Prime Bank signs deal with Penthouse Livings for priority customers

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Prime Bank PLC has recently signed an agreement with Penthouse Livings Limited at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka.

According to a press release, Prime Bank Priority Banking customers will enjoy exclusive discounts on products and services offered by Penthouse Livings Limited, providing them with enhanced value and premium lifestyle benefits.

Prime Bank PLC Senior Vice President and Acting Head of Priority Banking Nahreen Quayyum and Penthouse Livings Limited Director of Operations Ashique Un Nabi signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Prime Bank PLC Head of Customer Propositions Hossain Mohammad Zakaria, Penthouse Livings Limited General Manager of Sales and Operations Anisur Rahman, and Penthouse Livings Limited Head of Marketing Nafeez Imtiaz Karim, attended the signing ceremony alongside senior officials from both organisations.

The partnership reflects the shared commitment of Prime Bank PLC and Penthouse Livings Limited to deliver exclusive privileges and enhanced lifestyle experiences to Prime Bank Priority Banking customers through strategic collaboration.



Officials from Prime Bank and Penthouse Livings pose for photographs with the signed documents at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Pubali Bank wins awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards



Monzurur Rahman, chairman of Pubali Bank PLC, attends a programme at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently to celebrate its achievements at the 4th ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2026. PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

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Pubali Bank PLC has won two awards at the 4th ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2026.

The awards were presented in the "Best Bank – Bangladesh" and "Best Performance on Growth – Bangladesh" categories.

Mohammad Ali, managing director of the bank, received the awards at the ceremony held at Le Méridien New Delhi in India recently. Ali said, "These honours are a reflection of the unwavering trust of our valued customers, the confidence of our shareholders, the visionary guidance of our board of directors, and the dedication, professionalism, and relentless commitment of our employees."

"This achievement will continue to inspire Pubali Bank to deliver more responsible, innovative, and customer-centric banking services," he said.

Expressing his views on the achievement, Monzurur Rahman, chairman of the bank, said that these international recognitions have further strengthened Pubali Bank PLC's position as one of Bangladesh's leading financial institutions. They reflect the bank's unwavering commitment to banking excellence, sustainable growth, sound corporate governance, innovation, and superior customer service.

To celebrate this achievement, the bank organised a programme at its head office in Dhaka. Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder, former chairman; Habibur Rahman, Azizur Rahman, Md Abdur Razzak Mondal, Rana Laila Hafiz, Mustafa Ahmed, Arif Ahmed Choudhury and Kabir Ahmed, directors; and Mohammad Naushad Ali Chowdhury and Prof Hasina Sheykh, independent directors, attended the event.

Midland Bank launches special interest rate loan facility for professionals

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Midland Bank PLC has introduced a new financing facility offering special interest or profit rates under both conventional loans and Islamic (Salam) financing, exclusively for professional customers.

The facility was formally launched during the bank's 183rd board meeting held on July 29 2026, with Chairman Ahsan Khan Chowdhury presiding over the inauguration, according to a press release.

The event was attended by several board members, Abul Kashem, director; AKM Badiul Alam, director; Hafizur Rahman Sarker, director; Shahnaj Parveen, director; Mohammed Helal Miah, director; Md Kamal Hossain, director; Abdul Alim Mondol, director; Riaz Ahmed Choudhury, independent director; and Managing Director & CEO Imtiaz U Ahmed, along with Deputy Managing Director Md Nazmul Huda Sarkar.

Registered professionals — including doctors, engineers, chartered accountants, chartered secretaries, architects, dentists, pharmacists, and veterinarians — will be eligible to avail the facility for purposes such as buying a new car, building or purchasing a home, and meeting other personal financial needs.



Midland Bank Chairman Ahsan Khan Chowdhury pose for photographs with other officials of the bank at the inauguration ceremony of its new financing facility in Dhaka on July 29. PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

Abdul Hai Sarker reelected chairman of Dhaka Bank

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Abdul Hai Sarker

Abdul Hai Sarker has recently been re-elected as the chairman of the Board of Directors of Dhaka Bank PLC for a further term of two years.

Sarker completed his post-graduation from the University of Dhaka in 1970. Following his academic journey, he ventured into international trade and business, establishing himself as one of the country's distinguished industrialists.

Through his leadership, entrepreneurial acumen, and dedication, he built the Purbani Group into one of Bangladesh's leading business conglomerates, according to a press release.

Sarker is the founder chairman of Dhaka Bank PLC and chairman of the Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB). He also served as a director of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

He was the former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He also served as the president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) for four consecutive terms.

In addition, he is a founder member of the Board of Trustees of the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) and previously served as an associate director of the International Cotton Association, Liverpool, United Kingdom.

DBH Finance's half-year profit rises 32%

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DBH Finance PLC, one of the country's leading financial institutions with a prime focus on housing finance, has announced its financial results for the half year ended June 30, 2026.

