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Beware wrong doers!



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Natural disasters remind us how transient our lives are. Hundreds of lives were snapped up, houses washed away, properties destroyed in Japan. We were helpless, in spite of having the latest technology. This shows how vulnerable our lives are. What is most surprising is that we hardly think about life itself such as who created us, where do we come from and why. According to the Holy Quran, Allah created us to test whether we do good or bad. We have done injustice to both people and the earth. The Mother Earth

has been over-exploited to feed the greed of the rich people depriving the overwhelming millions. So, it is natural the Mother Nature retaliate in the form of natural disasters. The Tsunami of people's anger is raging in the Middle East which is engulfing regime after regime there. I think the Mother Nature has started to correct the wrongs the goddess, unjust and cruel people have done on earth. So, beware! Wrong doers!
Abdus Subhan
Lalpur, Natore

Save our future generation

I am rather encouraged to write the following a column under the caption "Smoking festival at Dhanmondi." Not to speak of a ban on smoking in public, the young kids smoke ganja in broad daylight in front of the law enforcers rather appearing to be their accomplices. This alarming situation is perhaps prevailing all over the town. The indifference of the law enforcers rather encourages these kids to indulge in addiction more.

The government is perhaps not sincere about caring for the future generation. Perhaps it becomes the more convenient for them to reign in peace with no one to protest their wrong doings if any. With this end in view, the kids are rather encouraged to indulge in such nefarious activities, thereby ensuring the loss of their rational thinking. In order to save the nation, all kinds of addiction have got to be stopped by any means.
Salah Ayub
On e-mail

Judiciary ought to be non-controversial

According to the media reports, our Nobel laureate's counsels expressed no confidence in a High Court bench during a

hearing of his writ petition challenging the legality of the Bangladesh Bank order that removed him from the post of managing director. The expression of no confidence was prompted by the court's delay to issue a rule upon the government and Bangladesh Bank to explain why their decision to remove the Nobel laureate should not be declared illegal. His learned counsels apprehend that their client will not get justice from the court, since the court were holding hearing on his petition for so long without issuing any rule. Moreover, they have apprehended that the petition will be rejected.

The judiciary's role is not confined to interpreting the law as wise counsel claimed. It has the power to review the laws and ensure that they conform to the provisions of the Constitution.

As a law-abiding citizen, I am deeply pained at the counsels' stand supporting those who have plundered our apex court by illegal criticisms. Not only have they violated the law but also resorted to violence on the streets to intimidate the government. The judiciary cannot always do the job of the executive. The Constitution can not be amended as and when someone wishes to. Any measure the court comes up with should ensure that it does not help the bigwigs to get away. All violations take place with the blessings of politicians.
Gopal Sengupta

Spitting nation, are we?

The write up of Mohammad Ali Sattar titled 'A spitting Nation are we?' in the post-editorial of The Daily Star, has exposed the bad practice that we have as a nation. Seldom had we thought that this practice not only vilifies the environment but also denigrates our image as a nation. It is not only disparaging but also mind boggling how the railway station, launch terminal, the pavements, the stairs of institutions or banks are spitted by the pan chewers. And add with this, the throwing of cigarette butts. In places, there are boxes with USE ME written on it, but who cares? First, laws have to be enacted that people spitting openly on the public places would be rebuked and fined. Second, a nation wide campaign "stop spitting everywhere" like washing hands on the particular day of the year may be launched, highlighting the significance and usefulness of not spitting everywhere. For this, the media can play a role. People have to be made conscious whether there is any usefulness of chewing the betel leaves all the times.

