



Cyber Security Act to replace DSA

Cabinet approves; expected to be passed by JS this Sept

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Digital Security Act is being "transformed" and "modernised" and will now be named the Cyber Security Act, in which sections of the existing law will be amended.

The government did not pay heed to the demands by civil society members and others to repeal the DSA and draft a new law in its stead.

The draft law was approved in principle at a cabinet meeting yesterday, and will now be sent to parliament. It is expected to be passed in September.

Section 25, which criminalises the publication of "false", "offensive" or "threatening" information, still carries a jail term, albeit reduced by a year to two years.

However, defamation, as criminalised by section 29 of the law, will no longer carry jail time.

"If the fine imposed is not paid, there will of course be jail time of three or six months, depending on the fine. But the main penalty will be a fine," Law Minister Anisul Haq told reporters after the cabinet meeting.

Some offences that were previously non-bailable are now eligible for bail, including section 31, which is deterioration of law and order, section 32, which criminalises the breaching of government secrecy, and section 28, which criminalises the hurting of religious sentiment.

Four other sections that were previously non-bailable have also now been made eligible for bail.

The jail term for hurting religious sentiments will be reduced from five years to two, as per the new changes.

Offences like hurting the image of the country, its national flag, Father of the Nation and the spirit of the Liberation War are still criminalised by this law, but the jail terms have been reduced from 10 years to seven, according to a copy of the changes received by this newspaper.

These, however, continue to be non-bailable offences.

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WHAT WE KNOW

➔ Punishment for defamation excludes jail term

➔ Existing cases filed under DSA to be transferred to new act

➔ New section against hacking introduced

➔ Repeat offenders to be punished the same as first time

➔ Jail terms under many sections reduced



The Bolibazar area in Bandarban's Thanchi upazila has gone under water due to incessant rain over the last one week. Thanchi is among four upazilas in the district which had been without power for about 48 hours as of 9:30pm yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Torrential rain pounds southeast

Six die in landslides in Bandarban, Cox's Bazar; many parts of Ctg under water for 4 days

STAR REPORT

At least six people, including four Rohingyas, were killed in three landslides in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban yesterday as heavy rain continues to batter the southeastern region.

Incessant rain and tidal water have wreaked havoc in four districts of Chattogram division over the last few days. Thousands of people have been suffering from shortages of drinking water.

Bad weather has left thousands

of households without power. Road communications with many areas were severed as many roads, bridges and culverts went under water.

In Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar, a Rohingya mother and her two-year-old daughter were killed in a landslide that crushed their shack in the evening.

Jannat Ara, 35, and her daughter Mahiya Bibi died at camp 9, said Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) Mohammad Mizanur Rahman.

Earlier in the day, two Rohingyas died in a landslide when they were cutting

a hill in Bandarban's Alikadam upazila around noon.

Chobi Rahman, 16, and Mohammad Musa, 17, were residents of Ukhiya Rohingya camps-14 and 15.

Quoting family members, the RRRRC said the two went to Alikadam on Wednesday to work as labourers.

In Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar, two children were killed in the afternoon when a wall of their house collapsed on them.

The incident occurred in Boroghona, a

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Nipa Palit

Flooded Ctg drains claim another life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A college student died after falling into a drain while wading through knee-deep water in Chattogram's Hathazari upazila yesterday morning.

The dead, Nipa Palit, 21, daughter of Uttam Palit, was on her way to college to sit for an exam.

The incident occurred in Nandir Hat Badamtoli area, where she used to reside with her family.

Sohel Rana, sub-inspector of Hathazari Police Station, said Nipa was a second-year BBS student of Hathazari Government College.

"She was on her way to the college to attend an exam around 9:00am. As the roads were waterlogged due to excessive rain, she was walking through knee-deep water. She could not notice the drain on her path and she slipped and fell into it."

Quoting family members, he added she could not save herself as she

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