

BAU students demand arrest of Saad's killers in 24 hours

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Students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday staged demonstration on the campus demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers of Saad Ibney Momtaj, 23, a final year student of the fisheries faculty of the university.

Over 2,500 students of all faculties boycotted their classes and examinations in the morning, took out a procession on the campus and then staged a sit-in in front of the administrative building.

They gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the university authorities to bring the killers to book and demanded their

expulsion from the university.

BNP-backed teachers of the university under the banner of Sonali Dal also brought out a procession on the campus, demanding immediate arrest of the killers of Saad.

No case in connection with the murder was filed with Mymensingh Sadar Police Station as of filing of this report at 2:00pm yesterday.

Campus sources said a gang of 10 to 12 BCL activists, led by Sujoy Kumar Kundu and Rukonuzzaman Rokon, called Saad, a former organising secretary of Ashraful Haque Hall unit of BCL, to room No 205/A of the dormitory around 6:30pm on Monday and beat him up brutally with hockey sticks, cricket

stumps and iron rods.

As the victim's condition deteriorated, the attackers called in Dr Abul Kalam Azad of the university healthcare centre. The physician sent Saad to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for better treatment.

On information, police yesterday morning went to the Trauma Centre in the town and found the body of the BAU student. Law enforcers sent the body to the MMCH for an autopsy.

Sources at Trauma Centre said some students admitted Saad to the centre around 6:30am on Tuesday. But he succumbed to his injuries around 11:00am.

Dr Forhad of the MMCH said Saad suffered injuries to his head, hands, and legs.

He was improving till 10:00pm on Monday when the physician left the hospital.

But Tuesday morning, Forhad found that the patient was not in his bed.

Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, said he saw several injury marks on the victim's head, hands and legs.

The university authority has formed a six member committee to probe the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its report within seven working days.

Victim's friends blamed BCL men for beating Saad to death, but leaders of the pro-Awami League student body denied the accusation.