

## **Let Us Hold Our Hands Together and Save Hridoy**

This morning I received a mail from a junior friend in National University of Singapore and have learnt this frustrating news; Hridoy, a current student of BUET is diagnosed with Leukemia; a thin line has been drawn between life and death. The clock is ticking for him. Hridoy who has all along been a ray of hope not only for his near and dear ones but as well to his relatives, friends and for the society is now in the crossroad of life and death. Now shall we, the people in general and in particular the community of BUET, former or present, where Hridoy too belongs to, be watching the hapless fellow awaiting for the worst or we hold our breath and say, let us hold our hands together and turn around this unbecoming tide. I would say, let us give it a try this time around. We tried only a year ago for our beloved teacher Dr. Golam Mohiuddin although we did not succeed apparently due to the advanced condition, not so much for any shortcomings from our part. We rallied round from all over the globe. We spread the news through media but most of the times by word of mouth and it worked. Former and present students, colleagues, well wishers from Asia to America, from Australia to Africa poured money to the best of their abilities to his cause but what we felt was not the growing of fund only, it was the love and concern for him to get well and to be back in our folds again. But it was our misfortune that we had lost the battle.

But Hridoy's case is different. His is still in the primary stage and according to doctor, a proper treatment in Bangkok, not in a far-away place from our home, may work wonder for him. Only if we could manage to put up a brave face against this calamity. As I said, the clock is ticking. A helping hand from every of us will certainly make a difference for Hridoy whether he will survive or succumb. I have had a glance at Hridoy's profile in a [news item](#) published in Prothom-Alo today. Hridoy made a humble journey from Rajshahi where he has had his schooling in the secondary education and finally made it to BUET through Notre dame College in his higher secondary. A superficial look at his profile will not reveal anything extra ordinary in him but if you really give it a serious thought, you must find a spark of resolution; brilliance is the right word to describe this. He made it to be among the topmost cohorts not only to study in BUET, but in the Computer Science & Engg Department which could very well be dream of many others. A typical Hridoy with this calibre makes it to Ivy league universities in North America in his post-graduate pursuit and the rest that follows we all are familiar with.

But obviously the question may arise why we need to cry selectively; for the hundred others dying every other day in our poor land, we do not have time to shed a drop of tears, then why should we go for Hridoy. Yes, we should not discriminate humanity. And we are not discriminating here too. We take stock when humanity suffers in the disasters, sometimes natural, and at times man-made while in the rat race of championing the causes of race and religion. But particular cases need particular attention like in this case of Hridoy. He was a

healthy youth all along his growing years until this deadly disease is diagnosed to be crouching hardly few days ago. And all it did was to attempt rolling the shutters right in front of all the hopes and aspires of going with life. But let us turn around; let us not let it happen for the deadly disease to succeed in its evil design.

Hridoy's friends have already done all the homework necessary to roll out a collective effort to save Hridoy. They have opened a website [Help Hridoy to Survive](#) apparently for fund raising but to me it's their resolve to stand guard against the deadly disease from taking over. They are not going with the words only but they are constantly matching their words with actions. They have set the motions in actions with every possible initiative to keep the cause alive. They have put the mechanisms in place to provide Hridoy's update from time to time. As we have known by now, every member of BUET community irrespective of caste and creed has come forward to do his or her bit in realizing the will, not to let Hridoy go unguarded. A further helping hand if extended from us, who are away, will certainly provide an edge in the battle Hridoy is fighting. Let us all hold our hands together and save Hridoy.

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