

Faraaz Square at Boalkhali college

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To commemorate the sacrifice of Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, Lawmaker Mainuddin Khan Badal yesterday inaugurated Faraaz Square on the premises of Boalkhali Sirajul Islam College in Chittagong.

He planted a sapling of nageswar at the square.

Faraaz, a talented youth, was one of the 20 victims killed by militants inside the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan on July 1.

During the attack at the Gulshan café, militants had asked Faraaz to leave. But he refused as the militants would not let his foreign friends leave with him.

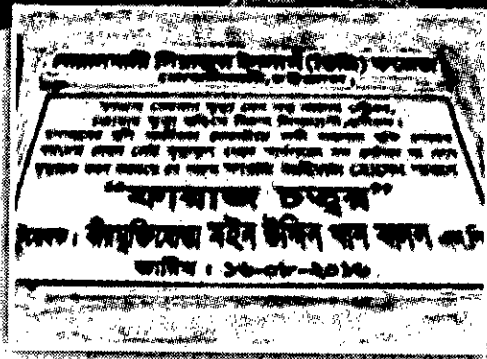
Faraaz was eventually killed along with his friends.

Mainuddin, lawmaker of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, said, "Bangladesh doesn't mean militant Nibras.

Bangladesh means brave youth Faraaz. Faraaz proves to the world that Bangalees stand tall even in the face of death."

The nageswar sapling has been planted to show people the loyalty of

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Lawmaker Mainuddin Khan Badal (third from left) planting a nageswar sapling after inaugurating Faraaz Square on the premises of Boalkhali Sirajul Islam College in Chittagong yesterday. Inset, the plaque of Faraaz Square.

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a friend in the decades to come. When the nageswar sapling matures, it would symbolise Faraaz, he added.

The lawmaker said the tree would remind the students about Faraaz's courage and inspire the future generation to fight against militants.

It's true that militancy is on the rise in Bangladesh. They are killers and brutes, and they disgrace Islam by killing people, said Mainuddin.

The lawmaker asked the students whether they want to see Faraaz's mother at the Square, reports The Prothom Alo.

In response, all of them said, "Yes".

Samir Kanti Das, principal of the college, said Faraaz sacrificed his life the same way the freedom fighters did during the 1971 Liberation War.

Mohsin Uddin, teachers' representative at the college, said they would invite Faraaz's mother to visit the square.