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BTTB calls metered

STAR REPORT

If you are a telephone buff then keep your eyes peeled on the time. The Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) introduced multi-metering on the local calls of digital telephones last night, ignoring a court order.

Thousands of Internet users faced problems while getting connected with their Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as the BTTB has introduced multi-metering several hours ahead of schedule on Sunday midnight.

The BTTB has issued separate seven-digit access codes for the ISPs to exempt them from the purview of multi-metering.

Internet users with dial-up connections will now have to dial a unique access code instead of the previously used telephone numbers.

The BTTB has allocated

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AL calls half-day hartal July 4 in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka city unit of the Awami League (AL) will enforce a half-day hartal in the capital on July 4, demanding release of all political detainees, including Sayeed Khokon.

Also, the AL's two thana units -- Sutrapur and Kotwali -- will enforce a half-day hartal in those areas today, protesting the arrest of Khokon, the AL nominee for the last parliamentary election from the Sutrapur-Kotwali constituency and son of former Dhaka mayor Mohammad Hanif, says an AL press release issued last night.

Besides, the AL city unit will hold a protest rally at 4.00pm today at the party central office on the Bangabandhu Avenue.

Khokon was arrested by the Detective Branch of Police Saturday night under Section 54 of the CrPC and later placed on a one-month detention.

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The subcontinent's deepening crisis

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MAbdul Hafiz

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	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
July 1		6-50 pm
July 2	5-14 am	

Prayer Timings		
July 1		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	6-59
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

Brazil's Fabulous Fifth



PHOTO: AFP

VIVA BRAZIL...

Brazil's team captain Cafu hoists the World Cup trophy over the whole Brazilian team as confetti fall over the pitch following a 2-0 demolition of Germany at the finale at Yokohama yesterday .

AFP/REUTERS, Yokohama, Japan

Brazil won a record fifth World Cup after Ronaldo erased the memory of his 1998 final nightmare by scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory over Germany here yesterday.

The striker, who suffered a fit before Brazil's 3-0 defeat by France four years ago, buried a loose ball on 67 minutes after Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn had spilled a Rivaldo drive.

He grabbed his second with a smart right-foot shot 12 minutes later after a Rivaldo dummy.

Ronaldo, the twice former World Footballer of the Year, finished with eight goals in the tournament -- the most at a finals since 1970 when West Germany's Gerd Mueller got 10 -- and equalled Pele's Brazilian record of 12 at World Cup finals.

Ronaldo's goals settled the first ever World Cup match between the two most successful teams in the tournament's history.

"It's a fantastic feeling to be a Brazilian tonight," an overjoyed Ronaldo said. "The whole squad has worked very hard. I worked for two and a half years to be here tonight. We are all so happy to have landed this fifth championship."

Brazil's captain Cafu paid his own tribute to the 25-year-old forward. "He suffered so much for two years. Well done!" said Cafu moments after lifting the trophy. "We are really happy -- it's a great moment."

As the Brazilian players joyfully celebrated on the pitch after the final whistle, a disappointed Kahn sat slumped against his post as the dejected German side reflected on their defeat.

Germany had gone agonisingly close to taking the lead early in the second half, and only some fine goalkeeping and defending denied Rudi Voller's men.

Both teams had earlier hit the woodwork in a tense encounter, Brazil through Kleberson after 45 minutes

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PHOTO: AFP

ON TOP OF THE WORLD...Brazil's Ronaldo celebrates, with his national colors, after helping the Samba Kings become World Champions for a record fifth time in Yokohama yesterday.

And He Rises from Ashes

INTERNET, Yokohama

The Adidas Golden Boot Award of the 2002 FIFA World Cup goes to Ronaldo who raised his total to eight goals. Joint second are Brazil's Rivaldo and Miroslav Klose of Germany with 5 goals

and 1 assist each.

In the end the battle between centre-forwards wasn't even close -- Ronaldo and Brazil beat Germany and Miroslav Klose 2-0 in the World Cup final here yesterday.

