

# Abducted college boy killed for ransom

*Victim's father blames cops' failure*

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Police on Saturday recovered the body of a college student who was abducted to realise Tk 50 lakh as ransom three days before.

The victim's father alleged that police did not take any immediate steps to rescue his son despite filing a case.

Deceased Sagar Saha, 19, son of Pradeep Saha of Harinarayanpur village in Sadar upazila, was a higher secondary student of Khater Ali College in the area.

The body was recovered from an abandoned toilet in the village around 8:30pm, said Ratan Sheikh, officer-in-charge of Islamic University Police Station.

Police said a gang abducted Sagar when he was returning home from local Harinarayanpur bazar around 8:30pm on Wednesday.

The following day, the abductors through mobile demanded Tk 50 lakh from the victim's father Pradeep, a trader of the bazar, for his son's release within Friday afternoon.

Pradeep filed a case, accusing unknown mistreatments, with the police station on Thursday evening.

In his case statement, Pradeep apprehended that the abductors might kill his son if police did not take steps immediately.

"Police did not take any step to rescue my son," Pradeep said, adding, "Rather a section of police provoked me to buy my son's release through payment."

Contacted, OC Ratan said they tried their best to rescue the victim.

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