# Govt, European bank to invest €250m in women's healthcare



**Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain, minister for health and family welfare, and Ziauddin Hyder, special adviser to the prime minister on health, pose for a photograph at the meeting, titled "Women's Health and Enhancing Healthcare Resilience", held at the Bangladesh Embassy in Berlin, Germany on Saturday.** PHOTO: PID

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The government of Bangladesh and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have taken an initiative to invest €250 million to improve women's health and strengthen the country's healthcare system.

Under the programme, named the "Women's Health Initiative", healthcare services will be expanded to around 47 million women and adolescent girls from 2027 to 2031, said a press release issued on Saturday.

The initiative was unveiled at a meeting, titled "Women's Health and Enhancing Healthcare Resilience", held at the Bangladesh Embassy in Berlin, Germany, on the occasion of the World Health Summit (WHS) 2026.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain and Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Health Ziauddin Hyder led the Bangladesh delegation at the meeting.

The programme will improve maternal and newborn healthcare, treatment for cervical and breast cancer, and emergency obstetric services. It will also strengthen primary healthcare, district hospitals, patient transfer and referral systems, and critical care services.

The initiative will also support preparedness for future pandemics and other health emergencies.

During the meeting, Sakhawat said protecting the health of women and adolescent girls was extremely important for Bangladesh's future.

"The government is working to ensure quality healthcare for all by prioritising disease prevention. Partnership with the European Investment Bank and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will play an important role in achieving this goal," the health minister added.

Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Health Ziauddin said the investment would play an important role in transforming the healthcare system from a treatment-oriented model to one focused on disease prevention and health promotion.

EIB Vice-President Marek Mora said investing in women's health meant investing in stronger families, more resilient communities and sustainable economic development.

UNFPA and its innovative programme, "WomenX Collective", supported the development of the initiative and will also provide technical assistance during its implementation.

UNFPA Executive Director Diene Keita said the initiative was important in addressing the long-standing funding gap in women's health.

"It will make it possible to bring lasting improvements in healthcare for millions of women and adolescent girls," Keita said.

According to the release, as part of health-sector reforms, the government of Bangladesh has pledged to gradually increase public expenditure on health from 1 percent to 5 percent of GDP.

# Bank Asia holds cybersecurity awareness training for employees

**STAR BUSINESS DESK**

Bank Asia PLC has organised a daylong training programme to raise cybersecurity awareness among its employees and enhance their skills in protecting the bank's digital assets in observance of "National Cybersecurity Awareness Month".

Md Sabbir Hossain, additional managing director of Bank Asia PLC, inaugurated the programme at the Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development (BAITD) in Lalmatia, Dhaka on Saturday, according to a press release.

SM Tofayel Ahmad, additional director (ICT) of Bangladesh Bank, conducted the training session.

The session covered key aspects of cybersecurity governance, regulatory expectations, management responsibilities, cybersecurity risks and threats, employee responsibilities, and good security practices.

Team leaders at different levels, including the heads of various departments and branches of the bank, attended the programme in person, while other employees participated online.




**Md Sabbir Hossain, additional managing director of Bank Asia PLC, poses for a photograph with participants of the cybersecurity awareness training programme at the Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development in Lalmatia, Dhaka on Saturday.** PHOTO: BANK ASIA

# ICMAB, UAE firm tie up to boost accountants' global careers



**Mohsena Khanom, founder and CEO of the UAE-based global advisory firm de tempête, and Md Kausar Alam, president of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: ICMAB

**STAR BUSINESS DESK**

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) has signed a three-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with de tempête, a global accounting BPO and business growth advisory firm based in the UAE, to support international career opportunities for ICMAB members, affiliates and students, particularly in the UAE, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets.

The collaboration aims to bridge the gap between professional education and international workplace requirements through career counselling, market-focused training, professional development and recruitment coordination, according to a press release.

Md Kausar Alam, president of ICMAB, and Mohsena Khanom, founder and CEO of the global advisory firm, signed the MoU in Dhaka recently.

Commenting on the partnership, Kausar said, "Preparing our members, affiliates and students for international careers requires strong technical foundations and an understanding of target markets."

