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## Shipir's death homicidal

By A Staff Reporter

Shipir Rahman was murdered and had not committed suicide, according to the post mortem examination report.

Dr A K M Ayubullah, Associate Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Medicine who performed the autopsy handed over his report to this effect to police on Sunday.

Describing the death as ante mortem and homicidal in nature, the doctor observed that there were bruise marks on both sides of the head and thigh of the deceased. Chemical burns were also found.

Shipir Rahman, a third year student of Electrical and Elec.

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tronics Department of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was found missing after he had left his house to attend a family function on August 8. His body was found in Bhaynaji jheel on August 10.

Mohammadpur police who had earlier recorded an unnatural death case showed it as a murder case on receipt of the autopsy report. The investigation of the case has also been entrusted with the detective branch of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The investigators were apparently confused and disappointed over the autopsy report which they described as 'vague'. Although the examining doctor described the incident as homicidal he had not said anything about the cause of the death.

The doctor found 'bruise marks' on both sides of Shipir's head and on the thigh. 'Just bruise marks cannot be fatal' investigators observed. Although the doctor mentioned about chemical burns, he did not say where the burns occurred and whether such burns could be fatal. Incidentally, the doctor gave his final opinion and did not send viscera for chemical examination.

Investigators denied a press report that Shipir's hands and legs were bound with ropes. "We have not found anything like this" they said.

Quoting Shipir's guardians, police said that the boy had recently mixed with bad boys and became drug addict. The guardians had a plan to send the boy abroad if they failed to correct him.

Investigators said that they had earlier formed an idea that Shipir had either committed suicide or the death was purely accidental but the autopsy report had compelled them to look for the murderers. "Maybe it is a case of murder but the autopsy report should have been clear which would have helped the investigation", they said.