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CYBER HEIST: FORENSIC REPORT

Sophisticated tools used for hacking

Cybercriminals broke into payment systems, at least 32 more computers of BB network to steal money

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The hackers, who stole \$101 million from Bangladesh Bank's reserves, used advanced tools to break into its payment systems, harvested credentials and erased most traces of activity after accomplishing their task.

Along with using malicious software, the perpetrators, who are yet to be identified, deployed three sophisticated tools into the central bank's SWIFT operations, according to an interim probe report submitted on March 16.

The hackers installed keyloggers to steal passwords by monitoring keyboard activities and attacker utilities to maximise their chances of success.

In addition, at least 32 other computers of the BB network were hacked, in an attempt to steal about \$1 billion out of the central bank's reserves with the New York Fed on the night of February 4, according to the interim report of US-based FireEye and World Informatix Cyber Security.

KEY FACTS

The first suspicious log-in into BB system on Jan 24

SysMon, an advance background monitor, installed on Jan 29

Hackers used three sophisticated tools into BB's SWIFT operations

They erased most traces of activity after accomplishing their objective

The first suspicious log-in came on January 24. Five days later, on a quiet Friday (January 29), the attacker installed SysMon, an advanced background monitor, in SWIFTLIVE and left it running for a full day.

SWIFTLIVE is the main platform of the BB using which it issues international payment orders. SysMon is a background service that logs security-related process and network activity to the Windows event log.

After that the attacker dumped the contents of the SysMon event logs which experts interpret as reconnaissance activity, meaning the attacker aimed to gather critical information like credentials from the command line used in any of the running processes or programmes.

Analysis shows, the attacker forgot to delete the SysMon log files at least for one day, which enabled investigators to retrieve very valuable information.

On both SWIFT platforms known as SWIFTLIVE

Rizal manager, four others summoned

THE INQUIRER, Manila

The Department of Justice (DOJ) yesterday summoned the branch manager of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) to answer the criminal complaint filed against her and several others by the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) in connection with the \$81 million stolen by hackers from Bangladesh Bank.



Aside from Maia Santos-Deguito, also summoned are "Michael Francisco Cruz," "Jessie Christopher Lagrosas," "Alfred



The six-storey building that was badly damaged by a blast in the city's Banani early yesterday. Residents suspect that the blast was caused by a gas leakage.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Will BNP think for a change?

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP holds its national council today with the theme of freeing democracy from captivity, but democratic practice in its own home has remained absent since its birth in 1978.

The party charter says the national council will elect leaders to two very important bodies in the party, the standing committee and the national executive committee.

Lack of democratic practice inside the party is one of the major reasons for the current state of disarray, leaders from different tiers of the party told The Daily Star.

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Target turnaround

BNP holds national council today; finding secretary general main challenge

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

With the aim to return to "positive politics", the BNP holds its long-awaited sixth triennial national council today, more than six years after the previous one.

The council, one of the biggest events of the party, will be held at the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB). The theme of this council is "We Will Free Democracy" and the slogan is "Corruption and misrule will surely end -- Bangladesh is for democracy."

The BNP, which earned a bad name at home and abroad for their violent movements in the past two years, wants to make a turnaround through this council, party insiders and political observers believe.

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- Over 3,100 councillors, 8,000 delegates, 1,000 guests
- A number of amendments to party charter to be proposed
- Tarique may address council through videoconference
- Power to elect leaders to all posts likely to be vested in Khaleda

10 injured in gas explosion

6-storey building damaged; Titas blamed for negligence in repairing leaked pipe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 people were injured early yesterday as a fire broke out from a gas explosion at a six-storey building in the capital's Banani area.

The residents of the building claimed the blast was caused by a gas pipe leak and blamed the Titas Gas authorities for the incident.

They said the Titas authorities paid no heed to their repeated requests for repairing the damaged pipeline. Around 1:30am, fire erupted on the second floor of the building, Silverstone Sapphire, with 20 apartments on Road-23 and quickly spread to the upper floors, said witnesses.

Most of around 25 residents ran to the rooftop while

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TOP QUOTE

"These are happening due to a lack of coordination [among government agencies]. I personally talked to the Titas managing director at 3:00am last night [Friday] after learning about it."

NASRUL HAMID BIPU
STATE MINISTER FOR POWER
TOLD INDEPENDENT TV ABOUT BANANI FIRE



After beating favourites India in their opening World Twenty20 Super 10 match, New Zealand yesterday upended neighbours Australia by eight runs in Dharamsala, thanks to a brilliant spell from left-arm pacer Mitchell McClenaghan (C).

PHOTO: AFP



New Zealand tame Aussies

England chase down record score

New Zealand beat Australia by eight runs in a thrilling match in the World Twenty20, with recalled paceman Mitchell McClenaghan taking three wickets for 17 on Friday.

In the day's second match, England chased down a World Twenty20 record 230-run target, set by South Africa, to secure their first win of the tournament after being beaten by West Indies in their first game.

New Zealand had made 142 for eight in their 20 overs at Dharamsala and Australia had appeared well set to chase down a modest total.

But they lost four wickets in their last two overs with McClenaghan and Corey Anderson holding their nerve at the death, giving the Black Caps revenge after losing last year's final of the 50 over World Cup to Australia.

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