

V-P of EUCSU 2 others drowned

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Mir Md. Ruhul Kabir (25) Vice-President of Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) and two other BUET students drowned in a boat-capsize in the early hours of Thursday on the river Buriganga near Goshaibari Ghat area.

The other deceased were identified as: Ali Mortuza Chowdhury alias Shovon (25) of 2nd year Chemical Engineering and Md. Ahmedur Rahman Arif (25) of 4th year Electrical Engineering.

It was learnt that the heart-rending incident occurred when a trawler collided with the boat in which the victims along with some of their friends numbering about nine were at a river-cruise as a part of their day programme at around 4 a.m. The rest of the students swam ashore safely.

The bodies of the students were recovered after several hour-long vigorous search conducted by the divers, Fire-Brigade and naval personnel.

Mir Md. Ruhul Kabir, a student of final (4th) year Electrical Engineering with an excellent academic background secured 1st place both in S.S.C. and H.S.C. examinations held in 1983 and 1985 respectively. He was elected Asstt. General Secretary (AGS) and Vice-President of EUCSU in 1990 and 1991. Ruhul is the youngest of three brothers and three sisters of Mir Md. Modasser Ali residing in Kazihata in Rajshahi. He is a resident of Sher-e-Bangla Hall Room No.308 (South).

Ali Mortuza Chowdhury Shovon is a nephew of State Minister for Finance and the son of Zahurul Islam

Chowdhury. He is the 2nd of two brothers and one sister. He is a resident of Dr. M.A. Rashid Hall of BUET. He hailed from Badurtala in Bogra.

Md. Ahmedur Rahman Arif is the only son of Engineer Kazi Aminur Rahman residing in Uttara in Dhaka.

EUCSU in a statement expressed deep sorrow and condoled the premature death of the victims. They also expressed sympathy for the bereaved family of the deceased.

EUCSU will organise a mourning procession and hold a condolence-meeting on May 17.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of the dead was held separately at BUET Central Mosque.

Thousands of students, teachers employees of the Engineering University, including the Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof. Dr. M. Shahjahan attended the Zanaja.

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) BUET unit in a statement expressed grave-sorrow and condoled the death of the students.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) BUET unit in a separate statement expressed deep condolence over the death of the three students.

Another student organisation including Bangladesh Chhatra Union BUET unit also condoled the death of the three BUET students.

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