

BAU student found dead

BCL men blamed for killing

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A final year student of the fisheries faculty at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was found dead at a private clinic in Mymensingh town yesterday.

The dead is Saad Ibney Momtaj, 23, a former organising secretary of Ashraful Haque Hall unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

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

Sources said around 6:30pm on Monday, a gang of some 10 to 12 BCL activists, led by Sujoy Kumar Kundu and Rukonuzzaman Rokon, called Saad to room no 205/A of the dormitory and beat him up brutally with hockey sticks, cricket stumps and iron rods.

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Sujoy is another former organising secretary of the same BCL unit. Both Sujoy and Rokon are also classmates of Saad.

As the victim's condition deteriorated, the assaulters 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 medical facility around 6:30am yesterday. But he died from his wounds 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 yesterday 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 vic-

tim'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.

Contacted, BAU unit BCL President Mursheduzzaman Khan Babu denied the student body's involvement in the incident. He suspected personal enmity behind the murder.

PROTEST ON CAMPUS

Students of the BAU's fisheries faculty and over 100 friends of Saad brought out a protest rally on the campus around 3:00pm, demanding immediate arrest and capital punishment to his killers.

They complained that Sujoy, Rokon, Reza, Mufrad and other BCL leaders have killed Saad.

Later, the agitating students staged a sit-in in front of the administrative building of the university. They warned the university authority of waging a tougher movement if it fails to bring the culprits to book.

The body was sent to the victim's home town Rajshahi for burial yesterday afternoon.

No case was filed in this regard till 10:00pm last night.