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The Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington D.C. is profoundly shocked and saddened at the tragic death of Mr. Shahidul Islam, former Personal Officer at the Press Wing of the Mission. A pall of gloom descended on all officers and employees as they heard the sad news.

Mr. Shahidul Islam died in a tragic road accident at Jatrabari, Dhaka while going to his office at the Secretariat Monday morning.

The Embassy held a condolence meeting at the Bangabandhu Auditorium Tuesday morning. Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Mohammad Ziauddin, officer and employees joined the condolence meeting that recalled sincerity, dedication and integrity of late Shahidul Islam in discharging of his duty. He won the heart and soul of every officer and employee of the embassy by his simplicity and cheerful demeanor.

A special prayer was offered seeking divine blessings for the departed soul of late Shahidul Islam and expressed sympathy for the members of his bereaved family.

Mr. Shahidul Islam joined the Ministry of Information in 1987. He served at Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi and worked with ministers, secretaries and high officials of the Information Ministry.
My dear Mrs. Shahidul Islam,

I am stunned and saddened to hear the shocking news of the unexpected demise of our dear colleague, Shahidul Islam of the Press Wing of the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC. It is beyond all comprehension and belief as to how such a tragic occurrence could have occurred so soon to him after reaching Dhaka.

Shahidul Islam was an asset to the Bangladesh Embassy and for quite some time after the transfer of the former Press Minister, he took care of the Press Wing by himself. He could do it easily as he was a very honest man who was sincere and committed to complete his day’s work even if it meant working late hours into the night.

A rare and wonderful trait of Shahidul Islam was his ever smiling face and his amiable, simple nature. He was extremely courteous to all and was, therefore, very much popular with his colleagues and amongst all in the Embassy. In short, he had touched everybody’s heart and we shall always cherish all the good memories of him.

On behalf of all in the embassy, I would like to offer you and your two children our deepest condolences for your irreplaceable loss. May the Almighty Allah give you all the strength to overcome this grief stricken tragedy. We also join you and your family in prayers for the salvation of his soul and for his eternal peace in the heavens.

Yours sincerely,

(Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin)