Some cable TV operators run recorded programmes

STAR REPORT

Believe it or not, some cable TV operators in Dhaka are relaying recorded whole day's programmes of certain popular pay channels a day later.

They have been doing this for the last two weeks because one of the main cable TV distributors has stopped giving the operators bundled channel services over payment dispute. These operators are not paying the distributors regularly.

Instead of settling the disputes amicably, these operators are now engaged in channel piracy. In many parts of the city, viewers can watch Star World and Cartoon Network programmes a day later. But other popular channels like Star Movies or AXN are not available in these areas.

According to sources, these cable operators record the whole day's programmes of Star World and Cartoon Network to relay these the next day.

Such fraudulent acts are evident in Dhanmondi, Kalabagan, Indira Road, Azimpur, Mirpur and other areas. In these areas, the cable operators are showing more English and Hindi movies in different channels as they are not showing Discovery, National Geographic, Hallmark, Star Movies and AXN channels.

Subscribers in these areas are now worried that although the cable operators are charging them for these channels, they are being deprived of proper services.

The Nationwide Communications Ltd (NCL) that represents the channels like Star network and Cartoon Network suspended its services to many cable operators in the city last month following the government's ban on some channels as they piled up huge arrears.

Besides, there are allegations of fraudulent practices by many cable operators who conceal the actual number of subscribers. They show less than the actual number to the channel distributors and pay less.

When subscribers charge the cable operators with failing to provide full service against the fixed monthly fee, the operators reply that in order to ensure full service, the charge should be increased by at least 40 per cent.

The cable operators typically charge the subscribers between Tk 250 and Tk 300 for each connection. And the subscribers can enjoy more than 30 channels, of which the main popular channels are: HBO, Star Movies, Star World, AXN, MTV, Discovery, Cartoon Network, Star Plus, Zee Cinema, Hallmark, Sony and National Geographic.

The channel distributors have blocked the pay channels as many cable operators hide the real number of their subscribers to evade more payments.

"We have no other option but to block the channels to realise the outstanding bills," an official of a leading distributor said.

Leaders of the Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) said the operators are under tremendous pressure from the distributors to pay outstanding bills. But the operators could not collect subscription fees timely due to negative impact on the economy, they added.

"A policy on pay channels could reduce the pressure on cable operators," COAB president Parvez Khan told The Daily Star. He alleged that channel distributors compel the operators to subscribe more than one pay channel in every segment like movies, entertainment and sports.

The Ministry of Information had decided to close down 13 satellite channels, both pay and 'free-to-air' channels, to resist, what the government said, 'alien culture'. However, following severe criticism, the government reversed its decision just after one day and lifted the ban from all but MTV and Channel-V. But none is complying with the government decision.

Sources said that the ban and other conflicting issues surrounding the cable TV business were not at all involved with any policy maker's concern for cultural aggression.

"It's a huge business. The distributors alone pay the channels over Tk 70 crore a year. And there are many people who want to have a piece of cake by twisting laws," said a source.

The business part of the cable operators became clear soon after the assumption of the BNP government. In different parts of the city as well as in other parts of the country, the BNP and JCD activists took over the cable services from previous operators or forced them to share their customers.

Out of 30 satellite pay channels the distributors sell to the cable operators, M/S Nationwide Communication Ltd. distributes 27 channels while M/S Translink the three others.

One commits suicide

BSS, *Rajshahi*

One young man committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself at his residence in the city.

Police identified the decease as Kabir Hossain, 24, son of Kamal Hossain, a resident of Kharbona area under Boalia thana.

Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruque with the recipients of prizes and awards at the prize and award giving ceremony of Bangladesh Scouts held in the city on Sunday.

Prayers for ad-interim bail of Dr Alamgir rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday rejected the ad-interim bail petitions of former State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir in connection with three graft cases.

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa fixed June 27 for full hearing of the cases relating to bail.

The defence lawyers submitted three separate criminal appeals yesterday, seeking bail from the Sessions Judge's Court, after the rejection order of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka.

Moving the appeals, the lawyers -- Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, M Amirul Islam, Advocate Shafiq Ahmed, Sudhansu Shekhar Halder, Rahmat Ali MP, Syed Rezaur Rahman, Sahara Khatun, Abdullah Abu and Abdur Rahman Howlader stated that the co-accused of the cases except former prime minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina were earlier granted ad-interim bail by the High Court. So the accused Alamgir should be released on bail as co-accused.

The prosecution side opposed the bail petitions.

After hearing both the sides, the court rejected the petitions for ad-interim bail.

Earlier, the CMM's Court on May 18 rejected the bail petitions of Alamgir.

In the first case, filed with Tejgaon thana, it has been alleged that during the AL rule, the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Alamgir and six other ministers embezzled Tk 21,57,050 by appointing consultants for the Bangabandhu Novo Theatre without inviting bids.

In the second case, filed with the same thana, it has been alleged that Alamgir and others embezzled Tk 4,52,65,646 in purchasing equipment for the theatre from the second lowest bidder.

In the third case, filed with Tejgaon thana, it has been alleged that Alamgir and 11 others were involved in inviting bids without estlmating the cost of the theatre. They misappropriated Tk 52,28,210 by doing this.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) filed the cases against Dr Alamgir and others with Tejgaon thana on March 27.

