



The mother of Nurnobi, the patient who died after jumping off the eighth floor of the DMCH yesterday, mourns near the hospital's morgue.

Uncared for, patient takes his life

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It all started around one and a half months ago when Nurnobi, aged around 40, had felt extreme stomach ache with fever while in Bahrain where he had gone around three years ago. Before that, Nurnobi, who hailed from Lakshimpur, also worked in Saudi Arabia for more than 16 years.

Rakibur said his father went to a hospital where doctors said he had a tumour in his abdomen and required a surgery.

But instead of allowing him treatment, the company where Nurnobi used to work sent him back home on August 15. On his return, he went straight to the DMCH and was admitted to the medicine ward, his son said.

Doctors diagnosed him with anaemia and referred him to the haematology department on August 26. "But they [haematology department] told us no seat was available and asked us to come after a few days," Rakibur told The Daily Star.

Then they had taken his father home and got him checked by sev-

eral physicians including kabiraj (herbal medicine practitioner), but his health did not improve.

Nurnobi's stomach ache increased on Monday night and his family took him to the DMCH around 3:00am.

"When we took him to the eighth floor [haematology department], there was no doctor or nurse. We found a doctor at the kidney ward, but he told us to meet him at the haematology department in the morning," Rakibur said.

By that time, his pain intensified and his family members went to the medicine department for help, said Nurnobi's brother Sharif.

But medicine department staff told them they had nothing to do as he was a cancer patient. They suggested seeing doctors of the haematology department in the morning, Sharif said.

"Both Rakibur and I went to different wards, but everyone asked us to wait till morning."

Nurnobi spent the night writhing in pain on the corridor of the eighth floor. "My father was restless and

extremely depressed for not getting any treatment," said Rakibur.

As there was no sign of relief from the pain, Nurnobi went to toilet and his wife gave him a bath at the restroom. "He [Nurnobi] was standing at the balcony of the floor and all of a sudden jumped off," said Nurnobi's wife Kusum Begum, who was just a few wards away cleaning clothes.

"In the morning he was telling me frequently that 'no-one will treat me, I will die untreated,'" she said.

A duty nurse at the haematology department said there were doctors and nurses at the department, but they could not treat him, as he was not an admitted patient.

The department has only 10 beds for male patients, insiders said, adding that patients get admitted to this ward only in the morning.

Dr Mashiur Rahman, DMCH deputy director, said they received complaints from the victim's family and were looking into the matter.

"We will find out if there was any negligence," he told The Daily Star.

by Squadron Leader ANA Musabbir, the CPC-2 commander who spear-headed the recovery operation, took some 10 journalists to one of the two spots inside the forest. A correspondent of The Daily Star was in the team.

The team rode on a minibus from Srimangal via Chunarughat and got off around 300 yards from the main gate of the reserve forest. From there, it took 35 minutes on foot along a trail by a dried chhara (long and narrow water-body) to reach the first spot.

It was a hillock. The Rab officer pointed to a spot there and said an eight feet deep and six feet wide hole was there and inside it was a part of the haul. The hole was filled up after the recovery.

The Daily Star correspondent found some loose soil in a circle indicating that there had indeed been a hole at the spot.

The Rab men, however, did not take the journalist to the other spot due to "time constraint". The spot was some 15 minutes' walk from there, according to the Rab official.

"An organised gang might have stored the arms," said Musabbir.

Recently, the Rab has made several arms busts from Satchhari

forest, which the law enforcers say is used as a route for smuggling arms by Indian separatist outfits.

On June 3, the Rab recovered 184 rocket shells (40mm) and 153 charges from a bunker inside the forest, some 130km off the capital.

Six days later, 633 rounds of 7.62mm bullets, 54 rounds of 12.54mm bullets and a 37-inch long barrel of a machinegun were recovered from the forest.

Amulya Kumar Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Chunarughat Police Station and the investigation officer of the cases filed in connection with the two hauls, said he had made "some progress" into the investigation but declined to give details.

On June 27, 2003, a truckload of ammunition was recovered in Bogra. Investigators had said they found links of militant National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and separatist United Liberation Front of Asom (Ulfa) with the recovered ammunition.

Bangladesh Rifles (now Border Guard Bangladesh) arrested two Indians with a modern Chinese rifle, a gun, a compass and a wireless radio set in Satchhari forest four days later.

None of these five in question declared themselves as freedom fighters when they entered government service, according to the ACC sources.

The government has revoked freedom fighters' certificates of 182 government officials so far this year, as they obtained those through cheating.

