Fertiliser stock rises to 16.07 lakh tonnes in four months

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The country's chemical fertiliser stock rose by 262,100 tonnes to 16.07 lakh tonnes in July-October of FY27, compared to 13.45 lakh tonnes in the same period of FY26, ensuring adequate supplies ahead of the upcoming Rabi season, according to officials.

The stock situation is satisfactory, officials from the Agriculture Ministry and other government agencies said.

The current stock comprises 606,900 tonnes of urea, 407,000 tonnes of triple superphosphate (TSP), 331,100 tonnes of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and 262,100 tonnes of muriate of potash (MOP), according to the Agriculture Ministry.

The government has set the fertiliser demand for FY27 at 58.05 lakh tonnes. A total of 19.50 lakh tonnes had been distributed nationwide until November 2, while another 714,200 tonnes had been allocated for November.

The government has instructed deputy commissioners and deputy directors of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) to assess actual demand, monitor stocks and ensure proper distribution to prevent artificial shortages.

Field-level officials have also been directed to identify shortage-prone areas, prepare advance supply plans for the Rabi season and ensure fertiliser sales at government-fixed prices.

DAE Director General Md Abdur Rahim told BSS that fertiliser stocks were highly satisfactory compared to last year, with adequate supplies available ahead of the Rabi season.

He said the DAE and field administration were monitoring distribution to prevent artificial shortages and ensure farmers received fertiliser on time at fair prices.

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Urging farmers not to stockpile fertiliser, he said the country had been divided into 14 regions, each overseen by an officer to coordinate supply and monitoring activities.

Agriculture Secretary Md Selim Khan told BSS that the government was taking measures to ensure uninterrupted fertiliser supplies at fair prices.

He said district administrations and the DAE had been instructed to prevent artificial shortages and ensure farmers were not harassed.

To monitor supplies, the government has appointed 26 senior officials in 26 districts across Rajshahi, Khulna and Rangpur, he said, adding that there would be no fertiliser shortage during the Rabi season.

Prime Bank renews partnership with icddr,b for TB care in Sylhet

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank PLC has renewed its strategic partnership agreement with icddr,b, a Dhaka-based international health research institute, to continue providing essential healthcare services to presumptive and diagnosed tuberculosis (TB) patients at the Sylhet TB Screening and Treatment Centre (TBSTC).

The MoU was recently signed at the bank's head office in Dhaka by Md Ziaur Rahman, additional managing director and chief risk officer of Prime Bank PLC, and Nnamdi Chukwuma Nnadozie, acting executive director of icddr,b, according to a press release.

Commenting on the partnership, Ziaur Rahman said, "At Prime Bank, we believe that access to timely healthcare is a fundamental right."

"Partnering with icddr,b enables us to take tangible action against TB in Sylhet, ensuring thousands of patients receive the screening, diagnosis, and treatment they deserve," he added.

The renewed collaboration will run until August 31, 2027, supporting ongoing operations and ensuring uninterrupted care for vulnerable communities. The initiative builds on a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed in September 2025.

Between September 2025 and August 2026, 15,338 people with presumptive TB symptoms visited the centre, and 1,843 were diagnosed with the disease. The approved funding will ensure uninterrupted access to diagnostic, screening and treatment services at the Sylhet TBSTC over the coming year.



Nnamdi Chukwuma Nnadozie, acting executive director of icddr,b, and Md Ziaur Rahman, additional managing director and chief risk officer of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Bangladesh delegation attends ICC global banking meeting in London



Members of the Bangladesh delegation pose for a group photograph with delegates from other countries at the "ICC Global Annual Banking Commission Meeting 2026" in London recently.

PHOTO: ICC BANGLADESH

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A 26-member delegation of bankers from nine banks, led by Ataur Rahman, secretary general of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Bangladesh, attended the "ICC Global Annual Banking Commission Meeting 2026" in London from November 9 to 11.

The meeting, jointly organised by ICC headquarters and ICC UK, drew around 400 delegates from across the world, according to a press release.

The Bangladeshi delegation included Md Altaf Hossain, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh; Shabbir Ahmed, additional managing director of ONE Bank PLC; Mahtab Osmani, deputy managing director of Bank Asia PLC; Faruk Ahmed, deputy managing director of City Bank PLC; Mohammad Esha, deputy managing director of Pubali Bank PLC; and Syed Sazzad Haider Chowdhury, deputy managing director and chief information officer of Prime Bank PLC.

Senior officials from BRAC Bank PLC, Pubali Bank PLC, Mutual Trust Bank PLC, City Bank PLC, Eastern Bank PLC and Bank Asia PLC also joined the delegation.

ICC Bangladesh will host the "ICC Global Annual Banking Commission Meeting 2027" in Dhaka from November 8 to 10 next year.



PHOTO: IFIC BANK PLC

Officials of IFIC Bank PLC and Best Electronics pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at IFIC Tower in Dhaka on November 11.

