



# Death of an Opportunity

## CHINTITO

Abroad he died  
 Away from home she cried  
 Rare, but emotions she could not hide  
 Yet, the blockade they said could not be defied  
 In many places shops did not abide  
 And vehicles too plied  
 Yet the destruction was not nullified  
 She took the ride  
 To meet her she tried  
 Emotions she did not want to hide  
 Dubbed 'crocodile tears' in comments so snide  
 Meanwhile, petrol bombs on buses were being applied  
 Charred were the bodies inside  
 The innocent, even children were being crucified  
 Amidst the smell of carbon dioxide  
 Not the dead, but the living cried  
 Whom will they chide?  
 About any wrong-doing, they denied  
 Some say they lied  
 Killers they were was as clear as print on bromide  
 Such inhuman burning how long will the common man bide?  
 As the entourage moved through roads then seemingly wide  
 Towards the office that was earlier with security tied  
 People were unified  
 Their hopes too had reasonably skied  
 In wanting that the two should sit side by side  
 Shed tears as sisters in a divide  
 But, alas, for ego they vied  
 Some confide  
 There were many gathered in and outside  
 For comfort on injection they relied  
 To dispense so, who was the aide that much qualified?  
 The gate was shut under lock and pride  
 It would not swing or slide  
 The deranged, they continue to deride  
 Was it the game plan of the allied?  
 Explanations came forth in language codified  
 Which could not be independently verified  
 One suspects from the leader, leadership they pried  
 A setting for an epic meeting they could not provide  
 But then politics for long has been one-eyed  
 The nation was mortified  
 The matter could have been simplified  
 The gate could have been set aside  
 Unwell she is, grieving, they could have again notified  
 So, please have a seat and in the condolence book write  
 Your prayers, pray they be bonafide  
 She could have spent some time in silencemagnified  
 The departed soul would thus be dignified  
 But, the gate was shut under lock and pride  
 It would not swing or slide  
 And with that an opportunity, even if half, died ■

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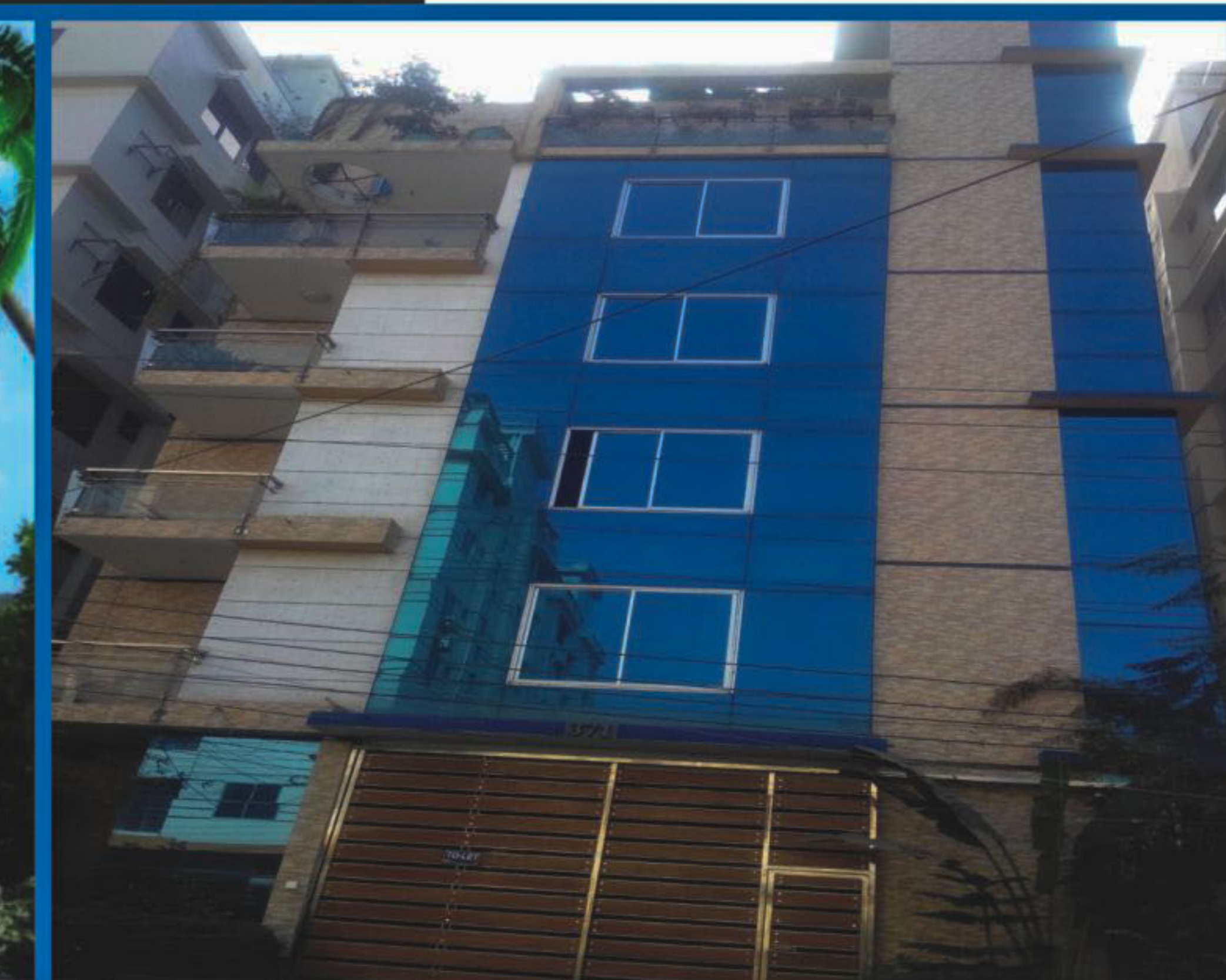
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