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Ransomware runs amok

Hundreds of GB of citizens' data leaked from top firms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ransomware attacks on top corporations, telcos, and internet service providers leaked several hundred gigabytes of citizens' data, found the government's Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT).

Ransomware is a type of malware that accesses data and threatens to publish it, or permanently blocks access to it unless a ransom is paid. This ransom can go up to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In a new report titled "Ransomware State of Bangladesh 2022", the e-GOV CIRT team named companies attacked in 2021.

"Although the countries in SEE PAGE 5 COL 1



THE RUDDY BUDDY ... The Ruddy Kingfisher, named after its bright red colour, is found across East and Southeast Asia. In Bangladesh, however, it is rare outside the Sundarbans. The little birds, which migrate to warmer countries during winter, typically inhabit thick jungles and rainforests. PHOTO: TIMU HOSSAIN

HUMAN DEV INDEX Bangladesh ranks 129th among 191 countries

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh ranked 129th among 191 countries in this year's Human Development Index, according to Human Development Report 2021-22 released by the UNDP yesterday.

In the previous report published in 2020, Bangladesh ranked 133 out of 189 countries.

Nazneen Ahmed, country economist at the UNDP Bangladesh, said, "Bangladesh's progress is promising. Because, according to this report, there has been a decline in human development globally. The world is currently in the same position it was in 2016 in terms of human development. This is mainly because of the Covid pandemic."

"Bangladesh has moved forward in that aspect. A major reason behind Bangladesh's progress is the increase in national income... But inequality is growing in Bangladesh and if it continues, it will be impossible to sustain this progress." SEE PAGE 5 COL 3

NEW PRIMARY CURRICULUM

Rolling out with unprepared teachers

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Without any piloting, the government is rolling out the new curriculum at the primary level as the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) officials failed to prepare the teachers' guide on time.

The piloting of the curriculum is necessary to familiarise the teachers with materials and the accompanying pedagogical changes and to inform them on how to implement it in the classroom.

It also helps to decipher whether the students can grasp the new material and its approach.

The new curriculum, which was approved by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August last year, aims to reduce the emphasis on memorising study materials and prioritise experiment- and activity-based learning.

The phase-wise implementation of the new curriculum was supposed to begin in January last year but has been delayed by two SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

RENEWING DEALS

Govt should've used existing power plants to full instead Say energy activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Energy activists criticised the government's decision to extend contracts of four private rental power plants, saying the authorities should have focused on utilising the full capacity of existing plants instead.

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase on Wednesday extended contracts of the plants for two more years.

According to a press statement of Bangladesh Working Group on SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

PM'S INDIA FLIGHTS

Police deny Biman pilot, official security clearance

RASHIDUL HASAN

A senior pilot and an operations officer of Biman Bangladesh Airlines were denied clearance by police to carry out duties regarding the flight of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her just-concluded trip to India.

The VIP Protection Wing of the police's Special Branch in a letter to Biman's deputy general manager (security) on September 4 raised objections to the inclusion of the duo in the 65-member Biman team, which included cockpit crews, cabin crews, and ground engineers.

The team was tasked with carrying out duties on the chartered flight of Biman, according to the letter.

The SB, however, did not mention any reason for refusing clearance to the duo.

A copy of the letter was sent to Special Security Force at the Prime Ministers' Office. The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the letter.

This newspaper is withholding the names of the two as they could not be reached for comments on the issue.

The SB in the letter raised objections against three out of the 65 Biman personnel, including a pilot instructor of the Boeing 787 aircraft.

But the instructor was later granted clearance to operate the flight following an investigation by the SB, said a competent source in Biman.

The source also said the senior pilot, who was denied clearance, was supposed to fly the plane.

Contacted, Biman Managing Director and CEO Zahid Hossain, who was in the PM's entourage, yesterday refused to make any comment on the SB's report.

Hasina returned home last night after wrapping up her four-day state visit to India.

PBI chief, 2 SPs had me tortured

Says ex-SP Babul Akter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Former SP Babul Akter, who is in jail in connection with the murder of his wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, yesterday lodged a complaint with a Chattogram court accusing PBI chief Banaj Kumar Majumdar and five police personnel of torturing him in custody.

Babul said before being shown arrested in the case, he was physically and mentally tortured in custody of Police Bureau of Investigation so that he would confess to the killing of his wife "as per the direction of the PBI chief", said his lawyer Golam Mowla Murad, quoting the complaint.

Babul submitted the 34-page complaint to Chattogram Metropolitan Sessions Judge Begum Jebunnesa through the lawyer around noon.

The court fixed September 19 for passing an order whether the complaint would be taken as a case, said Public Prosecutor Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

The five others are: PBI's Chattogram District SP Nazmul Hasan, PBI Ctg metro unit SP Naima Sultana, former investigation officer of Mitu murder case Santosh Kumar Chakma, now OC of CMP Khulshi Police Station, former PBI inspector AKM Mohiuddin Selim, now the CMP's assistant commissioner, and PBI Inspector Kazi Enayet Kabir.

Quoting the complaint, lawyer Mowla told The Daily Star that Babul alleged that he was asked to go to the PBI office and later tortured after being handcuffed and blindfolded.

Babul also demanded a judicial enquiry into the incident, added the lawyer. SEE PAGE 5 COL 1



India superstar Virat Kohli had it all his own way in an Asia Cup Super 4 encounter against Afghanistan in Dubai yesterday, registering his first T20I century and ending an agonising 1,020-day wait for his 71st overall ton. He ended up on an unbeaten 122 off just 61 balls, smashing 12 boundaries and six maximums during an immaculate display as India won by 101 runs. PHOTO: AFP

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AMASSING TK 426CR Court indicts PK Halder

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against disgraced banker Proshanta Kumar Halder, better known as PK Halder, in a case filed over laundering Tk 80 crore and illegally amassing about Tk 426 crore.

The court fixed September 22 to begin the trial and issued arrest warrants against him and nine other absconding accused.

Halder's lawyer Sukumar Mridha, daughter Anindita Mridha, associate Abantika Baral and SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

IN MEMORIAM

Numair's forward to his novel, Babu Bangladesh!:

"A voice cannot carry the tongue and the lips that gave it wing. Alone it must seek the ether."

- Khalil Gibran

DR. NUMAIR ATIF CHOUDHURY, Director, BIT (November 4, 1974 - September 9, 2018)

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