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Operators lost 73.29 lakh SIMs in 2016

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Mobile operators lost 73.29 lakh active connections last year mainly due to the biometric SIM re-registration. The number of active SIMs fell 5.8 percent year-on-year to 12.64 crore at the end of 2016, according to a report published by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission yesterday. The industry began 2016 with 13.37 crore active mobile connections. The total number of SIMs (subscriber identity modules) was 12.96 crore as of February this year, the report added.

SIMS ADDED/LOST
Figures in crore

Year	Sims Added/Lost (in crore)
2010	1.62
2011	1.08
2012	1.17
2013	1.66
2014	0.66
2015	1.34
2016	-0.73

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Tofail Ahmed, commerce minister; Ma Ming Qiang, Chinese ambassador to Bangladesh; Kazi M Aminul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority; SK Sur Chowdhury, deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank; Francois De Maricourt, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, and Md Mahub ur Rahman, deputy CEO, attend a discussion on "Bangladesh-China Business Outlook: One Belt One Road and RMB Internationalisation", at the Westin Dhaka hotel yesterday. HSBC Bangladesh organised the event.

Jica joins IFC to help build 414MW power plant

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
International Finance Corporation has brought in Japan International Cooperation Agency to invest \$30 million in Sembcorp North-West Power Company that is building a 414MW power plant in Sirajganj. Sembcorp North-West Power Company is a joint venture of Sembcorp Utilities and Bangladesh's state-owned North-West Power Generation Company. [READ MORE ON B3](#)

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Bacchu was involved in BASIC loan scam: Muhith

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday reiterated that former chairman of BASIC Bank Abdul Hye Bacchu was involved in the Tk 4,500 crore loan scam. The investigation report on the scam has already been submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission, he said. "Now let's see what the next course of action would be," he said. The central bank's investigation revealed that Bacchu was involved in various scams, Muhith said. The minister spoke at an award giving ceremony organised by the commission at Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka to recognise the contribution of the "Best Corruption Prevention Committees" of districts and upazilas. [READ MORE ON B3](#)


BB fire damage worth Tk 80 lakh: probe

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
The recent fire at the Bangladesh Bank headquarters has caused damage of Tk 80 lakh, an inquiry team has found. Subhankar Saha, executive director of the BB, disclosed the findings of an investigation at a press conference at the central bank office yesterday. No important official documents were damaged in the fire, he said. An electric kettle was found at the spot and the probe team recommended such appliances should not be used to avoid similar accidents in future, he said. The inquiry committee also said the security management department should ensure that all electric connections are disconnected after office hours. It recommended appointing a fire controller and a safety officer at the BB. The central bank has already undertaken a system to disconnect all electric connections in the building after office hours, said Saha, also the spokesperson for the bank. The committee did not mention the origin of the fire as it was formed only to assess the damages, he added. On Tuesday, the inquiry committee headed by BB Executive Director Ahmed Jamal submitted its report to Governor Fazle Kabir. The fire broke out on the 13th floor of the BB headquarters in the city's Motijheel area at around 9:30pm on March 23. It was doused within an hour. The floor housed the foreign exchange policy department, which is responsible for formulating and implementing policies related to foreign exchange.

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