

Cricketer Sunny indicted under ICT act

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charge against suspended cricketer Arafat Sunny in a case filed by a woman claiming to be his wife, under the Information and Communication Technology Act.

Sunny, now on bail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after Judge Saiful Islam of the Cyber Tribunal read out the charge to him.

The tribunal fixed November 21 for starting trial of the case. Mohammadpur police on April 6 pressed charge against Sunny in the case filed against him under the Information and Communication Technology Act.

According to the case filed on January 5, Sunny opened a fake Facebook account on June 12 last year and sent an innocent photo of the woman, Nasrin Sultana, 23, through Facebook.

He reportedly did the same on November 25,



Many of them are getting late or perhaps there is a shortage of transport. But it does not make up for the excuse considering that this woman and the two children could have gotten into a fatal accident as they try to get on a moving bus in the middle of a street amid oncoming traffic. This hazard can stop on and off buses without increasing the chance of accidents, but also creates traffic congestion. Most of the city's streets are missing planned stops where people can get on and off buses without risking their lives. The photo was taken in the College Gate area near Suhrawardy hospital yesterday around noon.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUJON

Teenager hospitalized

BOY TELLS *doc* he played 'Blue Whale' game

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital are examining a 14-year-old boy to ascertain whether he made an attempt to take his own life out of depression or due to being addicted to the much-hyped 'Blue Whale Challenge' game.

The teenager, resident of Mirpur in the capital, was admitted to DMCH in an unconscious state on Tuesday night after he apparently took antipsychotic medication.

The boy's father said his son -- who attended a school -- who attained potential scholarship in talent pool in fifth grade exams -- keeps busy on his Smartphone most of the time and he started behaving strangely since last Eid-ul-Azha.

At times, his son left the house after becoming rowdy with family members, he said.

Dr Muktarid Bhuiyan, assistant registrar of Unit 7 at the DMCH Emergency ward, told The Daily Star that it's hard to reach out the patient's stomach as he became unconscious after taking two strips of antipsychotic drugs.

On various parts of the boy's body, they also found old scars inflicted most likely by sharp objects such as blades -- an apparent sign of self-mutilation, he said.

After regaining consciousness, the boy told Dr Muktarid that he had been playing the 'Blue Whale' game and he so far reached Myanmar yesterday sought cooperation from both prosecution and defence counsels to conduct the court proceedings smoothly.

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AVIATION SAFETY COMPLIANCE Bangladesh achieves 77pc Certifies Int'l Civil Aviation Organization

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Civil Aviation Organization has certified Bangladesh achieving 77.46 percent effective implementation of aviation safety standard compliance.

ICAO is a specialised agency of the United Nations which codifies the principles and techniques of international air navigation and fosters the planning and development of international air transport to ensure safe and orderly growth.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has termed the achievement extraordinary for the country's aviation sector, which the country earned for the first time in its history, a top official of CAAB told The Daily Star.

The ICAO conducted an audit on September 19-26 and came up with the results in terms of safety standard.

A six-member ICAO team conducted the audit on Bangladesh, said a CAAB release.

In 2012, Bangladesh achieved 50.8 percent effective implementation status of safety standard compliance through ICAO Coordination Validation Mission.

The auditors looked into eight specific issues like primary aviation legislation, organisation, personal licensing, operations, airworthiness, aircraft accident investigation and air navigation services, added the release.

The government thinks through Bangladesh's acceptability in operating aviation sector will see a big boost this achievement. CAAB Public Relations Officer AKM Rezaul Karim said.

The ICAO recognition will also help Biman operate direct flight between the USA and Bangladesh, said CAAB officials.

Voter registration in capital begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission is set to start the collection of photographs and fingerprints of potential voters, who filled voter registration forms earlier this year, at specific voter registration centres in the capital tomorrow.

Besides, the dropped-out eligible people, who earlier failed to fill voter registration forms during the data collection campaign, will be able to get registered as possible voters going to the registration centres. Director (PR) at the EC Secretariat SM Asaduzzaman told the news agency yesterday.

On July 25, the Commission started the door-to-door data collection drive across the country.

