

TRIUMPH OVER TYRANNY

July uprising in photos



Carnage, resistance, and triumph -- our photojournalists captured every pulse of the July uprising, putting their lives at risk. From the blood-streaked faces of Dhaka University's female students after being attacked by the Chhatra League activists to the iconic image of Abu Sayed, arms outstretched, unarmed yet fearless, facing the police moments before being shot dead -- these are the photos which triggered a mass uprising. The picture of a rickshaw-puller carrying the lifeless body of young Nafiz through the streets of Dhaka reminded us of the human cost of freedom. We saw armed, helmet wearing goons, unleashed by the Awami League, firing indiscriminately at students. We captured images of the police and BGB personnel shooting protesters from close range, and even the dystopian pictures of bullets raining down from choppers. But for every scene of despair, there was defiance. Protesters stood tall against bullets -- the pictures of resistance turned into symbols of hope. And then came August 5: people of all ages and background, celebrated together as news broke out that Sheikh Hasina has fled. By afternoon, the people took over the Prime Minister's Office, parliament and Gono Bhaban. These photographs, spanning 36 days, are records of a nation's triumph over tyranny.

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