

Govt urging Facebook to open local office: Palak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government is urging Facebook to establish an office in Bangladesh in order to keep a better eye on the activities on the social networking site that has upwards of 2.2 crore users from the country. Every second 12 new Facebook accounts are created in Bangladesh, said Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for ICT, at a seminar on ICT, new media and revolution of the mass media, held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday. "In the past, we were forced to block Facebook for security reasons -- there will be no need to block the site again if Facebook opens an office here," he said.



A procession, brought out by Bangladesh Chhatra Union on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, demands cancellation of the Rampal coal-fired power plant project, just 14km from the Sundarbans, for conservation of the ecologically sensitive mangrove forest.

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Palak also touched upon the draft digital security law, which will replace the existing Section 57 of the ICT act. Under the digital security act, an offender has to face life imprisonment or a fine of Tk 1 crore for committing any offence. Palak said journalists should be responsible and careful while using new media and avoid getting involved in any conspiracy in the name of journalism. Jamal Uddin, president of DRU, Razu Ahmed, its general secretary, Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, and journalist Ajit Kumar Sarkar, were present.

Formulators asked to weave in dreams

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Bangladesh Gonotantrik Ainjibi Samity at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium. Dr Kamal urged all to sit together to find the deficiencies in the constitution as it was necessary if all wanted to make it more effective. Other discussants said Bangladesh moved away from the 1972 constitution, resulting in the emergence of

militancy and the constitution became "unrecognisable", losing its "basic spirit" while democracy its "real face". They also demanded honouring the formulation committee members with Swadhinata Padak. Barrister Amir-Ul Islam, one of the committee members, said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave some instructions, emphasising reducing the backlog of cases, in his first

meeting with the committee. He also proposed holding the national assembly on November 4, the constitution's adoption day, so that the new generation could get a clear concept. Politician Pankaj Bhattachariya, Shushashoner Jannoy Nagorik Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder and the samity President Subrat Chowdhury also spoke.

Medical equipment: Tk 7.18cr vanishes

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BASDA of China, they mentioned the price was around Tk 2.8 crore. Each of the four colour dopplers, bought from ASL, and a Hitachi colour doppler (2D) were bought at Tk 65 lakh but the actual price was Tk 24.5 lakh. The report said 10 CCU and OT items

were bought from M/S Ahmed Enterprise, but they did not supply those as per the proposed specifications. The committee opined that there was no transparency in the entire procurement process. "A cardiac monitor was bought at Tk 17 lakh but its original price was Tk 2 lakh," said Dr Faisal.

"I have never seen such corruption..." said Dr Azizur Rahman while submitting the report. Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, Jatiya Party lawmaker and president of the hospital management committee, termed the incident a violation of the government's rules and suspected that others were also involved.

Make long-term plan to counter militancy

Prothom Alo roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government should chalk out a long-term plan of action and circulate effective counter narratives to uproot militancy and terrorism, said discussants at a roundtable yesterday. They were speaking at a function titled "Danger of militancy and ways to overcome it" organised by the Bangla daily Prothom Alo at its office. "As part of our long term plan, we have formed a counter terrorism unit. We will also form similar units to fight terrorism in future," said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal. Eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik said the more extra judicial killings took place, the more societies turned violent. Former election commissioner M Sakhawat Hussain said counter narratives against militancy should be circulated by

eminent persons who are acceptable to common people. Young stars like cricketers or celebrities should be presented as the icon and representative of young generation to encourage them to engage in productive activities, he viewed. Rights activist Sultana Kamal said a change in education system and cultural movement is urgent. Security expert Air Commodore (ret) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury said the militants are now recruiting talented and educated youths, who are expert in information technology. Maj Gen (ret) ANM Muniruzzaman, president of Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), said the government should focus on preventing cyber terrorism. Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum moderated the function, where its Editor Matiuur Rahman was also present.

4,000kg of turtle shells seized in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The forest department on Tuesday seized 4,000kg of turtle shells in Khulshi area of Chittagong. Tipped-off, a forest department team with the help of law enforcement personnel seized the shells kept inside 142 sacks from the first floor of a building in the area, said forest department sources. No one was arrested, they added. "Fish Mark Export stored the shells for smuggling those to Hong Kong," said Divisional Forest Officer SM Golam Mowla.

NEWS IN brief

Land surveyor caught taking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday caught a surveyor of Assistant Commissioner (Land) office Mizanur Rahman in Bogra red-handed while taking bribe. Later, a case was filed. A local went to the office for land mutation, when Mizanur demanded Tk 1 lakh, said ACC sources, adding he then informed it to the ACC. ACC also arrested a contractor Mizanur Rahman for his alleged involvement in misappropriating Tk 41.58 lakh from 45 fake projects of Dhaka Zila Parishad.

2 die as bus hits rickshaw in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two people were killed and one injured as a passenger bus hit a rickshaw in Motijheel of Dhaka yesterday. Rickshaw-puller Khokon Mia, 50, and passenger Nurjahan Begum, 45, were declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said DMCH sources. With head injury the other passenger Fatema, 50, was admitted.

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