Md. Zahangir Alom
Beani Bazar Br, Sylhet

Fatwa scourge

Syed Maqsud Jamil's article published in The Daily Star on February 18th was great, but he could not do justice to this issue. He highlighted the status of fatwa in secular states. Being a Bangladeshi and Muslim, we should benefit the entire humanity. Therefore, I must point out that such heinous crimes are not acceptable even in Islamic states. Honouring killings and arbitrary local judges are not part of Islam. According to Islam, punishments are to be carried out by the ruler or by someone appointed by the ruler. There will be a thorough investigation even if four witnesses are available. Unlike the Bush era when Muslims were "guilty until proven," no one can be punished until proven guilty under the Islamic law.
A Concerned Citizen, Dhaka

Shifting installations from DCC Zone

Overcrowded Dhaka city is expanding exponentially through the decades. Hence it is necessary to shift some of the old installations from the DCC zone. The old BDR camp was located outside the municipal area during the British period; as also the old Tejgaon airport. Now that the international airport is located outside the city; the old runway could be dismantled; lessening the huge traffic jams; instead of boring a tunnel beneath the old airship. The Peelkhana site could be relocated to some greater Dhaka area, outside the DCC zone. Also, the PMO's office could be relocated in the Sher-e-Bangla area (long-term plan). The Suhrawardy Park (old racecourse site) could be better utilized, as the new expanded city now extends up to Mirpur. Hundreds of RMG and other factories have to be shifted from the municipal zones in the big cities.

What are the purposes of the specialised economic zones? But the main hurdle is the political centralisation in Dhaka metropolis. People have to come to Dhaka to get their work done. The divisional and district headquarters should be given more administrative freedom. Digital conveniences are not enough. The political mindset has to change.
A Mawaz, Dhaka

Shidhu should be banned

Shidhu is a critic in the field of cricket. His analysis, evaluation and criticism have proved his passion for this game. But recently, he has been consistently discriminating Bangladesh Cricket Team. He has gone to the extent of making rude and insulting comments about our team after BAN VS WI match. He said, "What they have played for last ten years, their performance makes me laugh." Even after the prestigious victory against England, he said it would be very bad if Bangladesh qualified for quarter-finals. He remarked that Bangladesh could not chase if England made a score of 250-260.

In last 10 years, Bangladesh has defeated almost every Test playing country, won Test series against New Zealand. And I think Shidhu has forgotten or tried to forget India's defeat by Bangladesh and its dropping from next round in World Cup. How ESPN being the main broadcasting partner and one of the sponsors of 2011 Cricket World Cup is allowing Shidhu to make consistently insulting remarks against our team and are telecasting on air? While commenting he must refrain himself from commenting the way he does or he must be replaced by someone who can provide positive and constructive feedback. BCB must come forward and raise its voice strongly before it is too late.

