

At infection risk

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 unidentified assailants hacked them with sharp weapons.
 Three bags of blood were needed to get Tareq out of concussions while Tutul was given two bags of blood. Tutul was hacked four times, Ranadipam six times and Tareq received three blows in the head and a bullet in the waist.
 As the condition of Tutul and Ranadipam is now better than Tareq, they could not help receiving visitors, even several dozens at a time, every day.
 For example, Tutul, who published books of slain writer Avijit Roy, was visited by Health Minister Mohammad Nasim with at least a 50-member team of journalists and security persons on Monday afternoon.
 "There are blood clots in both his ears and it is difficult for him to listen to a question and respond," said Tutul's wife Shamim Runa.
 She alleged journalists did not even ask for her permission to enter the cabin.
 Tutul also has diabetes and high

blood pressure.
 "Even the president should be requested not to visit such patients as they are at high risks of developing infections," said a senior doctor at the DMCH Hematology Department.
 Bleeding reduces the level of hemoglobin in blood, weakening the body's natural immune system. And the fresh blood transfused into the body is a threat in itself, he said, asking not to be named in line with protocol.
 "Blood transfusion is allowed only in the case of saving a life as it takes a while for the fresh blood to come to terms with the patient's original blood," he added.
 Over time, diseases like kidney failure may result from the transfusion of blood that may be carrying organisms of many diseases.
 Prof Amzad Hossain, former head of Orthopaedic Surgery Department at the DMCH, said this concern was very real.
 "An infection can develop into

sepsis and a septic shock can be fatal," said Amzad.
 DMCH Director Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman admitted that such visits could be problematic and could hamper the treatment.
 "A nine-member medical board is overseeing their [Tutul and Tareq's] treatment," said Mustafizur, adding, "We hope nothing bad will happen."
 Tareq, the third victim, is still being fed liquid food. He cannot move two fingers of his left hand because of head and hand injuries.
 Asked about the bullet that is still inside Tareq's body, Mustafizur said, "The bullet is not causing any problem at the moment. We will remove it at a suitable moment."
 The on-duty medical officer, without giving his name, told The Daily Star that it would take at least 10 days to remove Ranadipam's left hand stitches and a week to remove stitches in his head.
 Of the three, Ranadipam appeared to be in a better condition.

JMB man

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 Shakil tried to slit his throat," the statement said. As part of the plan, two others stayed in Pabna town that day.
 As the victim screamed and his family members came to his rescue, the trio fled, leaving Luke Sarkar injured.
 Rakibul was arrested on October 28 from Majidpur area in Pabna, while police arrested Rabbi and four other suspects on October 12. Shakil is still on the run.
 Earlier, Rabbi gave confessional statement before a Pabna court where he said JMB regional commander Rakibul led the attack.
 The police claimed that they got some vital information about the activities of JMB in the region from Rakibul's confessional statement.
 Luke Sarkar left his rented home in Pabna on October 27, around three weeks after he survived the attempt on his life.

Hanif comes

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 apologised for it due to, according to sources, pressure from the party high command.
 However, that did little to repair the damage he'd done.
 Hanif was barred from addressing an AL rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on Monday marking the Jail Killing Day.
 When Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the party president, sat on the stage, the list of the speakers was shown to her. Then she crossed off Hanif's name from there, an AL leader, who was on the stage at that moment told The Daily Star.
 "He said everything [he wanted to say] yesterday [Sunday], so he needs not say anything today," Hasina was quoted as saying by the leader.
 Sources said Hanif was the main organiser of Monday's rally and he held a series of meetings with the leaders and activists of the party, its front organisations and others for the last two weeks to make the programme successful.
 And the rally was indeed a success as a large number of people joined the programme, said a number of AL leaders.
 But Hanif, a former special assistant to the PM, was not allowed to speak there.
 Party insiders also said that after his remarks on Sunday, many senior party leaders criticised Hanif in their close circles but none made formal comments.
 Common people, professionals and prominent personalities took to the social media platforms to criticise Hanif for his remarks on Dipan's father.

