

Foreigners' SIMs to be deactivated after expiry of visa: Tarana

BSS, Dhaka

Connections of SIM of foreign nationals, visiting Bangladesh for a short period, would go off automatically after expiration of their visas.

Posts and Telecommunications Division (PTD) has taken this decision as part of its SIM (subscriber identity module) verification campaign, using biometric system, State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim, told the news agency on Thursday.

The PTD has also taken decisions regarding finger print mismatch, people with mutilated palm and people having no NID and passport etc to complete the verification.

"If any person is found with such problem at operators' customer care, he/she will have to go to the regional election offices to collect a new fingerprint."

She said they have directed the operators to set up biometric booths at 514 regional election offices.

Talking about the people with mutilated finger or (both) hands, Tarana said they would have to go to the EC office for verification.

"We are also giving emphasis on facial identities for them."



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

MOCKERY?

A pedestrian walks off the footpath, which is barely two feet wide, along the boundary of Holy Family Hospital in the capital's Moghbazar. On the other side of the road, although the footpath is a little wider, inset, an electric pillar blocks the passage of people. The photos were taken Thursday on the approach road of the recently opened Moghbazar Flyover.

Tougher programme if power, gas prices go up

Says Rizvi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday threatened to announce tougher programme if the government increases gas and electricity prices, said Rizvi Ahmed, BNP senior joint secretary general, addressing a press conference at BNP's Naya Paltan central office.

"This government has taken a decision to increase prices of gas and electricity once again after destroying all sectors through looting and corruption. I, on behalf of the party, am urging the government to retreat from its anti-people decision immediately," he said.

In the written statement, Rizvi said although price of electricity production has been decreased across the world, the government has decided to increase prices in a bid to widen its scope of corruption.

Self-defence training for females launched

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a left leaning student organisation, yesterday launched a self-defence training programme for women at Dhaka University.

Under the banner of "Pritilata Brigade", the inaugural ceremony was held in front of the Raju sculpture on the campus.

Bangladesh Taekwondo Federation is providing technical assistance to the programme where the women are basically being trained in martial art.

Jesmin Akter, taekwondo black belt holder, conducted the opening session participated by 17 persons.

The programme, which will be held on every Friday morning on the spot, is open to all women, said Chhatra Union President and the brigade chief Lucky Akter.

As the law enforcers and government are failing to ensure security for women, they took the programme, said Lucky.

Earlier on April 2, the group announced launching the programme from a procession carrying sticks demanding trial of all murderers and rapists of women, including of Sohagi Jahan Tonu.

Only 50pc work done

Says Bapa after visiting Tannery Industrial Estate in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Not even five factories are ready to initiate production at Tannery Industrial Estate, whereas the authorities need at least 40 factories for starting the central effluent treatment plant (CETP), said Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa).

After visiting the tannery industrial area in Savar yesterday, two days before the government's April 10 deadline, Bapa representatives demanded forming of a taskforce that would monitor the work in progress.

"The government decided to relocate the tannery from Hazaribagh to Savar nearly two decades ago. But it did not happen due to indifferent attitude of the tanners and the government's ineffective moves," said Syed Abul Maksud, a vice-president of Bapa.

Merely 50 per cent of work of the estate has been completed so far, he said.

The authorities concerned should complete the work faster, and be cautious so that the tannery industries do not pollute the new areas in Savar after relocation.

Zakir Hossain, an executive member of Bapa, said Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation authorities need minimum 40 tannery industries to start the CETP operation.

"Not even five are ready to start production," he said.

Though the government has set different deadlines, they could not complete the relocations in due time because of the lack of proper monitoring, he said.

The government on April 1 enforced a ban on the supply of rawhide to the capital's Hazaribagh, for which at least five tanners out of the 152 have started storing rawhide in their factories at Savar Tannery Industrial Estate.

The government extended the deadline as all the tanners failed to relocate within the previous deadline of March 31.

Tanners said they could not start production in Savar as they were yet to get water and gas connections.

The government authorities, however, claimed they were ready for the test run of the central effluent treatment plant at the tannery estate after completion of works of the drainage system.

