

BISHWAJIT MURDER Police find 21 BCL men guilty

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THE Detective Branch investigating the Bishwajit Das killing on Tuesday pressed charges against 21 Chhatra League leaders and activists, including Rafiqul Islam Shakil, prime accused in the case the police filed after the incident.

Bishwajit, 23, a tailor by profession, was hacked to death by a group of Chhatra League activists near Bahadur Shah Park in Dhaka during the countrywide road blockade the BNP-led opposition alliance enforced on December 9, 2012.

Metropolitan magistrate Mustafizur Rahman ac-

cepted the charge sheet and posted for March 20 its order in this connection.

The law enforcers, after three months' investigation named Chhatra League activists Rafiqul Islam Shakil, 25, seen hacking Bishwajit with a machete in video footage television channels aired, Rajan Talukdar, 24, Khandaker Yunus, 25, Mahfuzur Rahman Nahid, 24, Emdadul Haque, 26, Tarik Bin Johr Tamal, 24, Golam Mustafa, 26, GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon, 24, Md Alauddin, 26, Obaidul Kader Tahsin, 24, Emran Hossain, 26, Azizur Rahman Aziz, 25, Mir Md Noor-e-Alam

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Limon, 26, Al Amin Sheikh, 25, Md Rafiqul Islam, 26, AHM Kibria, 26, Monirul Haque Pavel, 25, Saiful Islam, 24, Kaiyum Miah Tipu, 24, Kamrul Hasan, 25, and Musharraf Hossain, 25, accused in the murder case.

The police so far arrested seven of them — Shakil, Nahid, Emdadul, Shaon, Kibria, Saiful and Kaiyum.

'We are trying to arrest the accused in hiding. They are changing their locations very frequently and some of them stopped

using mobiles,' the investigation officer said.

Shakil, Nahid, Shaon and Emdad have given statements in the presence of magistrates in which they named others involved in the attack.

The investigators in the charge sheet, however, did not mention political identities of the accused but said that the youths led by Yunus and Tamal from a procession against the blockade had attacked Biswajit and some lawyers leaning towards the BNP in the area about 8:30am on the day.

The investigators named 60 people, including two metropolitan magistrates — Shahriar Mahmud Adnan and Erfan Ullah — and a number of police officials and several small traders as prosecution witnesses.

The investigators attached relevant video — footage recorded and photographs by the media and other evidence recovered from the possession of the accused.

The victim's family, however, expressed concern as 14 of the accused were yet to be arrested.

'We are waiting for justice,' Bishwajit's brother Uttam Kumar Das told New Age.

In the charge sheet, the investigation officer, Inspector Tajul Islam, did not press any charges against Mamunur Rashid, Faruk Hossain, Kazi Nahiduzzaman Tuhin and Musleuddin Musle as they were not found involved.

'We did not find their involvement. They did not even visit the place on the day,' the investigator told New Age after submitting the charge sheet.