Did this village

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 disease in England. Some 100,000 people, one quarter of the city's population, died in London alone.
 Amid the devastation, the sleepy Peak District village of Eyam, home to Hancock and her family, became the site of one of the most heroic acts of self-sacrifice in British history – and one of the main reasons the plague's march was halted.
 Today, in Eyam, located 35 miles southeast of Manchester, all seems well in the world. Children pick fat purple blackberries from the hedges just outside the village; cyclists speed down the treacherously steep roads, their wheels slicking over fallen leaves. A pretty commuter village of 900 residents, Eyam has all the requisite English attractions: pubs, cosy cafes and an idyllic church.
 Stand here 450 years ago, though, and you would have looked down onto a village ravaged by the Black Death. You would have seen empty streets, the doors daubed with white crosses, and heard the wails of the dying from behind closed doors.
 The plague reached Eyam in the summer of 1665 when a London merchant sent flea-infested cloth samples to the local tailor, Alexander Hadfield. Within a week, Hadfield's assistant, George Vickers, had died a prolonged and agonising death. Before long, the rest of the household had fallen ill and died.
 Until now, the plague had been mostly contained to the south of England. Terrified the disease would spread across the north, wiping out other towns and communities, the villagers realised there was only one option: quarantine. With the guidance of their rector William Mompesson, they decided to isolate themselves, creating a perimeter of boundary stones that they vowed not to cross ... even those who were not showing any symptoms.
 "It meant they couldn't escape coming into contact with the disease," explained Catherine Rawson, secretary at Eyam Museum, which details how the village dealt with the plague.
 It also meant making careful plans to ensure not only that villagers were kept in, but that others were kept out – and the residents could still receive the food and supplies they needed.
 The villagers established a system of boundary stones around the village's periphery, boring holes into the rocks and leaving coins soaked in vinegar – they believed it acted as a disinfectant – in the holes. Merchants from surrounding villages would collect the money and leave bundles of meat, grains and trinkets in return.
 You can still visit the boundary stones today. Set about half a mile back from the village, these flat, rough rocks are an attraction now, the sides of the holes smoothed down by centuries of

children slotting their fingers in. Silver coins glint inside, placed there by tourists to honour plague victims.
 How well residents took the news that they were going to be quarantined is debatable. Although some villagers tried to leave, it appears that most of Eyam's townsfolk stoically accepted their plight and made a pact with God to remain.
 Even if they did leave, they certainly wouldn't have received a warm welcome elsewhere. One woman left Eyam to travel to the market at nearby village of Tideswell, five miles west. When people realised that she was from Eyam, they pelted her with food and mud, shouting, "The Plague! The Plague!"
 Special measures were taken to try to stop the plague from spreading. In the first half of 1666, 200 people passed away. After the stonemason died, villagers had no choice but to engrave their own tombstones. Residents like Elizabeth Hancock buried their own dead, dragging bodies down the street by tying ropes around the victim's feet to avoid contact with the deceased.
 Church services were held in the open air to reduce the spread of disease, but by August 1666 the effects of the plague were devastating: 267 had been killed out of a population of 344. Those who didn't catch it were said to carry a special ability – today thought to have been a chromosome – which stopped them from falling ill. Others, believed that superstitious rituals (such as smoking tobacco) and fervent prayer staved off the disease.
Girl hacked
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 All of them had received injuries in their heads and were reportedly in critical conditions.
 Kadamtoli police said two unidentified men entered Shahida's flat located on the first floor of a five-storey building in Paterbagh area around 8:00pm. They started hacking the family members without any provocation.
 While the culprits were fleeing, Jalal tried to stop them. The criminals then hacked him too and ran away.
 Quoting a security guard of the building, police said a former tenant visited the building a few times over the last three days.
 The guard bumped into him yesterday evening and asked him about the reason of his visit. The man said he had some jobs to do upstairs. The guard then allowed him in.
 Soon after that, neighbours heard screams from Soheli's flat. They also saw the former tenant, whose name could not be known, rushing out of the building, police said.
 The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. The guard has been taken into police custody for quizzing.

