



## Hackers steal \$100m from BB account

Central bank officials say most of the money is in the Philippines, a small portion recovered from Sri Lanka; culprits identified

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh Bank has identified the people involved in the hacking of around \$100 million (Tk 780 crore) from its foreign currency account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, claim BB officials.

Almost the entire amount was transferred online to the Philippines banking system and a small portion of it to Sri Lanka by suspected Chinese hackers on February 5, they said.

The incident took place at a time when Bangladesh's banking system is trying to recover from the recent ATM and credit card fraud.

A senior BB official told The Daily Star yesterday that a small portion of the stolen money has already been recovered from Sri Lanka. But the money, which is in the

Philippines, is yet to be recovered.

"We are dealing with the issue. Those who were behind the hacking have been identified," said the official.

The BB has around \$28 billion in foreign currency reserve. Nearly one-third of the reserve is in the form of liquid assets with the Federal Reserve Bank in the US and the Bank of England. The rest is invested in bonds and gold.

In a statement yesterday, the BB said it has been able to recover a portion of the stolen money. But it did not mention the amount.

"Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) is working with the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) of the Philippines to recover the money from there," it said.

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## Rising Tigers primed for World T20

SPORTS REPORTER

It would be a lie if one were to say that defeat to India in the final of the Asia Cup did not hurt the Tigers at all. However, that they reached the final will be a confidence boost ahead of the ICC World Twenty20 in India, where they reached yesterday to take part in the qualifying round.

That the Bangladesh national cricket team was

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## MIR QUASEM TRIAL SC verdict today

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court is set to deliver today the verdict on the appeal of condemned war criminal Mir Quasem Ali amid some controversial comments by two ministers on the chief justice.

A five-member SC bench led by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha is scheduled to sit at 9:00am and pronounce the judgment.

The delivery of the verdict tops the day's cause list.

This is the seventh time the Appellate Division is going to deliver a verdict on an appeal against the international crimes tribunals' judgments.



## Comments on CJ embarrassed govt

PM terms 2 ministers' remarks on Mir Quasem trial their personal statements

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government was "embarrassed" by the comments of two ministers about Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha.

During an unscheduled discussion after the weekly cabinet meeting, Hasina told her cabinet colleagues that those were not government's comments, but the ministers' personal views, one minister told The Daily Star after the meeting.

On Saturday and Sunday, Food Minister Qamrul Islam and Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque blasted the chief justice for his comments critical of the prosecution and investigation teams for their "poor performance" in dealing with the war crimes cases.

In her reaction, the PM did not name the two ministers although they were present at the meeting.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

With a pledge to end violence against women, people light candles at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital at 12:01 today to mark the International Women's Day. Amrai Pari Paribarik Nirjanton Protirodh Jot, an organisation working to end domestic violence, in collaboration with Dhaka University held the programme.

## WOMEN IN INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS Wait for leading role

SAJJADUR RAHMAN and TAMANNA KHAN

Bangladesh returned to democracy in 1991 and since then the country has been ruled by two female leaders. In between, there had been around three years of interim periods, basically to hold elections. Bangladesh is also a rare country in the world where the two largest political parties are being led by two women for

over the last three decades.

As of 2016, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Speaker of Parliament, and the Leader of the Opposition are women. The BNP, which is one of the two largest political parties, is also led by a woman.

This could imply massive political empowerment of women in Bangladesh. But it does not mean women are doing well in the private sector, which is the major growth

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## Women deserve equal respect

The Daily Star -Jaago Foundation roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Confidence and self esteem are vital for women to have equal respect, leading women professionals said yesterday during a roundtable discussion on the eve of International Women's Day.

"Women have to demonstrate their own strength and a sense of self-worth to command other's respect," said Sonia Bashir Kabir, managing director of Microsoft Bangladesh.

Zara Jabeen Mahbub, head of communication and service quality at Brac Bank, said it is vital to instil the sense among the children that men and women are equal and they deserve respect from each other.

The Daily Star and Jaago Foundation jointly organised

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