

FOLK FEST REGISTRATION

Fury over sharing of private data

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Online ticketing service provider Shohoz.com has shared sensitive data of registrants wishing to attend the three-day Dhaka International Folk Fest (DIF) with a third party, causing uproar on social media.

The online registration partner of the popular event -- which is free and open today at the Bangladesh Army Stadium -- asked attendees to provide the scanned copy of their National ID or passport to register, among other details.

They then reportedly shared those with Dmoneys Bangladesh Ltd, a newly-launched digital financial service company, and the official digital payment partner of the event.

Attendees only came to know about it on Tuesday night, when they received an email from Dmoneys that their accounts have been created with the service, and they would be "notified upon the verification" of their "NID and bank information."

"Neither Shohoz nor the organisers of DIF had the right to share sensitive information like NID with a third-party without my explicit consent. Both of them should provide a proper explanation for this blatant violation of privacy," read the post of a Facebook user.

Contacted, founder and managing director of Shohoz, Maliba M Quadir, yesterday said they took prior consent from those who registered through a clause in the terms and conditions.

However, on that topic, an aggrieved registrant

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Dignitaries at the launch of 20th anniversary edition of Rubaiul Murshed's "Have a Nice Day", published by Daily Star Books. The event was organised at The Daily Star Centre yesterday, in observance of World Kindness Day.

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Fair contest, not rivalry

Says Momen at closing of Dhaka Global Dialogue

UNB, Dhaka

a question at the closing session.

For peace and prosperity of the region, he said, they need to create a conducive environment for all. Next, the minister added, they have to engage among themselves based on mutual trust and respect for mutual benefit.

He mentioned that they often look just in terms of capacity of a few large economies or their needs, but they must get the narrative right -- addressing the key concerns of smaller communities or relatively weaker economies is a must in "our collective journey".

Momen said through Safta (South Asian Free Trade Area), regional trade is expected to grow robustly over the next few years. In South-East Asia, by next year, Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) would emerge as a seamless economic space.

He also said under ESCAP (The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), Asia-Pacific regional economic integration is moving to the next level, and the BCIM

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lower; though it is higher than the traditional estimation," Prof AK Azad Khan, president of the association, told The Daily Star.

According to Bangladesh Non-communicable Disease Risk Factor Survey 2018, some 70.8 percent people of the country have never had blood glucose test in their lifetime.

Prof Azad also said, "It is a fact that type-2 diabetes (out of type-1, type-2 and gestational) is the most common (around 90 percent of total patients). Seventy percent of those cases are preventable if a healthy lifestyle is maintained."

He also pointed out that alongside fast food and lack of physical activity, use of tobacco and tobacco products increase prevalence of diabetes.

Prof Azad said, "It has been scientifically proven that those who start smoking at a young age are at 25 percent accelerated risk of diabetes."

Coming down heavily on production of tobacco and tobacco

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Bus runs over six-year-old

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A six-year-old child was run over by a Turag Paribahan bus at Jatrabari in the capital yesterday.

The deceased is Md Milon, son of Qayum Mia -- a resident of the capital's Dholaiapar. Among three brothers, Milon is the youngest, said cousin of the deceased Saddam.

Talking to journalists at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), Saddam said the accident happened at around 2pm.

Severely injured Milon was immediately taken to DMCH, where doctors declared him dead at around 3pm, he said.

Jatrabari Police Station officer-in-charge Majharul Islam confirmed the incident. "We have seized the bus and arrested the driver."

He said the boy ran onto the street while crossing the road with his mother, when the bus hit him.

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