Dear Sir  
  
I was alerted to Cyber Crimes Bill from Ground Up website. In my opinion, penalties imposed in the Cyber Crimes Bill are not proportional to the crimes.

**(1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 2(1), 3(3) or 7(2) is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or  
to both a fine and such imprisonment.**

Hackers tend to be teenagers or young adult who engage in the activity out of pure curiosity. Most are ignorant and do not necessarily mean harm by it. To lock such a person up for five years is simply too harsh. Realistically, it should be no more than two to three years.

**(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 3(1) or (2), 4(1) or (2), 5(1), 6(1) or 7(1) is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not  
exceeding 10 years or to both a fine and such imprisonment.**

Again, ten years is too harsh for unlawful acquisition of data. What of the Gupta emails? The person who exposed these emails did so for the public good. With such harsh sentences, it will discourage whistle blowers from exposing government and commercial corruption.

**(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 11(1) is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years or to both a fine and such  
imprisonment.**

Section 11(1) should be removed. Hacking is dealt with in 2(1). There is no need to have a separate section outlining even harsher penalties because the target happens to be a government entity. Fifteen years is excessive and is not proportional to the crime.  
  
Regards  
  
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