release.

The initiatives reflect City Bank's broader commitment to inclusive and sustainable social development, with a continued focus on healthcare, women and youth empowerment, and community well-being, the release added.

As a purpose-driven institution, the bank continues to invest in initiatives aimed at strengthening communities and creating long term social impact.

BRAC Bank's digital onboarding boosts SME banking access

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BRAC Bank PLC's digital onboarding platform is transforming how small and medium enterprises (SMEs) access banking services in Bangladesh by simplifying the account-opening process for entrepreneurs.

The platform enables SME customers to open accounts within minutes, significantly reducing the time and paperwork required under conventional banking procedures.

Since its pilot launch in 2025, more than 50,000 SME accounts have been opened digitally, demonstrating growing demand for faster and more convenient banking services.

The process fully complies with Bangladesh Bank regulations while using secure digital infrastructure to improve efficiency and customer satisfaction, according to a press

release.

Syed Abdul Momen, additional managing director and head of SME banking at the bank, said the initiative was designed to make banking easier for entrepreneurs by reducing complexity and shortening turnaround time.



He said account numbers are now issued almost instantly, while all remaining formalities are completed within three working days – less than half the time required under traditional processes.

BRAC Bank currently serves around 250,000 SME customers. By the end of 2025,

its SME loan portfolio had grown nearly 48 percent year-on-year to more than Tk 35,000 crore, while maintaining a non-performing loan ratio of 2 percent, one of the lowest in the industry.

Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, managing director and CEO, said, "Guided by the vision of our founder, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, we have prioritised the SME sector from the outset. Digital Onboarding reflects that commitment, delivering faster, more accessible, and higher-quality banking services to entrepreneurs who have long been underserved."

"Digital Onboarding is a natural extension of our mission to support entrepreneurs with better, faster, and more accessible banking services," he said, adding that it has improved customer satisfaction while enhancing efficiency across our operations.

Oil jumps 3%

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US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures finished at \$95.42 a barrel, up 61 cents, or 0.64 percent.

Both contracts were settled with weekly declines of more than 6 percent.

"We're treading water here, rightfully so," said John Kilduff, partner with Again Capital. "We're on the cusp of a breakthrough in negotiations or we're on the cusp of a renewal of the fighting. We've been here a lot."

"There is a sense in the market that there is going to be an agreement and we'll get the next phase which would be 30 days to hammer out an agreement (between Iran and the US)," Kilduff said.

Throughout the day, traders felt like they had been swatted back and forth like a tennis ball. "We're still playing the headline-o-rama game," said Phil Flynn, senior analyst with Price Futures Group. "Ship movement in the Persian Gulf is going about as well as can be expected. We're kind of working around the edges."

US and Iranian forces clashed in the Gulf, and the

UAE came under renewed attack as Washington awaited a response from Tehran to its proposal to end the conflict, which began with joint US-Israeli airstrikes across Iran on February 28.

US President Donald Trump later on Thursday told reporters the ceasefire was still in effect and sought to play down the exchange.

However, on Friday, Trump renewed an ultimatum demanding Iran give up its nuclear ambitions.

"How quickly can supply be returned from Gulf states, what will the state of inventories be as we approach peak gasoline season, and what sanctions would look like post-settlement are all worthy of thought. But none can be addressed until there is a long-term solution to hostilities," said PVM Oil Associates analyst John Evans.

"The US administration continues to oversell the prospects of a thaw, and an optimism-biased market buys into it," said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis firm Vanda Insights.

US job

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"RISKY"
Dan North, senior economist at Allianz Trade, warned that US jobs growth has been overly reliant on health care in recent months.

"Over the last 24 months, health care has created 81 percent of the private sector jobs – everything else, 19 percent," he told AFP, calling it a "risky" way to run the economy.

Nancy Vanden Houten, lead US Economist at Oxford Economics, said that if health care were excluded, "job growth was negative over the last 12 months."

North said that over-reliance and the continuing see-sawing of the labor market were of concern, presenting worrying signals for the overall economy.

Others were more upbeat, with Northlight Asset Management's Chris Zaccarelli saying the April jobs data showed "the economy is so much better than what the doom crew has been saying."

Nationwide Chief Economist Kathy Bostjancic said the jobs data was welcome at a time of economic headwinds due to the Iran war.

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Re-Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

1	Agency	Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management (BIGM)
2	Client name	Additional Director (Managerial Service)
3	Client code	Not used at present
4	Client district	Dhaka
5	Expression of Interest for Selection of:	
Selection of an Income Tax Lawyer Firm for the preparation and submission of the Tax Returns of BIGM for the FY 2016-2017 to FY 2025-26, including support services related to Return Processing and assessment, Demand/Refund, Audit, Appeal/Dispute Resolution of BIGM, Dhaka.		
6	EOI Ref No.	BIGM/Acc. Tem/10(6)/02(Part)/25-241
7	Date	09-05-2026
KEY INFORMATION		
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Source of funds	BIGM
9	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	Project / programme code (if applicable)	N/A
11	Project / programme name (if applicable)	N/A
12	EOI closing date and time	20/05/2026 03:00pm
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
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14	Qualification and Experience:	
The Tax Lawyer Firm must have successfully completed Income Taxation-related assignments with a minimum of 05 (five) years of overall professional experience, including at least 05 (five) years of tax-related experience. Other criteria are provided in the SRFA documents.		
15	Other details (if applicable)	Give in SRFA
CLIENT DETAILS		
16	Name of official inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Moniruzzaman
17	Designation of official inviting EOI	Additional Director (Managerial Service)
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20	The Client reserves the right to reject all EOIs.	

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e-Tender Notice

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

Tender ID No.	Name of works	Procurement method	Last date & time for selling document	Tender closing date & time
1272774	Maintenance works of Conference Room and Police Club under Sayedpur Railway Police, Sayedpur, Nilphamari.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00
1268066	Maintenance work of Office Building (Police Fari) at Kaunia Railway Junction under Upazila-Kaunia, District- Rangpur.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00
1273180	Maintenance work of Office Building at Lalmonirhat Railway Thana under Upazila- Lalmonirhat Sadar, District- Lalmonirhat.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00
1273179	Maintenance works of Sayedpur Railway Police Line internal ASI Quarter under Sayedpur Railway Police, Sayedpur, Nilphamari.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00
1272272	Maintenance work of Officer Barrack at Kaunia Railway Police Fari Junction under Upazila-Kaunia, District- Rangpur.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00
1272372	Maintenance work of Force Barrack at Kaunia Railway Police Fari Junction under Upazila-Kaunia, District- Rangpur.	NCT, OTM	24 May 2026 17.00	25 May 2026 12.00

This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration on the e-GP System (www.eprocure.gov.bd) mandatory.

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

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

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