

MTB signs deal with Runner Motors for API-driven cash management

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has signed an agreement with Runner Motors PLC, an automobile company and a business unit of Runner Group, to provide cash management services.

Chowdhury Akhtar Asif, additional managing director and chief business officer of MTB, and Nazrul Muhammad Islam, managing director of Runner Group, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Gulshan-1, Dhaka, recently, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, Runner Motors PLC will use MTB's integrated API-driven cash management services for nationwide distributor and sales collections.

The agreement also includes MTB's payment solution, MTB eBank, to manage various payments and online collections through DDL.

Transaction approvals can be completed through biometric authentication on the MTB eBank App, which the bank says is the first such feature in the local banking industry. Syed

Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of MTB, attended the signing ceremony.

Khalid Hossain, chief digital officer; Md Ashik Iqbal Khan, divisional head of cash management and transaction banking; Tahsin Taher, divisional head of retail segment and

strategy; Md Rozar Ibna Azad, head of the group communication department; Rajesh Kumar Yadav, chief financial officer; and Ahmed Hossain, head of IT, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the event.



Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC, and Nazrul Muhammad Islam, managing director of Runner Group, exchange signed documents of the agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK



Md Samsul Islam, chief corporate affairs officer of Nagad Limited; Md Abdul Hannan, additional general manager for Dhaka East Zone of the Bangladesh Post Office; and Pradip Kumar, additional general manager for Rangpur West Zone, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NAGAD

Nagad partners with post office for digital PLI premium payments

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Nagad Limited has signed an agreement with the Bangladesh Post Office to enable digital premium payments for Postal Life Insurance (PLI), allowing policyholders to pay premiums without visiting post offices or standing in long queues.

Md Abdul Hannan, additional general manager for Dhaka East Zone of the Bangladesh Post Office; Pradip Kumar, additional general manager for Rangpur West Zone; and Md Samsul Islam, chief corporate affairs officer of Nagad Limited, signed the agreement in Dhaka recently,

according to a press release.

Under the agreement, premiums for all types of Postal Life Insurance policies, including Whole Life Insurance, Endowment Insurance, Fixed Term Insurance, and Education and Marriage Endowment Insurance, can now be paid through Nagad.

Kazi Asadul Islam, director general of the Directorate of Posts, said Postal Life Insurance is a trusted financial security service for people across the country.

"We are continuously working to make this service more modern and people-friendly," he said.

NCC Bank, GUK launch climate resilience project in Gaibandha chars



M Abdus Salam, chief executive officer of Gana Unnayan Kendra, and M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NCC BANK

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NCC Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK), a non-governmental development organisation, to strengthen climate resilience and improve sustainable livelihoods in the char areas of Fulchhari upazila in Gaibandha.

As part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives, NCC Bank will finance a two-year project, titled "The Adaptive Eco Char Project:

A Blueprint for Thriving Dynamic Landscapes", according to a press release.

Implemented in the char areas of Fazlupur and Fulchhari unions, the project aims to strengthen the adaptive capacity of local communities to climate change while ensuring sustainable livelihoods.

Key initiatives include establishing solar-powered Digital Resilience Centers for early disaster warnings, digital services and training, telemedicine-based healthcare services, safe

drinking water systems, and solar power facilities.

The project will also promote climate-resilient agriculture, homestead vegetable cultivation, livestock rearing, women entrepreneurship development, and community-based disaster management capacity.

Thousands of families are expected to gain access to safe water, renewable energy and healthcare services, while more than 300 families will have opportunities to engage in income-generating activities.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank, and M Abdus Salam, chief executive officer of GUK, signed the MoU at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

Arefin said NCC Bank has long been supporting marginalised communities through education, healthcare and other social initiatives.

"The people of char regions live in extremely vulnerable conditions and face the adverse impacts of climate change every year," he said, adding that the project would help families protect their livelihoods and achieve sustainable economic development.

Salam said the partnership would serve as an effective model for climate resilience and sustainable economic development in Bangladesh's char regions.



Md Abul Hashem, managing director and CEO of Uttara Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of a "foundation course" for the bank's probationary officers (Batch 2026) at its training institute in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: UTTARA BANK

Shahjalal Islami Bank celebrates 25th anniversary

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Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC yesterday celebrated its 25th founding anniversary with programmes held at its head office, corporate office, branches and sub-branches across the country.