The ministry is now investigating 300 more government employees and about 5,000 people from different professions who allegedly obtained the certificates by faking documents in the last few years.

In November 2012, the Awami League-led government extended the retirement age of freedom fighters from 59 years to 60. Earlier in April 2010, their retirement age was extended by two years from 57.

After the decision, many public servants fraudulently took freedom fighters' certificates to extend their service tenure.

Following the 2012 extension, the number of freedom fighters in government services stood at around 11,000. Of them, those in the final years of their service now were at best 15 or 16 years old during the Liberation War.

Over the past five years, some 11,150 people from different profes-

sions got freedom fighters' certificates, sources said.

At present, there are some 2.12 lakh freedom fighters. The number was 1.98 lakh in the 2002 gazette published during the period of BNP-Jamaat rule.

Afghan turmoil threatens NATO's 'mission accomplished' plans

REUTERS, Brussels/Kabul

NATO will declare "mission accomplished" this week as it winds down more than a decade of operations in Afghanistan but departing combat troops look likely to leave behind political turmoil and an emboldened insurgency.

The embattled country is also suffering a sharp economic slow-down.

NATO had hoped its summit in Wales on Thursday and Friday would herald a smooth handover of security at the end of this year from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to Afghan forces. It then plans to cut back its role to a smaller mission to train and advise Afghan troops.

Ghulam Azam moved to CCU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam was shifted to the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University after he complained of respiratory complications yesterday.

Azam, serving a 90-year jail sentence for war crimes committed during the Liberation War, has been kept at the prison cell of the same hospital since January 11, 2012, the day he was arrested.

He was taken to the CCU around 10:30am, BSMMU Director (Hospital) Brig Gen (retd) Abdul Majid Bhuiyan told The Daily Star.

"Though he is now under the observation of doctors, his physical condition is stable," he said.

A seven-member medical team has been formed since symptom of pneumonia was detected in his left lung and the board will examine the 92-year-old this morning, Majid added.

Ghulam Azam's son Abdullahil Aman Azmi, who was with his father, told The Daily Star around 6:30pm yesterday that the condition of his father was better than what it was in the morning.

On July 15 last year, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 sentenced Azam to 90 years in prison for masterminding crimes against humanity, genocide and other wartime offences in 1971. The court said Azam deserved the gallows but he was given prison terms due to his old age.

Both the government and the convict challenged the tribunal verdict, which is now pending before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Convicted war criminal Abdul Alim died of cancer at the BSMMU on Saturday. He too was kept at the BSMMU prison cell since his conviction on October 9 last year. Alim was buried at his family graveyard in Joypurhat on Monday.

Hong Kong pro-democracy group admits likely defeat

AFP, Hong Kong

Organisers of a pro-democracy group who vowed to take over Hong Kong's streets admitted yesterday they were powerless to change China's plan to vet candidates for the city's next leader, but said their protest would go ahead.

The admission came after activist leaders promised a new "era of civil disobedience" in front of thousands of supporters at a Sunday rally after Beijing crushed hopes for full democracy.

"We have to admit the fact that up to this point it is quite unrealistic to think that our action will change the decision made by Beijing," Occupy Central co-founder Chan Kin-Man told AFP.

"The first function about talking about Occupy Central is to create pressure for compromise and negotiation. Now I believe we have already reached the end point in terms of the democratic change in the system," Chan said.

He also said the movement could end if the city's legislature vetoes the proposed electoral changes.

However Chan said direct action was still planned, mobilising thousands of people to block major thoroughfares in the financial district of Central to protect the city's "core values" and "existing rights and liberties".

Second US journo

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IS is believed to be holding several more journalists in captivity.

The new video was greeted with instant international condemnation.

The White House press secretary, Josh Earnest, was in the middle of his daily briefing with journalists when the news broke. He said that the Obama administration would work to confirm the authenticity of the video, adding, "Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Sotloff and Mr Sotloff's family."

British Prime Minister David Cameron called the beheading of Foley "an absolutely disgusting, despicable act."

Wife shot

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the dispute over selling the land and from the pressure of the loans. Rouf even hinted to his family members of committing suicide four days ago, said inspector Saiful of Cantonment Police Station.

Whether Rouf was behind the murder-suicide or some criminals did this would be clear after getting the autopsy reports and the reports on evidences collected by the criminal investigation department of police, added the inspector.

HOME SECY-LEVEL TALKS

Dhaka sends Delhi list of criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has handed Delhi a list of criminals it wants back. The list includes Nur Hossain, the alleged mastermind behind the Narayanganj seven-murder.

