

## Two-thirds of Internet users hit by cyber crime: Norton

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Computer security firm Symantec yesterday reported that about two thirds of the world's Internet users have fallen victim to cyber crime and few think crooks will be caught.

China was tops when it came to online victims, with 83 percent of Internet users there having been hit by computer viruses, identity theft, online credit card fraud or other crimes, according to a Norton Cyber crime Report.

Brazil and India were tied for second place with 76 percent, while the United States was next in line with 73 percent.

While victims admitted to feeling furious and cheated, they were reluctant to take action because they felt efforts would be futile, according to a study by Symantec consumer division Norton.

Reporting cyber crime is critical, because some times larger patterns can be pieced together by police fielding reports that, individually, appear minor.

"Cybercriminals purposely steal small amounts to remain undetected, but all of these add up," said Adam Palmer, Norton lead cyber security advisor.

"If you fail to report a loss, you may actually be helping

the criminal stay under the radar."

A tendency by people to accept cyber crime was in part due to "learned helplessness," according to Joseph LaBrie, an associate professor of psychology at Loyola Marymount University.

"It's like getting ripped off at a garage -- if you don't know enough about cars, you don't argue with the mechanic," LaBrie said. "People just accept a situation, even if it feels bad."

The study revealed some moral gray zones; nearly half of those interviewed thought it was legal to download a single digital CD or movie without paying.

Some 24 percent of those surveyed saw nothing wrong with secretly reading someone else's email messages or Web browsing history.

"People resist protecting themselves and their computers because they think it's too complicated," said Anne Collier, co-director of ConnectSafely.org, a US non-profit group that collaborated with Norton on the study.

"But everyone can take simple steps, such as having up-to-date, comprehensive security software in place. In the case of online crime, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure."

## Four held with Yaba

Cop arrested for bribery  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested four persons at the city's Elephant Road yesterday for possessing tablets of Yaba, a stimulating drug.

A police officer was also arrested while offering bribe to the Rab personnel to release the four arrestees.

The arrestees are Sub-Inspector (SI) Ruhul Amin, recently released from Hazaribagh Police Station and transferred to Khulna Range; Mohammad Khaled Ahsan, 22, his female friend Nawrin Islam Rina, 20, residents of Mohammadpur; Abdul Ahad Ali, 19, resident of Pallabi, and Mohammad Masud Alam of Jatrabari.

On information, a patrol team of Rab-2 found Khaled, Rina, Ahad and Masud with 62 Yaba tablets in a private car near Eastern Mallika Shopping Centre at Elephant Road around 8:00am, said a high-ranking Rab official.

Following the arrest, SI Ruhul Amin reached the spot in a private car and tried to bribe the Rab personnel with a check of Tk 1 lakh of Brac Bank. On refusal, the SI was locked into a quarrel with the Rab team and at one stage he pointed his service gun at the Rab personnel. Then with the help of locals, the Rab team arrested the SI and seized his gun.

Rab also seized the Yaba tablets and two private cars. Khaled is a BBA student in Bangkok and returned to the country on Eid vacation and Rina used to live in America, Rab sources said.

Enamul Haque Enam, officer-in-charge of Hazaribagh Police Station, said Ruhul was involved in irregularities and departmental proceeding against him was going on. Following release from the police station, he got admitted to Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital, the OC added.

Rab sources said Ruhul was involved in drug business. Rab will handover the arrestees to Newmarket Police Station, they said.

## Port city to add

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her arrival in the port city at 11:25am.

The Karnaphuli Bridge would be a milestone in road communication between Chittagong and other parts of the country, she said.

The government would carry out massive development works to turn Chittagong into the country's commercial capital in the real sense, the prime minister told a view-exchange meeting with lawyers on the court building premises.

She said her government took up development projects involving Tk 2,400 crore for the port city in the last 20 months.

Chittagong is a commercial hub facilitating country's trade, export and import. It is also the place where the idea of independence was conceived, she said.

"During my visit to Chittagong back in 1961, I heard from late Aziz uncle (MA Aziz) about plans of declaring independence and starting the liberation war from here," said Hasina.

The prime minister said that the ruling party's positive attitude towards Chittagong would remain unchanged despite the defeat of the AL-backed mayoral candidate in the city corporation polls.

Chittagong District Bar Association President Advocate Rezaul Karim Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Hasina later told the rally that 1,600MW of electricity would be added to the national grid by December this year raising the total power generation to 11,000MW by 2015.

