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## Three banks hit by cyberattacks

**BB opens probe as hackers steal \$3m from cash machines abroad last month raising concern about banks' security systems**

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At least three local private banks suffered major cyberattacks last month, raising concern about the robustness of their security systems against a growing threat of scammers.

Of the three, Dutch Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) was the biggest victim, losing as much as \$3 million (around Tk 25 crore) to global cybercriminals, according to sources in the banking sector.

Two other banks -- NCC Bank and Prime Bank -- also faced cyberattacks, but they claimed they were able to avert financial losses.

This was the biggest cyberattack after hackers made off with \$81 million from Bangladesh Bank's account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York around three and a half years ago.

Following last month's cyberattack, the

BB formed an eight-member committee to probe the matter. Intelligence agencies are also investigating it separately.

The latest incident has created worries in the country's banking sector as it was different from the past incidents of hacking.

Usually, hackers use malware to steal customer data from a bank's server and then use that information to clone credit and debit cards.

But in the case of the DBBL, hackers planted a malware in the bank's switch (card management system) around three months ago and made a perfect replica of the switch, which the bank could not detect.

When hackers went for transactions last month, the proxy or the shadow switch gave instructions to release funds, keeping the bank completely in the dark.

Hackers made off with around \$3

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**Sri Lanka right-arm pacer Lasith Malinga celebrates a wicket during a World Cup match against England in Leeds yesterday. Malinga tore through England's innings by taking four wickets in defence of their modest 232-run total.**

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## Malinga, Mathews scorch England

AFP, Leeds

Lasith Malinga and Angelo Mathews played key roles in Sri Lanka's stunning 20-run World Cup win over England that revived the race for semi-final berths at Headingley on Friday.

England were all but out of the match after slumping to 186-9 as they chased 233 for victory.

However, Ben Stokes' blistering 82 not out off 89 balls, including seven fours and four sixes, got them to within sight of their target.

But Stokes' gamble on giving Mark Wood a ball to face at the end of a Nuwan Pradeep over backfired when the No.11 was caught behind as Sri Lanka won with three overs to spare.

"We lost it probably more so with the bat than with the ball. There was lack of substantial partnerships. A couple of individual performances nearly got us over the line," England captain Eoin Morgan said.

"Sri Lanka deserved it. Even if we had nicked it then it would have been us robbing the game. It's frustrating but we are going to lose games. They are all tough matches."

Victory would have seen hosts England, bidding to win the World Cup for the first time,

go top of the 10-team table. But instead their second surprise loss of the round-robin group stage after a 14-run defeat by Pakistan, left them in third place, with Sri Lanka now just two points adrift of the pre-tournament favourites.

The top four at the end of the first phase qualify for the semi-finals, with England's next match against arch rivals Australia -- the table-toppers and reigning champions -- at Lord's on Tuesday now even more important to their hopes of a last four place.

"It's a long tournament and there are huge opportunities in every game. Australia is always a match you look to first in the World Cup fixtures," Morgan said.

Earlier, Mathews' painstaking 85 not out of 115 balls, with just five fours, helped Sri Lanka recover from a top-order collapse to finish on 232-9.

That seemed a below par total but with paceman Malinga taking 4-43 and off-spinner Dhananjaya de Silva following up with three wickets in quick succession, it proved more than enough as Sri Lanka enjoyed another memorable day at Headingley -- the ground where they sealed their first Test series win in England five years ago.

"It was a close one, we were under pressure but it was team-work in the end, all the batters and bowlers did great work," Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne said. "With a score on the board the bowlers knew what to do on this wicket. The (Joe) Root wicket was the turning point."

Malinga, renowned for his unorthodox 'slingshot' action dismissed Jonny Bairstow for a golden duck. James Vince (14) then fell in familiar fashion when an edged drive off Malinga was caught by Mendis at slip.

Morgan, fresh from his ODI record 17 sixes against Afghanistan, made a cautious 21, featuring a mere two fours, before Isuru Udana held a sharp return catch to dismiss the Dubliner.

Root made a patient 57 off 89 balls featuring just three fours. But a fourth-wicket stand of 54 with Stokes ended when Root was caught behind down the legside off Malinga, who then produced a trademark toe-crushing yorker to have dangerous Jos Buttler lbw.

