Prime Bank ties up with Maven Autos to offer customer benefits

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Prime Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Maven Autos Limited, a Dhaka-based automobile company, to provide service offers to the bank's customers.

Takiyan Chowdhury, executive vice-president of secured consumer financing and embedded payments at the bank, and Md Sabiat Islam, chief executive officer of the automobile company, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Prime Bank customers will enjoy service benefits and special offers from Maven Autos Limited, enhancing the overall customer experience and providing greater value through strategic collaboration.

The collaboration reflects the shared commitment of both organisations to delivering customer-centric solutions and strengthening value-added services through innovative partnerships, the release added.

Samia Ahmed, managing director of the automobile company, was also present at the signing ceremony, along with other senior officials from both organisations.



Md Sabiat Islam, chief executive officer of Maven Autos Limited, and Takiyan Chowdhury, executive vice-president of secured consumer financing and embedded payments at Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Top Visa official visits Bangladesh

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Stephen Karpin

Stephen Karpin, regional president for Asia-Pacific at Visa, arrived in Bangladesh yesterday on a three-day visit.

During his visit, Karpin is expected to meet leaders from the government, financial institutions, fintechs, merchants and the broader payments ecosystem to discuss digital commerce, payment security and Bangladesh's digital transformation, according to a press release.

He was accompanied by Suresh Sethi, group country manager for India and South Asia at Visa.

Karpin leads Visa's business across the Asia-Pacific region and is responsible for its long-term growth strategy, client partnerships and innovation in digital payments, cross-border commerce, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

Grameen Bank opens GPay experience booth with Shamadhan Services



Ahmed Armaan Siddiqui, chief executive officer of Shamadhan Services Limited, and Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, chairman of Grameen Bank, jointly inaugurate an experience booth "GPay" at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: GRAMEEN BANK

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Grameen Bank and Shamadhan Services Limited, a fintech arm of Grameen Telecom Trust, jointly launched an experience booth titled "GPay" to ensure transparency and inclusion in financial transactions at the grassroots level.

Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, chairman of the bank, and Ahmed Armaan Siddiqui, chief executive officer of the fintech company, jointly inaugurated the booth at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

On the occasion, Hannan said, "There is no alternative to digital transactions to ensure transparency in financial transactions at the grassroots level and financial inclusion."

"Grameen Bank has reached a milestone in its 50-year journey, and technological transformation is essential to keep pace with global advancement in the next 50 years," he added. Armaan said, "To ensure the use of the app, we have kept 24/7 support and a helpline operational. With Bangla QR code and various other services, it will function as a complete digital wallet."

Citizens Bank, Nagad partner to expand digital financial services



Afzal Ahmed, chief financial officer of Nagad Limited, and Md Abdul Latif, deputy managing director of Citizens Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: CITIZENS BANK

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Citizens Bank PLC has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Nagad Limited, the mobile financial service of the Bangladesh Post Office, to make financial services easier, faster and more convenient for customers.

Md Abdul Latif, deputy managing director of the bank, and Afzal Ahmed, chief financial officer of the MFS, signed the agreement at a ceremony held at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, the business partnership between the two institutions will be further expanded. Through Citizens Bank, customers will be able to add money to their Nagad wallets. Nagad will also make it easier for expatriates to send remittances through Citizens Bank to their families in remote areas across the country.

At the same time, the partnership will facilitate customer integration and simplify the onboarding process, enabling more people to access digital financial services.

Alamgir Hossain, managing director of the bank, and Syed Himyanuddin Ahmed, senior associate administrator of the MFS, attended the signing ceremony.

The partnership is expected to play an important role in expanding cashless transactions across the country, the release added.

Md Mostafizur Rahman, deputy managing director of the bank; Mohammad Saiful Islam, chief financial officer; Abdur Rouf Bhuiyan, head of principal branch; and Mazibur Rahman, executive vice-president; and Bijoy Chandra Das, head of SMR and marketing division, attended the event.

Probal Ahmed, senior associate administrator of Nagad; Md Ajharul Haque, associate administrator; Abid Khan, head of treasury and merchant operations; Debabratha Kumar Chanda (Palash), head of distributor management and SOC; Md Saidur Rahman Dipu, head of business sales; and Md Ahsanul Hoque Bashar, head of remittance, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.

