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Probe into rly station torching begins

Chittagong Bureau

CHITTAGONG, May 23:- Sholoshahar railway station master Abul Hossain late last night recorded a criminal case with the General Railway Police (GRP) and accused nearly four hundred students of Chittagong University (CU) of yesterday's destruction.

Frenzied students of Chittagong University torched Sholoshahar railway station after vandalizing it over accidental death of Mahmudul Hasan Mamun, a third year student of Accounting and Information Systems, yesterday morning.

The station master in the first information report (FIR) claimed that the extent of damage mostly caused from indiscriminate vandalism and arson would certainly exceed Taka five million.

In the mean time, the railway authorities formed a three-member probe body with Commercial Officer in Chittagong MA Shahnewaz as its head to detect the actual reasons of the accident and subsequent efforts to tackle it.

Though the probe body had been asked to submit its report today (Friday), the team report-

edly could not table the report till the time of dispatching this report at 6:30 in the evening.

Informed sources said that detectives had been deployed to determine the identity of the students directly took part in vandalism and arson at Sholoshahar railway station and their mentors.

Body of the victim was taken to his village home in Patiya after autopsy at Chittagong Medical College Hospital morgue. A police squad led by officer-in-charge of Panchlaish police station Huma-

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yun Kabir took the body to the victim's family.

Mamun was buried at the family graveyard after Namaj-e-Janaza at Shahchand Awlia Alia Madrasa playground. Hundreds of neighborhoods and fellow villagers including teachers of Chittagong University and local educational institutions joined the Namaj-e-Janaza.

The heart-aching scene reappeared when Mamun's body was taken to his family members at village Bahuli in Patiya in the evening.

"My Mamun look at me, here is your mom. Won't to respond my call, won't you talk to me," Mamun's mother got fainted uttering the words over and over again. No consolation did work to take her to virtual tranquility.

Not only Mamun's family but also entire Bahuli village turned upset with the premature and sudden death. Most of Mamun's friends and classmates have as shocked as they have lost their voice.

Mamun, only son of Oman expatriate Mohammad Ali, had been staying at his maternal uncle's residence at Bakalia in the city mainly for attending his university classes easily.

Father of the victim Mohammad Ali learnt about the incident on the satellite TV news. Death of the only son broke him down like anything.

The CU Vice-Chancellor pledged compensation cheque worth Taka half a million will be handed over to Mamun's mother tomorrow (Saturday). It could not be confirmed when and who would bear the cheque to victim's mother.