Stokes badly needed someone to stay with him. But he could only watch as de Silva took three wickets for three runs in nine balls before Wood was the last man to fall as England's chase fell short on 212.



## Four killed in 'gunfights'

**Two brothers among the victims**

STAR REPORT

Three people, including two brothers, were killed in so-called gunfights with Rab in Chattogram and Gazipur while another person died in an alleged gun-battle between two groups of drug traders in Meherpur yesterday.

In Chattogram, a gunfight took place around 12:30pm when a team from Rab-7 raided Banshkhali upazila's Saral area. They went there to arrest two robber brothers -- Zafar Member, 48, and his younger brother Khalil Ahmed, 45, of the same area, according to Rab sources.

"As Rab members reached there, the robbers and their cohorts sensed their presence and opened fire on them. The Rab members retaliated by firing back," said Mashkur Rahman, assistant director of Rab-7 (media wing).

After a brief "gun-battle", the law enforcers found two bullet-hit bodies on the spot. The other attackers managed to flee, he claimed.

Mashkur also claimed to have recovered a foreign pistol, eight other firearms, bullets, and sharp weapons from the scene.

Zafar was a notorious criminal and his gang used to unleash terror in the coastal areas of Banshkhali, he added. Officer-in-Charge of Banshkhali Police Station Kamal Hossain said Zafar was facing 27 cases filed with his police station in connection with murder, robberies, and other crimes.

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## Undaunted after loss

SAKEB SUBHAN from Nottingham

In front of the Park Plaza hotel in Nottingham, a bunch of local fans were standing with autograph books in the morning yesterday. The Bangladesh team were set to board a bus from the hotel towards Southampton at 12:00pm and all the autograph hunters were waiting by the bus to grab the signatures of the players as they boarded. All of the players obliged and took time to sign their names and, of course, pose for selfies.

That one scene signified the growth in stature of the team over the course of this World Cup. To get

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## 17 migrants return home

**They are among the 64 Bangladeshis stranded in Mediterranean**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen of the 64 Bangladeshi migrants, who had been stranded in the Mediterranean Sea off the Tunisian coast of Zarzis for nearly three weeks, returned home yesterday afternoon.

"After their arrival at the Dhaka airport, they were provided with food and were now going through immigration procedures," said Abdul Kader, deputy assistant director of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training.

The foreign ministry in cooperation with the International Organisation for Migration helped them come home, he said.

They are mostly from Madaripur, Brahmanbaria, Noakhali, Shariatpur, Sunamganj, Moulvibazar and Chandpur.

Seventy-four migrants, including the 64 Bangladeshis, were brought to the Tunisian shore from

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**A volunteer explains a storm warning signal to a Rohingya man at a refugee camp in Ukhaia of Cox's Bazar. A total of 1,000 Rohingya volunteers circulate lifesaving messages among the refugees under a project initiated by Brac. Inset, a trainer trains volunteers. The photos were taken recently.**

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## For the good of the community

**Rohingya volunteers, mostly women, working to improve living conditions of their fellows in camps**

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and WASIM BIN HABIB

Waking up early in the morning, Jaheda Begum finishes her household chores quickly. Taking her breakfast, she comes out of her home in a Rohingya camp and rushes to a place where Rohingya women like her meet every day at 9:00am.

"Then we get to know what is the message for the day. Then we will set out for the houses in the camps to disseminate the message among the Rohingya people till 5:00pm," she said.

"We visit every house in my area and deliver messages on various issues. Now we are spreading the message on what to do in time of disasters."

Jaheda is one of the 1,000 volunteers from the Rohingya community who regularly circulate lifesaving messages to the Rohingya people through door-to-door visits. They were given trainings and incentive for this task.

More than 90 percent of the volunteers are women who regularly pay visit to the houses in the camp. Volunteers hold meetings with the Rohingya people twice a month to solve the internal problems through discussions.

This is the community mobilisation volunteers network project, initiated by Brac in partnership with Unicef in November 2017 under Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme.

The project is for circulating lifesaving messages on health, hygiene, nutrition, child protection, gender-based violence and disaster preparedness through inter-personal communication sessions and other activities.

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