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Naripakkha organises a candlelight vigil in memory of the martyrs of the War of Liberation at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

BCL leader Babu was killed by Rab men, not in 'encounter'

Says BIHR report

RU CORRESPONDENT

BCL leader Ahsan Habib Babu was killed not in encounter but by the members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), according to an investigation report of Bangladesh Institute of Human Rights (BIHR).

Babu, a leader of Taherpur BCL and third year student of history department of Rajshahi Government College, was killed at Taherpur in Rajshahi on the night of December 1.

Rab claimed that he was killed in an encounter between the Rab members and his accomplices, but local people told the investigation team that no exchange of fire took place in the area at that time.

Many witnesses also claimed that Rab men picked him up from a shop and opened fire on him, said the BIHR report yesterday.

Taskforce Against Torture (TFT), the investigation wing of the BIHR, conducted the probe into the incident. In a

news release, it also demanded judicial enquiry into the killing.

Rab also claimed that Babu was an outlawed PBCP member and an accused in seven or eight cases filed with Puthia and Durgapur police stations. But the investigation team found that he was an accused in two murder cases.

Babu's father claimed that the police implicated his son in the two cases with political motive.

According to Rajshahi Awami League President Tajul Islam Md Faruque, Babu's name was included in the two cases one year after the killings of Durgapur ward commissioner Anwar and Puthai Juba Dal leader Pakhi, said the investigation report.

The BIHR also demanded an end to crossfire by Rab and security for Babu's family members.

Earlier, Babu's father Afsar Ali Molla, an AL leader, filed a case with a Rajshahi court against four Rab-5 officials in connection with the killing of his son.



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Deepa Rani Das, sister of Jadob Das who was killed in Udichi bomb blast in Netrokona, is in tears while speaking at a memorial meeting organised by Udichi Shilpa Goshthi in front of Teacher Student Centre on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Hotel owner stabbed to death

UNB, Rajbari

A hotel owner was killed by unknown assailants at Nabagram in Sadar upazila of the district on Thursday

night.

The victim was identified as Basiruddin, 40, owner of a hotel near Pachuria railway station.

Police said the gang of assailants

gouged out his eyes and stabbed him to death at about 9:00pm when Bashiruddin was going to a local market from his house.

The body was sent to the hospital morgue yesterday for autopsy.

A case has been filed with the police.

Tragic

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A youth met a tragic death while playing football at the city's Polo-ground yesterday morning.

The victim, identified as Bijon Kumar Barman, son of Anil Kumar Barman, hailed from Panchagarh district.

Police and witnesses said Bijon along with his friends came to Polo ground from nearby Pathantuli area to play football in the early morning.

At one stage Bijon received a shot on his chest and fell down rolling on the ground.

He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Bijon was an amateur and was not enlisted with any of the local football clubs, sources said.



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Bikkhubdha Deshbashi brings out a procession carrying national flag at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday protesting fanaticism and communal politics.