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A family wracked by tragedies

Parents die after son was shot dead during July protests; traumatised brother in care centre; sister lives to tell the tale

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

It was July 19 – the day 28-year-old Monir Hossain was shot dead during the quota reform protests in Dhaka and a string of further tragedies started befalling the family.

While the death itself came as a grievous shock, the family had to endure endless sufferings for four days just to get Monir's almost decomposed body released from Dhaka Medical College Hospital due to non-cooperation from law enforcers.

They were not even allowed to bury him in at least four graveyards in the capital, before eventually being able to lay him to rest in his village home in Jhalakathi. That too was allowed only after the local police took bribes.

Unable to cope with the loss of his eldest son, Monir's father Shahjahan Farazi died on September 13. Six days



Monir Hossain

later, his mother Minara Begum also died – ironically at the same hospital her son's body was stuck for days.

Numb with intense grief and trauma, the youngest son of the family – 24-year-old Moinul Hossain – is now being treated at a health centre.

Sanjida Akter Mim, 21, the only other surviving member, is all but left to carry on with the family's

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Dancers perform a piece on Goddess Durga's victory over demon king Mahishasura on the occasion of Mahalaya at the Dhakeshwari temple in the capital yesterday. Mahalaya marks the beginning of Durga Puja – the largest religious festival for the Hindu community. The day commemorates the mythical moment when Durga had descended on Earth to vanquish Mahishasura, symbolising the triumph of good over evil.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Dhaka, Delhi look to work together to bolster ties

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and New Delhi have stressed the need to work together to promote bilateral relations between Bangladesh and India.

The two neighbours discussed bilateral issues when Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid a courtesy call on Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain yesterday at the foreign ministry, according to a foreign ministry statement.

Referring to the recent meeting between Touhid and Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the sideline of the 79th UN General Assembly in New York, they underscored the importance of activating regular bilateral mechanisms.

They also discussed

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BNP leader sued over attack on Hindu house

50 others also made accused; no arrests yet

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A BNP leader and around 50 others were sued on charges of attacking a Hindu home and looting valuables on August 5 in Kishoreganj.

The accused BNP leader Idris Miah is a former chairman of Rashidabad Union Parishad, a former joint convener of the union's BNP and a member of the party's Kishoreganj Sadar upazila unit.

Victim Gita Rani Barman, of Brahmanakchuri village in the upazila, filed the case with Kishoreganj Sadar Police Station against 10 named people, including Idris, and some 40-50 unnamed people on September 23.

According to the case statement, a group of people, led by Idris, attacked her home on the afternoon of August 5, hours after the Hasina-led

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Israeli strikes across Gaza kill 65 Palestinians

Dozens injured; tanks carry out raids in Khan Younis

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip killed at least 65 Palestinians overnight, including in a school sheltering displaced families, medics said, as Israeli tanks advanced in areas of Khan Younis in the south of the enclave.

Israeli tanks carried out a raid on several areas in eastern and central Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, before partially retreating, leaving at least 40 people killed and dozens wounded, according to the official Voice of Palestine radio and Hamas media.

In Gaza City, at least 22 Palestinians were killed, the medics said. One Israeli strike on a school sheltering displaced families in Gaza City killed 17 people, while another hit the Al-Amal Orphan Society, which also houses displaced persons, killing at least five others, the medics said.

Later yesterday, an Israeli strike on a school sheltering Palestinian displaced families in Nuseirat in central Gaza killed three people and wounded 15, medics said. The Israeli

- Israeli strike targets school sheltering displaced families
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- Death toll in enclave rises to 41,689

military said the strike was aimed at Hamas members operating from a command center embedded in the compound that had previously served as the 'Nuseirat Girls' School.

It accused Hamas of exploiting civilian facilities and population for military purposes, a tactic Hamas denies using.

Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip has killed at least 41,689 Palestinians and wounded 96,625 since October 7, the Palestinian enclave's health ministry said yesterday.

Man falls to his death as hospital lift malfunctions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A man died after falling into a lift shaft in Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital on Tuesday.

The dead was identified as Zahid, 45, an expatriate worker hailing from Cumilla. He was living with his wife and in laws in Gazipur's Targach area.

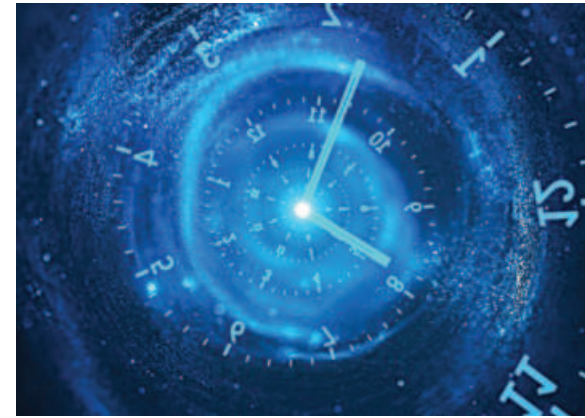
Quoting the hospital's Director Aminul Islam, Civil Surgeon Mahmuda Akhtar told The Daily Star the victim's pregnant wife was admitted to the hospital on Saturday for the delivery of their daughter.

On Tuesday night, Zahid called the lift to the 11th floor of the building, where his wife's room was, to go downstairs. The doors to the lift opened before the lift reached the floor and Zahid fell into the shaft, resulting in his death, she said.

She added that action would be taken after an investigation. "The hospital

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Scientists find evidence of 'negative time'



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Scientists claim to have found evidence of "negative time" after observing photons exiting a material before entering it.

A team of quantum physicists from the University of Toronto in Canada made the discovery after studying the behaviour of photons – the wave particles of light – for seven years in order to better understand a phenomenon known as atomic excitation.

This is where photons absorbed by a material experience a time delay – also known as a group delay – before exiting the material due to their interactions with atoms within it.

To better understand this process, the researchers came up with an experiment to shoot photons through a cloud of ultracold atoms and observe the atomic excitation.

BFIU seeks bank account details of Shakib, wife



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) yesterday asked banks and non-bank financial institutions to provide account details of cricketer-cum politician Shakib Al Hasan and his wife Umme Ahmed Shishir.

The anti-money laundering agency in a letter asked for information on savings, current, fixed deposit receipt, and deposit plus scheme accounts held in their names, or organisations or companies linked to them, within the next five business days.

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission recently fined Shakib, a former Awami League MP from Magura-1, Tk 50 lakh

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