

Ctg counter terrorism unit to get cyber lab

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With an aim to identify virtual troublemakers who spread rumours through instigating posts and videos on social media platforms, and speed up investigation, the Cyber Crime Monitoring Cell of Counter Terrorism (CT) unit of Chattogram Metropolitan Police is going to launch a Cyber Lab.

According to CT sources, the United States under its Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) programme will set up the lab in the port city with their own funds. Representatives of the US embassy visited the CT office in November last year in this regard.

Though monitoring and investigation of cyber cases are highly sensitive and device-based, members of the cell are now handling such cases using old and manual methods, which delays the investigation, said CMP sources.

CMP in November last year sent a letter to the home ministry via Police Headquarters to consider the US proposal,

and the ministry has given a green signal in this regard, said police officials.

The Cyber Crime Monitoring Cell was formed on August 20, 2018.

The letter stated that under the ATA programme, members of the CT unit have participated in various trainings while some are ongoing.

It also said the methods of crime are changing every day, and cybercrime is also increasing. A Cyber Lab will play a crucial role in investigating and detecting crime in the virtual world, it added.

It will help retrieve and assess data collected from mobile phones, computers and laptops as well as hardware, CCTVs, USB drives and other devices. The lab will be able to help spot cyber scams and defend cyber attacks.

Wishing anonymity, a CT official told The Daily Star that investigating cybercrime cannot be done without using modern technology. "The pattern of crime is

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President Abdul Hamid awards a student at the first-ever convocation of Cumilla University yesterday. PHOTO: PID

‘Wage social movement against drugs’

President at Cumilla univ convocation

UNB, Cumilla

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged students to wage a strong social movement against drugs.

“Cumilla is one of the routes by which drugs enter the country. Drugs have reached the hands of school, college and university students, but they must fight back,” he said at the first-ever convocation of Cumilla University.

The chancellor of the university also called upon universities to take initiatives for quality research alongside regular academic activities.

Finance Minister SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

UK, Bangladesh can lead global climate change efforts: envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UK wants to build a strong partnership with Bangladesh to lead global efforts to tackle climate change, British High Commissioner Robert Chatterton Dickson said at a discussion at his residence yesterday evening.

The discussion was held to convey the UK’s plans for this year’s UN Climate Change Conference 26 (COP26), to be held in November this year. The UK will host the conference in partnership with Italy.

“With the combined expertise and leadership of the two countries, the UK and Bangladesh can raise the world’s ambition [regarding climate change] before and during COP26, seeking global commitment on adapting to climate impacts and building resilience for the future,” Chatterton said.

More than 30,000 people are expected to attend COP26, including heads of state and government, experts, and activists. Delegates will focus on efforts to keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees of warming.

Asked how the UK can play a strong role after leaving the European Union, DFID country head for Bangladesh Judith Herbertson said Brexit doesn’t mean UK will come

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In the name of student welfare!

BCL men foil orientation of 2,200 students at Hajee Danesh univ, vandalise podium, padlock admin building, stage demos

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Around 2,200 elated students and their guardians started arriving at Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur early morning yesterday.

For newly-admitted students, the day was special. It was after all their official induction to the university through an orientation programme. At the event, not only would they get to meet fellow students and roam around the campus, but also a chance to hear from teachers.

Students, however, were in for a shock: the first thing they saw after coming to the campus was a vandalised stage. That shock turned to disappointment as they found out the event got cancelled due to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists’ demonstrations the night before.

The incident took place centring a circular over manpower recruitment,

which resulted in the two factions of the pro-Awami League student organisation demonstrating on the campus, locking the administration



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The vandalised stage.

building and vandalising the stage, said university sources.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus, they added.

Mentionable, the university has no BCL committee.

“My daughter and I came here from Natore as she wanted to attend the event. Now we hear that some Chhatra League activists on the campus are protesting and the event got cancelled,” said Ibrahim Khalil, a guardian.

Like the father and daughter, all the students and guardians had to leave the campus and go back to their respective districts frustrated.

