

Man remanded over threats to DU teacher

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A Dhaka court has placed Aman Ullah, a furniture store manager, on a two day remand in a case filed under the Cyber Security Ordinance for allegedly issuing threats to a Dhaka University teacher online.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mahbubur Rahman issued the order yesterday after the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sought a three day remand for interrogation, said a sub-inspector at the court.

The case was filed on June 29 with Dhanmondi Police Station by Anowar Hossain, manager of Essa Garden CNG Filling Station in Cumilla, accusing five to six unidentified individuals of posting derogatory remarks about DU professor Chowdhury Saima Ferdous on Facebook and issuing threats via WhatsApp.

Saima is the daughter of BNP leader and former Cumilla 9 MP Monirul Haque Chowdhury. According to the case documents, she owns the Cumilla filling station.

CID officials said Aman, 28, who is originally from Chandpur, was arrested in the Sonamuri area in Noakhali on the same day the case was filed.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Garbage being openly burnt by the roadside at Dhaka's Rayerbazar, worsening air pollution in the residential area. Despite the health hazards, the practice continues unchecked. The photo was taken recently.

Protesters block

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"When I finally reached Karwan Bazar, I realised the journey had taken me more than two and a half hours -- a trip that usually takes about one and a half," he said.

According to witnesses, protesters began gathering in the Shahbagh area after 10:30am, urging the National Consensus Commission to finalise the charter without further delay.

By 11:00am, several

hundred demonstrators had blocked the intersection, bringing traffic in the area to a standstill.

Although their numbers declined when rain began, the protesters continued occupying the intersection as of the time of reporting.

Police did not intervene to disperse the crowd but diverted traffic at Matsya Bhaban, Bangla Motor, and Katabon due to the blockade, forcing vehicles and commuters to take alternative routes.

20 parties

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Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Andolan BNM.

The remaining ten parties have neither submitted their audit reports nor applied for an extension, the EC report states.

These are: Krishak Sramik Janata League, Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Zaker Party, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Bangladesh Muslim League, Gono Front, Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP), Trinamool BNP, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (Bangladesh JSD), and Ganosamhati Andolon.

Under the Representation of the People Order (RPO) of 1972, all registered political parties are required to submit audited financial reports of the previous calendar year to the EC by July each year.

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Azaz said, "If we put up these boards now, anyone looking to buy plots here will see that the government has officially declared the area a reservoir. As a result, general buyers will refrain from purchasing plots built on illegally filled wetlands."

Rajuk Chairman Md Riazul Islam was also present at the event.

PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 1

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4:20 12:30 5:00 6:47 8:15

JAMAAT 4:55 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Must tackle internal divides

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At the same time, he noted, Bangladesh cannot afford poor relations with China, a major supplier of raw materials, or with India, which surrounds the country.

"So, we have to equally balance two of these powers with delicacy," he said.

Maj Gen (retd) ANM Muniruzzaman, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), outlined several key priorities for Bangladesh's foreign policy, including defending human and labour rights, tapping into maritime resources, ensuring maritime security, and engaging in effective water diplomacy.

"We must enhance our capabilities in cybersecurity. We need to acquire new skills in technology. We must think about how to align ourselves with all countries," he said.

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Court bars GM Quader

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The judge also reinstated Senior Co-Chairmen Anisul Islam Mahmud and ABM Ruful Amin Hawlader, Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnu, and several presidium members, said a press release sent by the party's office secretary MA Razzaq Khan.

In the order, the judge said the injunction will remain valid till August 3, the next scheduled date for the hearing, said bench assistant Shakhatullah Hossain.

On July 27, Chunnu and

bolstering Bangladesh's position vital.

"Whoever comes into power in the next elections needs to keep all of these things in mind in designing their foreign policy," he said.

Former ambassadors M Shafullah, Munshi Faiz Ahmad, and Shahidul Islam; Adviser to the BNP acting Chairperson Md Amin; Jatiya Party Secretary General Shameem Haider Patwary; AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju; BIPSS Senior Research Fellow Shafqat Munir; Centre for Non-Resident Bangladeshi Chairman M S Sheik Chowdhury; Gonomasamhi Andolon Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki; and Gono Odhikar Parishad President Nurul Haq Nur also spoke at the event, which was moderated by CGS President Zillur Rahman.

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