

Youth held for cheating in facebook

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A youth was arrested from the city on Sunday night for cheating people through opening accounts in facebook, a popular social networking site.

Ziaur Rahman, 28, son of Mokhlesur Rahman of Comilla, reportedly harassed people through facebook accounts opened in the false names of Faria Farah Anindita and Biki Chowdhury.

Earlier the arrest, he resided in the city's Hamzarbagarea.

Panchlaish Police Station arrested Zia from a market at Probartak Mor following a general dairy filed by Assistant Professor Manzoorul Kibria of Chittagong University Zoology department.

Zia developed friendship with teachers, army officers, lawyers and other respectable persons through the false accounts only to cheat them in different ways, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Aziz Ahmed who led the drive to nab the fraud.

He can talk in both male and female voice over cell phone and blackmailed the people, said the SI adding Zia also threatened Prof Manzoorul as the latter refused to talk to him over phone.

Police quizzed Zia throughout the day yesterday to know if there was any other person with him in the act of fraudulence. A case was filed with the police against him under the cyber crime act.



Vehicles are illegally parked on the road in front of the Biman Bangladesh Airlines Office in the city's Motijheel yesterday doubling-up traffic congestion.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Hanif's remarks baseless, motivated

Says BNP

UNB, Dhaka

BNP yesterday strongly protested and condemned the remarks of Acting General Secretary of Awami League Mahub-Ul-Alam Hanif on Tarique Rahman.

Addressing an urgent press briefing at the party central office, BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said Hanif made the remarks as part of the ruling Awami League's propaganda against Zia family.

"Such remarks are intentional... a bid to tarnish the image of Zia family and BNP," he said.

Rizvi said the allegations brought against Tarique Rahman are baseless and motivated.

Former general secretary of city BNP Abdus Salam, Swetchha Sebak Dal President Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, its General Secretary Mir Sarafat Ali Sopa and Mohila Dal General Secretary Shirin Sultana were present at the briefing.

Earlier, on Sunday, Awami League leader Hanif said the August 21, 2004 grenade attack was launched under the direct supervision of Khaleda Zia and Tarique Zia to kill Sheikh Hasina.

MOVE TO EASE GRIDLOCK ON CHITTAGONG ROADS Delay in project approval slows down efforts

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Approval of six development projects have been put on hold at the planning commission for months slowing down efforts for upgrading road communications of the port city.

The government responded to the projects, taken by Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), to ease acute gridlock and ensure smooth movement of vehicles on the city roads approving few of them, including construction of five flyovers.

The projects involving Tk 578 crore have been lying at the planning commission for four to six months keeping pace with increasing volume of traffic.

The projects include construction of Bakolia Access Road to link up Siraj-Ud-Doula Road with Shah Amanat Bridge

Connecting Road, development and expansion of Pathantuli Road, Sagorika Road, Hathazari Road from Oli Khan Mosque to Muradpur intersections, Dhaka Trunk Road from Dewanhat to Olonkor intersections and DC Road from Didar market to Dhaniarpoll.

All these projects have been approved from the housing and public works ministry after duly passed and forwarded by CDA.

The Tk 59 crore Kadamtali Flyover approved by Ecnc on July 13 this year has also been submitted to the planning commission after required changes made by CDA. The project is also lying at the planning commission for approval till date.

About the projects, CDA Chairman Abdus Salam said CDA got ten projects, including five flyover projects involving

Tk 342 crore, approved in last one and a half year to develop the city's road communications.

The amount of sanctioned money for the projects is the highest in the 50-year history of CDA, he added.

Bahodderhat flyover project is now awaiting the cabinet purchase committee's nod to start construction while consultants have been appointed for making detailed design of three other projects for constructing flyovers at Muradpur, Sholoshahar Gate No 2 and GEC Intersection, said the CDA chairman.

Shafiqul Islam, senior assistant commissioner of the planning commission, said the projects are on way of approval. Hopefully these projects will get nod from the planning commission shortly, as there is no major obstacle on its way.

SC upholds Milon's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that granted bail to former BNP state minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon in an extortion case filed against him in Chandpur.

The government recently filed a petition with the SC seeking stay of the bail order.

But, Justice ABM Khairul Haque, chamber judge of the appellate division, yesterday passed no order on the petition.

Additional Attorney General Momtaz Uddin Fakir said the chamber judge's passing no order on the petition means the HC order has been upheld.

Milon's lawyer barrister Mahub Uddin Khokon said there is no legal bar to his client's release from jail following the chamber judge's order.

In July this year, a local Awami League leader filed the case with Kachua Police Station in Chandpur against Milon on charge of extorting around Tk 2 lakh from him in 2006.

On August 18 this year, the HC granted ad-interim bail for three months to Milon in the case.

Milon was sent to jail in connection with the case on March 14 this year.