Many also blamed the university authorities for not taking any prompt action like publishing a notice in this regard or arranging an alternative for freshers.

“We don’t know what will happen. The authorities should have handled the situation better,” said Jahanara Begum, a guardian from Rangpur.

According to witnesses, tension started brewing from Sunday evening as the university authorities published

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SHAH AMS KIBRIA KILLING

15 years later, justice still eludes family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Yesterday was the death anniversary of former finance minister and Awami League leader Shah AMS Kibria, who was killed in a grisly attack 15 years ago.

Kibria and four others were killed and many injured in a grenade attack on an AL rally in Baidderbazar area of Habiganj on January 27, 2005.

Two cases -- one for murder and another under the Explosive Substances Act -- were filed on the night of the incident.

The trial of the murder case began in September 2015, ten years after the attack, by recording testimonies of the witnesses.

Since then, the trial has been taking place at a Speedy Trial Tribunal in Sylhet. Testimonies of 43 witnesses have been recorded among the 171. However, no testimonies were recorded last year.

A total of 32 people were accused in the case. Among them, three, including militant leader Mufti Hannan, have

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JUTA POLLS

VC-backed teachers win 9 posts

JU CORRESPONDENT

The vice chancellor (VC)-backed panel of teachers secured nine posts in Jahangirnagar University Teachers’ Association (Juta) election held yesterday on the campus. The anti-VC panel secured six posts.

The former won posts of president and vice-president, while the latter secured general secretary and joint secretary.

A total of 560 teachers out of 598 exercised their franchise at the polls held at the university’s teachers’ club.

The anti-VC platform -- an alliance of pro-Awami League, pro-BNP and

left-leaning teachers -- contested under “Sammitito Sikkhak Samaj”, while the VC-backed teachers contested with the banner of “Bangabandhu Shikkhak Parishad”.

Prof AA Mamun of physics department became president. Prof Mohammad Amzad Hossain of economics department won the general secretary post.

Prof Syed Hafizur Rahman of environmental sciences, Associate Prof Borhan Uddin of biochemistry and molecular biology, and Prof Motahar Hossain of Institute of Business Administration were elected vice-president, joint secretary and treasurer respectively.

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Human trafficking gang busted in N’ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N’ganj

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) claimed to have arrested eight members of a human trafficking gang from different parts of the city. Rab said the group used to traffic women to different clubs and bars in Middle East.

The arrestees are: Shahab Uddin (37), proprietor of Dhanshiri Travel Agency; Ridoy Ahmed (35), Md Mamun (24), Swapan Hossain (20), Md Shipan (22), Rizvi Hossain (27), Musa alias Jibon (28), and Shilpi Akhter (27).

They were held in drives conducted by the elite force, Alep Uddin, additional superintendent of police of Rab-11, told The Daily Star.

Rab also rescued two women and seized 39 passports, 66 passport photocopies, 18 air tickets, and 19 mobile phones during the drives, the Rab official said.

“Shahab had direct links with different dance clubs and bars in Middle East. He used to traffic women with false promises of getting them jobs abroad,” Alep Uddin said.

Women aged between 15 and 25 were their primary targets, he added. The gang had trafficked a few hundred women over the last two years, the official said.

DoE tears down two illegal brick kilns in Ctg

Tk 30 lakh fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment in Chattogram demolished two illegal brick kilns in the district’s Karnaphuli upazila yesterday.

Owners of the kilns were also fined Tk 30 lakh in total. The one under Hazi Abu Tayeb Brick Kilns was fined Tk 10 lakh and the other under Payra Bricks Tk 20 lakh.

The drive, led by the DoE director for Chattogram region, began at 10am and ended at 2:30pm.

Muazzom Hossen, director of DoE (Chattogram region), told The Daily Star that the two kilns were operating illegally in West Joldi area, polluting the air and damaging the top soil of nearby crop fields.

The team, in cooperation with police and local administration, demolished the chimneys and earthen ovens used for heating bricks, he said.

The fine was issued considering the damage the two kilns did to the environment. The drive against illegal kilns will continue, he added.

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