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Section 57 lands journo in jail

He 'shared on Facebook a news item on a goat's death'

Yet another journalist has been sued under section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act, and this time for sharing a news item on his Facebook page.

With the latest, 24 journalists have been accused under the section since March 1 and most of them had been sued for their reports.

Police arrested Abdul Latif Morol, a reporter of Khulna's Daily Proboho, at his home in Dumuria upazila around 2:30am yesterday, just hours after a defamation case was filed against him.

A Khulna court yesterday sent him to jail.

According to the case filed by Subrata Kumar Fouzder, a reporter of Jessore-based daily Spondon, late Monday night, Latif shared a story run by breakingnews.com.bd headlined "Protimantrir sokale deya chihogol rate mirutz" [goat given by the state minister in the morning dies at night].

In the case, Subrata said State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Narayan Chandra Chanda on July 29 distributed goats, ducks, and chicken among the beneficiaries of the Flood Control, Drainage and Irrigation (FCDI) project and a goat, received by one lulufikar, died the following day.

Latif, also a contributor to online rights portal Daily Voice, shared the news on the "irresponsibility of the upazila livestock office" and the death of the goat given by the state minister, Subrata said.

The complainant said Latif intentionally shared the news item that had the minister's file photo to humiliate Narayan and that was why he filed the case against him.

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Parked lorries occupy almost half of this road in front of the Kamalapur Inland Container Depot in the capital. This illegal practice has been causing traffic jam in the area, inset, as the authorities seem oblivious to people's sufferings. The photos were taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Noab, Atco worried over misuse of section 57

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newspapers' Owners Association of Bangladesh (Noab) and Association of Television Channels Owners (Atco) yesterday expressed concern over the misuse of section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act.

Speaking at a joint meeting at Dhaka Club, they also voiced worries over an initiative to incorporate all the anti-free press elements of section 57 into section 19 of the proposed Digital Security Act.

The owners of both print and electronic media outlets said although the government formulated a national online policy to control online news portals, there is no policy for Google, YouTube and Value Added Service, said a press release from Noab.

They also decided to sit with the government to discuss the issues, it said, adding that they hoped the

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WATERLOGGING IN DHAKA, CTG

Body formed to have authorities act in sync

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A committee was formed yesterday to review the relevant laws of Water and city corporations to resolve the waterlogging crisis in Dhaka and Chittagong.

It will also find out any discrepancies as well as drainage responsibilities of different organisations.

LRD Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain formed the committee at a meeting on waterlogging at the secretariat.

The committee, led by an additional

secretary, also comprises three city mayors and three chief engineers of Dhaka and Chittagong city corporations and two managing directors of Dhaka and Chittagong Wassa (Water Supply and Sewerage Authority). It was given one month's time to come up with a report.

The minister said the committee would also recommend legal amendment for coordination among different authorities, if required, for effective storm drainage management and he would sit again with the

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No scope to discuss court proceedings in JS, says CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said there was no scope for discussions about court proceedings in parliament or in public.

"You are trying to create a division among the judges. Can we not speak in the courtroom?" he told Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

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Abbasi made troubled Pakistan's interim PM

He hails Nawaz Sharif as the 'real prime minister'

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's parliament yesterday elected ruling party loyalist Shahid Khaqan Abbasi as prime minister, days after Nawaz Sharif was ousted by the Supreme Court after a corruption probe.

Abbasi is seen as a placeholder for madden speech to declare Nawaz Sharif the 'real prime minister of the people of Pakistan'.



Nominated by Sharif's ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Abbasi secured 221 votes. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq announced on live television. He will be sworn in later yesterday.

Despite his election minutes before, the new premier used his maiden speech to declare Nawaz Sharif the 'real prime minister of the people of Pakistan'.

"Inshallah (God willing) one day the real prime minister of this country will come before taking the top office."

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Harunar Rashid Khan Monno passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With Tk 350 in pocket, he had set out to pursue his childhood dream of becoming an industrialist in early 60s. He turned down a lucrative job offer at that time when West Pakistan-based businesses dominated trade and investment in the then East Pakistan.

Harunar Rashid Khan Monno did chase his dreams with his vision, intellect, hard work and sincere efforts, and built an empire of 19 entities that employ 6,000 people.

The man who later became a politician, died

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People under the banners of Bangladesh Nari Mukti Sangsad and Jatiya Garhostho Nari Samik Union form a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding punishment to the rapist and torturers of a Bogra college girl and her mother. Now suspended Samik League leader Tufan Sarkar allegedly raped the girl while his wife and sister-in-law, with the help of their associates, brutally tortured the two last month.

PHOTO: STAR

BOGRA RAPE Victim makes a judicial statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The female student, who was raped by Samik League leader Tufan Sarkar, yesterday gave a judicial statement.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Shyam Sundar Roy recorded her statement at his office for about one and a half hours from 3:45pm.

Details of the statement could not be known immediately.

The student while leaving the court said she had told the magistrate everything.

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'Food' created from CO₂, electricity

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'Food' has been created from carbon dioxide (CO₂) and electricity, according to a team of scientists.

The meal of single-cell protein may not revolutionise cuisine but it could open a way for a new type of food in the future.

The Food From Electricity study, funded by the Academy of Finland, was set up with no less an aim than to alleviate the world hunger.

Using carbon dioxide taken from the air.

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Siddiqur's eye surgery likely on Friday

Nasim promises job for him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Doctors are likely to operate on Siddiqur's eye on Friday.

To this end, a primary investigation was conducted at Sankara Nethralaya in India's Chennai yesterday.

The physical fitness test of Siddiqur Rahman, whose eyes were damaged in police action in Shahbagh on July 20, is going to be held today, his family said.

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