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Draft Digital Security Act gets green light

PM orders scrutinising the draft and other similar laws to remove any repetition, inconsistency or inadequacy; some provisions of ICT Act to be omitted, included in new law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a draft law proposing punishment up to life imprisonment for spreading negative propaganda through digital devices against the Liberation War and the Father of the Nation.

An offender could also face a fine of Tk 1 crore, instead of life imprisonment, or both for committing the offence.

The punishment would be the same for anyone patronising the offender, according to the proposed law titled "Digital Security Act 2016".

The draft law, however, doesn't say what actions would be considered as propaganda against the Liberation War and Bangabandhu.

Presiding over the weekly cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed the law minister to scrutinise the proposed law, the ICT Act and other relevant laws to make sure there is no repetition, contradiction or inadequacy in the new law.

She also asked him to include in the new law a tougher provision for checking pornography and a provision for introducing e-signature for government documents,

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- Life imprisonment or Tk 1 crore fine for spreading propaganda against Bangabandhu and Liberation War
- 14 years in prison and a fine of Tk 1 crore for hacking or attacking important websites
- 14 years' jail and Tk 1 crore fine for cyber terrorism
- 10 years' jail or Tk 10 lakh fine for circulating pornographic materials on the internet



Fireworks light up the sky above the Maracana stadium during the closing ceremony of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil on Sunday.

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250 fall sick after gas pipe leakage in Ctg factory

46 hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 250 people fell sick in Anwara of Chittagong last night after inhaling ammonia gas that leaked from a pipe at the nearby DAP Fertiliser Company Limited.

Of them, 46 were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

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SC stays bail of 'top militant'

'ABT coordinator' Saker, now in jail; obtained bail from HC in 2 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for three months a top militant suspect's bail that he obtained from the High Court over a month ago in two separate criminal cases.

The apex court stayed the bail of Fida Muntaseer Saker following two government petitions that said he was involved in militancy, and if released from jail on bail, he might carry out subversive activities against the state.

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Rio bids a colourful goodbye

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

The 31st Olympic Games had started with a great exhibition of music, dance and colours of life. It ended with another one.

After 17 days of sports extravaganza, and the fanfare that came along with it, South America's first Olympics were wrapped up in a rapturous closing ceremony at the Maracana Stadium on Sunday, passing the baton over to Tokyo.

The build-up to the Games was dogged by a gloomy atmosphere surrounding the South American nation's economy and politics, and amid apprehensions regarding the country's ability to stage the Games successfully. Now it seems that those fears were unfounded. The goal has been met quite successfully; and that too with a limited budget, yet with a big heart.

The day of the closing ceremony had started with ominous clouds hovering in the sky -- keeping with the erratic weather of Rio de Janeiro -- bringing along cold and gusty winds. Doubts had crept in whether the ceremony would be as colourful as it was planned. But those doubts were swept aside as soon as the first fireworks were released, followed by a trip



down Brazil's history lane. It kept raining buckets for the rest of the evening, but that hardly put a damper on the festivities.

The rain might have forced quite a few glaring empty seats at the 80,000-capacity stadium, but those who were there were treated to a great feast of rich Brazilian culture and heritage, flora and fauna, music and dance, prompting the athletes in ponchos to swing to the tunes through the three-hour-long ceremony.

The show started with a look back at Brazil's most famous sons and daughters and ended with carnival-like music and samba, with the victory ceremony for the men's marathon and the surprise appearance of Japan Prime Minister Shinjo Abe thrown in for good measure. A special segment, directed exclusively by Japanese artists, showed signs of what to expect from Japan come Tokyo 2020.

Away from the ceremonies the Games ended, as expected, amid the domination of the United States, who grabbed four gold medals on the final day to take their tally to 46 gold medals and 117 medals overall. The

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Locals catching fish in a canal in Barisal's Ujirpur. A large number of fish entered the canal from more than 200 fish enclosures that were washed away due to heavy rain in the area for the last two days. The photo was taken at Harta sluice gate point yesterday.

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