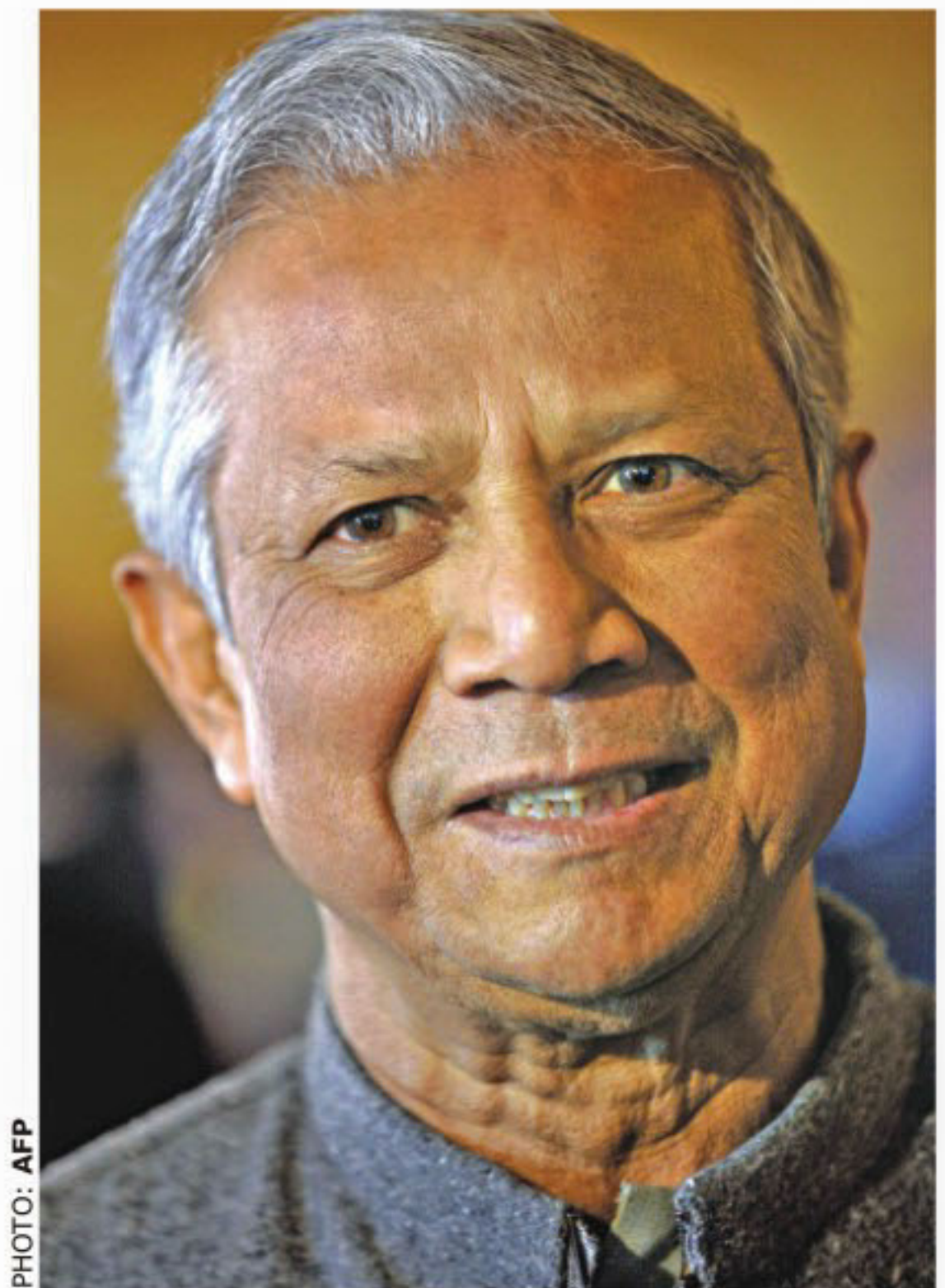
Harun Md. Shahed Bin Naim
Eastern University
Dhaka

The cat-like animal

The front page coverage of Fossa predatory cat-like animal which appeared in your newspaper dated 5th February, caught our attention. The description of Fossa that The Daily Star reported is almost the same like the one our aunt in Kolkata had seen recently. Your coverage on Fossa made it easier for us, as we were working through internet to know about the animal. The neighbourhood of Elliot road, Kolkata was terrified by a cat-like animal with round face and big tail which used to eat up chicken, pigeons and other pets. A few people of the area even saw the animal climbing trees, walls and houses. According to the neighbourhood of Elliot road, the Fossa or Iguana might have lived inside a big dark tunnel behind the ancient old mosque built by our maternal ancestors. The point is if the animal seen in Elliot road, Kolkata is really a Fossa or an Iguana, it needs attention to prove its existence in India apart from Madagascar alone.

Humal, Sazee, and Mohammadi

The Bangalee tradition!



This refers to Dr. Yunus related news. Historically, (a large number of) Bangalees always like to enjoy by humiliating their great sons. One of the 20th century's greatest poet-philosophers and 1913 Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore was bitterly opposed by the contemporary Bangalee writers and pundits of old school. On the contrary, Rabindranath was admired and adored by the educated British in the British India, much before his international recognition. Bangladesh national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in his time was humiliated by the two Bangalee (orthodox) communities and was abused physically. Now, the inventor of microfinance, the social business concept and 2006 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus is facing the same Bangalee tradition.
M. Emad, Oxford, UK

Please stand by Japan

PM Sheikh Hasina has said that Bangladesh has already prepared a rescue team along with a medical wing to send to Japan. Madam PM, please send it immediately. Please don't delay. The whole world must stand by the people of Japan as they stand by other people in their dire need. Certainly, they will soon get through the present situation caused by the natural disasters. But in the wake of the disasters of such a great magnitude, a small help will be a great help to them.

Faruque Hasan, Uttara, Dhaka

An extraordinary win!

