

TONU MURDER

Father saw head injury, inquest found none

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Yaar Hossain, father of Sohagi Jahan Tonu, rejects the inquest report as it does not mention some injury marks he saw on his daughter's body after finding her murdered on the night of March 20.

The report, prepared by Sub-Inspector Saiful Islam of Cantonment Police Outpost in Comilla, reads, "No sign of injury or assault was seen on any part of the deceased's body."

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Yaar Hossain said, "The back of her head was smashed, and there was injuries in her nose."

He went on, "I saw it very clearly. Some others, including police and the woman who bathed the body before her burial,

saw it too."

Besides, he noticed that blood had come out from Tonu's nose and ears. This too is missing in the inquest report.

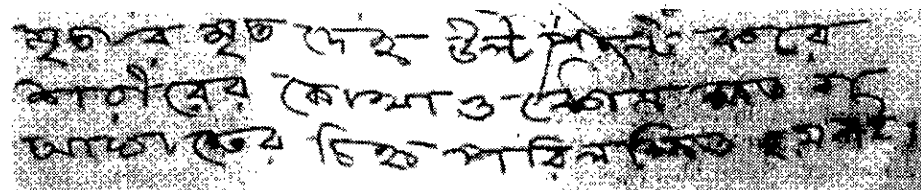
Yaar Hossain said he told investigators of the Detective Branch and Criminal Investigation Department about the wounds. "I will tell it to the court also," he added.

One of Tonu's relatives told this correspondent that he saw the face and there was injury in the nose.

On the fateful night, Yaar Hossain was the first to find her daughter dead in a bush in Comilla Cantonment area.

He took her to Combined Military Hospital in Comilla with the help of some others. According to the death certificate

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A scanned image of part of the inquest report that reads "No sign of injury or assault was seen on any part of the deceased's body."