



Shihab murder case

Four suspects put on weeklong remand

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Four of the six suspects in the sensational Shihab abduction and murder case were placed on a weeklong police remand beginning today (Wednesday).

Principal suspects Monir Hossain Liton, Abu Sayeed, Rashedul Islam Rashed and Mohammad Fazlul Haque were taken to the Detective Branch (DB) office at Minto road on Tuesday afternoon.

Deeply shocked at the death of her beloved eldest son, mother of Shihab lost her voice and all the family wants "Justice". Shihab's father believed that his son could have been saved, had the police taken timely action.

"There is no replacement for the loss I've suffered. But I don't want to see recurrence of such heinous acts in this country any more," Khondkar Dildar Ahmed, Director of Mymensingh Spinning Mills and Chairman of Trade Services International, told The Bangladesh Observer.

When asked, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Detective Branch Ruhul Amin told this Correspondent that four teams went on a look out for arresting the rest of the kidnapers.

The Class-VII student of the Motijheel Model School Khondkar Shihab Ahmed was murdered after abduction by a group of kidnapers, in the guise of friends, on February 7 this year. It was believed that the boy was just missing, until the detectives exhumed

the skeleton on Sunday.

Earlier on Monday night police arrested Rashedul Islam Rashed, Mohammad Fazlul Haque, Julekha Begum, a Gono Forum leader, Konkon Akhtar from different places in the city.

Detective police produced six detainees before the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on Tuesday afternoon and sought a weeklong remand for each of them. The court granted the plea for four of the suspects while Julekha Begum and Konkon Akhtar Konkon were sent to Dhaka Central Jail.

Meantime, Gono Forum expelled Julekha Begum from the party and demanded immediate arrest and trial of all the culprits.

Police received authentic clues that three other youths - Nasiruddin, Rubel and Razu - were also involved in the plot and the subsequent killing of the innocent boy. They all went into hiding shortly after the arrest of their accomplices.

Minister for Home Affairs Altaf Hossain Chowdhury and Minister for Housing and Public Works Mirza Abbas visited the aggrieved family members on Tuesday afternoon. The ministers spent approximately an hour at their Eastern Housing residence and assured them of all possible measures to bring the culprits to book.

Panicked by the horrifying ab-
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duction and murder. Shihab's parents and family members are suffering from a sense of insecurity and stopped going out of their residence.

"Neighbours, and even the relatives stare at us whenever they meet us. We're worried about our safety after the traumatic incident," victim's uncle told The Bangladesh Observer.

According to the family members, Shihab will be buried at their family graveyard at village Jatrapur of Bagerhat district tomorrow (Thursday).

There will be a Namaj-e-janaza after Asr prayers at the Baitul Mokarrum National Mosque while the second one at Chayabithi Jame-e-Masjid after Magreb prayers.