Enumerators collected data of Bangladesh citizens who were born on or before January 1, 2000 throughout

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New ICT chairman seeks cooperation

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Nasrin Sultana, 23, who filed a case against cricketer Sunny.

2016. Nasrin claimed she had been in a relationship with Sunny for seven years and they got married on December 4, 2014.

Sunny was arrested from his Amin Bazar residence and remanded. He was later suspended from playing cricket.

Two more cases -- one for torturing his wife -- are now pending with two other courts.



Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET) Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Alamgir and its Director of Student Welfare Prof Dr Sobhan Mia look at exhibits at The Daily Star-Standard Chartering Life photo exhibition that was inaugurated yesterday on the KUET campus. Later, KUET Photography Club arranged a question-answer session and film screening.

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NO END TO BLOODSPILL ON ROADS

Accidents claim ten lives

STAR REPORT

With reckless driving, operation of unfit vehicles and violation of traffic rules continuing, the country witnessed seven road accidents in different districts, killing 10 people and injuring 20 others in the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Jhenaidah, two bank officials were killed and nine others injured as a pickup hit a three-wheeler in Panchmule Bus Stand area in Sadar upazila yesterday, said police.

Abdul Malek, 35, was a manager of Hatgopalpur Branch of Shahjalal Islami Bank while Jubayer Alam, 30, assistant executive officer.

In Faridpur, a businessman was killed and a biker injured as his motorcycle hit the former beside

Sadarpur-Pajkhal road in Charkumardia area of Sadar upazila yesterday. The deceased is Saddam Munshi, 28, son of Mosaddek Munshi of Charkumardia village of the upazila.

Licals said the motorcyclist, Shauhan Khan, 22, lost his control over the vehicle.

In Joypurhat, a man died after a bus hit an easy bike carrying him on Joypurhat-Bogra highway near Baniapara Police Box in Sadar upazila on Wednesday evening.

Ramzan Ali, 22, son of Khatir Ali, succumbed to his injuries on the way to Shahed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra.

In Sirajganj, two people were killed and three others injured as two trucks collided head-on at Simanto Bazar point on bangabandhu bridge link road early yesterday.

Nazrul Islam, 45, driver of the truck, is one of the deceased. The identity of another deceased could

not be known immediately.

In Madaripur, a police official was killed and a constable injured as a bus hit their motorbike on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Atomodstar area yesterday.

Sub-inspector Monir Hasan, 30, of Rajoir Police Station died on the way to Faridpur Medical College Hospital where constable Youssif, 45, was admitted.

In Pataukhali, a man was killed after he had been sandwiched between two buses when one of the vehicle was getting on a ferry at Belukhali ghat on Pataukhali-Barisal road in Dumki upazila yesterday.

Sekandar Ali Akon, 60, was a retired police official, said Dumki police.

TACKLING ROHINGYA CRISIS

Form high-powered cell headed by PM

Speakers urge govt; call for national unity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should immediately form a high-powered cell headed by the prime minister to expedite diplomatic efforts so the international community mounts pressure on Myanmar for the repatriation of the Rohingyas, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

They also urged all irrespective of race, culture, group and political ideologies to build a national unity to assist the government to tackle the crisis.

Sushanwar Itono Nagorik (SHUJAN), a civil society platform, organised the roundtable on 'Rohingya Crisis: Current Situation and Solution' at Jatuya Press Club in the capital.

Columist Syed Abul Maksud said the Bangladesh embassy in Myanmar had failed to inform the government in advance on Myanmar's internal situation before the persecution took place in Rakhine State in late August.

"If the government was informed in advance, it could have handled the situation in a more planned way," he said.

Instead of only relying on the bureaucrats, he said, political leadership is more important to deal with the matter. The government needs to form a high-powered cell immediately.

Munshi Faiz Ahmad, chairman of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), said the government is making all-out efforts to solve the problem. "But it may take time to get results," he said.

He also said there is no visible initiative to create unity among people over the Rohingya issue.

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Qukhwani

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Qukhwani Hussain Chowdhury, former deputy general manager of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, will be held today.

A milad and doa mahfils will be held after the Asr prayers at Kuthumbagh main mosque in the capital's Bashabo, says a press release.

Hussam died in the capital on October 9 at the age of 83. He was buried in his village of Brahmanbaria.

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