South Chittagong unit Awami League organised the rally.

Hasina said the Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd is aimed for mitigating gas crisis in the port city. The premier alleged that the BNP-Jamaat coalition had repressed people of all religions and communities including the indigenous and the minority on assuming power in 2001.

They became rich overnight through corruption and siphoned off money abroad, she said.

The premier said the then

BNP-Jamaat government tarnished Bangladesh's image by earning the epithet of "a country of terrorists and militants." But it has now attained the recognition of a country with potentials.

Hasina said the Chittagong port would be modernised to ensure its optimum use. Besides, dredging would be done regularly to keep the port functional.

"We are taking steps to have road and rail communication up to Kunming via Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Joindum. Besides, efforts are on to join the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway," she said.

Feasibility tests for installing a tunnel under the Karnaphuli river have already started, Hasina said.

Works for setting up a deep-sea port at Sonadia would start soon and the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway would be upgraded to four lanes. It would be turned into a six-lane highway in the future, she said.

The prime minister also pledged to set up another railway bridge on the Karnaphuli river, an embankment to protect Anwara and Banskhal upazilas from river erosion, a full-fledged television centre, a tourism centre on Anwara Parki beach and a stadium in the southern part of Chittagong.

AL south Chittagong unit president Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu presided over the rally.

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain, Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Amin, State Minister for Environment and Forest Hasan Mahmud, AL Chittagong city unit general secretary Kazi Enamul Haque Danu, south district unit general secretary Mohammad Moslem Uddin and north district unit general secretary Abdus Salam also spoke.

The newly built Shikhaba power plant had to be shut down due to gas crisis within four and a half hours of its inauguration, reports UNB.

"After the inauguration, gas pressure dropped and the plant was shut down at 4:00pm," an official of the Power Development Board told the news agency.

## 447 cases of anthrax infection found so far

STAR REPORT

A total of 447 people in eight districts across the country have been infected with anthrax in the last three weeks, confirmed Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) yesterday.

"Since the disease symptoms are prominent, we are not continuing lab tests. However, we will run tests if a new area is affected," said IEDCR virologist ASM Alamgir.

He said treatment has been made available in all the affected districts and more than half the infected people have already been cured.

This year, Sirajganj district has witnessed the most number of infected, 207, which is likely to be overtaken as the medical team at Lalmonirhat claimed to have found 320 suspected patients at Kisamot Harati village.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports: nine more people have been confirmed to be contracted anthrax at Kisamot Harati yesterday. The total number of infected in the district now stands at 85.

Anthrax infected Motiar Rahman said, "Four sick cows were slaughtered in the village a few days ago and at least 400 villagers consumed the meat as it sold at a lower price, Tk 100/kg."

Meanwhile, Veterinary Field Assistant Saidur Rahman said four anthrax-infected cows died at Char Kulaghat and Baro Basuriya in Lalmonirhat sadaryesterday.

District livestock officer Abu Hossain Sarkar said officials are vaccinating the infected and suspected-to-be-infected cows in the district. But the office is suffering acute vaccine crisis.

He said there are at least 3.5 lakh cows in the district but the government has sent only 2,700 vaccines.

Meanwhile, two cows yesterday died of anthrax at Tapat village under Rangpur sadar upazila creating panic among the cattle farmers of the area.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent adds: one suspected anthrax infected patient had been admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar hospital yesterday.

## WFP awards 16 photographers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixteen professional Bangladesh photographers won the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Photography Award, 2009.

Shabbir Ferdous and Syed Badrul Karim jointly won the first prize while Wahid Adnan and Md Zabir Hasan both received the second prize, a press release said.

Masud Rana, Amio James Ascension and Md Musa Khan secured special prizes. Ten other photographers including Shoaib Faruque, Shaiful Chowdhury, Andrew Biraj, Kabir Hossain, Jasim Salam, Indrajit Kumar Ghosh, Saud Al Faisal, Masud Rana and Hasanuzzaman received honourable mention award.

More than 160 professional photographers, with 617 entries, took part in the contest on food security, hunger and vulnerability issues.

The winners will be awarded formally in a weeklong photo exhibition titled "Tales of the Vulnerability of the Ultra-Poor" comprising the best 50 photographs to be held in Dhaka at Alliance Française on Friday, September 24.

A panel of judges comprised of Md. Rashid-un-Nabi, Hasan Saifuddin Chandan and GMB Akash, and three subject specialists selected the winners.

