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## Eid joy a distant cry for Rajon's family

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Though himself a 13-year-old child, Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon used to cater to the needs of his nine-year-old brother Sheikh Samiul Alam Sajon. While their father usually bought them new clothes for Eid, Rajon used to go a step ahead, getting cricket balls, chocolates and sandals for his sibling.

But the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr will be very different for the shell-shocked family. There will be no celebration, no loving brother to bring in goodies for Sajon. A pall of gloom has descended on the household in Bhadeali village of Sylhet sadar upazila for Rajon is no longer with them.

Rajon was beaten to death in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet on the morning of July 8. One of the perpetrators filmed the brutal beating and shared it on social media, sparking outrage at home and abroad.

"My father became sick after my brother's death. How will we celebrate Eid," Sajon told this correspondent yesterday.

A class I student of Anantapur Government High School, he recalled receiving a cricket ball and some money the day he met his brother for the last time.

"He loved me so much. He bought things from the money he used to save after selling vegetables," added Sajon.

"Eid brings nothing but bittersweet memories of my SEE PAGE 5 COL 2





Rubina, left, breaks down in tears holding her son Sheikh Samiul Alam Sajon in her Bhadeali village residence in Sylhet sadar upazila on Wednesday while reminiscing about her elder son, Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon, who was beaten to death in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet on the morning of July 8 by some persons accusing him of stealing a rickshaw-van. A human chain, right, formed by Democracy International in front of Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar yesterday protesting the murder and demanding exemplary punishment for the culprits. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA, COLLECTED



