Bangladesh is among the world's most dangerous places for journalists: threats, assaults, kidnapping and murder are among the everyday dangers' reporters face simply for doing their jobs. With law and order further deteriorating in Bangladesh, online journalists are now as much at risk as traditional journalists.

Given these challenges, in this age of online communications, Bangladeshi journalists and contributors need to pay particular attention to digital security.
During the COVID-19 many of these journalists started to work from home. Now instead of relying on institutional hardware and digital practices, most journalists were using personal hardware and software for the publishing news. These led to several issues including prone to cyber-attacks and disinformation due to lack of means of verification.

Understanding this problem, Internet Society Bangladesh Chapter hosted a two-hour long session for journalists working from home.

Project Objectives:

- Strengthen digital security of local journalists who are working from home during COVID-19
- Localize digital security curriculum in Bangla and English. Enable more safety environment for the working from home journalists.
- Increase digital safety of journalists, bloggers and other media professionals who are working from home

Brief Description of Activities
Under the project the major activities were completed:
- Conduct a pre-training assessment survey to find out key perceived digital safety risks faced by participants
- Develop Module / Curriculum and training Design of Digital Security for Journalists

Profile of Facilitator
- Dr. Ruhul Amin, Assistant Professor, Computer and Information Science Department, Fordham University, NY, USA
- Mohammad Abdul Awal, Data Center Operations Manager, BGD e-GOV CIRT, Bangladesh Computer Council & Vice President, Internet Society Bangladesh

Training Workshop Methods
The sessions of the training were designed keeping in mind the comfort of the participants so that they can maximized their attention to the lessons. The facilitator also designed lively deliveries of the topics. The methods of the deliveries were: Lecture, Question & Answer, Discussion, Brain storming, Power point presentation, Use of internet etc.

Content Material Overview:
- Introduction
- Workshop Overview

- What are the top risks for digital security for working from home?
- Device Security Measures
- Internet Security Measures
- Social Media Security Measures
- Communication Safety Measures
- Personal security outline
- Security plan
- Question + Answer

Details of the event:

- Day: Monday
- Date: October 19, 2020
- Time: 7 PM-9 PM
- Method of Delivery: Online (Zoom Call)
- Call Joining time: 6.50 PM
- Requirements: Laptop, Computer, Tablet, Smartphones (But bigger screen device recommended)
- Perks of training: Certification & Free Access to COURSERA platform (Conditions Applied)

Timeline:
- 6.45 PM: Zoom Link Open
- 6.50 PM: Call Joining
- 7.00 PM: Welcome Speech by the moderator
- 7.05 PM: Start of Segment 1 Session
- 7.50 PM: End of Segment 1 Session & 5 Min break
- 7.55 PM: Start of Segment 2 Session
- 8.55 PM: End of Segment 2 Session
- 8.56 PM: Vote of thanks by ISOC
- 9.00 PM: Certification Process and further instruction briefing
- 9.03 PM: Ending of Session and Zoom Link closing

Zoom Call Link: Will be emailed an hour prior starting of the event.
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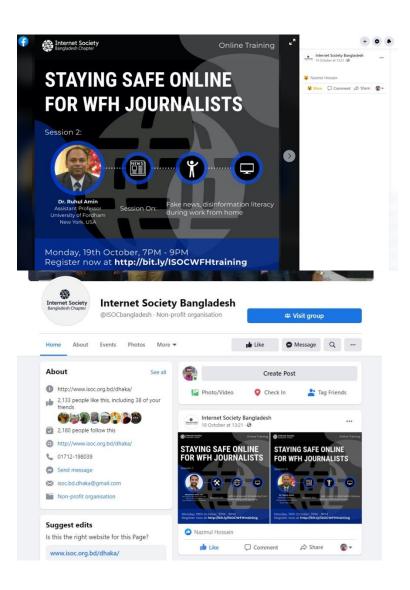
Segment: 1
Duration: 45 Mins
Topic: Technical Aspect of working from home safely and securely

Segment: 2

Duration: 60 Mins
Topic: Disinformation literacy and countermeasures for working from home journalists who are relying on the internet for news.

Staying Safe Online For Work From Home Journalists

Internet Society of Bangladesh is proud to present a comprehensive training session for work from home journalists and contributors on how to operate safely and securely while working from home during the pandemic. This training program is held under the 2020 Internet Society Chapterthon Program.

To participate, please fill-up the form:
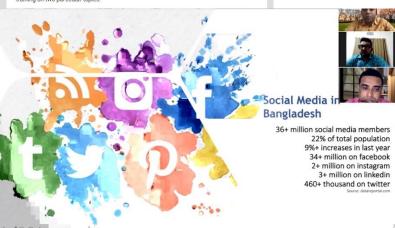
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