

BCL LEADER'S DEATH IN 'GUNFIGHT'

Judge Masud Zaman asked to investigate

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THE chief metropolitan magistrate in Dhaka on Wednesday assigned metropolitan magistrate SM Masud Zaman the investigation into a case filed against three Rapid Action Battalion officers for the killing of former Bangladesh Chhatra League

Hazaribagh unit president Arju Miah in a reported 'gunfight.'

Masud Zaman was asked to investigate if there was any 'prima facie' case, as the complainant accused, that RAB-2 commanding officer Masud Rana, its deputy assistant director Shahinur

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Rahman, inspector Wahid and informant Ratan killed Arju on early August 18 picking him up from his house on August 17.

A court official told New Age that the metropolitan magistrate did not get the order till Wednesday evening as he was on duty at the

Dhaka Bar Association polling station in the elections to the Bangladesh Bar Council.

On Tuesday, the court of metropolitan magistrate Shariar Mahmud Adnan ordered a judicial inquiry into the case filed by Arju's elder brother Masud Rana with the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court on August 23.

The court had also sent the documents to the chief metropolitan magistrate, Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, for next course of action.

On August 24, RAB-2 commanding officer SM Masud Rana was withdrawn and attached to the elite force headquarters.

Earlier on August 17,

Raja, 16, son of Babul Hosain of 46 Ganaktuli of Hazaribagh, was reportedly picked up by Arju and his associates from his (Raja's) house in the morning alleging that the teenage boy stole Arju's mobile phone set. Raja was taken to Arju's house and was reportedly tortured to death.