

Only 12pc school, madrasa students trust online news: study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 61.4 percent students in Bangladesh are using mobile phones with internet connection, suggests a recent research on media literacy among secondary school and madrasa students.

The research was unveiled yesterday at a roundtable presided by Nazir E Jilani, member of the trustee board of South Asia Centre for Media in Development (SACMID), at Bangla Motor in Dhaka.

A team led by Dr ASM Asaduzzaman, associate professor of mass communication and journalism at Dhaka University, conducted the research in association with SACMID.

School students made up 69.2 percent of respondents while 45.4 percent were madrasa students.

Of total respondents, some 82.5 percent with access to internet read and share news on social media, it said.

Only 12.4 percent of students with internet access trust online news publications, and 27.9 percent of them reevaluate news they see online, according to the researchers.

Dr Golam Rahman, former information commissioner of the government was present as chief guest at the event.

Lutfar Rahman, specialist of National Curriculum and Textbook Board; Murshid Akhter, head of Plan International Bangladesh; and Dr Jude William Genilo, chairperson of media studies and journalism department at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, were present.



Students of Mass Communication and Journalism department of Rajshahi University staged a sit-in programme in front of the department at Rabintranath Tagore academic building yesterday, demanding publishing of their year-final results. They said it has been over six months but the results are yet to be published.

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Month of mourning begins today

BSS, Dhaka

August, the month of mourning begins today for the nation to recall once again the brutal assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The killing of Father of the Nation and most of his family members on the fateful night of August 15, 1975 is the ugliest chapter of the nation's history.

The family members included Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, sons Sheikh Kamal, Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russell, daughters-in-law Sultana Kamal and Rosy Jamal, Bangabandhu's brother Sheikh Naser, brother-in-law Abdur Rab Serniabat, nephew and eminent journalist Sheikh Fazlul Huq Moni, his pregnant wife Arzoo Moni and military secretary Colonel Jamil.

Bangabandhu's daughters Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana escaped the assassination as they were in Germany.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out month-long programmes marking the occasion.

This year, the nation will observe National Mourning Day and the 44th anniversary of martyrdom of Bangabandhu.

Awami Swachchasebak League will start with a torch procession on Dhaka streets marching towards Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in Dhanmondi in the early hours today, General Secretary Pankaj Devnath told the news agency yesterday.

Meanwhile, a blood donation programme will be organised by Krishak League in Dhanmondi at 3pm today.

At dawn on August 15, the national flag and party flag will be kept at half-mast while black flag will be hoisted at Bangabandhu Bhaban in the capital and all other offices of the party across the country.

Different ministries and departments, directorates and agencies, all city corporations, district councils, municipalities and union councils will organise various programmes at their respective institutions this month.

Brac gets new exec director

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B r a c Bangladesh has appointed Asif Saleh as its new executive director, says a press release.



He has diverse multi-sectoral experience in senior leadership roles in private, public and non-government sectors with a proven track record.

"Brac governing body is confident that Asif is the right choice to steer Brac Bangladesh ahead, driving innovation and positive transformation," said Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac.

Prior to joining Brac, Asif worked as a policy specialist for the Access to Information (A2I) programme at Prime Minister's Office.

He spent 12 years at Goldman Sachs in different fin-tech roles and institutional client sales in New York and London, ending his term there as an executive director.

BCC executive engineer suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Abdul Motaleb Haoladar, executive engineer (civil) of Barishal City Corporation (BCC), has been suspended from July 29. Israil Hossain, chief executive officer of BCC, signed the suspension letter on Tuesday.

BCC public relations officer Belayet Hossain Bablu confirmed the incident yesterday, but did not divulge details.

Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah, after taking charge as BCC mayor last year, removed Haoladar from the post of acting superintending engineer and made him "officer on special duty", following allegations of corruption and forgery in his BSc certificate in engineering. After some time, he was appointed as executive engineer of another section.

Sources said Motaleb was involved in corruption while distributing contracts and collecting bills during the tenure of mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal.

Anti-Corruption Commission has also launched an investigation on allegations against him.

Remove communal

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fuels discrimination among religions.

Mahmuda Sarwar Shraboni, a student of Pharmacy department at Southeast University, said, "Our country was liberated with secular values, but now communalism is finding its way in. We are not hesitating to attack another person for their religious beliefs just because of a photo on Facebook."

Towhidul Islam Junaid, a second year student of Al Quran and Islamic Studies at Govt Alia Madrasa, said, "When it comes to religion, we are highly passionate but lack knowledge."

Madrasa students have religious knowledge but they are financially disadvantaged, while private university students have no financial problems but lack religious knowledge. The militants know very well how to motivate target groups, he said.

