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Contradictory messages deepen anxiety in Bangladesh, says a New York Times article

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Terming these 'isolated incidents' will only embolden the militants

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Maria Anna, as talented as her brother Mozart, had to stop playing at 18

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Predictable day follows murder

Cops appear clueless, family sheds tears, culprits issue another death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Making her way through the crowd that gathered around the body of her husband at the car park of Kobi Sufia Kamal Hall of Dhaka University, she said, "I promise. I'll come. You can't live without me."

Looking at his face, she continued, "I know you can't live without me. Didn't you say we'd go to Cox's Bazar after the book fair? We all will go. I promise."

Faisal Arefin Dipan he had left their residential quarters at the university like on any other day. He was supposed to return to Razia Rahman, senior medical officer of DU Medical Centre, after work.

He returned, but dead.

Around 11:30am yesterday, his father Prof Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq brought his body from Dhaka Medical College morgue as family members and relatives were waiting to see him for the last time.

Dipan, owner of Jagriti Prokashani, was found dead at his second-floor office in Aziz Market in the capital on Saturday evening after suspected militants hacked him.

His body was taken to DU central mosque for namaz-e-janaza, which was attended by writers, bloggers, academics, cultural activists and progressive-minded people.

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Surrounded by relatives and neighbours, Dr Razia Rahman catches for the last time a glimpse of her husband -- slain publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan -- in front of their home at the teachers' quarters of Sufia Kamal Hall on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



"The professor who has lost his son perhaps believes in the political ideology of those who carried out the killing. He's made such remarks because he doesn't want the people of his party to stand trial."

AL JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY MAHBUBUL ALAM HANIF REFERRING TO DIPAN'S FATHER WHO VENTED HIS FRUSTRATION BY SAYING HE DIDN'T WANT TRIAL OF HIS SON'S KILLERS

POLITICIANS SAY



"Yesterday's [Saturday's] attacks are isolated incidents and such attacks also occur in other countries."



"Nobody is safe from the secret and sudden attacks by armed militants. Even I am not free from the danger of



"Many communal parties that do not believe in freethinking are in the BNP-led 20-party alliance. They are the ones who are killing freethinking bloggers and



True to his words
Dipan's father refuses to file case, wants good sense to prevail

RASHIDUL HASAN

The police and the Dhaka University authorities are repeatedly asking the father of slain publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan to file a case in connection with the murder.

But Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq, a supernumerary professor at the DU, sticks to his earlier position that he wouldn't seek trial of his son's killers.

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WRITERS SAY



"We are not only shocked [by the killings and attacks] but also frustrated as none of the cases has



"The people doing these activities are misguided. Such activities aren't allowed in any religion, especially in a religion of peace like Islam ... Such incidents are recurring because



"These incidents malign our centuries-old achievements. Such incidents happened never before in the life of the Bangalees."



Trial? I don't want it either
Wife of slain Avijit writes on her Facebook page

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both of them were left shell-shocked by the brutal murders of their loved ones. But that sense of shock gave way to anger and frustration. This was clear in their statements circulated in the mass and social media.

Barely a day after the father of slain publisher

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Standing next to his grandfather Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq, Ridad Farhan seeks blessings for his father Faisal Arefin Dipan before his namaj-e-janaza at DU central mosque yesterday. The boy went there right after taking his JSC exam and was still in his school uniform.

PHOTO: STAR

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A day he would try to forget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Before 14-year-old Ridad Farhan could recover from the shock of his father's murder, he had to sit for the Junior School Certificate exams yesterday.

The body of slain Faisal Arefin Dipan, publisher of Jagriti Prokashani, was still at Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy when he took the first test of a series.

The teen's day was made even more difficult, thanks to some "insensitive" and "irresponsible" journalists who shoved microphones and cameras at his face

NEWS ANALYSIS

Denying just won't do

SHARIER KHAN

On Saturday, the nation helplessly saw the killing of a freethinking publisher and critical injury of another, plus injury of two other bloggers in the city. Both were publishers of slain secularist writer-blogger Avijit Roy.

In response, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday tried to comfort but in reality confounded the nation by saying that these attacks were isolated incidents and such attacks occur also in other countries.

No wonder why slain publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan's father former Dhaka University professor and writer Abul Quasem Fazlul Haq said that he did not want justice.

Fazlul Haq expressed his frustration

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BNP-Jamaat carrying out secret killings

Alleges PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the BNP-Jamaat alliance of carrying out secret killings in the country.

"The BNP-Jamaat combine has been carrying out secret killings after failing to get success through fire-bombs and after being rejected by the people," her assistant press secretary Asif Kabir quoted her as saying at the Gono Bhaban.

Hasina said this during her meeting with the family members of slain Pekua upazila Awami League president AKM Shahabuddin

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