

Like a sudden storm

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Within three years, he would be a post-graduate and then do what thousands of university graduates like him would do -- lifting the family out of poverty.

It was also the dream of the family of Motaleb Hossain Lipu, a second-year student of mass communication and journalism at Rajshahi University. But it was all shattered due to his sudden mysterious death.

The 22-year-old was found dead in a gutter beside the three-storey Nawab Abdul Latif Hall of the university on Thursday morning. Police suspect that it was a murder.

Lipu was the eldest child of Badar Uddin, a truck driver. He went to the campus two days ago on Tuesday and was supposed to go home after finishing his exam.

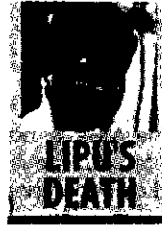
When his body reached Mokimpur village in Harinakundu upazila, Jhenidah, Lipu's mother Hosne Ara and father fell unconscious, and his two siblings, a younger brother and sister, were too shocked to speak. "I thought Lipu would establish himself in a few days," said the wailing father.

Lipu's namaz-e-janaza was held on RU campus yesterday. Later he was taken to his village and buried there.

Amir Jafar, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said, "We see it as a murder. It was committed in cold blood. We can confirm it after investigation."

Quoting the autopsy report, he said Lipu was hit in the head and pushed off from a higher place.

Bashir Mollah, an uncle of Lipu, filed a murder case with Motihar Police Station in Rajshahi yesterday, against unknown people.



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Initially, Motihar police had picked up four people for interrogation on Thursday, but released two security guards of the hall and one of his friends yesterday.

But Lipu's roommate Monirul Islam, a

second-year student of botany, was still in police custody. Officer-in-Charge of Motihar Police Station Humayun Kabir said, "We got some important information from Lipu's roommate Monirul. That's why we want to continue his interrogation." //