Our heartiest congratulations to the Bangladesh Cricket Team for their victory over England, it was unbelievable and full of surprises. When people lost all hope of winning the game, the miracle happened. Our best wishes are with Bangladesh Cricket Team and hope that in the future they will also make us happy with their performance.



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Tigers devour Lions in epic battle ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 (March 12, 2011)

We are saved for this time...we must work hard to make winning a habit. Three cheers to Shafiu! We must investigate the causes of failures of the middle order batsmen in most world cup games.

Monjur

Yes, we can do it! All we need is an honest leadership to lead the nation. God bless Bangladesh! Congrats to Tigers!

M. Rashid

That lanky young man with number thirteen did it all. The turning point is his crucial six! He could not do well in the first match. That was his first world cup! It was the first ball of the world cup also. In the match against Ireland he deserved to be the man of the match also, but Tamim got it for a crucial catch. However, this time there is no dispute that Shafiu is the man of the match.

Kazi Ahmed

Allowing Mahmudullah Riyad to play instead of Ashrafu was a very good decision. We would have lost if Ashrafu played.

Anonymous

We celebrated the victory of the Tigers like the warriors returning home with a victory. Md. Russell Talukder

Congrats, Mahmudullah Riyad.

Kazi Hasan

It is indeed an incredible win. I hope other teams would also learn from the Bangladeshi cricketers.

Saaduddin

Cricket is the only event revolving which we can stand together as a nation. Congratulations!!

Saleh-Rahim Ahmed

Bangladesh team played like the mythical bird Phoenix.

From ashes they are born again, beat again, and made us happy.

Niaj Morshed

Mahmudullah Riyad and Shafiu Islam probably scripted the greatest fight back in Bangladesh's cricketing history. I feel pity for the impatient supporters who left the stadium after the fall of the 8th wicket. They missed the miracle.

Observer

At last something positive from Bangladesh to show to the world.

Imran Khan

I am from South Gujarat, India and watching the game from North America. I loved the way Bangladesh team played. Wish them all the best!

Bharat Tailor

Let's get over the devouring and get ready for next roar-

ing...congrats to all of us! Love and miss my Bangladesh and cricket!!

Syed Raihan

Congratulations, Tigers.

Kazi Salim

Bangladesh should keep this momentum up for the next matches. Hope for the best.

Md. Harun or Rashid

What an unbelievable and unforgettable victory for the Tigers!! Heartiest congratulations to the Bangladeshi Tigers. Simply, the starting was good and the ending was brilliant. Thanks to all.

Suman Sen

Keep up this good work, we are with you and looking forward to see fantastic wins in the next matches. Good luck Bangladesh team.

Nasarullah

I am so fascinated and excited by such wonderful victory and commendable performance of the Tigers. We are proud of you all; keep up this spirit with hard practices for facing the next matches. I am sure with practice and perseverance, Bangladesh would have glorious victory in the next matches.

