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**Condolence Message**

*From the Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka*

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that we, the Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka, express our deepest condolences on the tragic crash of a Bangladesh Air Force training aircraft on **July 21, 2025**, which struck the campus of **Milestone School and College** in Uttara, Dhaka.

Among the lives lost was **Flight Lieutenant Md. Taukir Islam**, the pilot of the aircraft, who was the beloved husband of **Ms. Aksa Hossain Nizhum**, an esteemed alumna of our department, **Batch 29**, currently working as Lecturer, Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, BRAC University. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and unwavering support to Aksa and her family during this unimaginably painful time.

The crash claimed the lives of many young students, aged between four and eighteen, who were just minutes away from being released from school for the day. Their bright futures—full of promise and potential—were extinguished in an instant. **Bangladesh has declared Tuesday, July 22, 2025, a national day of mourning** in memory of those who perished. As we observe this solemn day, we recognize that no words are enough to console the grief-stricken parents whose beloved children are lost forever.

May the departed souls rest in eternal peace. We pray that the bereaved families find strength and solace during this time of overwhelming loss. The **Department of Microbiology** stands in mourning and solidarity with all who have been affected.

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