

Cyber-policing system a must to prevent crime

Say experts

Bss, Dhaka

The country needs a strong cyber-policing system to adopt newer technologies and prevent cyber-related crimes that sometimes pose threat to national interests, experts said.

They told BSS yesterday that Bangladesh, which is moving satisfactorily towards utilising latest technologies in encouraging investment in education, infrastructure and poverty reduction, might fall in the ensnare of cyber crimes unless proper monitoring system is introduced with the support of latest equipment.

They said the law enforcement agencies looking at national interest and security found that the criminals, in the absence of proper monitoring, blasted bombs at 503 places of the country at a time on August 17 in 2005 by using the latest technology.

The agencies also found that the whole operation was planned, coordinated and implemented

through cellphone network.

The experts pointed out that all the countries of the world developed vigilance system whenever they have adopted new technologies.

All the developed countries, including the USA, the UK, Germany, France and Australia, have strong cyber-policing system to prevent the criminals in doing harm to the people by using the latest technology.

There are many international bodies, including the US-based Communication Assistance to Law Enforcing Agencies and the Europe-based European Telecommunication Standard Institute, which formulate and help implement regulations in this regard, the experts said.

They said Bangladesh is lagging behind in the context of checking cyber crimes compared to the neighbouring countries like India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Singapore.

During the past years other than amending some laws, Bangladesh

has not taken any strong action to curb cyber crimes, the experts said, adding the initiatives taken to strengthen vigilance against cyber crimes in the country are not satisfactory.

They said the smugglers are using mobile phones to monitor the movements of BDR patrol to commit their crimes.

The experts said the enactment of Telecommunication Law-2001 was a step towards curbing cyber crimes but because of the vested quarters, the law could not be implemented properly.

They are of the opinion that people involved in cyber crimes can only be taken to task by empowering the authorities concerned for checking the cyber crimes.

The BTRC has to play a strong role in curbing cyber crimes as people of the country are in favour of bringing cyber criminals to book before they commit crimes like serial bombing, smuggling out national resources and extortion.

15 JMB men get 10 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A speedy trial tribunal yesterday sentenced 15 members of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment.

Magistrate Shafali Begum also fined them Tk 10,000 each. If they fail to pay, they will have to suffer ten more months in prison.

The convicts are Dr Shamsul Haque, 40, his brother Mokles, 37, Abdur Rahman, 32, Abdul Mannan, 26, Nazmul Haque, 30, Abdul Hye 50, Shahidullah alias Hattu, 35, Fulbar Hossain, 35, Hatem Ali, 18, Mohammed Ali, 60, Sekander Ali, 26, Motaleb alias Hira Khofita, 45, Shaheed Ali Master, 37, Abu Bakar Sidiqee, 56 and Abdul Munshi, 45. They all hail from Muktagacha in Mymensingh.

A team of Rapid Action Battalion during a raid arrested the 15 JMB men from Chatal village in Muktagacha on May 7.

Harassment of cultural activists at RU protested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote of Rajshahi University (RU) protested the harassment of cultural activists by police and university authorities yesterday.

In a statement, the jote leaders alleged that the activists of Anushilon Drama Group and Tirthok Drama Group were harassed when they were returning to their dormitories along with their female activists singing in group.

Police also picked up some cultural activists and released them later, they added.

Sayem, an activist of Anushilon, said it is their tradition to help female activists return to their dormitories singing in groups.

When contacted, university Proctor Enamul Haque said some unruly students create chaos on the campus in the name of cultural activities.

So restriction has been enforced on the return of the cultural activists to their dormitories singing in groups owing to state of emergency.

Bangladesh Buddhist

Association arranged an exhibition of different relics of Lord Buddha including his hair, bone and footprint preserved in Chittagong Buddhist Monastery.

Mentionable, hair relic of Gautam Buddha was handed over to the representatives of Sri Lankan government at a ceremony at the monastery on July 18, when Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Rohita Bogollagama also handed over a footprint of Buddha as a gift.

A huge crowd was seen at Chittagong Buddhist Monastery at Nandankanan since morning to have a look on the relics and offer prayer.

Association President Ajit Ranjan Barua said they usually arrange the exhibition for only once in a year on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.

But as many devotees who could not see the footprint of Buddha earlier, had requested us to make an arrangement to show the same on the occasion of Ashari Purnima, he added.

The dead was identified as Nazrul Islam, 17, of village Dakhel Ullah under Shaghata Upazila.

Of the injured, seven were rushed to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

CMC students demand immediate exams

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Over hundred MBBS students of 45th and 47th batches of Chittagong Medical College (CMC) brought out a silent procession on the campus yesterday demanding the authorities should hold the supplement examinations, previously scheduled to begin on July 1, immediately.

Later, the students held a press conference at CMC canteen where they said that around 118 students, who failed in the first and second professional examinations in last January, had options to make amends in the supplement examinations scheduled to start on July 1.

