Prime Bank joins Biobuild to reward homebuyers

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Prime Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Biobuild Development Ltd, a Dhaka-based real estate development company, to offer rewards to its customers.

Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of distribution of the bank, and Md Sujal Ahmed Talukder, director and CEO of the real estate development company, signed the agreement at the realtor's office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Prime Bank customers will receive rewards upon booking properties offered by Biobuild Development Ltd.

The partnership reflects Prime Bank's ongoing commitment to delivering exclusive privileges and lifestyle benefits to its customers through strategic collaborations with leading brands and businesses, the release added.

Joarder Tanvir Faisal, head of cards and retail banking at the bank; Takiyan Chowdhury, executive vice-president of secured consumer financing and embedded payments; Colonel (retd) Md Manirul Islam, advisor; and SM Abu Sufian, head of sales (general manager) of the realtor, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the signing ceremony.

Md Sujal Ahmed Talukder, director and CEO of Biobuild Development Ltd, and Mamur Ahmed, senior executive vice-president and head of distribution of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing an agreement at the realtor's office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

NCC Bank approves 21% dividend for 2025

Mohammed Nurun Newaz, chairman of NCC Bank PLC, presides over the bank's annual general meeting, held virtually recently. The meeting approved a 21 percent dividend, including a 17 percent cash dividend, for 2025. PHOTO: NCC BANK

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NCC Bank PLC has approved a 21 percent dividend, including a 17 percent cash dividend, for the year that ended on December 31, 2025.

The approval was made at the bank's 41st annual general meeting (AGM), held virtually recently, according to a press release.

Mohammed Nurun Newaz, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting and said that despite global and domestic economic challenges, NCC Bank demonstrated remarkable resilience and strategic progress in 2025.

He emphasised that NCC Bank has been making steady progress by maintaining asset quality, increasing low-cost deposits, improving fund management efficiency, expanding fee- and commission-based income, adopting advanced technologies, ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance, and continuously enhancing customer service.

Abdus Salam, vice-chairman of the bank; Amjadul Ferdous Chowdhury, director and past chairman; Khairul Alam Chaklader, director and chairman of the executive committee; Md Moinuddin, Mohammed Sazzad Un Newaz, Syed Asif Nizamuddin, Shamima Newaz, Morshedul Alam Chaklader and Nahid Banu, directors; Tanzina Ali, director and past vice-chairman; Meer Sajed-Ul-Basher, independent director; and Md Amirul Islam, independent director and chairman of the audit committee, attended the event.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director, said that throughout its 33-year journey, NCC Bank has emerged as one of the country's most trusted and financially sound banks, earning the confidence and appreciation of its stakeholders. He said the bank's current commitment is "Innovate to Evolve, Transform to Lead."

Islami Bank holds board meeting

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Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC held a meeting of its board of directors at Islami Bank Tower in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.

According to a press release, Mohammad Zahir Hussain, executive director of the Bangladesh Bank and the sole representative of the board of directors of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, presided over the meeting.

Md Altaf Hossain, acting managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, and Md Habibur Rahman, company secretary, along with other senior officials, were also present at the meeting.

Mohammad Zahir Hussain, executive director of Bangladesh Bank and the sole representative of the board of directors of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, attends a meeting of the bank's board of directors at Islami Bank Tower in Motijheel, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: ISLAMI BANK BANGLADESH

Shaheen made DMD of NRBC Bank

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Shaheen Howlader

NRBC Bank PLC has appointed Md Shaheen Howlader as deputy managing director (DMD) and chief business officer, effective from June 24, 2026.

Prior to joining NRBC Bank PLC, Shaheen was serving at NRB Bank PLC as deputy managing director (business), according to a press release.

With nearly three decades of experience in the banking industry, he brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to his new role.

He started his banking career at National Bank Limited as a probationary officer in October 1995.

Throughout his distinguished career, he has held various key positions at National Bank Limited, Prime Bank PLC, Modhumoti Bank PLC, and NRB Bank PLC, making significant contributions to business growth, strategic development, and operational excellence.

Shaheen completed his postgraduate degree in demography at the University of Dhaka and earned an MBA in banking and insurance from the same university.

Nagad joins Bangla QR network with 10 lakh merchants

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Mobile financial services (MFS) provider Nagad Limited has launched the "Bangla QR" payment service for its users.

At the same time, the MFS provider, the digital financial arm of the Postal Department, has also introduced an instant "Transfer Money" feature, enabling seamless fund transfers between personal accounts across all banks and other MFS operators.

With this integration, Nagad joins a nationwide network of nearly 10 lakh merchants under the Bangla QR umbrella, according to a press release.

