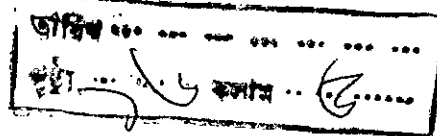


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Arrest of Tagar, Masum calms DU campus

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General students of Dhaka University heaved a sigh of relief after the arrest of Tagar and Masumbillah, the prime suspects in Sony killing.

The residents of different DU dormitories said they were harassed and humiliated by the law enforcers during the drives in search of the culprits.

"It became a nightmare to the students and most of the scared students went home to avoid police harassment and humiliation, said a resident of Zahurul Huq Hall adding they raided the hall for 18 times in the last few days but failed to nab anybody.

Apart from the common students, the arrest triggered adverse reactions among the student leaders.

Meanwhile, the president of Dhaka University unit of JCD Monir Hossain in a statement refuted Tagar's statement to police involving him.

Monir Hossain claimed Tagar's statement of making phone call to him seeking suggestion to shift an injured terrorist to the hospital was a downright lie.

"With a motive to confuse the law enforcers and tarnish my image, the false statement was given," Monir Hossain said.

He said Tagar and his associates in collusion with Chhatra League captured the Mujib Hall in 1997 and killed JCD leader Taj. A few days later they took position in Surya Sen Hall and opened fire on a JCD procession that left activists injured and a cow of an employee dead, he added.