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The Prothom Alo organised a roundtable on 'saving ladder to prosperity' at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday. (From right) Rokia A Rahman, former advisor to caretaker government, Ibrahim Khaled, managing director of Pubali Bank Limited, M Gaziul Huq, chairman Eastern Bank Limited, Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud, former advisor to caretaker government, Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, governor Bangladesh Bank and Prof Muzaffar Ahmed of Dhaka University spoke at the roundtable.

**Mystery shrouds death of Taran**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mystery shrouds the death of a brilliant student Musfique Ahmed

Taran who passed the SSC examination with letter marks in seven subjects. He died on July 7.

Arafat Sultana, mother of Taran, said he went out of the residence 107/Cha, East Basabo at 11.00am on that day for his Mouchak coaching centre and he was supposed to come back at 2:30pm. But he did not return.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city on Sunday, she said his classmate Raihan and another unknown boy went to her residence and informed that Taran drowned in a jheel near the residence and was taken to Maniknagar Prime Hospital.

"On hearing the news, I rushed to the hospital and saw that Raihan's parents and some others were taking the body of Taran to a vehicle for Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). I wanted to get on the vehicle but they did not allow me. I took another vehicle and after reaching the emergency department of DMCH, I found my son dead", Arafat Sultana claimed.

She said sensing the presence of journalists, Raihan's parents and others left the hospital adding that Raihan also had been absenting since the incident.

ments of Raihan and his mother were also contradictory.

Arafat Sultana said the autopsy report also suggested that Taran was not drowned in the water normally.

"Now I firmly believe that my son was not drowned as he knew how to swim. He has been killed in a planned way and Raihan and his parents are involved in the killing", she claimed.

"We filed a murder case with the Sabujbagh Police Station on July 18. But police is yet to arrest anyone. Police did not even interrogate anybody", alleged Taran's mother.

She said they are passing their days in insecurity. Some unknown people were asking her father to withdraw the case. On August 1 and 2, one jewel threatened over phone for dire consequences if the case is not withdrawn.

Arafat Sultana demanded immediate arrest of Raihan and his parents for proper investigation into the incident to find out the truth.

Taran's father advocate Mostaque Ahmed, his sister Mustari Ahmed and uncle Juaed Halim were present at the press conference.



Musfique Ahmed Taran

Taran's mother said a milad mahfil was arranged on July 12 which was attended by Raihan's father Abdus Sattar along with some unknown persons. Suspicion created among us following their attitude and conversation on that occasion. Besides, the state-

**Hasina visits Prof Anwar**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited the residence of Prof Anwar Hossain, chairperson of the Department of Biochemistry of Dhaka University yesterday.

Sheikh Hasina stayed there for about half an hour and inquired about the condition of his health.

She criticised the police atrocities on the female students and teachers of Dhaka University.

Prof Anwar Hossain was injured in police action on the university campus on July 30. Prof Anwar along with some other teachers was trying to resist policemen who were clubbing the students during demonstration against the immediate past DU vice-chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury.

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