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Hackers active

Cyber-crooks stole Tk 2 crore sent thru' Sonali Bank; money taken away to Turkey

SAJJADUR RAHMAN and REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Yet another scandal hits the state-owned Sonali Bank. This time, the bank has lost \$250,000 (Tk 2 crore) to cyber-crooks, who allegedly hacked into the bank's security system and transferred the money to an account in Turkey.

The crime was committed in September last year while Sonali Bank's corporate branch at Shilpa Bhavan was transferring the amount to the United Kingdom through wires on behalf of its client in Bangladesh. But the money was stolen by London-based hackers, who reportedly transferred it to Turkey.

The bank luckily escaped another hacking attempt, as there was no cash in the account from which the hackers tried to steal money.

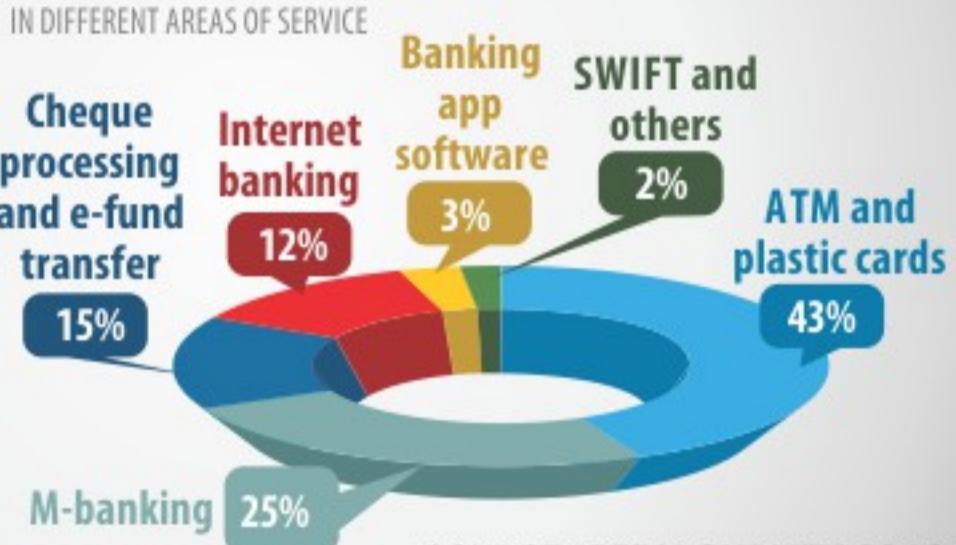
M Aslam Alam, secretary at the banking and financial institution division, disclosed this at the annual conference of Sonali Bank at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday.

Cyber criminals allegedly hacked into the bank's server and transferred \$250,000 to their account, he said.

Speaking at the conference, Finance Minister AMA Muhith slammed the bank for its poor internal control and risk management.

"You have to strengthen the bank's internal control and manage its branches properly," Muhith told the bank's top management.

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TECH - BASED BANKING FRAUD

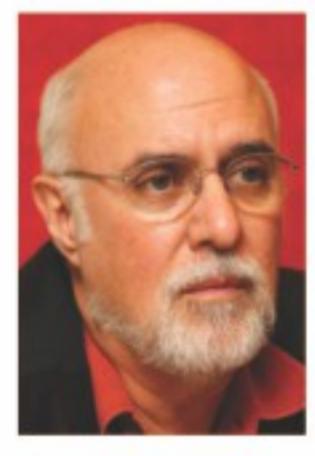
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The murder of Major Gen Abul Manzur

LAWRENCE LIFSHULTZ

In the field of intelligence when you are taking a major action against your opponent and you must disguise what you actually are doing, you create what is called a "false flag" operation. According to one definition, 'A False Flag' [or *Ruse de Guerre* in French] describes covert or para-military operations designed to deceive in such a way that the operations appear as though they are being carried out by other entities, [or] groups... than those who actually planned and executed them. False flag operations... seek to hide the real organization behind an operation."

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POST-ELECTION ATROCITIES Police cite 160 attacks on Hindus

Reports submitted to HC blame BNP-Jamaat for attacks in 21 dists

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Around 160 incidents of attacks and atrocities on Hindus took place in 21 districts after the January 5 parliamentary polls, according to police reports submitted to the High Court.

The police also said property worth around Tk 40 lakh was damaged in 70 of those attacks and local BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami activists were responsible for most of the occurrences.

The atrocities include injuring Hindu people, damaging their houses, temples and business establishments and setting them on fire, and looting valuables.

Officials of different police ranges have recently submitted the reports to the HC through the Office of the Attorney General in line with a suo moto rule issued by the court on January 15.

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Polls mostly fair with some anomalies: EWG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A few incidents of irregularities and violation of electoral laws marked the otherwise fair and peaceful upazila parishad elections held on Wednesday, said an election observer group.

The Election Working Group (EWG), a platform of 29 civil society organisations, in a report cited instances of polling officials and law enforcers working in favour of a particular candidate, polling staff being careless about sealing the ballot boxes and delay in beginning the voting.

The group had prepared the report on the basis of its observation at some 1,000 polling stations in 25 of 97 upazilas where the first phase of upazila polls took place. The report was launched at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

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UPAZILA ELECTION NEXT PHASE

AL trying to have rebels quit race

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The Awami League would try hard to persuade rebel candidates to back off from the second phase of the upazila polls and support the party-backed candidates.

Rebel candidates in the race cost the ruling party dearly in the first phase of the polls in which it came off worse with just 34 wins against 41 victories for the BNP-backed runners.

Since the deadline for withdrawing candidature in the second phase had expired, the AL is trying to get the rebels quit the race and make sure that they publicly declare their support for the party-backed candidates.

The party would also try to convince the rebels in the third and fourth phases of the election to step aside for the party-backed candidates, which it apparently failed to do in the two phases, sources said.

And the purpose of all this is to do better than rival BNP in the polls.

The party has already given a verbal directive to its grassroots to elicit all out support for the party-backed candidates.

It would soon send a letter to its grassroots asking them to remain united

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Taking school to street children

ZYMA ISLAM and FARDAUS MOBAROK

They grow up uncared for, unnoticed. It is as if they have accepted that they were born in streets and will die on street one day living a life of misery, longing to meet happiness some day.

The street children indeed have very little to look forward to. But what if someone stands beside them, gives them the tool to beat the odds, provide them with education?

Prothom Surjo, a voluntary initiative to educate street children, has just done this, but it took its schooling one step further. Since street children cannot make time or chance to come to school, it took school to them.

The classes of Prothom Surjo sit on the footpaths of the street that connects Paribagh with Aziz Super Market-end of Shahbagh. Students here sit on floor mats laid out on the pavements with trees shading them. The "class-rooms" are separated by invisible walls, not far from which is a skip.

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Since it is difficult to take street children to school, Prothom Shurjo, a volunteer organisation, has taken the school to the street. The photos taken recently are of its school on a street of Paribagh in the capital.

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