But Chittagong University (CU), authority of different medical colleges in the region, postponed the examinations due to a case filed by a private medical college in this connection, they added.

Earlier, the CU authorities refused to take exams of BGC Trust Medical College on charges of having inadequate accommodation system and structural imbalance.

BGC Trust authorities filed a case with the High Court against the CU decision in June this year prompting the CU authorities to postpone all the first and second professional examinations scheduled to start on July 1 until the case is solved.

Around 200 examinees of first and second professional examinations of different government and private medical colleges under Chittagong University now run the risk of losing a year from their academic career, the students said.

Acting Principal of CMC Prof Dr Nilkanta Bhattacharjee, however, said the authorities can only wait for the verdict at this moment.

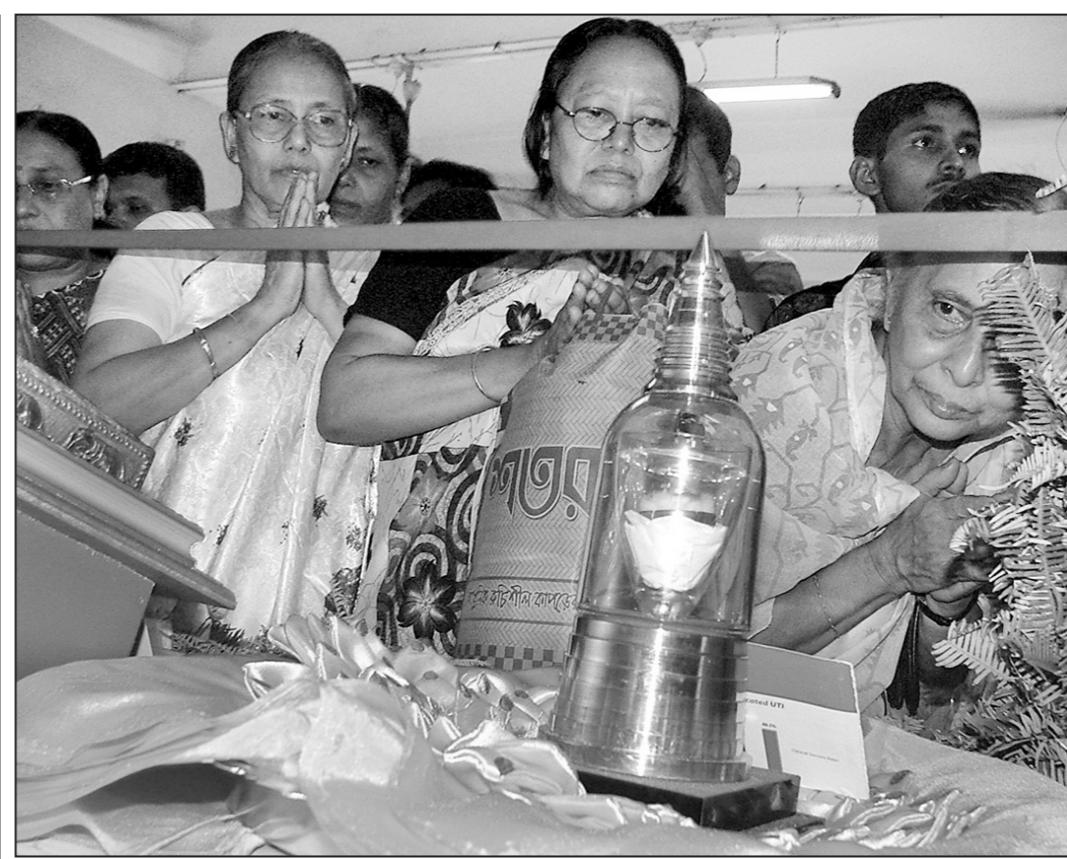


PHOTO: STAR

Buddhist devotees crowd at a temple in the port city to see the hair relics of Gautam Buddha yesterday.

Cop, 2 aides arrested on charge of cheating

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable and his two associates were arrested at Shialbari in the city's Mirpur area in the early hours of yesterday on charges of cheating.

The arrestees were identified as Shimul Khan, a constable of Rajbari Police Lines, and his associates Jahid alias Rony and Pintu.

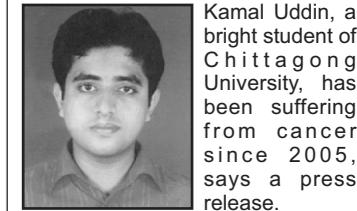
Alamgir Hossain, a cameraman of local commercial video shop NS Multi Media, filed a case with Shahali Police Station on July 20 accusing the three of snatching a video and a still camera and other equipment worth about Tk 3.25 lakh.

Police said on July 3, Shimul called the Paltan office of NS Multi Media and asked the office staff to send a cameraman with a video and a still camera with three people he would send.

