

NBR server breached again

Cybercriminals attempt to release Tk 14cr liquor consignment using credentials of 2 officials

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A cybercriminal gang attempted to release a container of liquor worth Tk 14 crore from Chattogram Port after breaching the National Board of Revenue's server using login credentials of two customs officials.

The gang reportedly accessed the server over 100 times, using the user IDs and passwords of the officials to release the goods, which were seized by customs on September 4.

Customs records reveal that the consignment was imported by Narayanganj-based Supreme Smart Wear Limited, a readymade garments factory, from China on December 18 last year.

A case was filed yesterday at Bandar Police Station, implicating eight individuals, including Supreme Smart Wear Limited Chairman Anisur Rahman Sinha, Ashraf Hossain Raju, Md Ripan, Mizanur Rahman, and four owners of Hafiz Trading—Khaled Hossain Mamun, Md Bakir Hossain, Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan, and Usuf Afjal.

Hafiz Trading, a clearing and forwarding agent, had submitted documents to customs to release the goods on behalf of the importer.

According to the import records, Ashraf Hossain Raju, Md Ripan, and Mizanur Rahman collected the documents from a shipping agent and submitted fake import papers to customs and the port authorities.

However, both the importer and C&F agent deny any involvement in the illegal activities.

Khaled Hossain Mamun, chairman of Hafiz Trading, said, "We are unsure who used our C&F agent license name to release the consignment of liquor. I have cooperated with customs to identify the perpetrators."

The gang reportedly used the login ID of Mohammad Zakaria, deputy commissioner of Chattogram customs house, to register the consignment in the NBR server (ASYCUDA World System), and that of Revenue Officer Sunia Sarkar Liza to assess the consignment.

Officials explained that authorised access to the

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Flood damages crops worth Tk 1,844.66cr in Ctg region

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Crops worth an estimated Tk 1,844.66 crore have been damaged in the recent flash flood in Chattogram region.

Triggered by onrush of upstream water and heavy rains, the floodwaters inundated vast stretches of croplands in different districts of the region.

According to an assessment by the Department of Agricultural Extension in Chattogram, at least 2,01,947 hectares of croplands were submerged under water in five districts -- Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Feni, Noakhali, and Lakshmipur -- damaging crops completely on 85,884 hectares and partially on 1,16,063 hectares of land.

Approximately 3,87,856 tonnes of crops, including Aus paddy, Aman paddy and seedbeds, seasonal vegetables, fruits, ginger, turmeric, sugarcane, and betel leaves, were damaged while 7,04,335 farming families were affected by the flood

in the region, according to the assessment report.

Prices of paddy and rice are likely to soar in local markets as a consequence of the damages sustained from the flood, said experts.

Meanwhile, farmers are passing days amid concerns about how to recover their losses.

According to district-wise statistics, Chattogram district suffered a total loss of Tk 391.86 crore, Noakhali Tk 642.73 crore, Lakshmipur Tk 227.64 crore, Feni Tk 524.48 crore, and Cox's Bazar Tk 55.85 crore.

Sources said the extent of damage to Aman cultivation will likely have a significant impact on local markets.

Farmers now urgently need Aman seeds and saplings, as well as seeds of other crops, and financial assistance for their rehabilitation and to resume cultivation to prevent any adverse effect on the market.

Contacted, Md Nasir Uddin,

additional director of DAE in Chattogram, said, "After the water receded, the extent of damage to crops has become visible. We have submitted the final assessment report on flood damage to the concerned ministry. Now, the ministry will decide on how to rehabilitate the farmers and provide compensation for their losses."

Md Ekram Uddin, deputy director of DAE in Feni, said floodwater is yet to recede from a significant portion of croplands in the district, and urgent repairs to the damaged embankments and Musapur flood-gate are necessary to this end as upstream waters from Muhuri and Silonia rivers keep breaching those and inundating lands.

He urged Bangladesh Water Development Board to take prompt steps to repair the damaged infrastructures.

"Once the floodwaters recede from croplands completely, steps will be taken to rehabilitate farmers," he added.

Jhenaidah-1 MP Nayeb Ali arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

Rapid Action Battalion arrested former Jhenaidah-1 lawmaker Nayeb Ali Joarder during a raid in the district's Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

A team of Rab-6 arrested him as he was accused in a case filed over attack, vandalism, and torching during the mass uprising on August 4, said an official of Rab's legal and media wing.

