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BISHWAJIT MURDER

JnU expels 3 students

Cancels certificates of two others, police yet to arrest any of the identified killers

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JAGANNATH University on Wednesday expelled three students and cancelled certificates of two others who received their master's degree for their reported involvement in the killing of Bishwajit Das.

The expelled are fourth-

year student of psychology Obaidul Kader, fourth-year student of political science Mir Md Nur-e-Alam and second-year student of Islamic history Md Rafiqul Islam Shakil.

The authorities cancelled certificates of Emdadul Haque of received his

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MA degree in philosophy, and Md Mahfuzur Rahman, who received his master's degree in Bangla.

But the police were yet to arrest killers of Bishwajit Das, who was hacked to death people reported to be ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League activists in Dhaka during the countrywide road blockade the BNP-led alliance enforced on December 9.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police officials said that they were 'handling' the case seriously after the High Court on Monday had ordered the police to arrest the killers in 24 hours.

Protests, meanwhile, continued against the killing of Bishwajit, a tailor by profes-

sion.

Several hundred people carrying black flags on Wednesday paraded roads in Old Town of Dhaka, where Bishwajit was killed, through Bahadur Shah Park, Lakshmibazar, Patla Khan Lane. The procession ended at Jagannath University.

The protesters teamed up under the banner of 'Shankhari Bazar neighbours', shouted slogans demanding the capital punishment of the killers.

The eight people, who had been 'arrested' in connection with the killing as claimed by the home minister, Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, on Tuesday, meanwhile, were not produced in court till 7:15pm on Wednesday, court officials said.

Witnesses and photographs and footages taken during the incident identified BCL activists Rafiqul Islam Shakil, Mir Md Nur-e-Alam alias Limon, Mohammad Mahfujur Rahman alias Nahid, Emdadul Haque and Obaidul Kader, among others, involved in the murder.

Shakil chopped Biswajit indiscriminately and others beat him with sticks and iron rods.

The DMP did not make any formal announcement on the arrest of the identified BCL men till 8:30pm, the officials said.

A deputy commissioner, however, told New Age that they could not arrest the 'six' suspects identified from photographs published by newspapers but detained

eight others who accompanied the identified. 'We are holding drives to track the six suspects.'

The home minister on Wednesday again dismissed reports that BCL activists had killed Bishwajit, according to private news agency United News of Bangladesh.

'No BCL activist was involved in the killing (of Bishwajit)... We have inquired about it,' he told reporters after a programme at the Rajarbagh Police Lines.

The home minister, however, claimed that the people involved in the killing would be tried.

Sutrapur police subinspector Mahbubul Alam Akand, also the investigation officer of the case, declined comments.