

Man found dead in Jhenaidah

OUR CORRESPONDENCE, Jhenaidah

Police recovered the body of a man from a cornfield at Tangrakhal village in Harinakundu upazila of Jhenaidah on Wednesday night.

The deceased — Jasim Uddin, 30, from Daulatpur village — used to run a tea stall beside his house and also worked in nearby fields.

Harinakundu Police Station Officer-in-Charge Golam Kibria Hasan said injury marks were visible on the neck and several other parts of the body.

Jasim's cousin Elias Hossain told The Daily Star that Jasim had left home in the morning to harvest grass for cattle but did not return. Family members later found his body in a cornfield. Another cousin, Rafikul Islam, said, "There are clear injury marks, but we don't know who killed him or why."

OC Golam Kibria said, "It initially appears to be a murder." The body was sent to Jhenaidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, he added.



Two nosimons illegally ply the Khulna-Satkhira highway carrying excessive loads. The operation of such light vehicles on the busy road often leads to accidents. The photo was taken from the Kathaltala area yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

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2:50pm under tight security. He stood silent at the dock when the prosecution and defence presented their arguments.

At one point, when the presiding judge allowed him to speak, Sarwar categorically denied the allegations brought against him.

"I will retire next year. Why would I do such a thing and risk losing my pension and all benefits? I cannot even imagine it."

He also informed the court that he told the police that he would do whatever necessary to cooperate with the investigation. "I voluntarily handed over my mobile phone, laptop, and desktop. I am innocent."

On January 31, a post on Shafiqur's verified X handle claimed that women should not be in leadership positions and

suggested that women working outside the home is "another form of prostitution."

Jamaat went on to claim the account had been compromised and later filed a general diary with Hatirjheel Police Station on February 1.

During a briefing, the party's IT cell had alleged the hack was facilitated through a government email address "assistantprogrammar@bangabhaban.gov.bd" which they linked to Sarwar.

On Wednesday, a team from the Detective Branch (DB) of police picked up Sarwar from Motijheel. After around 20 hours of detention, the DB chief told a press briefing that Sarwar was shown arrested in connection with the case filed with Hatirjheel Police Station.

Sources within the DB said several high-ranking officers initially opposed the arrest, arguing that Sarwar was innocent and that his own email account had been hacked previously.

"We opposed showing an innocent person arrested under political pressure," a deputy commissioner told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.

Despite the internal objections, DB chief Shafiqul Islam remained firm on the arrest. The internal discord was further highlighted when several officials reportedly boycotted the press briefing held at the DMP Media Centre by the DB chief on Wednesday.

When questioned about the internal friction, Shafiqul dismissed the claim, stating that the arrest was a standard procedure following the filing of a case.

Political will key

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delivery, and ensuring quality, equity and accountability to achieve the target.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of the PPRC and convener of the UHC Forum, said political leaders should not be solely blamed for health not being prioritised, calling it a failure of civil society to highlight its strategic importance.

He warned that neglecting health would deepen poverty, slow economic growth and widen inequality, and stressed the need to better sensitise political leaders.

He also emphasised social mobilisation and school health programmes, rather than project-based approaches, to strengthen primary healthcare as the main driver of UHC.

Zahirul Islam Shakil, secretary general of the pro-BNP Doctors Association of Bangladesh, said persistent implementation gaps and systemic constraints continue to affect the health sector.

He added that BNP has already outlined a health sector plan prioritising primary healthcare and will implement it if voted to power.

KM Waliullah, senior vice president of pro-Jamaat National Doctors Forum, stressed the importance of cross-party cooperation, legal reforms to support systemic change, good governance, and corruption-free leadership.

NDF, through several workshops, provided recommendations to the Jamaat, which were reflected in the party's health sector manifesto, he said.

Proteek Izaz, president of BHRF, urged doctors to view health from a humanitarian perspective rather than a political one.

Prof Mohsin Zillur Karim, family welfare affairs secretary of BNP, NDF Office Secretary AKM Ziaul Haque, Prof MA Faiz, former director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, among others, spoke.

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prompting police to erect barricades and halt vehicular movement in the area.

Around 12:30am today, Abdullah Al Jaber, in front of Hotel InterContinental, said the government must take formal steps to investigate the assassination through the UN and inform the nation accordingly. "Our movement will continue today, and a new programme will be announced after Friday prayers," he said.

Ashrafur Alam Hannan, an Inqilab Moncho activist, alleged that the accused in Hadi's killing remain at large and that the investigation has seen little progress.