Nafiza Nasarullah

Make Mahmudullah the Captain if you wish to build

Tigers blank Lions

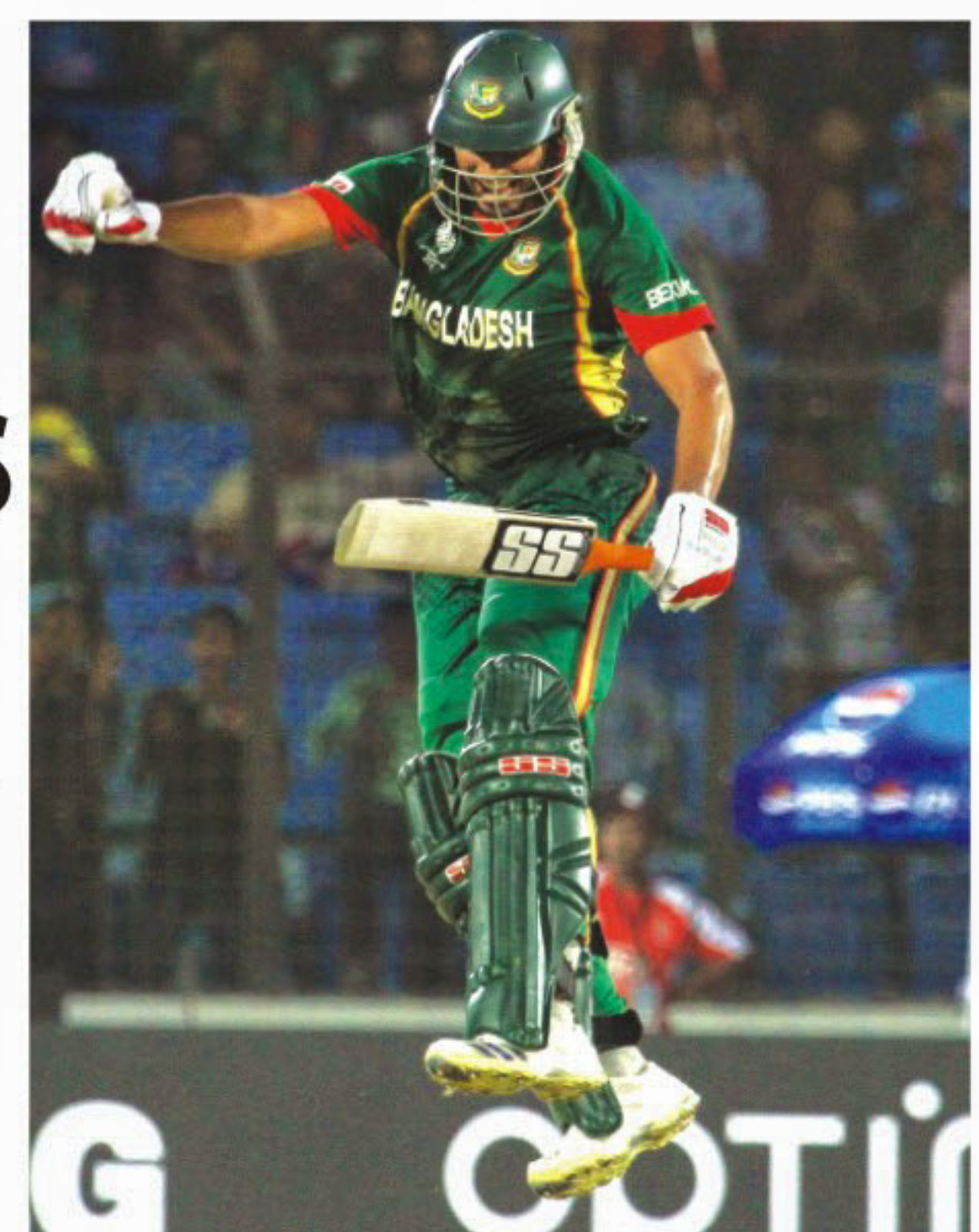


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In a breathtaking thriller Tigers snatched the do or die game from the formidable Lions, three times World Cup finalist, England. It was an incredible performance of our cricketers and all the kudos goes to our bowlers Nayeem and Muhammadullah, the tail-enders whose

coherent understanding and display of great batting accomplished the most improbable feat. We all are proud of our boys for their wonderful victory and hope they will make it to the quarter finals.

Humayun Hyder
Zikatola, Dhaka

All are not equal in the eyes of law

There is a proverb in Bangla, "Ain er chokhe shobai shoman" meaning "all are equal in the eyes of law". May be many years ago this proverb was true, may be in those days rich and poor, weak and strong used to get equal treatment in the courts and the above proverb was created at that time. The situation has now changed with the change of time. Also the gap between the rich and poor has widened a lot. In 21st century, the theory of justice is changed and "law is for powerful and rich and not equal for all".

In favour of my belief, I would like to mention a few examples in Bangladesh. A big businessman reportedly killed his business partner about 4/5 years ago. The police have reportedly completed the investigation. The Bangladeshi court could not yet frame charge-sheet against the suspects. Many powerful politicians and high profile businessmen have been freed from charges of corruption and crimes. Many cases have been withdrawn terming them as "politically motivated". My question is, are they not "above law"? Only the poor suspects get their cases heard if the plaintiff is strong. If both are poor, the suspect lives in jail without a trial for a lifetime.

So, all are not equal in the eyes of law is the truth, at least in Bangladesh.
Shafiqul Islam, NY