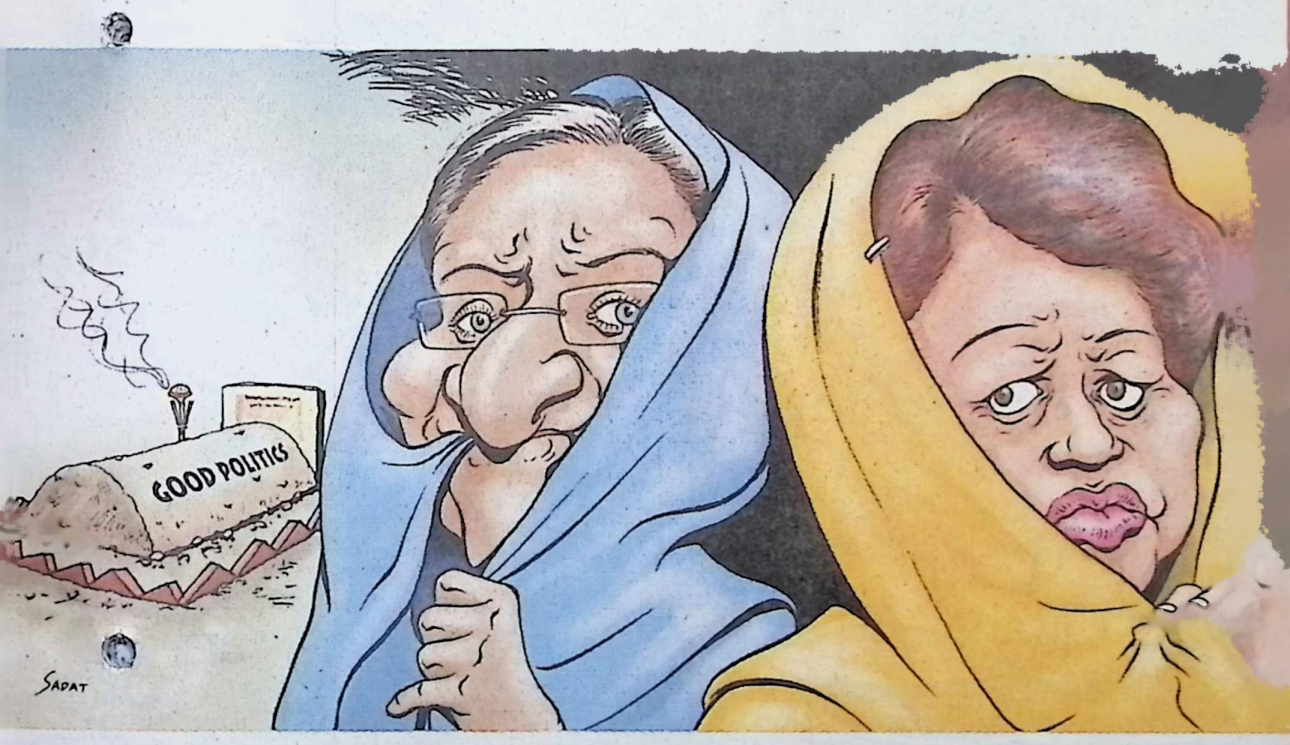
THE DEVIL IN YOU

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"In time we hate that which we often fear."
—William Shakespeare

For as long as the human race has existed, there have been events of senseless violence and incomprehensible acts of cruelty we never like to imagine ourselves capable of. In our time, we have been witness to countless instances of brutality such as the atrocities faced by Jews and Palestinians, mass killings in Bosnia, attacks on the US during 9/11, the massacre in Rwanda, and an event that has defined who we Bangladeshis are today, the genocide during our Liberation War of '71. These instances are not random, nor are they the result of temporary insanity- they are carefully planned and successfully implemented acts of murder, motivated by the single most hazardous human emotion, known as hate.

The dictionary definition of hate is, an intense, extreme hostility and aversion towards something or someone. This emotion is generally known to stem from fear, insecurity, anger, injury or a sense of injustice. We use hatred to cover a large range of feelings and circumstances starting from a child who hates doing his homework, to two leaders of opposing political parties exterminating civilians and crippling a country to settle personal scores, all the while claiming they are fighting for the "greater good of the nation." What we must remember is that hatred is distinctively different from fear and anger and far more harmful.