



Dinaipur student sued under DSA for FB post

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A college student was sent to jail yesterday in a case filed under the Digital Security Act on charges of demeaning Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Facebook.

The accused, Moshir Rahman, 22, an honours student of Adarsha College in Dinaipur, posted on Facebook a photo of a toilet door that had a portrait of Bangabandhu leaning on it at M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinaipur.

In the post, he also said that it was saddening.

Police said Faruk Ul Alam, a ward master of the hospital, lodged the case with Dinaipur Sadar Police Station on Monday night. In the case statement, he said the accused made the post on Sunday night.

Faruk claimed that the photo was taken after

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A sign informing motorists that a filling station is temporarily closed because of low gas pressure in the main line. Authorities of many filling stations in the capital are now keeping their CNG dispensers shut because the gas pressure dropped below the required level. The photo was taken in Tejgaon area yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Case against 14 BCL men dismissed All accused of attacking Chhatra Odhikar activists

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday dismissed a case filed against 14 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League over the recent attacks on Chhatra Odhikar Parishad members at Dhaka University and Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The development came hours after Chhatra Odhikar Parishad President Bin Yamin Mollah lodged the case with the court of

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Solar power the saviour

Global energy think-tank says investing in renewables, instead of buying LNG, can save \$2.7b

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Bangladesh could generate 6,500 megawatts of solar electricity in the next three years if the country invests \$11 billion in solar instead of importing LNG from the spot market at the same cost, said global energy think-tank Ember.

At the same time, the investment in green energy could save the country \$2.7 billion and reduce its dependence on LNG (liquefied natural gas) by 25 percent, the London-based group said in its recent analysis on Bangladesh's energy security.

Bangladesh is committed to

ensure 40 percent of the energy from green sources by 2041 as outlined in the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan published in 2021.

Highlighting the case of India, Ember said India was building solar power plants spending \$560 million for each gigawatt. Assuming 50 percent more project cost in Bangladesh, around 6.5 gigawatt could still be installed with \$11 billion, which Bangladesh might have to spend on spot market LNG purchase in just three years.

"Bangladesh can turn the current power crisis caused by the spiralling gas prices into an opportunity. Redirecting its efforts

to ramp up renewable energy capacity and grid augmentation investments now can solve so many problems," said Aditya Lolla, senior electricity policy analyst of Ember, in the analysis published earlier this month.

Such an approach will embolden Bangladesh's stance in climate change negotiation. It will also reduce the country's reliance on expensive LNG imports, offer protection from global fossil energy price fluctuations, reduce the fiscal burden on the government and improve overall energy security, the report said.

Ember data show electricity

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Rohingya youth shot dead at camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A Rohingya man was shot dead at a refugee camp in Ukhiya upazila of Cox's Bazar last night, three days after two Rohingya leaders were killed there.

Syed Hossain, 23, was stabbed before he was shot, said Rohingya sources.

Faruk Ahmed, assistant superintendent of 8th Armed Police Battalion (APBn), said a group of five to six miscreants attacked Syed around 8:00pm.

They first stabbed him with a sharp weapon and then shot him dead. Police

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Action if polls officials found involved

Commissioner Alamgir says on Gaibandha-5 by-election irregularities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If any election official is found involved in the Gaibandha-5 polls irregularities, action would be taken against them as per the level of their crime, Election Commissioner Md Alamgir said yesterday.

An investigation into the recent anomalies in the by-polls is underway, he told reporters at his office.

"The investigation will find whether the presiding officers have committed the irregularities voluntarily or [whether they were] under any pressure."

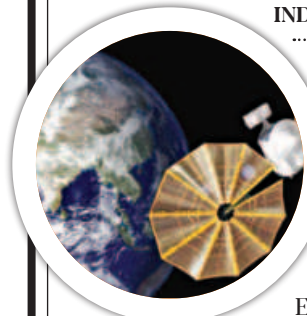
He added if there was proof that the presiding officers had the scope to restore discipline but did not do so, there were provisions under which they could be dismissed or suspended from their jobs. "The authorities concerned will have to enforce it and inform the EC."

Asked what would happen if many presiding officers committed such crimes, Alamgir said, "The number is not the issue. It's whether they committed the crime or not. We have all the documents and there are videos."

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Nasa's Lucy probe just passed Earth on its way to Mars

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Astronomers and skywatchers are sharing their images and videos of Nasa's Lucy spacecraft as it buzzed close by Earth on Sunday.

The large school bus-sized Lucy spacecraft passed within 220 miles of Earth on Sunday morning, and was visible to viewers in Western Australia and the western US. Lucy's flyby came on the one-year anniversary of its launch, the first high-speed close encounter of a planned 12-year mission to visit the Jupiter Trojan asteroids.

Nasa encouraged people to share images of Lucy on social media using the hashtag

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"Wilful defaulters are mainly responsible for the rising defaulted loans in the ship breaking sector."

EMRANUL HUQ
Managing director of Dhaka Bank

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তিনি ছিলেন আমাদের আদর্শ, পথ প্রদর্শক এবং সকল কর্ম প্রেরণার উৎস। আজকের এই দিনে আমরা তাঁকে শ্রদ্ধাচিতে স্মরণ করছি এবং তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার মার্গফেরাত কামনা করছি।

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900 dengue cases logged in a day

Death toll high among people aged 40-80 years



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

HELEMUL ALAM

At least 10,846 dengue patients were admitted to hospitals across the country in only 17 days this month, up from 9,911 in the entire month of September.

Also, the number of deaths this month has gone up to 44 until yesterday morning against the previous month's figure of 34.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, three dengue patients died and 900 others were admitted to hospitals across the country in 24 hours preceding yesterday morning. This is highest figure of dengue cases recorded in a single day this year.

With the latest cases, this year's total number of dengue patients rose to 26,938. Of them, 7,440 are from outside Dhaka, shows DGHS data.

The 99 deaths recorded so far this year is the third highest in a single year. Fifty-five of the deaths were

recorded in Dhaka, 22 in Cox's Bazar, 12 in Chattogram, five in Barishal, two in Khulna, and one each in Narsingdi, Mymensingh and Feni.

Experts have called upon the city corporations to take immediate measures to kill Aedes mosquitoes, the carrier of dengue.

A recent analysis of the patient data by the DGHS has revealed that the dengue infection rate is highest among people aged over 20 while the death rate is high among patients aged between 40-80 years.

It also showed that most of dengue patients who died at hospitals breathed their last within three days of being admitted to hospitals.

Tahmina Shirin, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), suggested taking sufficient fluids like oral saline, fruit juice, sorbet and coconut water if anyone gets fever, a major symptom of dengue.

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27th DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE AL-HAJJ JAHURUL ISLAM



The 27th death anniversary of the founder Chairman of Islam Group Al-Hajj Jahurul Islam is being observed today.

A Doa mahfil will be held at his birth place Bhagalpur, at 11 a.m. October 19, 2022 in the mosque of Jahurul Islam Medical College & Hospital. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for his eternal peace.

On behalf of Islam Group

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