IFIC credit cardholders to get interest-free EMI at Best Electronics

STAR BUSINESS DESK

IFIC Bank PLC credit cardholders will be able to purchase products from Best Electronics, a privately owned consumer electronics and home appliances retail and manufacturing company in Bangladesh, in up to 12 monthly instalments without paying interest under a new agreement between the two organisations.

The agreement was formalised through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed at IFIC Tower in Dhaka on November 11, reads a press statement.

Helal Ahmed, chief of branch business at the bank, and Syed Tahmid Zaman Rashik, managing director of the electrical and electronics manufacturing company, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Md Zakir Hossain, head of cards and digital banking at IFIC Bank, and Md Marjuman Rahman, senior deputy general manager and head of business at Best Electronics, among others, were also present at the signing ceremony.

UCB launches innovation hub to advance smart banking

STAR BUSINESS DESK

United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) has launched the UCB Innovation Hub to advance technology-driven, innovative, and customer-centric banking services.

Sharif Zahir, chairman of UCB, formally inaugurated the hub on Thursday at the bank's head office in Dhaka. Members of the bank's board of directors and management committee were also present at the inauguration ceremony, according to a press release.

Established under the tagline "Innovating Today, Building the Future", the UCB Innovation Hub is expected to play a significant role in shaping the future of banking through technology, creativity, collaboration, and continuous innovation.

The hub will work towards positioning UCB as an AI-powered, innovation-driven, and customer-centric financial institution by transforming technology into sustainable business growth and exceptional banking experiences.

One of the key objectives of the hub is to explore and ensure the effective application of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), generative AI, machine learning, intelligent process automation, data analytics, open banking, API ecosystems, and emerging fintech solutions.

By leveraging these technologies, the initiative aims to simplify and accelerate banking operations, enhance operational efficiency, strengthen risk management, and deliver secure, personalised, and seamless digital banking experiences to customers.



Sharif Zahir, chairman of UCB, is seen inaugurating the UCB Innovation Hub alongside other bank officials at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Thursday. PHOTO: UCB

The hub will serve as an integrated collaborative platform, creating opportunities for cooperation among technology professionals, business leaders, fintech innovators, startups, academic institutions, and global technology partners.

It will also place special emphasis on AI-powered customer services, fraud detection, digital transactions, innovative lending solutions, process efficiency, and enhancing customer-centric banking experiences.

NRB Bank promotes cashless payments in Chattogram

STAR BUSINESS DESK

NRB Bank PLC organised a cashless payment awareness programme at Southern University Bangladesh in Chattogram recently, aiming to promote digital financial inclusion and encourage the use of Bangla QR among young people.

The initiative was organised in line with Bangladesh Bank's vision of building a cashless Bangladesh , according to a press release.

It aimed to raise awareness on digital payment systems and encourage students, faculty members and other stakeholders to adopt cashless transactions.

Mahbubul Alam, director of Bangladesh Bank and Tarek Riaz Khan, managing director and CEO of NRB Bank, were present at the event, as well as Sharif Ashrafuzzaman, vice-chancellor and president of Southern University Bangladesh.

Rashedul Islam and Mahfuzur Rahman, joint directors of Bangladesh Bank; Kimiwa Saddat, additional managing director of NRB Bank; and Khaja Wasiullah, head of the bank's Cards Division, were also present.

Representatives of NRB Bank and Bangladesh Bank held awareness sessions and practical demonstrations to explain how the Bangla QR payment system facilitates convenient and secure digital transactions.

The programme also featured interactive sessions, promotional campaigns and on-campus activities highlighting the convenience, security and accessibility of digital payment solutions. Particular emphasis was placed on encouraging students and young people to use Bangla QR as an alternative to cash transactions.



NRB Bank officials, Bangladesh Bank representatives and Southern University Bangladesh authorities pose for a photograph at a cashless payment awareness programme held at the university in Chattogram on November 11. PHOTO: NRB BANK

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Zonal Commander Dhaka Zone e-GP Invitation no: 44.08.2680.100.08.008.26.245 Date: 12 November 2026

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the following procurement:

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1.	1363454	Repair of various Electrical Equipment and Accessories at the Base, ships, Station and Boats under the Coast Guard Dhaka Zone.	OTM	15/11/2026 11:00 AM	25/11/2026 16:00 PM	26/11/2026 11:30 AM

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd). For more details, please contact support desk contact numbers.
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Memo No: BU/STATISTICS/COMPUTER LAB/2025/03 (CHA)-221 Date:15/11/2026

Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

e-Tenders is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following goods under the Revenue Budget of University of Barishal.

SL. No.	Tender/ Proposal ID No.	Invitation Reference No.	Name of works	Tendering Method	Tender/ Proposal Publication & Opening Date and Time	Tender/ Proposal Document last selling & Security Submission Date and Time
01	1369856	BU/STATISTICS/COMPUTER LAB/2025/03 (CHA)-221	Supply of Research Equipments for Department of Statistics & Data Science	OTM	15-Nov-2026 09:00 & 26-Nov-2026 16:00	26-Nov-2026 14:00 & 26-Nov-2026 15:00

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