

ONLINE HARASSMENT

Police launch cyber support for women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To contain the rising trend of cyber harassment, Bangladesh Police have launched an all-woman special wing called the “Police Cyber Support for Women”.

Police Inspector General Benazir Ahmed formally launched the wing at a ceremony at the Rajarbagh Police Lines Auditorium yesterday.

“We want to make the cyber world safer,” the IGP said. Upon receiving complaints, the cell will provide necessary advise and legal assistance to the victims, the police chief said during his speech.

“Crime in the cyber world is increasing by the day. So far, 6,099 cases have been registered for different cyber related crimes, and a majority of this cases are filed by female victims,” he said.

Citing a study, Benazir further said that around sixty-eight percent of women in the cyber space have been victims of cybercrime. Of them, 73 percent were subjected to cyber bullying or harassment.

The cell will be composed solely of women -- both for investigation and counselling. The idea is to make victims feel comfortable to share their problems, said the police chief.

Victims’ information will be completely confidential, he emphasised.

Two assistant superintendents of police will lead the newly-formed wing. It will be stationed at the police headquarters (PHQ) under the direct supervision of the Lawful Interception Cell (LIC). Initially, the wing will consist of 12 full-time personnel, according to officials of the concerned desk.

The cell will work in coordination with different units of the police -- DMP, DB, CID and PBI -- that are already

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Schools are closed amid the coronavirus pandemic, so children rarely get a respite from staying home. These two little girls were delighted to be outdoors after a long while as they happily trotted across the grounds of Chandrima Udyan recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Coordination must for a complete DAP

Says DSCC mayor Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Coordination among relevant organisations is vital to prepare a complete plan and implement it properly for the betterment of the capital, said Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday.

Addressing a views-exchanging meeting between Rajuk and DSCC councillors at Nagar Bhaban on the Detailed Area Plan, the mayor said Rajuk will prepare the DAP and the city corporations will assist them for its proper implementation.

Taposh said both DSCC and Rajuk complement each other while implementing various initiatives and do not create any conflict.

That is why coordination is crucial, he added.

The mayor said in the DAP there are some places earmarked as children’s parks but in reality those are occupied by buildings.

He also hoped issues like that, placed in the meeting by city councillors, will be addressed in the DAP and Rajuk will be able to prepare a complete area plan.

Rajuk Chairman Mohammad Nure Alam said, “I have realised in the meeting that many things were done in the existing DAP without involving people for which it was not sustainable.”

He said after discussing the issues they have found a guideline for how to go about the problems.

MAN ARRESTED WITH SKULLS, SACKS FULL OF BONES

He’s member of a skeleton smuggling ring: police

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The man, who was arrested with a large cache of human skulls and bones during a raid at a house on Mymensingh city’s RK Mission Road on Sunday, was sent to jail yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by Sub-inspector Md Rashidul Islam raided the area and arrested Mohammad Bappi (32) with 12 skulls and two sacks of bones, said Md Faruq Hossain, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

Police also seized two containers of

liquid chemicals and three packets of powdered chemicals.

Law enforcers suspect Bappi is member of a skeleton theft and smuggling ring.

The members of the ring are scattered throughout the district and upazilas. They first dig out skeletons from graves, take those to a secluded place, deep in the forest or hilly areas, wash and clean those and then hand those over to other members.

The bones and skulls are then sold to students of medical universities or traffickers to smuggle to neighbouring

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Police arrested one person and seized 12 human skulls and two sacks of bones from a house in Mymensingh city’s RK Misison Road area on Sunday.

FISHERIES INDUSTRY

Coastal women remain unsung

COAST study finds

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in women’s political empowerment, a recent study conducted on the female members of the fisheries communities found that women members of coastal fishery families are still lagging far behind in terms of empowerment.

They suffer from socio-economic inequalities — 65 percent of them are victims of some form of violence, while 31 percent do not have an opinion on the purchase of family property, the study found.

Fifty-six percent of women members do not have an opinion on the general expenditure of the family, it revealed.

It also found that only two percent of women members of these households have directly contacted the Union Parishad concerned for any special need. Eighty-two percent of women have never participated in any arbitration or any other decision-making process of society.

Jahirul Islam, assistant director of COAST Trust yesterday presented these findings at a press conference titled ‘Women’s contribution to the coastal fisheries sector needs to be recognised.’ The press conference took place at Dhaka Reporters’ Unity auditorium.

The study was conducted among 1,200 families that depend on fisheries for a livelihood in six unions of four upazilas of three coastal districts—Cox’s Bazar, Bhola, and Bagerhat.

According to Jahirul, all women workers involved in

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GRAFT CASE

SC refuses to grant bail to Mir Nasir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant bail to BNP leader and former state minister for civil aviation Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin in a corruption case in which he was sentenced to 13 years’ imprisonment.

