

SAAD MURDER

BAU punishes 6 students 3 of them expelled

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Bangladesh Agricultural University yesterday expelled three students and suspended three others for their alleged roles behind the death of final-year fisheries student Saad Ibne Momtaj on April 1.

An emergency meeting at the vice-chancellor's office made the decision.

Rezaul Karim Reza, a Master's student of agricultural economics and rural sociology, and Sujoy Kumar Kundu and Rukonuzzaman, Honour's final-year students of fisheries, had been expelled for life, said BAU Registrar Mohammad Abdul Khaléque.

He added that Nazmul Shahdat Russell and Dewan Mohammad Mufrad, both honour's final-year students of agricultural economics and rural sociology, and Antar Chowdhury, a second-year student of animal husbandry, had been suspended for two years.

Of those punished, Rezaul is former joint secretary of the Ashraful Haque Hall committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League, while Sujoy and Nazmul were its former organising secretaries. The rest three are BCL activists.

A six-member probe committee, headed by Prof Mohsin Ali, submitted its report on the killing of Saad to the VC on Tuesday night.

Saad, also a former BCL organising secretary for Ashraful Haque Hall committee, succumbed to injuries at a private clinic on April 1, a day after BCL leaders had beaten him up with hockey sticks, iron rods and cricket stumps at room No-205 of the dormitory.

Police arrested Sujoy and Rukon from Patgudam area of

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Clockwise from top left: Rezaul Karim Reza, Sujoy Kumer Kundu, Rukonuzzaman, Antar Chowdhury, Nazmul Shahdat Russel and Dewan Mufrad.

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Mymensingh on the evening of April 2, after the BAU authorities had filed a case with Mymensingh sadar police in connection with the death.

Meanwhile, rejecting the punishment on only six culprits, BAU students yesterday demonstrated on the campus demanding legal actions against all those involved in the killing. They also put the administrative building, botanical garden, treasurer's office, and planning and development section office under lock and key.

They demanded that Swapan, nephew of BAU BCL unit president

Mursheduzzaman Khan Babu, is brought to the book for his role in the murder.

Besides, Prof Abu Hadi Noor Ali Khan, general secretary of BAU Teachers' Association, said they were upset with the syndicate's decision and decided to continue to boycott classes and exams until April 14.

The teachers demanded a new probe body, immediate resignation of adviser Prof Md Sultan Uddin Bhuiyan, proctorial body members and Ashraful Haque Hall administration for their negligence in duties.

They also demanded forming a task force to avert such incident in future.