

'Sust student arrested as militant suspect

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Police arrested a student of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), while he was sitting for an exam yesterday morning, for his alleged involvement in militancy.

Sadman Abedin, 23, a fourth year student of computer science and engineering (CSE), is the fourth student of Sust to be arrested in the last two months. .

Prof Rashed Talukder, adviser of students' welfare at the university, said a team of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit arrested him around 10:30am.

Originally from Feni, Sadman's family lives in Khulshi of Chittagong. Contacted over the phone, his mother Roksana Akter declined to talk, citing physical illness.

Dr Reza Selim, chairman of the CSE department, said: "Saddam was a regular student and there was no record of academic drop."

Earlier, two fourth year students of industrial production engineering, Abdul Aziz and Iffat Ahmed Chowdhury Nahid, and one master's student of marketing, Jewel Ahmed, were arrested. Police later said Abdul Aziz was a coordinator of militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team, at Sust and Jewel Ahmed an active member of Hizb-ut-Tahrir.

The detail of Iffat was not revealed, but all three are in custody now.