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Sohel murder not political, say parents

LALMONIRHAT, May 3:- Principal Asadul Habib Dulu, Deputy Minister for Communications today visited the residence of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activist Ashraf Alam Sohel who died in a clash between supporters of two rival parties here on Wednesday last, reports BSS.

Parents of the victim and other relatives told the Deputy Minister that killing of Sohel was not a political incident. They said he (Sohel) was killed by assailants in a pre-planned way.

Later, Mr. Dulu, who is also the minister in charge of the district, chaired a special meeting on law and order at Deputy Commissioner's conference room this afternoon.

Pourasava Chairman Lutfur Rahman and Superintendent of Police Shahadat Hossain were present, among others.

The meeting observed that at present law and order of the district is normal though it was deteriorated temporarily on May 1.

Police have arrested 22 persons in connection with Wednesday's incident in which Sohel was killed and 10 others were injured.

Meanwhile, leaders of BNP Lalmonirhat district at a Press conference held here this evening at the party office claimed that Wednesday's incident was not a political one.

"It is an isolated incident but a section of dailies have been trying deliberately to impose its responsibility on BNP to tarnish image of the party and the government," district BNP General Secretary and former MP Salehuddin Ahmed Helal said.

BNP leaders Mofizur Rahman Babla, Sekendar Ali and Mosharraf Hossain answered queries of the journalists.

They said name of any person of BNP leader was mentioned in the cases, filed in connection with murder of Sohel and ransacking the houses of district Awami League president Abul Hossain which proved that BNP was not involved with the incident.