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ATTACK ON INU'S HOUSE DB indicts 5 JCD men, including its president

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Detective police yesterday pressed charges against five Latiyatabadi Chhatra Dal men, including the JCD president, over blasting bombs at the information minister's residence in June.

The accused are Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, 35, president of JCD; Sharifuddin Jewel, 35, senior vice-president of Dhaka city (north); Akil Mahmud, 32, a JCD central committee member; Firoz Miah, 30, senior vice-president of Mirpur thana unit; and Mahbubul Alam, 24, activist of Titumir College unit.

Of them, Akil and Mahbub were arrested on June 24 for their alleged involvement in the incident and they are now jail custody while Kader, Sharif and Firoz have been absconding since the incident.

The investigation officer appealed to the court for issuance of arrest warrants against the three fugitives, including Abdul Kader, and an order to attach their properties.

DB Inspector Nibaron Chandra Barman and also the investigation officer (IO) of the case submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

In the charge sheet, the IO said Abdul Kader and Sharif had planned the attack while Akil, Firoz and Mahbub supervised the operation. Moreover, Akil and Mahbub had earlier confessed to their involvement in bomb blasting at Inu's residence. They had hurled bombs as Inu criticised BNP on different issues, according to the confession.

On June 9, four homemade crude bombs were hurled at the capital's Mirpur residence of Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu. Witnesses reported that the explosion occurred as soon as four young motorcycle riders appeared and left the scene.

Although no one was hurt during the explosion, the crude bombs impaled the walls and windows on the first and second floors of the minister's house. Latter, a case was filed.