

Hackers steal data from 3 banks: report

Top executives of DBBL, City and Trust banks dismiss the hacking claim as hoax

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Turkish hacking group has claimed to have hacked three Bangladeshi banks and leaked data in a latest incident that highlighted the vulnerabilities of the banking system.

The banks are Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, City Bank and Trust Bank. The group also hacked two other banks from Nepal -- Business Universal Development Bank and Sanima Bank, according to US-based DataBreachToday.com, a website that provides news on data breach detection, notification and prevention.

However, officials of the Bangladeshi banks said that no customer credentials were compromised. And the hackers didn't make any financial demand.

Links to the file archives containing data from all the three banks have been posted from a Twitter account supposedly operated by Turkish hacking group Bozkurtlar or Grey Wolves. The group is known to be one of Turkey's national extremist outfits.

The size of the file archives was

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Bags queued up in front of the central library on Dhaka University campus. Almost every morning, students place their bags on the ground as placeholders in queue to get spots inside the library which has a dearth of seats. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

DU LIBRARY Early rush as seats scarce

MAHDI AL MUHTASIM

If you pay a visit to Dhaka University early in the morning, you will find a strange line of bags in front of the central library's entrance.

Bags stuffed with books lie on the ground and they act as a placeholder for students in queue.

As the clock nears 8:00am, students stand close to their bags and get ready to grab a seat inside the library as soon as it opens. Because of a dearth of seats in the library, which can accommodate only 1,100 people, students have discovered this unique way of getting into the library and finding a spot.

"We have to keep our bags in line by 7:00am to get a seat in the library; otherwise we won't get it. Sometimes we stand in queue in front of the library gate, but standing for long is quite difficult," said Tabibur Rahman Bipu, who recently completed masters' from mass communication and journalism department.

Although the number of DU students has climbed over the years, the university authorities could not expand the library's accommodation accordingly.

In last the 20 years, the number of students rose to 37,064 from 20,863; the number of departments and institutes jumped to 91 from 47 and the number of

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ENVOYS SUMMONED Pakistan acts, Bangladesh counteracts

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Diplomatic tensions between Bangladesh and Pakistan seem to be escalating, with each government summoning the other's envoy to lodge strong protests over the execution of Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami for war crimes.

Dhaka yesterday summoned the Pakistan High Commissioner in Bangladesh for the second time in three days, about five hours after Islamabad summoned the Bangladesh envoy there.

Diplomatic sources in Dhaka see Pakistan's move as an act of retaliation for Dhaka's summoning of Pakistan High

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Turkey envoy asked to report home

Ambassador leaves Dhaka for 'consultation' in the aftermath of Nizami's execution

REZAUL KARIM and SHAKHAWAT LITON

Turkey yesterday asked its ambassador to Bangladesh to report home for consultations in the aftermath of the execution of Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, the Turkish state-run Anatolia news agency said.

Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan had taken no time to condemn Nizami execution early Wednesday.

He even believes Nizami, who was convicted of crimes committed against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War, had "no earthly sins".

The Anatolia news agency quoting a diplomatic source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, wrote that Ambassador Devrim Ozturk was expected to arrive in the capital Ankara yesterday.

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NEWS ANALYSIS Pak amnesia intentional

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Pakistan has come up with an outrageous claim that what Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami did in 1971 was to uphold the constitution of Pakistan.

Its foreign ministry in a statement issued on Wednesday following the execution of Nizami claimed: "His only sin was upholding the constitution and laws of Pakistan."

The same day, during the passage of a resolution in the Pakistan national parliament condemning his execution, some of its MPs went a step further. They claimed that Nizami and other executed Jamaat leaders did not violate the law and constitution of the united Pakistan in 1971.

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PAKISTAN'S ILLOGICAL STANCE - PAGE 15

Together, against all terrorism

Delhi renews its 'strong support' for Dhaka to fight the menace

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amid the spate of attacks and killings in Bangladesh, Dhaka and New Delhi yesterday announced that they would work together "bilaterally" to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

"I told the foreign secretary that I am here to convey the government of India's strong support to the government of Bangladesh as it battles terrorism and extremism," said Indian Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who reached Dhaka on Wednesday.

He said this after a bilateral meeting with his Bangladesh counterpart Shahidul Haque at the state guesthouse Padma yesterday before returning to India in the afternoon.

"This is an issue which is of direct concern to us as

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Lightning kills 32 across country

UNB, Dhaka

At least 32 people were killed and six others injured after being struck by lightning in the capital and nine districts across the country yesterday evening.

Of the victims, eight died in Pabna, five each in Sirajganj and Rajshahi, four in Kishoreganj, two each in the capital, Gazipur, Bogra and Natore, and one each in Narsingdi and Nilphamari.

Two students were killed in a lightning strike while playing football in Jatrabari's Konapara area in Dhaka.

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Using chains, an elephant is made to drag a log inside the Lawachara National Park at Kamalganj upazila in Moulvibazar. Forest department officials say they recently gave permission for cutting down trees planted along the railway lines in the park under a social forestry project. The photo was taken on Tuesday. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Tension in Bandarban

BGB retaliates as mortar shells from Myanmar hit its camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Border Guard Bangladesh in Bandarban's remote Thanchi upazila came under mortar shell attacks last night.

Six mortar shells were fired targeting the Bulu para BGB camp from Myanmar border around 10:00pm on Wednesday, said Col Habibur Rahman, BGB Bandarban sector commander.

In retaliation, the BGB fired two mortar shells, he said, adding that since the incident happened at night, "we could not trace the attackers".

"The attackers might be members of law enforcement agencies of Myanmar or members of a separatist

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TOP-HEAVY BUREAUCRACY Mass promotion in administration

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government yesterday promoted 85 joint secretaries to the rank of additional secretaries even though there is not a single vacancy for the position.

With the promotion, the number of additional secretaries in the already top-heavy civil administration would be more than 450 against some 120 posts.

Some 200 more officials will be promoted in a day or two to the rank of joint secretary from deputy secretary and to deputy secretary from senior assistant secretary, according to sources in the secretariat.

Already there are 882 joint secretaries against 350

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