

VoIP equipment of Tk 40 lakh seized, 2 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two persons in connection with illegal VoIP business and seized some equipment worth over Tk 40 lakh in the capital's Shyampur early yesterday.

The arrested are Ashiquil Islam, 35, and Sabuj Ahmed, 26.

On secret information, a team from Rab-2 held them in a flat at Faridabad around 2:00am, Rab-2 Commanding Officer Lt Col Anisur Rahman told The Daily Star over the phone.

The equipment include four channel banks, 465 SIM cards and seven modems, he added.

LACK OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Dhaka losing ancient stone inscriptions

Researchers find over 100 lost in last 30 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lack of conservation efforts and greed of some unscrupulous individuals is resulting in the loss of Dhaka's historical stone inscriptions, said researchers yesterday.

Over 100 ancient inscriptions were lost in the last 30 years, mostly in the late 90s, stated the Committee for Documentation on Architectural Sites in Dhaka after a four-year voluntary investigation patronised by Dhaka University (DU).

The committee, comprising architects, translators, sculptors, photographers and journalists, published their second report on the lost inscriptions at a ceremony in DU's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury

Senate Bhaban.

The researchers took the painstaking task of going to every ancient mosque, tomb, temple, church and cemetery to collect information about the inscriptions, said DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, the committee's chairperson.

"The stone inscriptions are valuable pieces of Dhaka's rich cultural history. Losing them means losing our history, he said.

Renowned archaeologist Abul Kalam Mohammad Zakaria said, "Nothing will remain of the valuable inscription stones if we keep losing them at the present rate."

Noted architect and art critic Shamsul

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Ex-DU student found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a former student of Dhaka University hanging from a ceiling fan at his office in Anandabazar of the capital yesterday.

Mohammad Abul Bashar, 28, of Jhenidah also a staff reporter of the daily Sangbad, ran a buying house, Knit-knot Ltd, in partnership.

His office was on the first floor of a three-storey building, said Inspector Rahman, sub-inspector of Shahbagh police.

The victim's sister Bul-e-Jannat said Bashar did not have any problem with the family or any dispute over business with anyone.

Business partner Syed Faiz said to the best of his knowledge Bashar did not have any debt over the business.

Bashar's cousin's husband, also his business partner, first saw the body around 12:00pm from outside the room. He immediately informed the DU authority and police, said Dhaka University acting proctor Amzad Ali.

Around 1:20pm, the DU proctor along with Shahbagh police broke open the locked collapsible gate and recovered the body, he added.

After completing his honours in statistics in 2005-2006, Bashar was living in Ekushey Hall at DU, as he was yet to take Masters' admission.

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