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The victim Abu Zafor Chowdhury alias Alamgir, Rangamati UP chairman and a leader of Fatiakhari thana BNP, was talking to relatives and visitors at his rented house on the third floor of a five-storey building opposite to the Fatiakhari upazila court building, six gunmen stormed there and shot him point-blank, police and witnesses said.

Fayezullah, Alamgir's relative and Jamal Hossain, a visitor, were bullet hit in the incident.

The victim's relatives and police suspect that the gangsters of Osman Bahini, operating in Fatiakhari upazila under the banner of Jubadal, are involved in the killing.

Alamgir helped police with information about Osman and his cohorts, sources said.

In the face of frequent death threats by Osman and his associates, Alamgir left his village home and stayed in the well-protected rented house in the upazila headquarters with his wife and three children since mid-February this year, said Alamgir's father Zahirul Haq Chowdhury.

Zahirul Haq, also the president of Rangamati union BNP, filed a case accusing ten criminals including the victim's neighbour Jasim, a BNP worker and an once associate of Osman.

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