## **CENTRAL BANK CLARIFIES**



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A recent news item claimed Hon Dr Harsha de Silva, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs had "summoned the Monetary Board to his Ministry and asked the Board to implement ICTA's shoddy payment gateway". This statement is unfounded.

The State Minister convened a meeting of stakeholders to resolve a longstanding issue regarding the way forward on a National Payments Platform. This was important to facilitate the digitalization of the economy.

Two independent members of the Monetary Board expressed an interest in participating in the meeting to assist in finding a solution to a long outstanding issue.

A consensus was reached on the way forward at this meeting chaired by State Minister Dr Harsha de Silva who facilitated the discussion.

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