

# Give children time, teach norms to fight militancy

## College, university students urge parents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students from several colleges and universities in Dhaka yesterday called upon guardians, especially job holders, to give more time to their children and teach them humanity, social and religious norms, and values to fight militancy.

Sharing their opinions at a roundtable, they urged the government to promote cultural activities all over the country to keep the youths away from militancy.

The Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the discussion titled "Gulshan-Sholakia tragedy: What youths are thinking", at its office in the capital.

"Children are not getting enough time from their parents, especially those doing jobs; it is creating a distance between them," said Brac University student Sanjana Zaman.

She said terrorist groups targeted such families. Children with loose family bonding often suffer from frustration, and they do not have role models in front of them, said Dhaka University student Tasmin Tabassum.

They also become vulnerable, she said.

laying stress on teaching social and religious norms in family.

Pointing to Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, who sacrificed his life to save his friends during the Holey Artisan Bakery terror attack, Tasmim said Faraaz's mother taught him to respect women and humanity, and he showed it.

Another Dhaka University student, Nubia Nurain Khan, however, criticised the parents who teach selfish attitudes to children. "Many parents in our society don't encourage their children to be humane to the needy people," she said.

Omar Shah of Jamia Rahmania Madrasa said today's situation was a result of multiple streams of education.

He called for changing the education system, stressing the need for lessons on humanity and sacrifice.

Mir Rifat Us Saleheen, another student of the institution, said, "Our society and family often do not encourage critical thinking. That's why militants are able to persuade the youths towards militancy through misrepresenting Islam. They get convinced without

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Judgement

August 14

Wife claims son picked up by detectives

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed August 14 to deliver verdict in a case against the wife and son of executed war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and five others for allegedly leaking the draft verdict of International Crimes Tribunal-1 that sentenced the BNP leader to death.

Salauddin's son Humam Quader Chowdhury, who was on bail, did not appear yesterday and Farhat Quader Chowdhury told The Daily Star that plainclothes detectives had

"forcefully picked my son up without showing any cause".

It occurred when their car reached an intersection near the court on their way to yesterday's hearing, she said.

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N'GANJ COP'S DEATH IN MOB BEATING  
Male villagers flee fearing arrest

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday filed a case against eight named and 50 to 60 unnamed persons over the death of a police constable in a mob beating at Raisdia of Sonargaon, prompting many male villagers to go into hiding in fear of harassment.

Manzur Quader, officer-in-charge of Sonargaon Police Station, said the case was lodged based on witnesses' account.

Police also formed a probe body and asked it to submit a report in three days, he said.

An angry mob killed constable Arifur Rahman of Sonargaon police after Abdul Matin, a betel leaf shop owner, being chased by two cops drowned in a pond on Wednesday. Police claimed Matin was a suspected drug peddler. Meanwhile, doctors after conducting an autopsy at Narayanganj (Victoria) General Hospital yesterday said injury marks were found in Matin's head.

Matin's wife Nurtaz Begum said they could not receive his body as the male members of the family went into hiding fearing "police harassment". Many male members of the neighbouring houses did the same, she added.

OC Manzur said innocent people will not be harassed.

However, Matin's daughter Sheuli alleged as her father jumped into the pond, constable Arif also got in there and beat him up. Locals took Matin to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared him dead.

Law enforcers recovered Arif's body from the pond.



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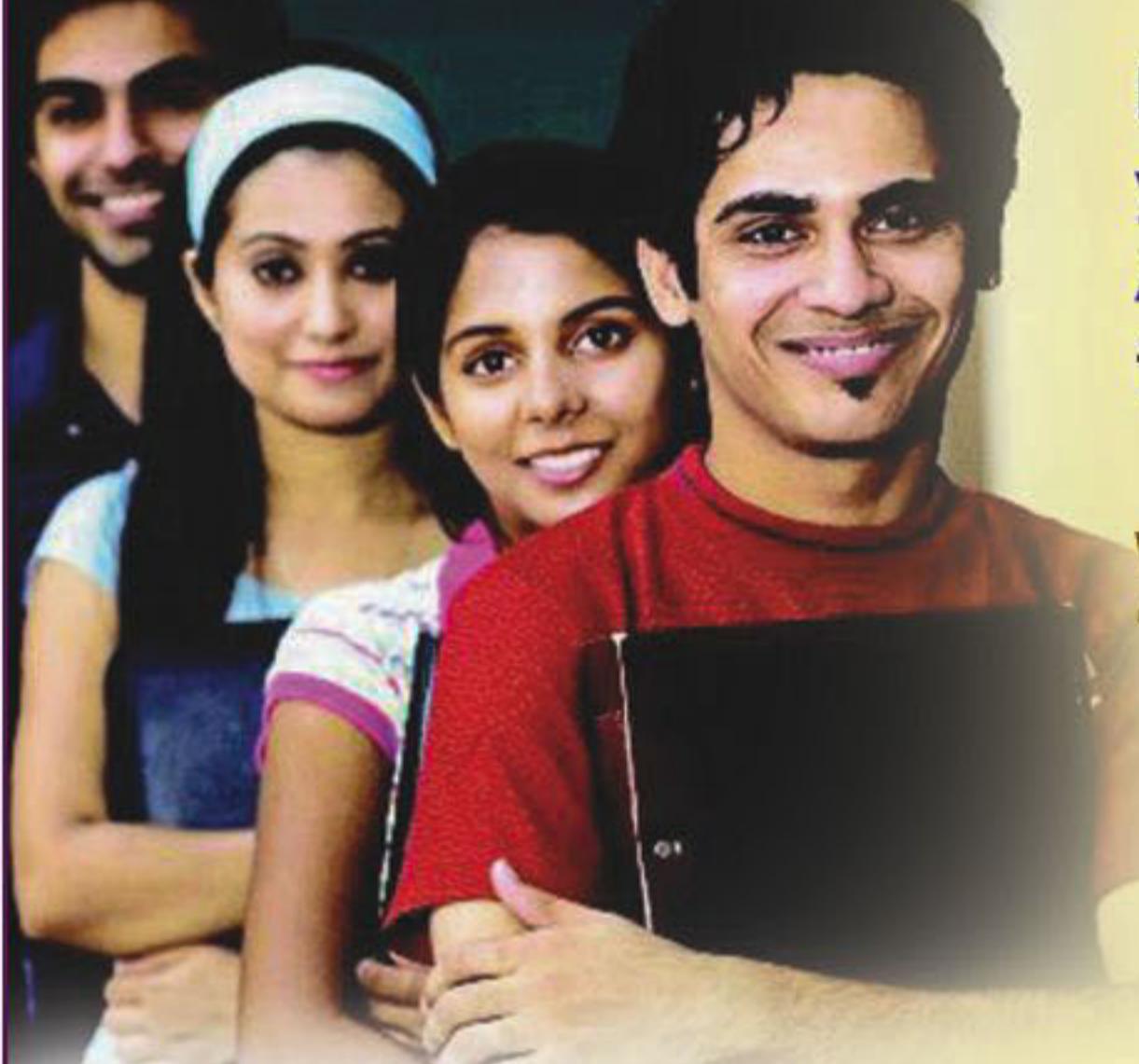
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