Aimed at making cashless transactions simpler, safer and more accessible, the MFS provider yesterday integrated Bangla QR with the National Payment Switch Bangladesh (NPSB) network. The move ensures greater transactional freedom for its millions of customers.

To mark the launch of Bangla QR, Nagad organised a mega event at the Banani Chairmanbari Playground in Dhaka, where Md Motasem Billah, administrator of Nagad, inaugurated the service.

Commenting on the launch, Billah said Bangla QR is a revolutionary milestone in making cashless transactions easier, safer and more cost-effective for both consumers and businesses.

"Moving forward, Nagad customers can make cashless payments in the blink of an eye by scanning a single, unified QR code at any shop, seamlessly bringing small traders into the digital payment network."

"This single QR-based architecture will play a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion and realising the vision of a 'Cashless Bangladesh'," he said.

Premier Bank holds sub-branch business performance review meeting

Arifur Rahman, chairman of Premier Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of the "Sub-Branch Business Performance Review Meeting 2026" at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PREMIER BANK

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Premier Bank PLC yesterday held its "Sub-Branch Business Performance Review Meeting 2026" at its head office in Dhaka to review the business performance of its sub-branches and outline future strategic priorities under the leadership of its newly constituted board of directors.

Some 67 sub-branch in-charges from different regions across the country took part in the meeting, according to a press release.

Arifur Rahman, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the meeting as the chief guest.

Md Monzur Mofiz, managing director of the bank; Niamat Uddin Ahmed, SM Wali Ul Morshed, Amalendu Roy and Mohammad Al-Amin, deputy managing directors, attended the event.

During the meeting, the participants presented their strategic business plans and future initiatives aimed at strengthening the performance and ensuring the sustainable growth of the bank's sub-branch network.

Mohammad Shamim Murshed, senior executive vice-president and head of the retail banking division; Mohammad Ahsan Ul Alam, senior executive vice-president and head of the agent banking, cards and alternative delivery channel division; and Asif Khan, head of the SME and agriculture banking division, along with heads of various divisions and other senior officials of the bank, were also present at the programme.

Dhaka Bank declares 10% cash dividend for 2025

Abdul Hai Sarker, chairman of Dhaka Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 31st annual general meeting, held virtually recently. The meeting declared a 10 percent cash dividend for 2025. PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Dhaka Bank PLC has declared a 10 percent cash dividend for the financial year that ended on December 31, 2025.

The declaration was made at the bank's 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was held virtually recently, according to a press release.

Abdul Hai Sarker, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting.

ATM Hayatuzzaman Khan, founder vice-chairman and director of the bank; Reshadur Rahman, Afroza Abbas, Roksana Zaman, Monoara Khandaker, Asif Hanif, Md Amir Ullah, Aman Ullah Sarker, Tahidul Hossain Chowdhury, Abdullah Al Ahsan, Mirza Yasser Abbas, Jashim Uddin, Altaf Hossain Sarker and Manoara Khandaker, directors; Khandaker Jamil Uddin, sponsor; and Bilkis Ara Begum and Feroz Ahmed, independent directors, joined the AGM.

Addressing the programme, Osman Ershad Faiz, managing director and CEO, reaffirmed the bank's long-term vision and unwavering commitment to excellence, emphasizing its aspiration to become a world-class financial institution rooted in strong governance, operational discipline, digital transformation, and a people-centric culture.

"Our ambition is to be the bank that Bangladesh is proud to call its own -- with the governance, the discipline, and the human quality of the best institutions in the world. That is not a statement about where we are. It is a commitment about where we are going," he said.

A large number of shareholders from across the country also participated in the AGM virtually.

They reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for 2025 and shared valuable feedback and observations on the bank's financial performance, corporate governance practices, and overall business activities.

Md Shahjahan Miah, company secretary, and Sahabub Alam Khan, senior executive vice-president and chief financial officer, also attended the event.

Islami Bank to provide salary account services to railway co-op members

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Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC recently signed a corporate agreement with Bangladesh Railway Co-operative Credit Society Limited to provide salary account services.

Under the agreement, the members of Bangladesh Railway Co-operative Credit Society Limited will be able to maintain salary accounts, deposit funds into the society's account, and conveniently pay installments on loans taken from the society through Islami Bank.

M Kamal Uddin Jasim, additional managing director of the bank, and Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman, president of the society and chief operating superintendent (West) of Bangladesh Railway, signed the agreement at a programme held at Rail Bhaban in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Md Afzal Hossain, director general of Bangladesh Railway, attended the programme as the chief guest.

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Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Railway Co-operative Credit Society Limited and chief operating superintendent (West) of Bangladesh Railway, and M Kamal Uddin Jasim, additional managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at Rail Bhaban in Dhaka recently.