Mohammed Yunus, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the celebrations as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Yunus said Shahjalal Islami Bank has played an important role in various sectors of the country, including agriculture, trade, industry, infrastructure and the broader economy, over the past 25 years.

"We are happy to be a proud partner in the sustainable development and prosperity of the country," he said, adding that the bank has been sincerely serving customers since the beginning of its operations.

He also expressed the bank's commitment to expanding modern banking services to people across the country.

On the occasion, the bank's chairman launched 12 new SME investment products.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of the bank, presided over the programme

and said Shahjalal Islami Bank has earned customer trust and credibility in the banking sector through its service quality and customer-focused initiatives.

"The bank's position in overall indicators, including customer service, deposits, investments and credit ratings, is very satisfactory," he said. He added that the bank has received recognition from various local

and international organisations for banking excellence in recent years.

Among others, Mohiuddin Ahmed, vice-chairman of the bank; Md Sanaullah Shahid, Harun Miah, Akkas Uddin Mollah, Khandaker Shakib Ahmed, Md Towhidur Rahman, Fakir Maniruzzaman and Abdul Hakim, directors; and Md Reazul Karim, independent director, were also present.



Mohammed Yunus, chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's 25th founding anniversary programmes at its head office, corporate office, branches, and sub-branches across the country yesterday. PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

EU opens door Asean eyes oil reserve

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A commission source said some countries, such as Ireland, are more at risk due to a lack of refining capacity, while others, including Finland, appear better prepared.

The same source also voiced concern some airlines may be using the crisis as an opportunity to drop unprofitable routes.

WHAT HAS THE EU ANNOUNCED?

The commission on Friday clarified the rules for governments and airlines on which existing tools can be deployed to ensure jet fuel is used as efficiently as possible and at the lowest possible cost.

It also eased rules restricting "tankering", the practice of aircraft carrying more fuel than necessary to avoid buying more expensive fuel at other airports.

And Brussels confirmed there would be temporary flexibility on airport slots to prevent airlines that exceptionally give up slots because of high fuel costs from being penalised in future slot allocations.

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"It will take time -- at least months -- for damaged infrastructure to be repaired, for the strait to be demined, and for goods to flow through," he told Asean leaders.

A war closer to home was also hotly debated on Friday, with member states arguing over their approach to Myanmar, which has been formally excluded from high-level summits since its military junta snatched power in a 2021 coup.

The coup triggered a bloody civil war that still rages.

"Many of the members aired their frustration about the lack of progress in the process of normalising the situation in Myanmar," Marcos said.

Thailand, which shares a border with its war-torn neighbour, has spent months pushing for higher-level engagement.

A Thai diplomat confirmed at a briefing that Bangkok's foreign minister was pushing for higher-level diplomatic contact with

Myanmar, saying the suggestion had been "received in a positive light" by Asean members.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan told reporters on Thursday his country remained opposed to high-level talks while "oppression is still taking place".

"There are still atrocities towards their own citizens," he said of Myanmar's junta.

Marcos also said the Philippines had not given up hope of completing its long-planned Code of Conduct meant to regulate disagreements between bloc members and China in the South China Sea.

The Philippines, which has seen its ships engage in repeated clashes with Chinese vessels in the disputed waterway, has previously said it wanted to complete the document.

However, talks have stalled repeatedly over disagreements on the code's scope, enforcement and legal status.

Aarong

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Organisations must become more conscious about how their practices affect the environment and climate, she added.

Launched in September 2025 to curb excessive paper bag consumption, Aarong's BYOB initiative replaced free bag distribution with a paid model. Customers who take their own bags to Aarong outlets receive a Tk 15 cashback; those who do not can purchase a paper bag from the outlet.

The shift has had a measurable impact. The retail chain distributed 69.92 lakh free bags between September 2024 and March 2025. Over the same period after the initiative began, usage fell to 23.12 lakh, a reduction of 46.79 lakh units, according to the press statement.

Tamara said that charging for bags is a common practice among retailers in India, Thailand, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

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