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RANSOMWARE ATTACK

Experts rush to restore systems

Bangladesh govt websites, data safe so far; 100 countries affected; Hackers used stolen NSA tool

STAR REPORT

No Bangladesh government website or data centres or any other infrastructure faced any problem in the global ransomware attack, which affected computers in nearly 100 countries on Friday.

However, there were infections at individual level in Bangladesh, reports our staff correspondent.

A top executive of Asian TV yesterday said four of their desktops were affected Friday evening.

Faria Hossain, a joint news editor of the channel, said around 8:00pm she found the notice about her data being encrypted and demand for money on her computer and after that she could not work on it.

Her IT team tried to fix the problem until yesterday evening to no avail.

Sumon Ahmed Sabir, chief strategy officer of international internet gateway Fibre@Home, told The Daily Star

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A bull cart on a char on the Padma river in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj. The river flows in three small channels in the district and people farm on the chars. The photo was taken on Thursday.



Top primary edn official killed in a road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The director general of the National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE) was killed and five others were injured when their microbus collided head-on with a truck on the Chittagong-Khagrachhari highway in Fatikhari yesterday.

DG Fazlur Rahman, 55, was pronounced dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) around 9:00am, said Dr Sagar Nandi of the emergency ward.

The accident took place in Bariyarthat area of Fatikhari around 7:30am.

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Purbachal New Town 'to be ready by 2018'

AINUL HAQUE PRAMANIK

The Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha is planning to complete the development works of Purbachal New Town project by the end of next year.

Around 80 percent of the land development work has been completed. Possession of some 13,000 plots out of the total 25,016 has been handed over to allottees, said Rajuk officials.

"We have already spent around Tk 2,700 crore to step up the implementation of the project," ASM Raihanul Ferdous, chief engineer of Rajuk, told The Daily Star.

However, the city planner is conducting feasibility studies on the water treatment and waste management plants.

It is implementing the Tk 7,700 crore project on around 6,000 acres of land to provide residential accommodation for around 1.5 million people.

The Rajuk had conducted a feasibility study on the project around 26 years ago. It started acquiring land in 1992 and the development work in 2007.

Purbachal New Town is located between the Shitalakhya and the Balu rivers in Rupganj of Narayanganj and Kaliganj of Gazipur.

The project area is divided into 30 sectors, with 21.66 percent area set aside for commercial, educational and sporting institutions, 25.90 percent for roads, central reservations and footpaths and 13.70 percent for lakes, parks and forestation, the chief engineer said.

Ujjwal Mallick, additional director of the project, blamed the slack implementation of the project on slow acquisition of land. According to him, it took the Rajuk about 16 years to do the job.

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A walled plot of land and a completely-built road, inset, in Purbachal New Town project. Plot owners' wait to move into their land could end next year as about 80 percent of the development work has been done. The photos were taken recently.

BANANI RAPE NHRC team visits spot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two members of a National Human Rights Commission's fact-finding committee yesterday visited The Raintree Dhaka hotel in Banani where two university students were alleged to have been raped in March.

The members talked to eight hotel employees.

"We will talk to all the people concerned and submit our report by the stipulated time," convenor of the committee Nazrul Islam told reporters after visiting the scene.

The commission on

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Woman gang-raped in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A young woman from Dinajpur was gang-raped by her "friend" and his associates in Pabna's Atghoria upazila early Saturday.

Police has arrested four men accused of the alleged rape from different areas of Atghoria upazila yesterday.

The 26-year-old victim from Nabaganj upazila in Dinajpur was under police security.

The arrested men were identified as Jonab Ali, 38, from Hapania village, Amirul Islam, 26, from Beruan, Kawsar Sheikh, 25, from Bongshipara and Anwarul Islam, 22 from Diarpara in Atghoria upazila.

They allegedly violated the victim in a banana

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Egypt unearths 17 mummies

REUTERS, Minya

Egypt has unearthed an ancient burial site replete with at least 17 mummies, most fully intact, the latest in a string of discoveries that the country's antiquities minister described as a helping hand from the crypt for its struggling tourism sector.

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Two killed in 'gunfight' with Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An alleged regional leader of an outlawed party and his aide were killed in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Goalanda upazila of Rajbari early yesterday.

The deceased are Rakibul Hasan Rocky alias Bappi, 35, regional leader of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party's (PBCP-ML) Lal Pataka faction, and his aide Lalon Mollah, 40.

According to Rab, Rakibul and Lalon, residents of Paban Nagar of Pabna

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N Korea 'ready for US talks'

Pyongyang official says dialogue with Washington possible if conditions are right

REUTERS, Seoul

A senior North Korean diplomat who handles relations with the United States yesterday said Pyongyang would have dialogue with the US administration if conditions were right, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

Choe Son Hui, North Korea's foreign ministry director general for US affairs, made the comment to reporters in Beijing as she was travelling home from Norway, Yonhap said.

"We'll have dialogue if the conditions are there," she told reporters when asked if the North was preparing to hold talks with the Trump administration, according to Yonhap.

When asked if North Korea was also preparing to talk with the new government in South Korea, of liberal President Moon Jae-in, Choe said: "We'll see."

The comments by Choe, who is a veteran member of the North's team of nuclear negotiators, came amid stepped up international

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Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan expired on 10 May 2017

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