

VAIN ATTEMPT TO PIN DOWN CABLE OPERATORS

# Poor publicity campaign draws poor number of complaints

## CITY CORRESPONDENT

The initiative to pin down cable operators who have been violating policies set by the government is being bogged down by poor response from subscribers, said authorities concerned.

However, an inadequate publicity campaign about the initiative is one of the main reasons behind the poor response, said a number of viewers and officials.

In a bid to identify and take action against the cable operators who overcharge or cheat their subscribers, the Ministry of Information recently asked the subscribers to lodge formal complaints against the violators.

With the exception of a handful of complaints, the viewers in general did not make the effort to lodge any complaint, said officials of Controller of Licence (CL) department located at Bangladesh Television at

## Rampura.

Another CL official requesting anonymity said, "Most of the people out there are not even aware that they can mail their complaints regarding this issue. The ones who know have no idea how to reach us."

The cable television industry grew immensely over the years, as have the irregularities and anomalies in the industry. Extensive campaigns are a must to reach the millions of viewers for making them aware of their rights as well as the violations that are being committed by the operators, he added.

Being disappointed at the poor response from subscribers, a CL official said, "People in our country are too docile and tend to remain silent over most wrongdoings happening around them."

Making a phone call or writing a letter is more of a hassle to them than overpaying the operators

month after month, he added.

The Controller of Licence department has so far taken action against a few cable operators relying solely on reports published in newspapers, he said adding, "Although we received some complaints from a few cable viewers over phone, we had to rely on newspaper reports to pinpoint some of the cable operators who are allegedly defying government-set policies."

Around 12 cable operators -- mostly operating at East Rampura, Mirpur and Mohammadpur areas -- have been asked to show cause for their violation of the policies, according to sources at the CL.

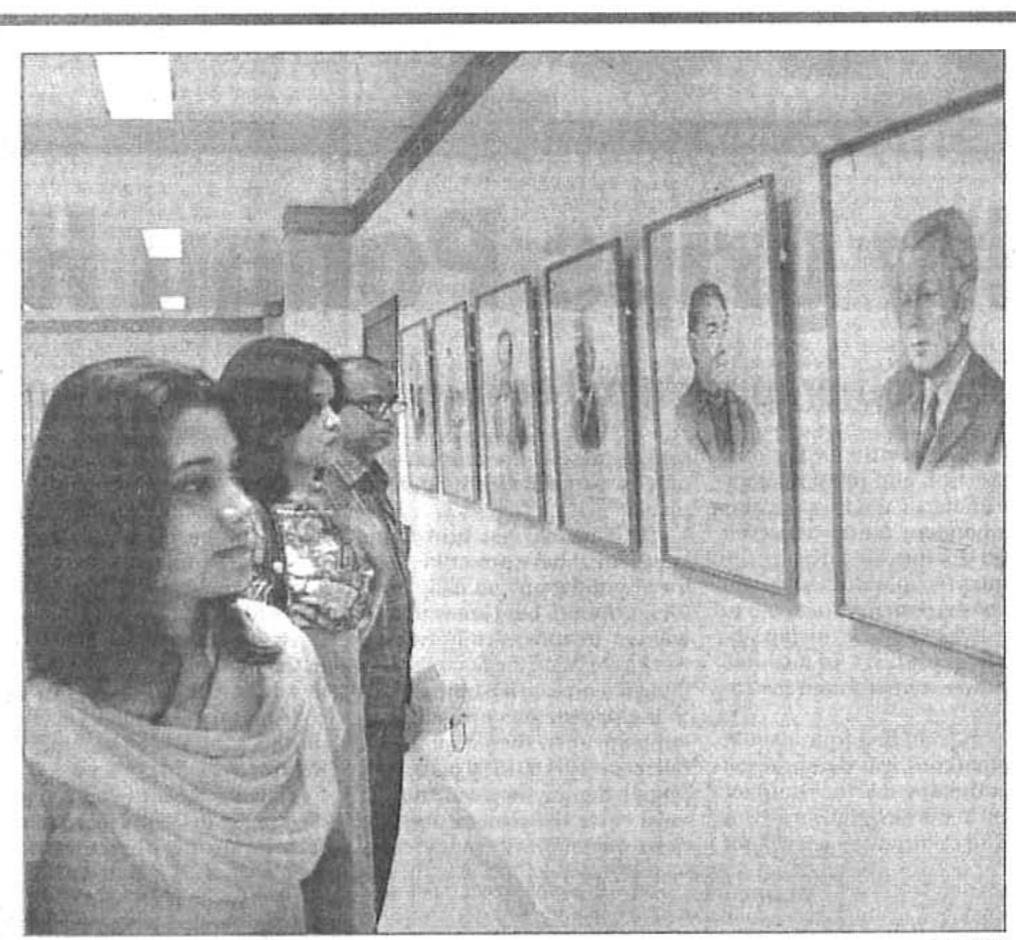
In response to the show cause notices, while most cable operators made apologies and gave assurance that they would be in full compliance with the government regulation by the next month, the rest denied the allegations.

"We sent our investigation teams to the locations from where we received the complaints. After enquiry, the teams took necessary action and served show cause notices to the operators," said Aslam Habib, licence officer of the CL department.

We will continue to watch the activities of these operators along with a number of others and cancel their licences, if the situation demands, he added.

The CL department will soon start making a list of cable operators who are doing business without valid licences, said Habib.

Amid a public outcry over gross violations of government policies by cable operators, the information ministry earlier asked harassed viewers to call or mail their complaints, thoughts or suggestions to Controller of Licence department, Bangladesh Television, Rampura.



An exhibition of the portraits of top Russian poets followed a poetry recitation programme at the Russian cultural centre at Dhanmondi on Thursday.

