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Small Countries Not Safe From Cyber Crime

DHAKA, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Adviser for LGRD and Cooperatives, and Labour and Employment of Bangladesh Caretaker Government M Anwarul Iqbal Monday said combating the cyber crime is necessary as the cost of the crime is a burden on the developing countries, Bangladesh news agency (BSS) reported.

Inaugurating a three-day regional seminar on the cyber crime at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, the adviser said as a transnational crime, it is a global issue with a global impact.

He said sophistication of the cyber crime attacks and vulnerability of information available online are serious concern for institutions, law-enforcing agencies and other stakeholders in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world.

The aim of the seminar, organised for the first time in Bangladesh, is to exchange experiences on combating the cyber crime, and fostering future cooperation and strong regional response, according to the host Bangladesh Police.

The crime is not bound by borders in this modern day. It takes advantage of the technology available on the market, said the adviser.

Citing the multiple cyber attacks this year against the information technology infrastructures of Estonia, a small country on the Baltic coast, Iqbal said over the 3-week period, hackers attacked websites, and computer systems of the Estonian president's office, parliament, almost all government ministries, political parties, three out of six news organisations and two big banks.

It was reported that the Estonian police and military computer infrastructures were attacked, he added.

Experts from Australia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Nepal and host Bangladesh are taking part apart in the seminar. The police reform programme of the UNDP in association with the Australian Federal Police is supporting the seminar.

Home Secretary Mohammad Abdul Karim, Australian High Commissioner Douglas Foskett, Larry Maramis of UNDP Bangladesh, acting Inspector General of Police (IGP) and National Project Director of the Police Reform Programme NBK Tripura, and Programme Manager and Police Reform Programme Hubert Staberhofer spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

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"The cyber and technology-related crime is on the rise and current trends indicate that it will be a significant issue in South and South-East Asia.

The Bangladesh Police is now improving its capacity to combat the cyber crime and the regional seminar will help foster the future cooperation," said the acting IGP.

The Information Economy Report 2005, released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), said the cyber crime and poor information security could deter the application of information technologies and the business use of internet may help increase commerce, investment, innovation and productivity.

Only police and security officials are attending the business sessions.

They will discuss and present papers on practical issues in dealing with various types of the cyber crime, resourcing cyber crime response, organisational set-up, staffing, skill set and training, infrastructure, operational procedures and future trends and considerations at the seminar, said the organisers.

In 2005, the government of Bangladesh, the UNDP and the Department for International Development (DFID) launched the first phase of the PRP.

The aim of the seminar is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the Bangladesh Police by supporting key areas of access to justice, including investigations, operations and prosecutions, human resources management, training, strategic capacity and oversight, said the police.

The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Bangladesh Police are implementing the programme. The European Commission is also a major partner of the programme, said the police.

The overall purpose of the PRP is to develop a safe and secured environment based on respect for human rights and equitable access to justice through police reforms and transform it from a colonial government order model to a public service, which is responsive to all of the Bangladesh population including the poor, vulnerable, women, and children, said the police.

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