NEWS IN brief

BBC Bangla Service to start 8-day programme to save rivers today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BBC Bangla Service will start an eight-day special programme titled "Amar Nodi" (My River) on its radio, online and social media today, highlighting the threat of extinction of the Bangladeshi rivers.

A special index on bbcbangla.com will bring stories, audio and video contents, picture galleries and an interactive map, says a press release.

In addition, BBC Bangla radio will bring investigative reports focusing on ten rivers facing the threat and audio diaries of people whose livelihoods depend on those.

Newborn's body found in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police recovered the body of a newborn in Somshearnagar Tea Garden area in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday.

Locals saw the body in a section of the tea garden in the afternoon and informed police.

Officer-in-Charge of Kamalganj Police Station Enamul Haque said after recovering the body they sent it to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital for an autopsy.

Free journalism training for female graduates begins at IJC

UNB, Dhaka

A two-week free training programme on journalism for female graduates began in the capital yesterday.

Institute of Journalism and Communication (IJC) arranged the programme at its office in the capital in collaboration with Social Islami Bank Ltd.

Shahnaj Munni, chief news editor of a new TV channel, News24, inaugurated the programme where Mahamudul Haque, deputy editor (metro) of The Daily Star, also spoke. Senior journalists exchanged views with the participants on different aspects of journalism.

Abducted boy rescued in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday rescued an eight-year-old boy from Mathurapur village of Jessore, two days after he was abducted from Sharanpur village in Jhikorgacha upazila.

Two abductors - Sagar Sheikh, 34, and Mizanur Rahman Mintu, 35, of Mathurapur village - were also arrested.

Miscrants abducted Foyzal Ahmed, son of Mantu Mia at gunpoint on Tuesday. Later, they demanded Tk 5 lakh as ransom from Mantu over the phone.

Following a complaint filed by Mantu, a team of Rab-6 conducted a drive in Rupdia area and arrested Sagar on Thursday night.

United Hospital conducts free health check-up camp

CITY DESK

To observe the World Health Day, United Hospital conducted a free health check-up booth for patients at its lobby, said a press release.

Nazmul Hasan, CEO of the hospital, inaugurated the booth where more than 500 patients and their family members availed free check-up throughout the day.

In the afternoon, a seminar was held where Consultant Diabetology and Endocrinology Dr Nazmul Islam discussed about diabetes.

Dr Shagufa Anwar, chief of Communication and Business Development of the hospital, also spoke at the seminar attended by hospital doctors and nurses.

ABM Musa's anniversary

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The veteran journalist joined BSS as its managing director and chief editor on May 15 in 1985 and was with the national news agency till March 23, 1987.

He joined Daily Jugantar as its editor in 2005. He got many awards, including Ekushey Padak, for his outstanding contributions to journalism.

Dhaka city lane illegally

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An engineer of DNCC, seeking anonymity, said following an allegation they went to the area to free the road in the first week of January.

"When we moved to demolish the concrete pillars to free the road, residents of the road obstructed us," he said.

"With the influence of some government high-ups, they stopped the drive," he added.

Afterwards, they applied for restricting vehicular movement through the local councillor, the engineer said.

If the road is open people can take a short cut to Mirpur Road from Ring Road, which helps reducing the traffic jam, he said.

No one can obstruct a public road unless they get permission from the city corporation on the ground of public convenience, Aminul Islam, chief estate officer of DNCC, said.

"I don't remember giving such permission to anyone to restrict any road named Holy Lane," he added.

Contacted, Assistant Commissioner (traffic-west) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Amirul Islam said as far as he knew, the bar has been put by the residents of the lane.

They cannot solve this kind of problem as this is not in their jurisdiction, he added.



Don't worry; this little fellow is not kept in a cage. Rather it is being treated by a group of kind-hearted members of Sabuj Bangla, a volunteer organisation in Natore, who rescued the young owl from the bank of a pond in Banshbag village of the district Thursday night. This nocturnal bird will be released as soon as it recovers.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

দেশ-বিদেশ ভ্রমণে এয়ারলাইন, হোটেল ও ট্যুর প্যাকেজের উপর অভাবনীয় মূল্য ছাড়ের সুযোগ নিতে আসুন

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D) White Chocolate; Masum

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