For the period, the company reported a net profit after tax of Tk 556.46 million, 32 percent higher than the corresponding period of the previous year, according to a press release.

EPS for the half year stood at Tk 2.74, compared to Tk 2.07 for the same period last year. Net interest income grew by 44 percent, while operating income increased by 6.5 percent during the period.

Net asset value per share stood at Tk 50.79 as on 30 June 2026. Non-performing loans (NPL) remained below 1 percent of the total portfolio, among the lowest in the industry. Notably, the company has maintained the highest credit rating, AAA, for 21 consecutive years.

As of June 30, 2026, DBH's loan portfolio stood at approximately Tk 44,616 million, while its deposit portfolio stood at approximately Tk 43,980 million.



PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

Officials of Shahjalal Islami Bank pose for photographs at its "Half-Yearly Business Conference-2026" at a hotel in Cox's Bazar on July 30.

Shahjalal Islami Bank organises half-yearly business conference

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Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC had organized "Half-Yearly Business Conference-2026" on July 30 at a local hotel in Coxsbazar through a hybrid platform.

The conference was presided over by Managing Director Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, while Mohammed Younus, chairman of the board of directors of the bank, was present as chief guest, according to a press release.

Among others, directors of the bank Md Towhidur Rahman and Abdul Hakim, and independent director Md Reazul Karim were present at the conference.

Additional Managing Director of the bank Md Abdullah Al-Mamun, and deputy managing directors Rashed Sarwar and MM Saiful Islam participated and delivered speeches at the conference.

Deputy Managing Director Md Jafar Sadeq, discussed elaborately on the overall performance of the first six months of 2026.

Through this hybrid platform, more than 1,000 participants took part in the conference. SEVP and Company Secretary of the bank Md Abul Bashar moderated the conference.

At the conference, the speakers discussed the business performance of the first six months of the current year and urged taking necessary strategies and action plans to achieve the business target for the remaining time of the year.

Bangladesh Bank hosts Bangla QR awareness session in Habiganj



Officials from BRAC Bank, Bangladesh Bank and government agencies, along with bankers, merchants, entrepreneurs, educators, and media professionals, pose for a photograph at the Habiganj Town Hall Auditorium on July 29. PHOTO: BRAC BANK

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Bangladesh Bank organised a stakeholder engagement session in Habiganj to accelerate the implementation of Bangla QR and promote interoperable digital payments as part of the country's journey towards a Cashless Bangladesh.

BRAC Bank acted as the lead bank to organise the interactive session with guidance from Bangladesh Bank, according to a press release.

Held at the Habiganj Town Hall Auditorium on July 29, the event brought together officials from Bangladesh Bank, government representatives, bankers, merchants, entrepreneurs, educators, and media professionals to discuss the role of Bangla QR in expanding secure, seamless, and inclusive digital payments across Bangladesh.

The session was attended by Bangladesh Bank Sylhet Office Executive Director Khaled Ahmed as chief guest.

Bangladesh Bank Sylhet Office Additional Director Mohammad Shafiqul Islam and Deputy Commissioner's Office Assistant Commissioner and Executive Magistrate Al Nadarun Bin Akon attended as special guests.

BRAC Bank Sylhet Region Regional Head Rezaur Rahman presided over the programme and BRAC Bank Retail Banking, Merchant Acquiring, e-Commerce Senior Manager Raihanul Kabir delivered a keynote presentation.

Bangladesh Bank officials highlighted that the national Bangla QR standard enables seamless, interoperable payments for customers and merchants, driving the transition toward a cashless economy. Speakers encouraged businesses to adopt this technology to reduce cash dependency and enhance financial inclusion.

The discussion also highlighted that wider adoption of Bangla QR will reduce dependence on cash, simplify payment acceptance for merchants, enhance transaction transparency, improve business record-keeping, and strengthen financial inclusion, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Modhumoti Bank holds 13th AGM

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Modhumoti Bank PLC yesterday held its 13th annual general meeting (AGM) at Sheraton Dhaka in Banani.

Salahuddin Alamgir, chairman of the bank, presided over the meeting, according to a press release.

Mohammad Ismail Hossain, vice-chairman of the bank; Mostafa Kamal, chairman of the executive committee of the bank; and A Mannan Khan, chairman of the risk management committee, attended the AGM.

A large number of shareholders from across the country attended the AGM. They approved the bank's future plans and directives presented at the meeting.

They also shared their views on the bank's future strategy, service expansion, and the improvement of customer service quality. Md Shafiul Azam, managing director, and Md Rezaul Karim, company secretary, along with other directors, the external auditor, and senior officials, were also present at the meeting.



PHOTO: MODHUMOTI BANK

Salahuddin Alamgir, chairman of Modhumoti Bank PLC, attends the bank's 13th annual general meeting at Sheraton Dhaka in Banani yesterday.