"This collaboration will provide practical learning, professional exposure and career guidance to help them pursue opportunities in the Gulf with greater confidence," he added.

At the event, Mohsena said the initiative would help Bangladesh's accounting professionals translate their expertise into international career readiness through practical training, local insight and professional connections.

Planned initiatives include workshops, webinars and country-specific courses on taxation, value-added tax (VAT), anti-money laundering (AML), compliance, accounting and financial reporting.

# Citizens Bank organises quarterly business review meeting

**STAR BUSINESS DESK**

Citizens Bank PLC recently held its "Quarterly Business Review Meeting for September 2026" at its head office in Motijheel, Dhaka to review business performance during the third quarter of 2026.

The bank also formulated strategies to address emerging business challenges and achieve its targets for the remaining months of the year. Alamgir Hossain, managing director of the bank, presided over the meeting, according to a press release.

The session featured a comprehensive review of the bank's business performance, highlighting key achievements, identifying areas for improvement and assessing progress towards its strategic objectives.

The participants held detailed discussions on the prevailing macroeconomic situation, emerging challenges and their potential implications for the banking sector.

Emphasis was placed on adopting proactive business strategies, strengthening risk management practices and enhancing operational efficiency to navigate the evolving economic landscape.

Particular attention was given to expanding business in the SME, agriculture and other priority sectors, recognising their vital role in promoting inclusive economic development and contributing to the country's overall economic growth.




**Alamgir Hossain, managing director of Citizens Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of the bank's "Quarterly Business Review Meeting for September 2026" at its head office in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: CITIZENS BANK

# Meghna Bank launches 'Bangla QR' payment service

**STAR BUSINESS DESK**

Meghna Bank PLC has launched its "Bangla QR" payment service through MeghnaPay, marking another step towards expanding integrated digital payment facilities and contributing to the vision of a cashless Bangladesh.

Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of the bank, inaugurated the service at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

With this service, Meghna Bank customers can make payments through the MeghnaPay app by scanning any merchant's "Bangla QR" code, allowing them to pay for goods and services directly from their smartphones.

Md Sadiqur Rahman, additional managing director of the bank, and Momtazul Karim N Ahmed, deputy managing director, along with other senior officials, were also present at the launching ceremony.




PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

**Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of Meghna Bank PLC, poses for a photograph after inaugurating the "Bangla QR" payment service at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.**

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| 1. | 1346317 | Installation of 907 feet of barbed wire within the 2407 feet of the police lines boundary wall of Chuadanga district and painting of the entire boundary wall including 1000 feet of plaster. | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 2. | 1346311 | Work on the Bishnapur temporary police camp under Damurhuda police station in Chuadanga district (canteen, washroom-toilet tiles, replacement of the barracks roof with industrial sheets and ceiling replacement, civil sanitary, electrical and painting). | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 3. | 1346308 | Work on the Osmanpur temporary police camp (dining room window grills, corridor and detention room ceilings) (civil sanitary, electrical and painting) under Alamdanga police station in Chuadanga district. | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 4. | 1346289 | Civil, sanitary and painting work (including kitchen, washroom and toilet tiles) of Panchkamalapur temporary police camp under Alamdanga police station in Chuadanga district (including changing the kitchen roof with industrial sheets and changing the ceiling of the barracks). | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 5. | 1346284 | Construction of Kutubpur temporary police camp (including canteen, washroom-toilet tiles) (civil sanitary, electrical and painting) under Sadar police station of Chuadanga district. | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 6. | 1346274 | Work on the women's barracks (Aparajita) inside the Police Lines (plaster, civil sanitary, electrical and painting). | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 7. | 1346232 | Work on the construction of the Constable Quarter (Nabganga) (ground floor glass, floor tiles, stair railing repair, interior and exterior plaster and painting) within the Police Lines of Chuadanga District. | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |
| 8. | 1346225 | Floor tiling, plastering and painting work of the deal shed inside the Police Lines in Chuadanga district. | NCT, OTM | 25 Oct 2026 17:00 | 26 Oct 2026 12:00 |

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