



Sony murder case

Killer Tagar arrested

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After 16 days of the killing of BUET student Sabequn Nahar Sony, detective police arrested one of the masterminds of the killing Tagar and his accomplice Masumbillah on Monday.

Mushfiq Uddin Tagar was arrested from Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel at about 12:45 p.m. while his accomplice AMM Niaz Makhdum Masumbillah from Hotel Maghbazar International at about 3:30 p.m.

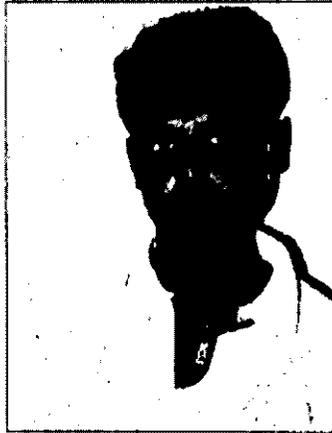
Sony, a student of Level-II, Term-II of Chemical Engineering Department of BUET, was killed on the university campus on June 8 during a gunbattle between BUET-based Mukti faction and Dhaka University-based Tagar faction of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) over grabbing a tender worth Taka 87 lakh.

Police set a trap in and around the Sonargaon hotel after they came to know that Tagar would meet someone there. Immediately after Tagar entered the hotel lobby, a team of Detective Branch (DB) police led by Assistant Commissioner SM Aktaruzzaman caught him.

When police challenged Tagar he gave a false identity. The detectives took him to BUET campus and the Dhaka University campus to confirm his identity.

Police said Tagar left the country soon after the killing of Sony and returned on Monday via Benapole border, police said.

He is also accused in Chhatra League leader Partha Protim Achariya murder case. Partha was killed in a fierce armed clash between BCL and JCD on the DU campus in 1998.



In another drive, officer in charge of Ramna police station Lutfur Rahman arrested one of Tagar's accomplices AMM Niaz Makhdum Masumbillah from Hotel Moghbazar International at Moghbazar area at about 3:25 p.m.

The arrested Tagar was an assistant secretary of the suspended central committee of JCD and illegally stayed at Salimullah Hall after completion of his Master's degree. Masumbillah is a student of the Department of Arabic of Dhaka University.

SM Hall sources said though Masumbillah is a general member of the SM Hall unit of JCD, he often claims himself as general secretary of the hall unit and collects extortion from local people using the identity.

Earlier, police arrested nine persons on charge of their involvement in the sensational killing incident. Of them the confessional statement before court.