The issue will be discussed today at the three-day long home secretary-level talks that began yesterday, said Additional Home Secretary Kamal Uddin Ahmed, adding that India wanted Anup Chetia, leader of India's separatist outfit United Liberation Front of Asom, who is currently behind bars in Bangladesh.

"At the Joint Working Group meeting, we have fixed several important issues, including halting border killings, deportation of sentenced prisoners, drug and arms trafficking for discussion tomorrow," he said coming out of the JWG meeting at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

Under Transfer of Sentenced Prisoner (TSP) treaty between Bangladesh and India, the government will bring back 32 Bangladeshi nationals serving sentences in Indian jails, while India will take back their 12 such nationals.

He added that 879 Indian nationals are currently severing time in Bangladesh.

Regarding Indian separatists' alleged hideouts in Bangladesh, he said India will raise the issue, but Bangladesh does not allow any such elements to use its land.

His Indian counterpart stressed the need for checking fake Indian currencies, he said adding that Indian fake currencies are not produced in Bangladesh but they are used for trafficking.

The additional home secretary said both Bangladesh and India have agreed to open another immigration point at Banglabandha-Fulbaria.

In efforts to halt border killings, Dhaka will request Delhi to hand over those who would be caught trespassing on Indian soil, he said.

Kamal Uddin led a 12-member Bangladeshi delegation while Shambhu Singh, joint secretary of Indian home ministry, led a 13-member delegation.

At the secretary-level talks today in Dhaka, Senior Home Secretary Mozammel Haque Khan is likely to lead a 13-member Bangladesh delegation and his counterpart Anil Goswami a 16-member delegation.

Only army gets back

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suffer in tailbacks, they don't" mentioned some other influential quarters also doing the same, only the army responded to it.

In the press release, the Army Headquarters said it would take appropriate steps against such malpractices.

"Being a disciplined force, Bangladesh Army is always respectful to the laws of the country. As such, Army Headquarters assures to undertake due measures against such anomalies," said the press release.

The Daily Star report showed how ministers, lawmakers, police personnel, ruling party leaders and journalists flout traffic rules at will.

Alone, she turns

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bighas of land and over 10,000 poultry alongside being the employer of seven persons.

Her efforts and achievements got recognised, firstly by the district livestock office in 1993 and 2003 which gave her certificates and monetary awards and then by the fisheries department in 2010. She was even shortlisted for the Bangabandhu Jatiya Krishi Puraskar in 2011.

At present, two of her children are completing MBA at Rajshahi University, another has graduated from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology while the youngest

is in class eight, a testament to the fact that she had impressively juggled her business and family affairs simultaneously.

Meanwhile, Nazia has not stopped at just learning eco-friendly farming. She is disseminating her skills free of cost among the locals through a centre in the courtyard of her home, giving it a name which translates as "rural crop clinic".

She sees her "clinic" as a beacon of hope for others who are striving to make ends meet, to be an inspiration for others so that they can take the same decision as hers to venture out, a decision that changed her life forever.

CEDAW day calling

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against women as " ...any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their

marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field."

CEDAW Day calls for action to stop violence against women and girls across the globe.

JS condemns

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supported a resolution tabled by Awami League MP Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and criticised Israel and the USA and other countries that are supporting the Jewish state in their atrocities on the Palestinians.

Expressing Bangladesh's support to Palestine's struggle for an independent state, Hasina said Bangladesh will always stay beside the Palestinians no matter what the other countries do.

She said the Israeli brutality on the innocent Gaza people, especially women and children, cannot be tolerated. "Those who have committed such crimes must be tried."

For the victims of Israel atrocities, her government will do everything necessary, including sending emergency aid.

After over two and a half hours of discussion of 23 lawmakers, the House passed the resolution on voice votes.

Nearly 2,101 people, including women and children, were killed and thousands more injured in the eight-weeks-long Israeli

offensive that began on July 8.

In her speech, Hasina said Israel must return the occupied lands and recognise an independent Palestine state.

Lambasting the US and the UN, Hasina said, "They phoned us when we moved to execute the order of International Crimes Tribunal that awarded capital punishment to a war criminal".

"The US secretary of state telephoned me when we moved to punish the man involved in crimes against humanity."

"The USA used to raise a hue and cry even if any petty incident or a killing took place in our country. They sent so many letters to us. But why are they silent now? Where is their humanity? Why the world leaders are silent now?" she went on.

Participating in the discussion, lawmakers praised the premier for her bold stance against the Israeli offensive but criticised the BNP and its chief Khaleda Zia for their delayed reaction in this regard.



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