Sharif Osman Hadi was shot in Dhaka's Paltan on December 12 last year and died in Singapore on December 18 while undergoing treatment.

On February 3, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police imposed a ban on rallies and gatherings around Jamuna. DMP Assistant Commissioner (Ramna Zone) Mazharul Islam said protesters had split into two groups and that police were on alert.

Little buzz, high hopes

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corruption, looting and syndicates, address mosquito control and gas shortages, and ensure playgrounds, parks, quality educational institutions and modern hospitals.

Furthermore, he vowed to conduct a "cleansing drive" across the entire area to build a society free from illegal occupation and terrorism.

Hinting at the BNP candidate, Kamal alleged that they are violating the electoral code of conduct, and formal complaints have been lodged with the administration. "People no longer want looters or occupiers in power," he said, expressing hope that voters would support Jamaat.

Meanwhile, BNP candidate Md Nabiullah Nabi called on rivals to engage in healthy politics free of hostility. "I am fully optimistic about victory and believe I will win by a large margin," he said.

A long-time resident of the area, Nabi said he has been involved in politics for 45 years and a commissioner. "I have always stood by the people

Prioritise rights

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organised by DRW with support from Transparency International Bangladesh at its Dhanmondi office.

Disability inclusion expert Dr Nafeesur Rahman said the National Action Plan on Disability, adopted in 2019, remains unimplemented and there is no dedicated budget for the sector. Coordination committees mandated by law rarely meet, while monitoring and reporting mechanisms remain weak.

He criticised the government's Rules of Business for placing most disability-related responsibilities under the Ministry of Social Welfare, limiting the involvement of other ministries.

He called for structural reforms to engage the ministries of education, health, youth development, and women and children's affairs.

Speakers also said Bangladesh has fallen behind in fulfilling its international commitments under the CRPD, urging legal and policy reforms, strengthening the national monitoring committee, and preparing a roadmap to submit pending reports.

They noted that disability-related data are largely absent from the Sustainable Development Goals framework, calling for the inclusion of disability indicators in national surveys and priority datasets.

The organisations proposed reserved seats for persons with disabilities in parliament and local government bodies, improved accessibility in education, health, employment and transport, increased disability allowances, and stronger support for grassroots disability organisations.

They also urged the Election Commission to run a public awareness campaign on facilities for voters with disabilities.

TIB Executive Director

Dr Iftekharuzzaman said a fair election is impossible without equal voting access for all citizens, particularly marginalised groups and persons with disabilities.

"An election cannot be truly fair if some voters cannot exercise their rights on equal terms," he said, stressing the need for safe transport and support for voters with disabilities.

"Even if postal or electronic voting is not possible, at a minimum, all voters with disabilities must be able to cast their ballots safely and independently."

He added that all political actors must advance disability rights before, during and after the election through action plans aligned with national and international commitments.

Amrita Rejina Rozario, country director of Sightsavers Bangladesh, highlighted the need for accessible polling stations, safe transport for wheelchair users, protection for women from harassment, and continued disability inclusion beyond the election.

She urged the incoming government to address the lack of parliamentary representation for persons with disabilities and take concrete steps to ensure their participation in governance.

DRW member Md Jahangir Alam said there is still no clarity on whether registered voters with disabilities can vote through postal ballots or electronic means.

He raised concerns about accessibility at polling stations, including the use of assistive devices, caregivers and interpreters.

DRW President Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury, Member Secretary Khandaker Zahurul Alam, disability youth activist Md Abdullah, and Access Bangladesh Foundation Chairperson Mohua Paul also spoke at the event.



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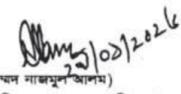
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- দরখাস্তের খামের উপরের মাঝখানে প্রার্থিত পদের নাম এবং নিজ জেলার নাম স্পষ্টাক্ষরে উল্লেখ করতে হবে;
- চাকরিরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার বোর্ডে কর্তৃপক্ষের অন্যপ্তিপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে;
- ক্রটিপূর্ণ, অসম্পূর্ণ এবং বিলম্বে আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরখাস্ত গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের কারণে কর্তৃপক্ষ নিয়োগ প্রদান করতে কিংবা লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষার কার্ড ইস্যু করতে বাধ্য থাকবে না। আবেদন পত্রের সাথে দাখিলকৃত কোন কাগজপত্র ফেরত প্রদান করা হবে না। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে;
- কোন তদবীর বা সুপারিশ প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে বিবেচিত হবে। প্রার্থীকে লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।


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