Standard Islami Bank holds town hall meeting

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Standard Islami Bank PLC recently held its Town Hall Meeting 2026 at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka.

The meeting brought together branch heads from across the network, along with senior executives from the head office. Riad Mahmud Chowdhury, managing director of the bank, presided over the meeting as the chief guest, according to a press release. In his address, Riad assured participants that their feedback would be given due consideration in shaping the bank's future agenda.

He underscored the value of active participation, continuous self-development and collective effort in executing the bank's strategic initiatives and achieving sustainable growth in the years ahead.



PHOTO: STANDARD ISLAMI BANK

Participants of Standard Islami Bank's Town Hall Meeting 2026 pose for a photograph at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka recently.

FBCCI board reduced to 48

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Anwar-ul Alam Chowdhury Parvez, president of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI), said the FBCCI board should ideally have no more than 40 to 42 members to ensure effective participation.

"When the board is too large, meaningful participation becomes difficult," he said.

The revised rules also seek to improve election transparency by abolishing proxy voting, introducing one vote for each business entity with a valid Tax Identification Number (TIN), and requiring candidates to submit tax compliance documents within seven days of the publication of the voter list.

Anwar-ul Alam said the apex trade body should have balanced representation from all major sectors, including cottage and small industries, heavy industries, exporters, healthcare and services, so the government can receive informed policy recommendations.

He also said many successful entrepreneurs avoid contesting elections because serving in trade bodies requires significant time away from their businesses.

"If experienced entrepreneurs come forward, the government will receive better policy support from the business community," he added.

He called for clear eligibility criteria to ensure capable leadership and broad representation from different sectors.

The revised rules also raise membership and affiliation fees.

Category-A organisations will charge a one-time admission fee of Tk 15,000 for both general and associate members, while Category-B organisations will charge Tk 10,000. Annual membership fees have been set at Tk 5,000 for Category-A organisations and Tk 3,000 for Category-B organisations.

One-time FBCCI affiliation fees will range from Tk 200,000 to Tk 500,000, while annual affiliation fees will be between Tk 60,000 and Tk 100,000. General Council members will also have to pay a one-time registration fee of Tk 20,000.

Rizwan-Ur-Rahman, managing director of ETBL Securities & Exchange Ltd and former president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), said the higher membership fees were reasonable as they had remained unchanged for years despite rising operating costs.

"These fees go to the chambers and associations, not the government," he said, adding that each organisation would continue to set its own membership fees through its governing process.

He said only organisations that fail to provide value to their members are likely to face resistance to the higher fees.

Asif Ibrahim, vice chairman of Newage Group, said the trade organisation reforms should go beyond administrative changes and help strengthen institutional governance and improve private sector competitiveness.

He welcomed measures such as direct voting, term limits and greater accountability, but said reducing the size of boards was one of the most important reforms.

According to Asif, smaller boards would improve efficiency, strengthen accountability and allow faster decision-making.

He also stressed the need for a predictable regulatory environment and warned against unnecessary government intervention.

Trade bodies, he said, should have greater freedom to contribute to export diversification, attract investment and support economic growth.

He added that the success of the reforms would depend on maintaining the right balance between regulatory oversight and institutional autonomy.

Students can now pay

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International cards were previously allowed only for living and other incidental expenses, and only when the institution did not require those fees to be paid directly to it.

Students who wanted to change banks could not simply move their accounts. Their physical student file had to be transferred directly from one bank branch to another.

Until now, virtual cards could be used for some online payments, such as TOEFL or SAT registration. But major tuition payments generally had to go through formal bank transfers.

As per the latest BB circular, before allowing transactions, banks must complete all required checks and exercise "due diligence in accordance with prevailing foreign exchange regulations", including rules on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing.

Banks must also put in place "adequate controls" to ensure the cards are used exclusively for education-related purposes and that payments go only to appropriate beneficiaries.

The BB said all other existing rules on foreign exchange for overseas education will remain in force.

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2.	02.074.2026	1316053	Supply of Computer Consumable for Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sirajganj	24/08/2026 11.30 am	24/08/2026 14.30 pm	24/08/2026 14.30 pm

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