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Another ATM fraud

Fraudsters pocket Tk 40 lakh from 4 ATMs of Premier Bank using international credit cards

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Criminals are now using international credit cards issued by foreign banks to steal money.

This was revealed after Premier Bank on Monday informed Bangladesh Bank that fraudsters pocketed around Tk 40 lakh from four of Premier Bank's ATMs by using five cloned credit cards of Saudi Arabia's Al Rajhi Bank on Saturday and Sunday, according to a top official of Premier Bank.

Fraudsters could not use two more cards as those got stuck in the machines, he said.

"They [fraudsters] were successful in using five cards to withdraw nearly Tk 40 lakh. All those cards were of the clients of Saudi Arabia's Al Rajhi Bank," Khandkar Fazle Rashid, managing director of Premier Bank, told The Daily Star.

Premier Bank filed a case with Banani Police Station in this regard on Tuesday.

The latest incident has forced the central bank to issue an alert on Tuesday night for

the banks to remain vigilant and protect the interests of their clients.

Earlier, fraudsters captured data of around 1,200 cards used in four ATMs of three banks in Dhaka between February 6 and February 12, according to Bangladesh Bank.

They were able to use 40 cloned cards to withdraw around Tk 25 lakh before it was noticed on February 13. Fraudsters had set skimming devices to steal data of local cardholders before making cloned cards to withdraw cash.

But in the latest case, all five cards used in the ATMs of Premier Bank were issued by Al Rajhi Bank.

"Data of these cards were skimmed off and cloned in Saudi Arabia and criminals used those to withdraw money from ATMs of Premier Bank here," Shubhankar Saha, executive director and spokesman of the central bank, told The Daily Star yesterday.

But industry insiders disagreed with Saha

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CITY'S LIFELINE in peril

Boats make way through the dark murky water of the Buriganga river in the capital. Mindless dumping of industrial waste and sewage is killing the lifeline of the capital. The stench of the water is unbearable. The photo was taken at Sadarghat in the city on Monday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



FORBES BILLIONAIRE Bill Gates tops list for third year in a row

MAIL ONLINE

Bill Gates topped the list of the world's richest billionaires for the 17th time in 22 years, it has been revealed. Though the 60-year-old Microsoft head is \$4.2 billion poorer than 2015, his net worth of \$75 billion has put him in the top spot on Forbes' World Billionaires list for the third year in a row, after

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PM pins hope on technology to check graft

Opens 125 upazila ICT training centres

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said it would be easier to free the society from corruption by making the best use of technology.

She was inaugurating the upazila ICT training and resource centres (UITRCEs) in 125 selected upazilas through video conference from her office.

Technology will make it easy for the government to

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Hassles over Thai visa

Bangladeshi applicants made to wait for a month or more

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As Thailand has introduced a deeper security screening of visa seekers following the Erawan Shrine bomb blast, issuing visas to Bangladeshis by the Thai embassy in Dhaka has been taking much longer than usual over the last couple of months.

Bangladeshis, specially those seeking visa for treatment and business, are the worst sufferers due to the unusual delay in Thai visa processing as they have to wait for a month or more.

There is no guarantee of getting visa even after waiting for a month or two as the embassy can refuse applications without showing any reason or may ask for documents one after another.

As a result, a large number of visa cases have been pending with the Thai embassy, causing untold sufferings to the medical visa applicants and businessmen, government

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CRUCIAL SUPER TUESDAY VOTE

Clinton, Trump score big

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton took a big leap toward clinching their parties' nomination for the US presidential election, soundly defeating rivals in a slew of Super Tuesday primaries.

The divisive billionaire Trump weathered a barrage of attacks from fellow Republicans to win in seven of 11 states, coming within striking distance of becoming the Republican nominee to replace President Barack Obama.

Clinton also racked up seven wins



with her strategy of embracing Obama appearing to pay dividends.

She trounced rival Bernie Sanders across a host of southern US states -- Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee

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and Texas -- winning big among African-American voters and reversing a 2008 primary loss in Virginia.

The former secretary of state also claimed Massachusetts, in a close race.

Sanders notched wins in his tiny home state of Vermont, Oklahoma, Colorado and in Minnesota. But he now trails heavily.

Both Trump and Clinton signalled their focus is beginning to shift to the general election. In victory remarks, Clinton attacked Trump's pledge to

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One step forward to digitisation

CJ opens digital evidence recording in 20 Sylhet courts; system to be introduced in all courts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After 144 years of writing down the testimonies and cross examinations by hand, 20 courts of Sylhet yesterday started doing those things digitally, a first in the country.

The system would be gradually installed in all courts of the country.

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha inaugurated the "digital evidence recording" in 20 courts of the 40 in Sylhet on the Judges' Court premises yesterday.

Recording of testimonies of witnesses via audio and video would be introduced in future, Supreme Court sources said.

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Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN	5-15	12-45	4-30	6-05	7-30
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Although the city corporation authorities have removed a billboard right on a pavement of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital, the stump of the billboard's pole remains, causing troubles for pedestrians. The photo was taken in front of Pantha Kunja Park yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Rapist gets life term

Victim's child to get part of convict's property, orders court

STAR REPORT

In a verdict unprecedented in the country's history, a Feni court yesterday ordered that a child born out of rape will inherit part of the rapist's property.

It also sentenced the convict, Touhidul Alam alias Sohel, in absentia to life imprisonment and ordered him to pay Tk 1 lakh to his cousin he had raped 10 years ago.

Sohel, who is from Shibpur village of Feni Sadar, has been absconding since the case was filed against him and his three siblings, reports our Feni correspondent.

His jail term will begin from the date of his surrender or arrest, ruled Feni's Second Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Nilufar Sultana.

The court acquitted his

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Cancer patient prefers trip to treatment



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

In the last six months, a 90-year-old woman has seen some of the most famous landmarks in the US, including Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon.

Norma, who was diagnosed with cancer last year, decided to take the epic road trip across the country rather than undergo treatment.

Currently seeing the sights in Florida, Norma is travelling in a motor home with her son Tim, daughter-in-law Ramie and their pet poodle Ringo. Over Christmas, she fulfilled one of her dreams by taking a ride in a hot air balloon.

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