Nayeb was elected unopposed in the by-polls after the constituency fell vacant as lawmaker Abdul Hye died in March.

Man held with gold worth over Tk 1.6cr

UNB, Satkhira

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh detained a smuggler along with 11 gold bars in Satkhira's at Bhomra Lakshidari border area on Thursday night.

The detainee is Zakir Hossain, 31, of Bhomra union.

Acting on tip-off, a team of BGB-33 conducted a drive and arrested Zakir while he was trying to smuggle the gold into India, said Captain Ashraf Haque.

He said the gold bars were found wrapped in a towel around Zakir's waist. They weigh around 1.5 kg. The estimated market value of this gold is Tk 1,60,70,528. A case was filed with Satkhira Sadar Police Station.

Woman found dead at home in Khulna

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The body of a 65-year-old woman was recovered from her house in Rupsha upazila of Khulna yesterday.

The deceased, Syeda Gulfar Nahar Setara, was a resident of the Noihati Godown Mor area.

Her only son resides in Dhaka and she had been living alone since the passing of her husband around four months ago.

Alamgir Hossain Sharabon, a member of Noihati Union Parishad, said when Setara's house help arrived at the house in the morning, she found the front entrance locked.

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CCC to build underpass with escalator at Bahaddarhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chattogram City Corporation has initiated construction of an escalator-equipped underpass at the port city's Bahaddarhat intersection at a cost of Tk 12 crore.

The underpass will allow pedestrians cross the busy intersection safely.

According to sources at CCC's engineering department, the underpass will be 41.2 metre in length, 10 metre in width and four metre high, with a staircase and an escalator on each of the two sides.

There will be shops inside the underpass on both sides to rehabilitate hawkers, each with 2.75 sq metre of space. The walkway inside the underpass will be 15 feet wide.

Design Planning and Management Consultants Limited completed the design of the underpass after six months of feasibility study, said the officials.

Contacted, Mozaffar Ali Mamun, engineer of DPM, said, "Around 1,500 people cross the intersection every hour amid risk of accidents, including many patients and elderly individuals. The underpass will ensure their safety while crossing the intersection."

Many locals lauded the initiative. "We face difficulty to cross the wide, busy intersection. We have long been demanding construction of a foot over-bridge at the crossing. The underpass is also a good solution to the problem," said Ahmed Hussain, a resident at Bahaddarhat area.

CCC chief engineer Shahin-ul-Islam Chowdhury said constructing foot bridge at Bahaddarhat intersection is not possible due to a flyover there, so CCC initiated to build an underpass instead.

"Tender was floated in this regard in April and we are now evaluating the tenders that have been submitted. The construction will begin soon," he added.



Unrepaired road, immense sufferings

Work for Kuet approach road drags on

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Delay in renovation of a road connecting Khulna University of Engineering and Technology and several other institutions has resulted in immense sufferings to the city residents.

The road is an important thoroughfare in the city, with thousands of city dwellers including students, teachers, office-goers using it for their daily commute.

The Tk 22.84 crore project to renovate the 1,185-metre road from Phulbari Gate to Govt Laboratory High School on Khulna-Jashore highway, jointly financed by Bangladesh government and Asian Development Bank, is being implemented by Khulna City Corporation, jointly supervised by Local Government Engineering Department and Khulna Development Authority.

Former KCC mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque inaugurated the project on January 12, 2023, slated to be completed by January 26 this year.

However, even eight months past the stipulated deadline, the contractor firm

Mahbub Brothers Pvt Ltd is yet to begin the renovation of the road.

Over the past 20 months since the project began, only 60 percent of the drainage work has been completed, while the road has been left dug along the entire stretch for installing gas, Wasa pipeline, telephone and electric connections.

Visiting the site recently, this correspondent saw the road muddy and waterlogged in many places, rendering it largely unfit for use by pedestrians and vehicles.

"It has been a miserable situation this monsoon as the road became impassable due to the digging and waterlogging. My two sons, who are students of Govt Laboratory High School, are compelled to use the road amid risk to attend school daily," said Toriqlul Islam, a resident of Phulbari Gate area.

Aklima Khatun, a student of Khulna Women's Technical Training Centre, echoed him.

Md Mizanur Rahman, headteacher of Pratibhamoyee Pre Cadet School,

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