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3G, over to you

Mobile users to get the feel of exciting tech as 4 telcos buy spectrum

ABDULLAH MAMUN

Hasnain Salehin, a university student, bought a 3G-ready handset in 2011. His smartphone remained underutilised as he was longing for high-speed data connectivity and the ease of using apps and surfing the net without video buffering and playback problems. The days of such troubles are likely to be over soon for Salehin and millions of others like him.

After years of delay, Bangladesh is finally going to enter the era of third generation (3G) mobile technology as four operators won spectrum at an auction yesterday to launch the services.

Grameenphone, the largest operator with 44 million subscribers, purchased 10 megahertz spectrum, while the other three -- Banglalink, Robi and Airtel -- took 5 MHz each.

Grameenphone will launch the service by October or November, and the rest by the year end, officials said.

Vivek Sood, Grameenphone's chief executive officer, said the firm will launch the 3G services "in the fastest possible time", while Ziad Shatara, chief executive of the second largest operator -- Banglalink, said: "With the

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GOING 3G

- Download by megabytes
- Uninterrupted video streaming
- Video calls
- New IT related business opportunity

GP to offer 3G by **October**
Other operators by **December**

Spectrum Purchase

10 MHz \$210m	5 MHz \$105m	5 MHz \$105m	5 MHz \$105m	10 MHz reserved

Either caretaker or nonstop hartal

Threatens Khaleda; gives govt time till third week of Oct

RASHIDUL HASAN from Narsinghdi

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday warned of enforcing nonstop hartal and blockade of roads-railways across the country after her present programme of rallies in all the seven divisions ends in the middle of next month if the prime minister does not restore the caretaker government system by that time.

"They [government] say BNP cannot wage movement. It is true that unlike them, we cannot kill people. But we know how to carryout movement. If the caretaker or non-party administration is not restored, (you) people will blockade all roads and railways, and sit there," Khaleda said while addressing a rally at Narsinghdi Municipality Shishu Park.

"We (BNP) will follow what people of the country say. And 98 percent



No tax dodging by Yunus

Shows NBR search

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The National Board of Revenue has not found any evidence that Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus as a wage earner obtained tax exemption facility illegally on his income from foreign sources.

The NBR, however, has raised questions that the Nobel laureate didn't take permission from the

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'ANTI-ISLAM' COMMENTS

4 bloggers indicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against four bloggers for making "derogatory comments about Islam" on social media.

The trial of the two cases against them will begin on November 6.

The four bloggers, who are now on bail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice.

If convicted in the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, each of them will face 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and a

fine of Tk 1 crore, under the Information and Communications Technology Act, 2006.

The cabinet, however, had approved the draft ICT (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013, proposing that the maximum jail term for an offence covered by the law be increased to 14 years.

The four are Subrata Adhikari Shuvo, 24, a master's student at Dhaka University; Russel Parvez, 36, a teacher at an English medium school; Mashiur Rahman Biplob,

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JU STUDENT ZUBAIR KILLING

13 ex-BCL men to face trial

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against 13 expelled Chhatra League activists of Jahangirnagar University in connection with the killing of Zubair Ahmed, a student of the university, last year.

The accused, now on bail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice when Judge ABM Nizamul Haque of Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 read out the

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