Mystery deepens

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 as the search for the aircraft's wreckage and bodies continued.
 The probe could last several weeks or months if the recordings in the black boxes are damaged, sources said.
 The Saint Petersburg-bound Airbus A321-200 operated by Russian airline Kogalymavia crashed 23 minutes after taking off from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. Most of the passengers were Russian tourists.
 Kogalymavia said the plane crashed due to "external action," and that there was no technical fault or human error. It insisted the aircraft was in an "excellent technical condition".
 But the confusion reignited yesterday as US media reported that a US military satellite detected a heat flash over the Sinai at the time the Russian airliner crashed.
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Experts have said the fact that debris and bodies were strewn over a large area were signs the plane broke up in mid-air, a rare but not unprecedented event.
 According to NBC, officials said the flash was not preceded by a heat trail from below – suggesting there's no indication the plane was struck by a missile.
 Among other possibilities cited by the CNN report were the explosion of a malfunctioning engine, a fire caused by a structural problem on the plane or wreckage hitting the ground.
 And according to Russian media, the crash was preceded by sounds in the cockpit "uncharacteristic of a standard flight".
 The Interfax news agency quoted officials in Cairo as providing a first insight into audio recordings from the Airbus 321's "black box" recorders.
 They reported that after a period of

routine discussions between crew members, "the recordings show sounds uncharacteristic of a standard flight precede the moment of the airliner's disappearance".
 According to Interfax, the recordings also suggest "there was a sudden emergency situation on board which took the crew by surprise, and the pilots did not have time to send a distress signal".
 US officials pointed to an explosion on the plane itself as the most likely cause, but there is no way of telling from satellite images whether it was caused by a fuel tank or possible bomb on board.
 Kremlin officials have not ruled out a terrorist attack on the plane.
 Meanwhile, the US Embassy in Cairo has instructed its staff to avoid travel anywhere in the Sinai Peninsula as a "precautionary measure" until further notice.

Joy says sorry

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 straight to the room of Secretary Nur after arriving at the ministry around 9:30am yesterday. Joy sought Nur's support for an amicable solution there.
 Joy told the secretary that his act was wrong and he wanted the issue to be resolved. He was also interested in "patching things up" with the state minister, added the sources.
 After a long discussion, Nur took Joy to Biren Sikder's room. There, Joy requested that the joint secretary be brought there as well.
 "Entering the room, he [Joy] told the state minister that he had made

mistakes and apologised for having done those. In reply, the state minister told him that he wanted to run the ministry with the cooperation from all," a source close to Biren Sikder, wishing not to be named, told The Daily Star.
 Biren then asked Joy to discuss with him whether he was having any difficulties in doing his job. He also reminded Joy that his private secretary and other officials had themselves transferred to other ministries due to "misbehaviour of the deputy minister", added the source.
 Contacted, Secretary Nur told The Daily Star, "We along with the joint

secretary sat together at the state minister's room. The meeting was initiated to ensure that there remains no gap in running the activities of the ministry apart from ensuring dynamism in our work.
 "We told both the state and deputy ministers that we will be with them if work is done professionally for improving the image of the ministry," he said.
 "At the meeting, the deputy minister said sorry to the joint secretary," he said, adding that Mashuk was very saddened over Sunday's incident.
 Joy could not be reached despite repeated attempts.

