

Joint Statement from Both Families Seeking Justice for Zamil and Bristy

We respectfully request the attention and support of the University and concerned authorities regarding the following matters concerning Zamil Ahamed Limon and Nahida Sultana Bristy:

1. Islamic Funeral Rites

We request that the bodies of Zamil and Bristy be handled in accordance with Islamic rituals and funeral requirements. We also request that the University provide the necessary time, coordination, and support to ensure this is done properly.

2. Accountability of Avalon Heights

We request that the University take appropriate legal action against Avalon Heights. We have come to know that Avalon Heights is a university-registered off-campus housing facility. Therefore, we believe it is important to investigate why a roommate was assigned without proper background checks or without informing the residents of any relevant concerns. Why does Avalon Heights not have proper CCTV camera coverage, and why was the security system not strong enough to protect its residents? Even after complaints were made, why was no strong action taken? Why was the individual not removed from the residence or handled with proper urgency?

3. Justice and Legal Support

We demand the highest possible punishment under the law for Hisham Saleh Abugharbieh, along with anyone else who may be connected, and request that the legal process move forward as quickly as possible. We also request that the University ensure that the law is not misused to delay or weaken the case. The University should remain actively involved in monitoring the court proceedings until the end and provide necessary legal and financial support to the families.

4. Return of Personal Belongings

We request that all belongings of Zamil and Bristy, including their mobile phones, laptops, clothing, accessories, documents, and other personal items, be carefully collected, documented, and returned to their families in Bangladesh exactly as they were found, without being altered, hidden, or tampered with. The University and police authority should ensure this process is completed properly.

5. Financial Matters and Family Support

We request that any remaining bank balances, pending stipends, salaries, benefits, or other financial dues belonging to Zamil and Bristy be properly transferred to their respective families. Since both families were financially dependent on them, we also request that the University arrange financial support for their families and open an official channel through which people can contribute.

6. Memorial in Their Honor

To honor the memory of Zamil and Bristy and to help prevent such tragedies in the future, we request that USF establish a memorial in their names. We request the University authority to ensure that their memory is preserved with dignity and respect.

We sincerely hope that the concerned authorities will treat these requests with the highest priority, compassion, and responsibility.