## Pongu Hospital

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At present there are only two permanent teachers, including the principal, for the physiotherapy course under the Medicine Faculty of Dhaka University. At least six teachers and six demonstrators are needed, said students.

"The authorities introduced internship for us under pressure from last year but we are not getting any allowance. We are afraid to ask the authorities for payment fearing that the internship might be stopped," said an intern physiotherapist, seeking anonymity.

Asked about the lack of physiotherapists and lack of daily physiotherapy treatment, Dr Muhammad Sirajul Islam, director, Nitor, said that necessary documents are sent to the PSC to start the recruitment process.

"At present we are giving advice to the patients so that they can do exercise at home. We have to attend lots of patients who need physiotherapy so some satellite physiotherapy centres can be established to lessen the pressure on us," he said.

## health, bus services, airlines & train timing

## HOSPITALS &amp; CLINICS

Square Hospitals Ltd	Greenland Hospital
Emergency: 8144466, 8144477,	8912663
8144488, 01713377773,	
01714477774, 01713377775. Fax:	
880-2-9118921	
Telephone: 8141522, 8142431,	
8144400, 8142333, 8159457,	
8129334, 01713141447.	
Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital	
9008919, 8051618	
Apollo Hospitals Dhaka	
9891600-4, 01713046684/85	
Emergency no. 9896623, 0171409000	
Bangladesh Medical College & Hospital	
9118202, 8115843	
Central Hospital	
9660015-19.	
China Bangla Hospital (JV) Ltd	
8913674	
Dhaka Medical College Hospital	
8626812-16	
Gana Shastho Kendra	
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Modern Clinic & Blood Center	9883948
Sandhani, Dhaka Medical College	9668690

## BUS SERVICES

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8014563	Aeroflot
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Eagle Paribahan	Air India
7101504	8617783, 8611929, Fax: 9670591
Green Line Paribahan	Bliman Bangladesh Airlines
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Hanif Enterprise	Airport Office: 8917400, Fax: 8913005
9120116	British Airways
Keya Paribahan	8815111, Fax: 8815346,
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Modern Enterprise	9557117, Fax: 9562667
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Druk Air	Malaysia Airlines
9862243, 9892862,	988211-20
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Emirates	PIA
9892801, 9885574-75	9349293-5, Fax: 9345300
Air India	SGS Airlines
8617783, 8611929, Fax: 9670591	8811504-7, 9883259
Bliman Bangladesh Airlines	Airport Office: 891928, Fax: 8811503
8825845-9, Airport Office:	Gulf Air
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## LIBRARY &amp; INFO- Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers

Central Public Library- 8626001-4,
Shishu Academy- 9564128
Shilpakala Academy- 8614673
Bangla Academy- 8619550
Islamic Foundation- 9550280,
9556407
Nazrul Institute- 9114602
Ford Foundation- 8116133
Alliance Francaise- 8611557
Information Resource Center, The American Center - 8813440-4,
9886395-9
British Council- 8618867-8,
8618905-7
Community Development Library- 8113769, 8113604
Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka- 9126525-6
Indian Information Centre & Cultural Library- 8850141-2
The Russian Cultural Centre- 9116314, 9118531, 9118314
Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125,
8112954, 8123412
Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) 9330081-4

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## Office of the Project Director

Introduction of Dakhil (Vocational) Courses in Selected Madrasah(s) (Phase-1) Project 19, Ispahani Park (Ground Floor), Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217

## Invitation for Re-Tender

1. Procuring entity	Introduction of Dakhil (Vocational) Courses in Selected Madrasah(s) (Phase-1) Project, Directorate of Technical Education, Ministry of Education.
2. Invitation for	Procurement of Machineries, Equipment and Accessories of Farm Machinery Trade for 10 Selected Madrasah(s).
3. Invitation Ref. No. & date	DTE/Dakhil (Voc)/PLU/Admin(1)/59/2005/1737 Date: 29/10/2007
4. Source of fund	GOB & IDB.
5. Tender package	A-Farming Machineries, B-other Machineries & Equipment, C-Tools & Accessories.
6. Last date & time of selling tender document	22.11.2007 up to 4.00pm.
7. Prices of tender document	Tender schedule may be obtained from the places mentioned in Sl. No-10 after depositing the original Treasury Challan (Cod No-1-2551-0000-2366) receipt for Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable) from any of branch of Bangladesh Bank payable to the "Project Director" of same project.
8. Last date & time of tender submission	Date: 25.11.2007, Time 1.00pm.
9. Opening date and time	Date: 25.11.2007, Time 3.30pm.
10. Name & address of the office(s) -Selling and receiving tender document	1. Deputy Secretary, Dev-2, Ministry of Education, Paribahan Pool (7th Floor), Room No-809, Dhaka-1000. 2. Director (Planning), Directorate of Technical Education, Shikha Bhaban (3rd Floor), Room No-65, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. 3. Project Director, Introduction of Dakhil (Vocational) Courses in Selected Madrasah(s) (Phase-1) Project-19, Ispahani Park (Ground Floor), Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
11. Eligible of tenderers	Bonafide manufacturers, distributors, suppliers or local agents those who are duly incorporated and existing under the laws of Bangladesh.
12. Brief description of goods and service	Group Identifications groups Tender security in Taka Delivery point of goods Time for Completion
	A Framing Machineries 70,000/- (seventy thousand) Selected Madrasah(s) located in different districts all over Bangladesh
	B Other Machineries & Equipment 60,000/- (sixty thousand)
	C Tools & Accessories 40,000/- (forty thousand)
13. Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders. Tenderer or their representatives may remain present at the time of tender opening.

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Project Director

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