The winners will receive cheques of Tk 45,000, Taka 35,000 and Tk 20,000 respectively for the first, second and special positions along with trophies. Photographers, with their entries in the best 50, will be provided with certificates.

The selected photographs will also be featured in a special photo book to raise funds for WFP's school feeding programme.

Holding photography as a major tool of creating awareness, John Aylieff, WFP representative, said, "WFP is proud to celebrate and honour this group of photographers who have mobilised themselves with energy, passion, and compassion to capture the sufferings and aspirations of the most vulnerable people in their communities."

The WFP Photography Award is an annual award of excellence in food security related photography in Bangladesh given by the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide.

## Unchecked red meat

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Veterinary Officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Dr Azmat Ali told The Daily Star on Monday.

"We have only two veterinary inspectors for five DCC-run slaughterhouses." Moreover, the equipment there are antiquated, he added.

He said more than 700 cows, 250 buffaloes, and 5,000 goats are slaughtered everyday in the city for consumption. Thirty percent of those are slaughtered while the remaining 70 percent are slaughtered mostly at butcher shops of kitchen markets.

Most of the cattle in DCC slaughterhouses cannot be checked, Azmat said. And what happens in other places is anyone's guess.

Secretary of Pabna Municipality Saidur Rahman said it is not possible for them to check all cattle to be slaughtered across the district, due to inadequate manpower, and a lack of cooperation from cattle traders and butchers.

Although the district administration -- after a meeting with officials of the district health department, district livestock department and the municipality on Monday -- asked all butchers not to slaughter cattle without approval from government appointed veterinarians, the authorities actually do not have enough inspectors to appoint, he said.

Moreover, the government appointed inspectors can only check for visible symptoms of diseases, no diagnostic test is possible due to lack of proper equipment and inadequate manpower, he added.

Sirajganj District Livestock Officer Dr Shafiqul Islam said they in collaboration with the district administration selected a slaughterhouse in the district headquarters where cattle are examined before slaughter. But in other places cattle are slaughtered without inspection.

Kushtia Municipality Mayor Anwar Ali said he appointed a veterinarian to inspect cattle before slaughter. But the veterinarian cannot check all such cattle in the district. He can only check the ones that are to be slaughtered at a certain place and time.

"Although we have been requesting the authorities over a long period to increase manpower, to make the slaughterhouses bigger, and to procure modern equipment, they do not pay heed to us," said Azmat of DCC.

The government however is hoping to start construction of six modern slaughterhouses in the six city corporations by the end of this year with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank, said Shawpan Kumar Shil, a research assistant at the bank.

DCC will also get a modern slaughterhouse at Gabtoli with the capacity of slaughtering 5,000 cattle a day, he added.

A joint secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock said on condition of anonymity, "We have drafted a new act for cattle slaughtering, to end the confusion about

responsibility, but the Pakistani Taliban has been blamed for similar bombings.

The Taliban said earlier Tuesday they would continue to target security forces after they claimed responsibility for a Monday attack in Lakki Marwat, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, that killed 19 people including nine policemen.

"We are targeting Pakistan security forces because the government has allowed America to launch drone attacks on us," Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) spokesman Azam Tariq told AFP by telephone.

"Rather it is on the Pakistan government's behalf that drone attacks target us," he said.

"We will continue suicide attacks on security forces. Civilians should avoid proximity from them."

On Friday, the group vowed to carry out further attacks inside Pakistan and against the United States and Europe after the US State Department added it to a blacklist of foreign terrorist organisations.

The series of attacks come even as Pakistan struggles to deal with massive flooding that has killed nearly 1,800 people and left millions reliant on aid handouts.

On Friday, a suicide bomber killed at least 59 people at a Shia Muslim rally in Quetta, capital of the southwest province of Baluchistan.

That attack came just days after three suicide bombers killed 31 people and wounded hundreds more during a Shia mourning procession in Lahore. The attack was subsequently claimed by the Taliban.

Northwest Pakistan suffers from chronic insecurity, largely connected to the semi-autonomous tribal belt near Afghanistan, which Washington calls the most dangerous zone on Earth and a global headquarters of al-Qaeda.

More than 3,700 people have been killed in the last three years in a series of suicide attacks and bomb explosions, many of them carried out by the Taliban and other Al-Qaeda-linked Islamist extremists.

