



# Even children not spared

Proper education, counselling, awareness can prevent radicalisation of kids, say experts

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and SHARIFUL ISLAM

A mother with a kid did not hesitate to detonate her suicide vest while a 14-year-old boy fought a gunbattle with police until his death, turning down the call for surrender. The woman died in the blast and her four-year-old daughter is fighting for life in a hospital.

"It is not possible to tackle radicalisation only through law enforcement. Comprehensive research and case studies are needed to find out the reasons behind radicalisation of women and children."

PSYCHOLOGIST  
MEHTAB KHANAM

Their extreme desperation, during Saturday's police raid on a militant hideout in the capital's Ashkona, shows to what extent a woman and a teenager can be radicalised.

Terror organisations in different parts of the world have long been using women and children in militancy. Especially, research shows, involvement of children in terrorist attacks is on the rise globally.

In Bangladesh too, banned outfit JMB started engaging women and kids years back. But Saturday's developments were much scary as investigators suspect the mother and the boy were trained for suicide attack.

Officials say radicalisation of women and children are done mostly by family members, particularly the males.

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Militants used hollow books to carry arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The "Neo JMB" militants used to carry firearms inside hollow books to dodge law enforcers.

The trick came to light after police recovered such a book during their search at the Ashkona hideout of the outfit.

Police found a Cambridge Advanced Learners Dictionary with its pages cut in such a way that it could accommodate small firearms.

Law enforcers mentioned the trick of the militants' and the book in the case filed with Dakkhin Khan Police Sunday night following Saturday's operation "Ripple-24" conducted on the ground floor of three-storey building "Surya Villa".

Sanwar Hossain, an additional deputy

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Bangladesh batsman Mushfiqur Rahim (L), one of three batsmen along with Shakib Al Hasan and Mosaddek Hossain (R) to enjoy any success, is floored by a hamstring injury while batting in the first ODI against New Zealand at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday.

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Outplayed and out-thought

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's 77-run loss to New Zealand in the first ODI at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday should come as no surprise. After all, the Tigers had failed to get the better of New Zealand on seven previous tries in ODIs. What may have come as a surprise was that, after becoming a professional outfit that can dot the I's and cross the T's under the auspices of coach Chandika Hathurusingha and captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza since late 2014, yesterday Bangladesh

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DIALOGUE WITH JSD  
Hamid says he would consider demand for law

RASHIDUL HASAN

President Abdul Hamid yesterday said he would consider a proposal to enact a law, in light of the constitution, on formation of Election Commission.

"The honourable president has assured us that he will think of a law as mentioned in section-118 of the constitution," said Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) General Secretary Shirin Akhtar as she briefed reporters on the outcome of her party's

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## EC wary of polls code violation by MPs

After issuing several warnings, EC urges Speaker to ensure no MPs stay in districts for 2 days; zila parishad polls tomorrow

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Violating electoral rules, some Awami League lawmakers have been campaigning for their preferred candidates in the zila parishad elections for the last few weeks.

Amid concern that such activities by MPs may influence the polls, the Election Commission yesterday requested the Speaker to take steps so that the MPs stay off their electoral areas today and tomorrow -- the election day -- and refrain from breaching the electoral code.

"We have made such requests to the Speaker to ensure that the lawmakers cannot influence the polls," EC Secretary Muhammad Abdullah told The Daily Star.

"We have already contacted some lawmakers and verbally requested them to stay away from their electoral areas. And we sent a letter to the Speaker

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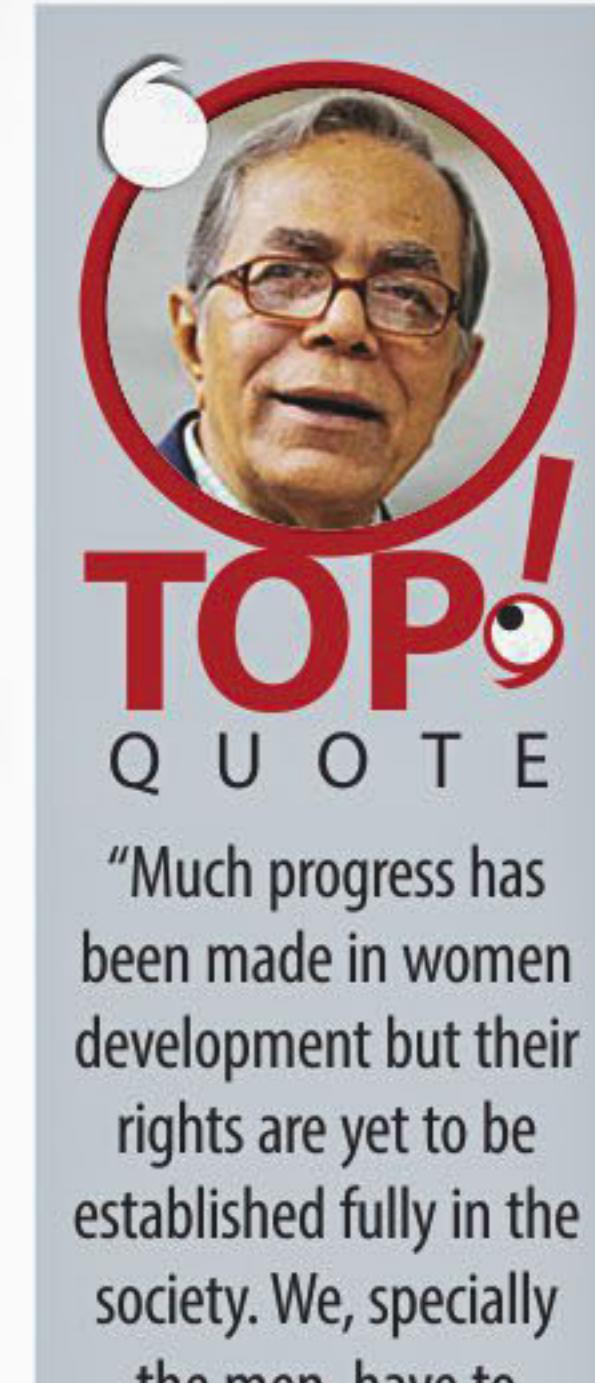
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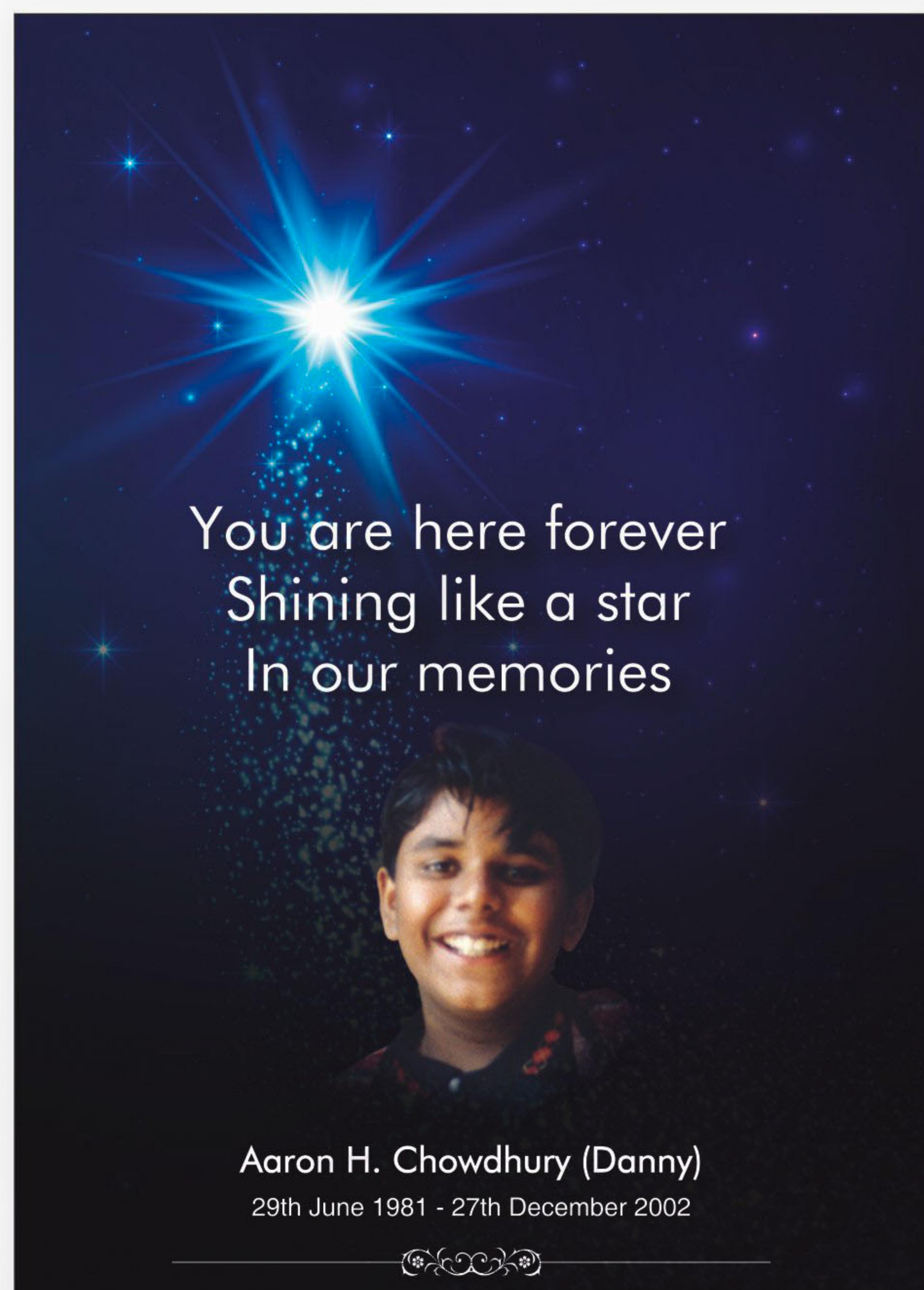
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