

## BCL LEADER SUDIPTO MURDER

## No charge sheet in three years

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Three years have passed since BCL leader of Chattogram city unit Sudipto Biswas was brutally killed, his family still awaits justice.

Sudipto, a master's student of Government City College and an assistant general secretary of the city unit of BCL, was beaten to death in front of his house in port city's Sadarghat area on October 6, 2017.

According to police and family, a group of people arrived in the area by eight to nine auto-rickshaws and motorbikes and murdered Sudipto.

Sudipto's father Meghnath Biswas filed a case with Sadarghat Police Station accusing seven to eight unknown persons that day. Later, the case was transferred to Police Bureau of Investigation, who are yet to submit a charge sheet.

PBI sources said police arrested 18

people, mostly BCL activists, in the case. Of them, 16 are now on bail.

Sudipto's peers and followers alleged that Didarul Alam Masum, a former BCL leader of the college and general secretary of Lalkhan Bazar ward unit of Awami League, plotted the killing.

Masum, however, denied the allegation, claiming that it's a "conspiracy" against him by his rivals.

Sudipto's father, who retired from a primary school as a headteacher seven years ago, recently told The Daily Star that all he wants is justice. "PBI has been assuring us of submitting a charge sheet for a long time, but to no avail," he added. According to a number of BCL leaders and investigators, Sudipto was vocal against "misconducts" in student organisations and wanted an end to it.

On Facebook, he often criticised senior leaders known as "big brothers"

and such outspokenness may have led to his murder, they said. Two days before his murder, he wrote that a leader is nothing without his/her activists and activists should revolt to achieve something.

Nurul Azim Roni, former general secretary of Chattogram city unit of BCL, alleged that law enforcers are "wasting time". They have enough evidence -- including CCTV footage -- to submit the charge sheet, he claimed.

Asked, PBI Inspector Santosh Kumar Chakma, the case's investigation officer, said they got all the relevant CCTV, audio and video footage, and seized seven auto-rickshaws and a motorbike.

"The investigation is at final stage. I'm waiting for a court order to verify Facebook profile of an accused. The court fixed October 12 for the hearing. I think, I would be able to file the charge sheet this month," said Santosh.

## HC clears

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told the HC that the proceedings against his client could take place under the Child Act, 2013 as he was a minor at the time.

Meanwhile, Additional Attorney General SM Munir told the HC that Rakib was 32 years old during the incident as per the FIR.

He did not inform the court that he was 10 during the time and therefore there is no legal bar to run the trial against him, the additional attorney general argued.

Police earlier submitted charge sheet against 50 accused including Rakib to the trial court.



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of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after Investigation Officer Uttam Kumar Biswas, assistant superintendent of police of Criminal Investigation Department, submitted an application to the court.

Earlier, nine people were arrested from different parts of Faridpur and Dhaka. Of them, Rubel, Barkat and six others gave confessional statements before the magistrates, narrating their involvement with the money laundering.

CID Inspector SM Miraj Al Mahmud lodged the case against the two brothers under the money laundering act with Kafrul Police Station on June 26.

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though. The team first undertook a similar initiative under a project titled "Bhalo Kajer Binimoya Ahar" in December last year.

The planning started even before that. Ariful, who is an agro entrepreneur by profession, said he came up with the idea in 2009, when he was still a student of Southeast University.

Md Mizanur Rahman Babu, executive member of YFB's central committee, said they run the hotel by a Tk 10 contribution from each of their 265 members everyday. The food distribution programme is run by this Tk 80,000-ish they raise every month, said Babu, a lecturer at University of Information Technology and Sciences.

The organisation could've just made the food free, but Ariful said they want to inspire people into action. "When we first opened shop, a 10-year-old boy named Jahid used to come and eat for free, without performing any good deeds. However, after a few days, we came to know that he started watering a roadside flower tree. These kind of stories inspire us a lot."

In addition to this project, YFB has been running various other programmes to support people in need since 2012, Arif said.

He said he is hopeful that this experimental method of inspiring action will work, and if it does, they will look to expand it to a greater extent.

## Another month-old

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day remand prayer, but the court decided his hearing will be held at the juvenile court on Sunday, after a defence lawyer claimed that his client's age is below 18.

## THE CASE STATEMENT

According to the case statement, on August 30 around 3pm, the victim, a factory worker, along with a female friend, and a distant uncle of her and her uncle's neighbour, went for a visit in North Pabnartek area. There, around 15 gang members including named accused cornered them.

They beat up the four and forcibly took the two girls to two separate remote places nearby, and gang-raped one. They also recorded the incident on video. They freed the two around 5:30pm, after giving them death threats.

The incident came to light four days back, after the video spread among locals, said police.

Primarily, police suspected that both girls were raped, but one of the

girls, aged around 18, claimed that she was assaulted not raped, according to police.

Police were also interrogating the two young men who were with the victims at the time.

## 'NOT REPORTED EARLIER OUT OF FEAR'

On Wednesday, talking to reporters in presence of police, the uncle of the victim (20), also a worker of a local cap factory, said after the incident, the girls said they were assaulted and not raped.

"We did not report it because of the threats issued by the gang members," he said.

"As a video of the incident was leaked somehow three days ago, we came to know that my niece was gang-raped," he said, adding that his niece left her job and went back to her village.

According to police and locals, after the video came to light, Akram, a local businessman and father of Sharuf, tried to mitigate the issue by providing

money to the victim's family.

Akram admitted to a journalist over phone that he collected money from parents of the other gang members to pay the victim family and settle the matter outside court.

The Daily Star has a copy of the conversation.

Earlier during a visit to Akram's house in Vadhail area on Wednesday, all members of the house were found to be in hiding.

## A NOTORIOUS GANG

Visiting the area, this correspondent spoke to at least 10 locals and came to know that a group of 20 to 25 teenagers were involved in criminal activities there, including taking drugs. The gang members also sometime engaged in altercation with another group.

"The teenagers used to gather in the area and committed crimes but we could not protest in fear as they were rowdy," said Montaz Uddin, who farms vegetables next to the crime spot.

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