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Roll of Honour

REUTERS, Yokohama

Following is a list of all the World Cup winners:

1930 Uruguay	4	Argentina	2	in Uruguay
1934 Italy	2	Czechoslovakia	1	in Italy
1938 Italy	4	Hungary	2	in France
1950 Uruguay	2	Brazil	1	in Brazil
1954 West Germany	3	Hungary	2	in Switzerland
1958 Brazil	5	Sweden	2	in Sweden
1962 Brazil	3	Czechoslovakia	1	in Chile
1966 England	4	West Germany	2	in England
1970 Brazil	4	Italy	1	in Mexico
1974 West Germany	2	Netherlands	1	in West Germany
1978 Argentina	3	Netherlands	1	in Argentina
1982 Italy	3	West Germany	1	in Spain
1986 Argentina	3	West Germany	2	in Mexico
1990 West Germany	1	Argentina	0	in Italy
1994 Brazil	0	Italy	0	in US
		(Brazil won 3-2 on penalties)		
1998 France	3	Brazil	0	in France
2002 Brazil	2	Germany	0	in South Korea and Japan



All-time Top

REUTERS, Yokohama

Ronaldo of Brazil became the fourth player to score 12 goals or more at World Cup finals when he scored twice against Germany in the final yesterday.

Top scorers:

14-Gerd Mueller (West Germany, 1970 and 1974)
13-Just Fontaine (France, 1958)
12-Pele (Brazil, 1958-1970), Ronaldo (Brazil, 1998 and 2002)
11-Sandor Kocsis (Hungary, 1954)
Juergen Klinsmann (Germany, 1990-1998)
10-Helmut Rahn (West Germany, 1954 and 1958)
Teofilo Cubillas (Peru, 1970 and 1978)
Grzegorz Lato (Poland, 1974-1982)
Gary Lineker (England, 1986 and 1990)
Gabriel Batistuta (Argentina, 1994-2002)

Clock stops at Adamjee

MONJUR MAHMUD & ABDUL KADER

The midnight clock ticked on to the closure of the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) Limited last night, spreading a pall of gloom on thousands of workers, employees and officials of the world's largest jute industry as well as the local people.

Wives and relatives of the workers -- all in utter disappointment -- visited different workplaces for the last time and many were busy packing up to move on to a new place for a new living.

About one hundred trucks and other vehicles made the Adamjee Road busier than other days. The workers apart, the people who had made illegal establishments on the mills premises had also been busy over the past several days removing the structures.

The whole area was teeming with law enforcers, political and union leaders, relatives of the workers and employees and visitors from the capital.

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Berger

Justice goes wild on forester

He tried to save govt land from grabbers only to end up being transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beware! Good job does not always get rewards! If you have any doubt, take this case for instance -- a senior forest official has recently been transferred for trying to protect a huge government land from illegal takeover.

Mohammad Abdur Rashid, divisional forest officer (DFO), Dhaka Forest Department, was transferred to Rajshahi recently for initiating legal action against the forcible grabbing of 4.53 acres of government land by the Jamuna Builders in Shafipur mouja of Mouchak forest beat under Kaliakoir Range.

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Bad loans up

Governor hopes new reform committee finds a solution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The amount of classified loans has increased by 0.46 percentage points during the first three months of fiscal 2002, according to central bank statistics.

The percentage of total classified loans stood at 31.95 per cent in March FY02 against the previous year's December figure of 31.49 per cent.

In March FY02, classified loans totalled Tk 24,343 crore against Tk 23,599 crore in December the previous fiscal.

Of the March classified amount, Tk 21,049 crore was in bad loan against the December figure of Tk 20,434 crore.

Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed at a press

briefing yesterday said the figure of classified loans remains low in December due to loan recovery drive throughout the year.

He hoped that the recently formed Bank Reform Committee would come up with specific action plans to reduce the defaulted loans as well as to keep loans from becoming classified in future.

While the foreign and specialised banks have been able to reduce their classified loans during first three months of FY02, the Nationalised Commercial Bank (NCBs) and the Private Commercial Banks (PCBs) failed to tighten their grip on their loan portfolio.

The amount of classified loans of the NCBs stood at Tk 12,652 crore in March FY02 against Tk 12,227 crore

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Two Swiss nationals robbed at Sundarbans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two Swiss nationals -- Samuel Martin, 24, and Julian Howrit, 21 -- were robbed of their personal belongings at about 4:30am Thursday in Harintana area of the Sundarbans.

According to FIR lodged with Swarankhola Police Station on Friday evening, a gang of robbers looted personal belongings of the Swiss nationals at gunpoint.

The incident occurred when the two reached Harintana on their way to Katka in a mechanised boat, MV Shohag-2, for a pleasure trip with permission from the Forest Department.

The Swiss nationals paid Tk 3,550 in fees to the Forest Department for logistic support.

According to FIR, the robbers stopped the boat firing blank shots. They were held hostage by the robbers for nearly eight hours.

The gang looted a sum of Tk 5,500, a video camera, a still camera, a CD player, 24 discs, two wrist-watches and some other valuables from the Swiss nationals.

The robbers threatened them with death in case of any police action.

The tourists alleged that they were helped neither by any forest

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