Plan to repatriate all Rohingyas by June 2003

BSS, *Dhaka*

The government is taking allout measures to complete repatriation of remaining 21,982 Rohingya refugees by June 2003.

As part of the move, Foreign Secretary Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury will visit Myanmar on June 16 to discuss the issue, Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf told journalists after an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday.

State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed and secretaries and representatives from the home and foreign ministries and BDR, police and other agencies attended the meeting.

Chowdhury Kamal said the problem would be solved through an integrated approach. Most of the refugees have gone back to their homeland, but a sizeable number still remains in Bangladesh, he added.

Steps are underway to complete the repatriation of the refugees by June next year, he said, adding that border forces have been asked to check further influx of refugees from Myanmar.

A total of 2,50,877 Muslim Rohingya refugees from the Arakan State of Myanmar had entered Bangladesh since 1991 to avoid alleged persecution. The Rohingyas took shelter in different places of the Cox's Bazar district.

The government of Bangladesh with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) started repatriation of the refugees in September 1992 and repatriated 2,32,399 refugees till May 26 this year.

However, the remaining 21,982 refugees living in two camps could not be repatriated for various reasons.

Official sources said these refugees, most of them are reluctant to go back to their homeland, are posing threats to security, law and order, and environment and creating social problems for Bangladesh.

Sources said their repatriation would be geared up after the visit of the foreign secretary. Relief Minister Kamal Ibne Yusuf is likely to visit Cox's Bazar this month to observe the situation in Kutupalong and Noyapara camps.

Sources said the meeting discussed entire gamut of the refugee issue including their repatriation.

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CRP-CHAPAIN, SAVAR, DHAKA.

Sealed tenders in 2 (two) envelope system are hereby invited by Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), Savar, Dhaka for the following pieces of work for Construction of 13-storied Hospital Building Complex at Section-14, Mirpur, Dhaka.

Sl.No.	Name of the work	Value per set Tender document	Completion Time
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3.0 *Eligibility :*
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৬। সংস্থায় কর্মরত মহিলা ষ্টাফদের সংখ্যা সন্তোষজনক হতে হবে। সংস্থাকে মহিলাদের কাজের জন্য সহায়ক পরিবেশ তৈরি করতে হবে। বিশেষ করে উচ্চ পদস্থ কর্মকর্তাদের মধ্যে জেন্ডার সমতাভিত্তিক প্রতিষ্ঠান অগ্রাধিকার পাবে।

প্রকল্প ও কার্যাবলী সম্পর্কে সুস্পষ্ট ধারনা পাওয়ার জন্য নির্ধারিত অফিসসমূহ হতে Terms of Reference (TOR) সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
Terms of Reference এ বর্ণিত সকল বিষয় সম্পর্কে অবহিত হয়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলার জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর অফিসে ১৫ জুন ২০০২ বিকাল ৩:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ইচ্ছা প্রকাশপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

Terms of Reference প্রাপ্তি স্থানঃ

১। প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয় ঃ পল্লী অঞ্চলে পয়ঃনিষ্কাশন, স্বাস্থ্য উন্নয়ন ও পানি সরবরাহ (জিওবি-ইউনিসেফ) প্রকল্প, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল ভবন (৪র্থ তলা), ১৪ নং শহীদ ক্যাপ্টেন মুনসুর আলী সরণী, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা-১০০০।
২। ব্রাহ্মণবাড়ীয়া, চুয়াডাঙ্গা, গাইবান্ধা, রংপুর, জামালপুর, মাদারীপুর ও সিরাজগঞ্জ জেলার জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়।

উল্লেখিত ঠিকানার যে কোনটি থেকে প্রত্যেক কর্মদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে Terms of Reference সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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RESIDENCY TRAINING IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

PAHARTALI, CHITTAGONG
CHITTAGONG EYE INFIRMARY AND TRAINING COMPLEX

Applications are invited from Registered Medical Graduates to undergo Residency Training in Ophthalmology for one year commencing from early September 2002.

On successful completion of the training, the candidates shall be eligible for admission into Diploma in Community Ophthalmology Course (Recognized by BMDC) in the Institute of Community Ophthalmology, University of Chittagong.

The following are the two financial options to join in Residency Training :

a) Charges that are to be paid are as follows:

Tuition Fee :	Tk. 12,000/-	for self sponsored / other Organizational Doctor
	Tk. 20,000/-	for BMSB Doctor
	US$ 2,200	for Overseas Doctor
Accommodation Charge :	Tk. 3,000/- month (Single)	
	Tk. 5,250/- month (Shared)	

OR

b) A number of fellowship opportunities covering tuition and compulsory accommodation are available and applicants will be selected candidate may be given a stipend of Tk. 2,000/- (Taka two thousand) only per month under certain terms and conditions.

Those who are in service are to apply through proper channel.

Applications in prescribed form, two photographs, copies of certificates and a non-refundable fee of Tk. 500/- (in case of Overseas student US$ 50) in the form of Pay Order \ Bank Draft payable to the Eye Infirmary and Training Complex of BMSB are to be submitted to the undersigned on or before 30th June, 2002.

Please contact or write to the address below to obtain a copy of the application form.

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