DB takes over investigation

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 youths entered the office of Shuddhoswar Prokashani in Lalmatia and hacked publisher-owner Ahmedur Rashid Chowdhury Tutul and two writer-bloggers Tareq Rahim and Ranadipam Basu.
 The DB had been carrying out shadow investigations since the attacks were carried out, sources said.
 "We are yet to identify the attackers. We are collecting evidence and after scrutinising those, we would be able to provide you the next update," the DC said while talking to reporters at the DMP media centre yesterday.
 He said even though they were yet to ascertain who carried out the attacks, the nature of attacks, techniques used and analysis of past attacks on bloggers suggested that Ansarullah Bangla Team might be involved.
 The DMP sent a report to the home ministry on Sunday indicating that an extremist group might have been

involved in the killing.
 Hours after the attacks, militant outfit Ansar al Islam sent emails to media outlets and tweeted claiming responsibility for the attacks.
 The detectives claimed that they were investigating the claim.
 Asked whether Jamaat activists were carrying out the attacks, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said, "Our primary investigations indicate that Ansarullah Bangla Team, IS (Islamic State), al-Qaeda, who are claiming responsibility for the attacks, have their origin in Jamaat-e-Islami."
 He was briefing reporters at the secretariat about law and order of the country yesterday morning.
 The minister reiterated his claim that the law and order was satisfactory and that the attacks on publishers and bloggers were "isolated incidents".
 Replying to a query regarding a "hit list of Ansarullah Bangla Team" and the murders of four-five people on that list, Kamal said the law enforcement

agencies were doing their best to do their duties.
 "We arrested the mastermind of Ansarullah Bangla Team and several others are currently under trial. We will take action if another culprit is rising."
 Meanwhile, slain publisher Dipan's father Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq yesterday told The Daily Star that Dipan's wife had filed the case following the suggestion of the police.
 "Ajoy Roy has tried a lot after Avijit's death. The Interpol was here ... American embassy and the American foreign ministry also tried besides Bangladesh. But there has been no progress," he added.
 He claimed that probe into eight more similar incidents made no progress and that there were more such incidents that did not make the news since those happened outside Dhaka.
 "The cases were neglected. I don't have anything with which I can exert influence. Besides, it is not a matter of exerting influence."

Grand AL office

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 and one in the party president Sheikh Hasina's room, which she has not used since 2009). The furniture too is battered.
 Sheikh Hasina's Dhanmondi office is three-storied. Almost all the rooms have air conditioners, but the interior of the office is not as luxurious as the newly built office in Kushtia.
 The ruling AL in Kushtia seemed to have no problem finding the money for the building. A big chunk of the money came from government allocations for Test Relief (TR), Food for Work programmes and donation from businessmen and industrialists of the district, sources in the Kushtia AL told The Daily Star.
 Chairmen, belonging to the ruling party in around 50 unions, out of the 65, had given the money allocated for TR and Food for Work programmes in the district to the office building fund, they said.
 Even though many of them admit-

ted before this newspaper of giving the money with directives from district AL leaders, none agreed to go on the record.
 Besides, party leaders also donated for building the office, which apparently is far better than the rest of the party offices, including the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue and party president Sheikh Hasina's Dhanmondi office.
 There was no permanent AL office in Kushtia. Veteran party leader M Amir-ul Islam was using his home as a party office.
 The construction of the new office began last year and was complete a month ago.
 The inauguration of the office was also colourful and auspicious, only Hanif-loyals were invited. A good number of archways was set up and around half a kilometre of NS Road, on both directions, was colourfully decorated with banners and festoons.

The entire area was also decorated with lights.
 Anwar Ali, district unit president of an AL faction and also mayor of Kushtia Sadar municipality, told The Daily Star that they did not get invited and therefore did not attend the inauguration programme.
 Contacted, president of another AL faction in the district, Alhaj Sadar Uddin Khan, refuted the allegation of using government funds for TR and Food for Work programmes. He said the allegation was baseless.
 He claimed that the party had collected donations from its leaders and activists for the last two years to build the office.
 "Front organisations also managed the money from its leaders and activists," he said.
 He claimed that there was a rumour that the office was built at a cost of Tk 2.5 crore. "It took around Tk 55-57 lakh to complete the construction of the office," said Sadar Uddin Khan.

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