

Death by water

In Bangladesh, too many children die every year by drowning

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Four-year-old Sohel (not his real name) used to live in a small village in Sherpur. A bundle of energy, he was the apple of everyone's eyes in his family. Noman drowned in a nearby shallow pool of water. His death could have



been prevented with increasing awareness and in teaching children how to swim.

N.B: There have been hundreds of cases of children drowning in Bangladesh documented by NGOs. Strangely, drowning, not malnutrition is the single largest killer of children (aged one to five years) in Bangladesh.