

A MURDER MOST FOUL

Footage, stills, eyewitnesses paint gruesome scenes of Nahid's death; attackers went back to students' end

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During the fierce clashes between shopkeepers and Dhaka College students in New Market area on Tuesday, a young man in a dark blue T-shirt was seen lying motionless in front of Nur Jahan Super Market.

Another man, wearing a black helmet, came with a machete and started hacking him indiscriminately. The attacker stepped back after he was stopped by a third man, who was wearing a yellow helmet. The two helmeted men then walked back to the students' side.

A video footage of the incident has gone viral on social media. Several law enforcers have confirmed its authenticity.

Journalists of The Daily Star, who were present near the scene, also took photos of the gruesome attack.

It happened around 1:00pm on Tuesday.

This newspaper yesterday talked to at least 20 shopkeepers and Dhaka College students, who identified the youth in the dark blue T-shirt as 19-year-old Nahid Mia.

Painful as it may have been, his father Nadim Hossain also confirmed it was indeed his son.

Nahid, a delivery man of a computer accessories shop on Elephant Road, died on Tuesday night. His uncle Mohammad Sayeed filed a murder case against 150-200 unnamed people the next day.

"My son left home earlier that day in a dark blue T-shirt inscribed with 'D-link'. He was accidentally caught up in the clashes," Nadim told The Daily Star yesterday.

Nahid was attacked in front of Nur Jahan Super Market's Khan Fashion store, located just opposite Dhaka College.

Talking to several witnesses, these correspondents learnt that Dhaka College students took control of the area near Globe Shopping Centre and Nur Jahan Super Market at one point of the clashes.

As the witnesses were shown the viral footage, they said several youths wearing helmets were fighting on the students' side. They were carrying iron rods, machetes and sticks.

One of The Daily Star journalists, who was present there, said some shopkeepers were throwing brick chunks at the students from different floors of Nur Jahan Super Market.

Several youths from the students' side stormed inside and returned

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Nahid



A man wearing a helmet hacks 19-year-old Nahid Mia in front of the capital's Nur Jahan Super Market at 12:54pm on Tuesday. The Daily Star is running this photo just to show the gravity of what happened that day.

PHOTO: STAR

Police sue 2 BNP leaders

The accused include 22 identified, 1,000 unnamed people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have filed a case against former New Market thana BNP president Makbul Hossain and former general secretary of the unit Jahangir Hossain Patwari for obstructing police from discharging duties, assaulting law enforcement officers, and damaging properties.

Makbul owns two shops in the capital's New Market area. Employees of the two shops engaged in a brawl on Monday night, which

spilled over into daylong pitched battles between Dhaka College students and shopkeepers the following day, leaving two dead and scores others wounded.

Yamin Kabir, inspector (investigation) of New Market Police Station, filed the case on Wednesday. In the case statement he narrated details of the clashes in which 10 to 15 policemen were also wounded.

Apart from Makbul and Jahangir, 22 others

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Another life cut short by violence

Shopkeeper dies from injury

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Justice may remain elusive for Mitu Akter, wife of shopkeeper Morsalin, who died early yesterday from the head injuries he suffered during the New Market clashes on Tuesday. But her main worry now is how to survive with her two children.

A critically injured Morsalin was rescued in

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Nur Mohammad breaks down as he struggles to come to terms with the death of his brother, Morsalin. A shopkeeper in the New Market area, Morsalin was critically injured during the clashes there on Tuesday and died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The photo was taken at the DMC morgue.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

CAB seeks removal of Wasa MD

Serves legal notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) has served a legal notice on Dhaka Wasa requesting it not to increase water tariff, and demanding removal of its managing director from his post.

The notice was sent on Wednesday, said the association's lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua.

"We request the notice recipients not to increase the water tariff until a rule is made to deal with the matter," said the notice.

It also requested the organisation to form a commission with representatives from consumers to review the tariff orders passed earlier.

The CAB said that

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Loved ones lost, trust in justice too

WASIM BIN HABIB

They were innocent and young and had nothing to do with the events that ended their lives. The brutality of the murders calls for exemplary punishment, yet their families are not seeking justice.

Samia Afran Prity, a college student, was on her way to her friend's home when an Awami League leader's assailants opened fire on a busy street at Shahjahanpur on March 26. Prity, who was on a rickshaw, got shot and she died.

Her father Jamal Uddin, while lamenting his only daughter's untimely death, repeatedly said that he did not want justice.

"Where would I seek justice? There is no justice here," the inconsolable father told reporters as he waited for his daughter's body in front of the Dhaka Medical College morgue.

Fast forward to April 19, and there is another death of an innocent person.

Computer shop employee Nahid Hossain was on his way to work when a clash between shopkeepers and Dhaka College students in New Market area erupted. The 19-year-old was mercilessly beaten and hacked to death.

Nahid's mother Nargis Begum does not dare seek justice.

"[We] will not get justice even if we want. To run a case, you need money. We won't survive if we are to run the case ...," the mother told reporters at her Kamrangirchar home.

Exact is the sentiment of the family members of Mohammad Morsalin, another victim of the New Market clashes. The 24-year-old employee of a shop was hit by a brick chunk and succumbed to his wounds at the DMCH yesterday.

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