The apex court kept his bail petition stand over (waiting for hearing) till December 14.

A four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order after a hearing on the petition on Sunday.

Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that Mir Nasir cannot get released from jail following the SC order.

We join polls when we shouldn’t: Hafiz Uddin

BNP leader says street movement ‘only way to oust govt’

UNB, Dhaka

Questioning the justification of BNP’s participation in the recent elections and by-elections, party senior leader Maj (retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed yesterday said the fall of the current government will have to be ensured through a street movement, not by voting.

“As long as this government exists, citizens won’t be able to go to voting booths and get a chance to bring change by voting. So, a mass-upsurge is the only way

to do that,” he said.

Speaking at a discussion, the BNP leader said, “I can say if only two lakh people take to the streets and stay there for two days then they [AL govt] will be forced to flee from power. Let’s regain that courage and take to the streets in the coming days to oust this government.”

Ziaur Rahman Samaj Kalyan Parishad arranged the discussion at Jatiya Press Club, marking “November 7, 1975 commemorating the civil-military uprising”.

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Sylhet’s Rikabibazar VIP road area remains in traffic jam most of the day, as row of cars parked on the road narrows down one of the busiest streets of the city, that connects areas all the way up to Chowhatta point. This photo was taken yesterday from Madrasah Field area.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

30,500 yaba pills recovered, two held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of elite force Rapid Action Battalion (RAB-7) have arrested two people with 30,500 contraband yaba pills from the port city’s Bakalia area yesterday.

“The duo were held from the Shah Amanat Bridge area of Bakalia while coming towards the city on a salt-laden truck,” Flight Lieutenant Ali Ashraf Tushar said.

The arrestees are truck driver Shahidul Islam (44) and helper Arman Ali (22).

Upon being tipped-off, a team of Rab intercepted the truck and detained them, the official said. After interrogation, the duo admitted to carrying the yaba pills. Later, 30,500 pills concealed inside the truck were seized from their possession.

PRY TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Petition challenges quota system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday challenging the legality of the government action for keeping quota system in appointing assistant teachers for public primary schools across the country.

Md Tarek Rahman, a candidate for the

post of assistant teacher, submitted the petition to the HC seeking its order on the authorities concerned of the government to cancel the quota system.

Petitioner’s lawyer Aklas Uddin Bhuiyan told The Daily Star that the public administration ministry has cancelled

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CANCER SYMPTOMS

that you may easily overlook

Cancer is a major killer, and it is increasingly taking more lives due to many factors. Sometimes, we cannot get alert properly since we don't recognise the symptoms or overlook them. Let's know some this kind of symptoms.

A SUDDEN CHANGE IN YOUR SKIN:
If you develop a new spot, shape, or colour anywhere in the body that does not look like your normal skin, you need to be cautious. You can consult a doctor and perform some test like a biopsy to take a definite diagnosis for cancer cells. You also should notice any change in your breasts.



PERSISTENT COUGH:
Sometimes cough may not subside although you are not a smoker or you don't have convincingly enough reason for that. In that case, immediately consult a doctor. Sometimes negligence may present you an advance stage of lung cancer.

BLOATING:
It could be quite confusing since you may have a full, bloated feeling because of your diet or even stress. But if it becomes persistent, and you also have fatigue, weight loss, or back pain, get it checked out for ovarian cancer.

PROBLEMS WHEN YOU PEE:
As men grow older, they usually develop urinary issues like more frequency, leaks, or the weak stream. Many a time, these might be the signs of prostate cancer.

SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES:
Any kind of swelling should not be overlooked. Immediately consult a doctor, as these may spread very rapidly.

BLOOD IN THE BATHROOM:
If you see blood in the toilet after you complete your job, it may be a sign of something terrible - talk to your doctor to explore what is happening.

It may be a simple treatable condition or a serious kind of cancer.

TROUBLE SWALLOWING:
It may be a common condition in cold or acid reflux. But if it does not get better with time or with antacids, you may need to see a doctor. It could be a sign of a varying range of cancers.

Changes in the mouth: From bad breath to canker sores, most of the changes in our mouth are not dangerous. But if white or red patches or sores in the mouth that don't heal after a couple of weeks, especially if you smoke, you must see a doctor. It may signal oral cancer.

WEIGHT LOSS:
We all want to lose body weight, but sometimes weight loss may not be good news for us. Report any unusual weight loss associated with some other symptoms, consult a doctor for proper investigation.

FEVER:
A fever is a ubiquitous thing and is not usually a bad thing. It is the very first sign that your body is fighting an infection. But the one that is not going away may be a cause of concern.

Source: World Health Organisation