As per his demand, NS Multi Media officials sent cameraman Alamgir with the three people. As they reached Mirpur Mazar Road in a hired taxi-cab, the three asked Alamgir to buy a video film. As he got down to buy the film, they left the place hurriedly.

Although Shimul denied snatching the cameras, police arrested them with the snatched video camera and other equipment following an investigation.

Appeal for help



Kamal Uddin, a bright student of Chittagong University, has been suffering from cancer since 2005, says a press release.

He fell ill when he was taking preparation for his final examination.

Despite being struck down by the disease, he secured first class in his masters examination.

Kamal was feeling well after taking treatment from Thakurpur Cancer Hospital but he relapsed a few days back.

Doctors said he needs immediate treatment which will involve an amount of about Tk 20 lakh.

But his father, who is a retired shipping officer, is unable to manage such a huge amount of money.

So he has made a fervent appeal to the well-off people of the society for financial help to save the life of his son.

Contributions can be sent to Nurul Huda, Account No SB 34009904, Standard Bank, Jubilee Road Branch, Chittagong.

Interested persons can also contact him over cell phone no 01813-388391.

Obituary

Bss, Dhaka

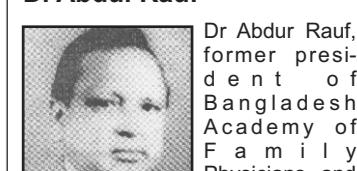
Abdus Sobhan, a senior lawyer of Supreme Court and secretary general of the Society for Rule of Law, passed away due to a cardiac arrest on Saturday night on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at the age of 71.

Advocate Sobhan has been suffering from old age complications, including acute diabetes and high blood pressure, family sources said.

He left behind his wife and two daughters.

His body has been kept in the Birdean mortuary. He will be laid to rest at Azimpur graveyard in the city after namaz-e-janaza at central Jame Mosque of Dhaka University after Asr prayers today.

Dr Abdur Rauf



Dr Abdur Rauf, former president of Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians, has been appointed as the new High Commissioner to Malaysia, the release added.

He was also an associate professor of family medicine of University of Science and Technology, Chittagong.

Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians, BPPMA and Bangladesh College of General Practitioners expressed profound shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Musharraf meets King Abdullah

AFP, Jeddah

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Saturday met Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah during a short tour of the Gulf, the official SPA news agency said.

Musharraf and King Abdullah held talks in the Red Sea city of Jeddah on "events in the Islamic and international fields as well as cooperation between the two states", SPA said.



PHOTO: STAR

Boy strangles 4-yr-old stepsister in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-year-old boy allegedly strangled his four-year-old stepsister in the city yesterday.

Neighbours found Bristy, daughter of Gada Miah in Kafrul, dead inside their house with a Gamchha tied around her neck at around noon.

Hearing scream of Abu Bakar Siddique, the stepbrother of Bristy, neighbours thronged the house and found Bristy bleeding severely from her nose.

They also found Abu Bakar trembling in horror standing beside the body of Bristy.

Police recovered the body in the afternoon and picked up Abu Bakar

for questioning.

Gada Miah said he brought Abu Bakar, his youngest son from his first wife, from Bogra four months ago to look after Bristy, only daughter of his second wife Konika Begum.

Both Gada Miah, an employee of Power Development Board, and Konika, a garment worker, have to stay outside their house during the day.

Police said the girl was hit in the head with a brick and strangled. They seized the Gamchha and the brick from the scene.

Morgue sources said there was no sign of attack on the body and she was strangled.

The British High Commission in Dhaka will arrange a workshop on 'Easy UK visa procedure' on August 16 in the port city with a view to informing people about the UK visa system and other procedures.

Second Secretary of the UK High Commission Ian Pugh Cook said when he called on Acting Mayor of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) M Manjur Alam at the latter's office, said a press release.

Ian Pugh Cook apprised the mayor of the purposes for organising the workshop as the UK visa applicants from this region are still less than the other areas of the country.

He said from now onwards the people of greater Chittagong need not go to Dhaka for applying and obtaining UK visas.

The CCC acting mayor urged the UK envoy to make the visa procedures simpler so that financially less affluent but meritorious students could apply and obtain UK visas for their higher studies, the release said.

The mayor assured the UK envoy of all possible cooperation in this regard.

CCC Chief Executive Officer Imtiaz Hossain Chowdhury, officials of the UK High Commission in Dhaka Tanjiba Moyeen and Shah Jalaluddin were present at the meeting.

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions with moderately heavy to heavy rain at places of the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and Patakhali and lowest 24.3 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:43pm today and rises at 5:27am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	Morning	Evening
Max	Min			
Dhaka	30.3	24.5	93	82
Chittagong	30.2	25.8	81	83
Rajshahi	32.8	25.0	94	79
Khulna	30.8	26.4	87	86
Barisal	32.0	25.2	90	83
Sylhet	26.5	24.3	88	83
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.5	80	78



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