KARNAPHULI BRIDGE OPENING TOMORROW Trade, commerce to get new horizons

BSS, Chittagong

The newly built Shah Amanat Bridge over the river Karnaphuli would usher prospects in trade and industrialisation of the economically potential southern part of the greater Chittagong linking the region with country's mainland.

The bridge, long-felt demand of nearly 75 lakh people of three districts is no more a mere dream as it is scheduled to open to traffic tomorrow. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the bridge.

It will largely ease sufferings of the commuters of both sides of the river Karnaphuli and create opportunities for easy transportation of exportable goods, including shrimps, dry fish, salt and vegetables from the region to other parts of the country.

Local people, however, expressed a bit of dismay over non-completion of the approach roads before its formal opening to traffic.

Bangladesh and Kuwait government under the banner of "Kuwait Fund" jointly financed Tk 590 crore for the bridge of which share of Kuwait Fund is Tk 372 crore.

Lawmaker Akteruzzaman Chowdhury, also the President of Chittagong South District unit Awami League, said if construction of the proposed regional highway is completed it would lessen 45 km distance from 158 km Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Road.

The bridge will save both money and time of the tourists from home and abroad who could pay visit a dozen of eye-catching tour-

ists spots, including Cox's Bazar Sea Beach, lone coral island Saint Martin, Chimbuk hill, Dulahazara Bangabandhu Safari Park, Banskhal Eco Park and Anwara Parki Beach, said a number of tourist guides.

President of Chittagong Metropolitan Chamber & Commerce Abdus Salam stressed proper dredging and administration of the river Karnaphuli for saving navigability of the port Channel.

City Planner Engineer Ali Ashraf said there is vast potentiality of the bridge but apparently we are not getting its full advantages as approach roads are not made properly.

Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, first vice-president of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturer and Exporters Association (BGMEA), thanked the prime minister for her initiatives that include inauguration of four development projects at a time in Chittagong including the bridge.

Shafiul Alam Badal, senior vice-president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the newly constructed Karnaphuli bridge would open up a new era for trade and communications linking with the proposed Asian highway.

He urged the government to shift the existing worn out Shah Amanat Bridge with its seven sets concrete pillars for protecting navigability of the river.

Nurul Alam, a leading businessman, said Karnaphuli Bridge is very essential that would open a new avenue for setting up of another industrial belt in southern Chittagong.

Follow Dr Ibrahim's principles: FM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 21st death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, founder of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, was observed yesterday amid different programmes.

The day began offering fateha and placing wreaths at his grave in Banani graveyard. The day was also observed as Diabetes Service Day.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni in speech at a commemorative meeting at Birdem in the city yesterday said medical

students should follow Dr Ibrahim's principles of service.

"Dr Mohammad Ibrahim is himself an institution. He showed us how medical service and profession should be seen in a broader canvas. He not only delivered service to his patients but also created institutions, organisations and awareness among people," she said.

He taught students all those things needed to be a good human being, said Dipu Moni.

Recalling Dr Ibrahim's contribution, his student Prof Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam

said Dr Ibrahim taught us how deep the relation between doctors and patients can be through his service.

"He used to say that if you can help any patient, then do that, but you don't have any right to harm your patient," Prof Islam said.

Prof Dr AH Saidur Rahman and Maksuda Selim also spoke at the meeting with AK Azad Khan, president of the association, in the chair.

On the occasion, doctors at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital offered free advice to cardiac patients from 9:00am to 4:00pm.



PHOTO: COURTESY

"Didhar Bristi," a debut audio album by banker Zubayer Ershad, was released at a function in the city's BIAM auditorium on Saturday evening. President of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed was present as chief guest. The album with ten songs is now available in the audio market. From left are music director Shihab Ripon, artiste Zubayer Ershad, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, proprietor of Agni Bina G Series Nazmul Hoque Bhunyan and Tagore singer Sadi Mohammad.

Elevated expressway to increase traffic jam, roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed elevated expressway will increase traffic congestion and public sufferings rather than become beneficial to common people in the city, speakers told a roundtable yesterday.

They said the 21-kilometre-long elevated expressway, which costs Tk 18,000 crore, will mainly be used by private cars.

Save Environment Movement (SEM) and Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) organised the roundtable on "Great crisis in traffic system: alternative ways of solution".

The speakers said improved mass transports including trains, buses, cycles, rick-

shaws, etc and enough civic facilities in other cities could eliminate traffic jam.

According to them, a certain quarter is giving false information to the government for their business interests to undertake such a big anti-people project.

Abu Naser Khan, chairman of Save Environment Movement, chaired the roundtable.

BIP President Prof Sarwar Jahan, its Vice-president Md Shawkat Ali Khan, Communist Party of Bangladesh President Manjurul Ahsan Khan, Engineer Sheikh Md Shahidullah, Mafidul Haque Khan of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan among others addressed at the discussion.

Few of the lucky winners of Surf Excel 1 minute Wash & Win contest are jubilantly receiving the Mega Gift - Washing Machine



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