## Thousands leave

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While the public holidays do not start till Friday, many office-goers left Dhaka taking leave in advance.

"I took leave in advance to avoid the mad rush on the day before Eid," said Nurul Hasan, who was waiting for his train to Dinajpur at the Kamalapur Railway Station, "The sooner I start, the better."

Hasan's wait was longer than expected as the train showed up hours behind schedule. The Ekota Express, which was supposed to leave at 9:50am, finally left with its passengers at 11:30am.

Ekota Express was not the only train delaying. The Silk City Express, scheduled to be at Kamalapur station at 2:40pm to depart for Rajshahi, arrived at the station at 5:00pm.

The delayed trains did little to stem the flow of passengers. Almost all train tickets to leave Dhaka have been sold. A few tickets that remained were being sold at incredibly high prices by scalpers.

"I had to pay Tk 200 for Tk 65 tickets," said Goran resident Ashraf Habib. He bought his tickets from a scalper failing to get advance tickets standing in a queue for eight hours Saturday.

"But at least I have managed to get a ride home," he added with a smile.

However, bus passengers could not muster any smiles.

Thousands queuing at ticket counters in city bus terminals complained of overpriced tickets, long queues and delayed departures.

"I've been standing in the queue for about an hour," said Mushfiqur Rahman, standing among another 70 odd people at Mohakhali terminal waiting for a bus to Jamalpur.

Equally long queues were seen in front of almost all the counters of buses heading for Tangail, Sirajganj, and Modhupur among other destinations.

The scenes in Gabtoli and Kalyanpur were not different.

Many passengers alleged that almost all the buses were one or two hours late. "It is not because of lack of buses," said Shajahan of Shyamoli Paribahan in Gabtoli. "The buses are arriving late because of traffic congestion."

Launches, however, left two to three hours ahead of schedule from Sadarghat Launch Terminal.

"As soon as the launches dock, passengers virtually storm the vessels, which become packed in no time. So we have to ask the operators to leave for their destinations," said Sadarghat Port Officer Sharif Afzal.

Passengers complained about operators charging heavy fares.

According to a statement of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, the fare for Dhaka to Barisal on deck is Tk 80-120 per person, Tk 300 to 350 for luxury chair class, Tk 700 for single cabin, Tk 1000-1200 for double cabin and Tk 1,500-2,000 for VIP cabins.

But ahead of Eid the fare is 180 to 200 on deck, Tk 400 to 500 for luxury chair, Tk 800 to

1000 for single cabin, Tk 14,00 to 1600 for double cabin and Tk 2,000 to 2,400 for VIP cabin.

A passenger of MV Pubali, which plies between Dhaka and Patuakhali, alleged the launch operators charged Tk 200 from him for a spot on the deck. "But I can't find any room to sit. I don't know how much sufferings I will have to endure in the journey," he added.

Badiuzzaman Badal, senior vice-president of Bangladesh Inland Waterways (passenger carrier's) Association, denied allegation of charging high fare. "All year round we operate launches with the lowest fare to compete with the other launches but during Eid we charge fare according to the BIWTA rate. That is why it seems that the launch owners are charging high."

Many were seen using little boats to reach vessels anchored in the middle of the Buriganga just to secure a space on deck before the launch docked and people rushed for space.

Law enforcement agencies have set up monitoring cells at train, bus and launch stations. Passengers welcomed the law enforcers' presence and their assistance at the terminals. Many, however, complained that there were pickpockets and snatchers in terminals.

Despite all the problems, worries and fears, all major stations and terminals in the capital had a sense of excitement in the air as the delight of people heading home to see their loved ones and spend Eid with them overrode everything else.

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Party leaders Mahbubuddin Kokhon, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi and Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu, among others, were present.

A Speedy Trial Tribunal in 2006 awarded the 21, most of them Awami League adherents, capital punishment for killing Gama in Nature.

Of them, 20 were granted presidential pardon Thursday and one condemned still remains absconding.

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at night, operate electric machines, TVs and mobile phones.

At the same time, it reduces climate and health hazards emanating from kerosene lamps. Thousands of women have been trained in the installation and maintenance of these SHS, providing women with reliable income.

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## Dhaka-Chittagong

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senior official of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

The government has meanwhile changed the project director (PD) for seven times, which many RHD officials say is one of the reasons behind the delay.

"We are going to appoint a new consultant soon so that construction may start by the end of October," said Arifur Rahman Zinna, who has recently been appointed as the new PD.