Md Shafiqul Islam, senior executive of Quran Research Foundation, said "We have to acquire proper knowledge of religion as no religion instructs its followers to become extremists."

Under the Sampreeti project, activations were conducted in 12 educational institutions -- including eight universities, three madrasas and a public college -- and the total number of precipitants were 212," said Ashoke Ranjan Dutta, chief advisor of Event Exposure.

The Daily Star's Associate Editor Brig Gen (retd) Shahedul Anam Khan moderated the roundtable while Dhaka University Prof Sukomal Barua, Daffodil International University Prof Farhana Helal Mehtab, writer and actor Khairul Alam Shabuj and Asian University of Bangladesh student Sumaya Siddiqua, among others, spoke.

Senate nominates

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As per the Dhaka University Order, 1973, the VC shall be appointed by the chancellor for a period of four years from a panel of three teachers.

Meanwhile, the pro-BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami White Panel boycotted the meeting citing three reasons.

"The existing senate is questionable. Firstly, there were three panels including two submitted by Blue Panel teachers, and the authorities unfairly dropped one of them. During the registered graduate election, victory was snatched from our panel at different centres across the country."

"Thirdly, Ducsu election was held and there are questions over its results," Prof ABM Obaidul Islam, convener of the White Panel, told the reporters.

VC-panel election was held on July 29, 2017 which nominated a three-member panel including the then VC Prof Arefin Siddique.

Following a writ petition filed with the High Court by 16 teachers and registered DU graduates, challenging legality of the special meeting, the Supreme Court on August 4, 2017 stayed the functions of the three-member panel.

On September 4, 2017, Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman, the then pro-VC, was made vice-chancellor, replacing Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique at the end of his tenure.

The High Court on October 10, 2017, declared illegal the three-member panel elected by the Dhaka University senate on July 29, and directed DU authorities to finish the process for constituting a full-fledged senate in six months to elect the panel for appointing its new vice-chancellor.

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HT Imam and Moazzem Hossain both said their income is rising due to an increase in selling nomination papers for various polls, donations and realisation of membership fees and others.

On the other hand, holding political programmes, observing birth and death anniversaries of party leaders, and events organised on national days were the areas of major expenditures.

Jatiya Party report shows that the party's income was Tk 1.97 crore and expenditure Tk 1.20 crore in 2018.

EC deputy secretary Abdul Halim Khan said 33 out of total 39 registered political parties have submitted their reports till yesterday. The rest six sought additional time, he added.

If any registered political party fails to submit its income and expenditure report for three years in a row, the EC can cancel its registration.

As per the Representation of the People Order, all registered political parties are supposed to have their last year's income and expenditure audited and submitted between January and July.

She was asked indecent

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During hearing, defense lawyer Faruk Ahmed filed a time petition with the court, which was turned down.

Acting Judge Sheikh Nazmul Alam of Dhaka Cyber Tribunal also set August 20 for next hearing of the case.

Nusrat Jahan Rafi, a student of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa of Feni, was set ablaze on April 6 allegedly for refusing to withdraw a case filed against the madrasa principal Siraj Ud Doula for sexually harassing her.

After fighting for her life for five days, she died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 10.

The same day, Moazzem was withdrawn from the post of Sonagazi Police Station OC, as Nusrat family's alleged that they were not getting his full cooperation.

On April 15, Suman filed the case under the Digital Security Act against Moazzem Hossain with the cyber tribunal in Dhaka.

On July 17, the tribunal framed charges against suspended Sonagazi OC Moazzem Hossain in the case.

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Health minister

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He was scheduled to return on August 4, said ministry sources.

Talking to reporters after the meeting of parliamentary standing committee on public assurance at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Jatiya Party lawmaker Fakhru Imam -- a member of the parliamentary watchdog -- told reporters that two members of the committee expressed their resentment over the health minister's trip abroad at this moment.

Awami League MP Ali Ashraf, chairman of the committee, and AL MP Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal wanted to know why the minister is abroad at a time when dengue outbreak has gripped the nation.

Top officials of the health ministry, who were present at the meeting, however, did not respond.

The parliamentary committee asked the ministry to take all-out measures to control the dengue outbreak.

Canteen staffer

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interrogated and beat them. At one point, they started beating Mannan mercilessly and it went on till 2am," the OC said.

When Mannan's condition deteriorated, they took him to MH Samorita Hospital and Medical College around 4am where the doctors declared him dead.

The hospital authorities informed police, the OC said, adding that police responded to the call and detained three students, including Atik.

Save the Children

Date: August 01, 2019
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Pre-Tender Meeting Time & Place **06.08.2019 at 11:00 am** at Save the Children, House No. CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh (Meeting minutes will be available at <http://procurement.scibd.info/> on 07.08.2019)

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