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### KILLING OF HOUSEWIFE Two children cry for justice

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Two helpless children staged a hunger strike at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding their security and exemplary punishment to the killers of their mother.

The children, 10-year-old Tipu and his five-year-old sister Luna, said the killer is their uncle Mokhesur Rahman of Shatani village under Meghna Police Station in Comilla.

Tipu and Luna have been on the run since the killing as their uncle also threatened to abduct and kill them after they filed a murder case against him.

They said their uncle along with their aunt and grandmother beat up their mother Saleha alias Mafia Begum mercilessly in their village home on February 28. And she died at the Cancer Research Institute and Hospital in Dhaka on March 24.

Their father Mezbahuddin alias Bahauddin, who has been working in Saudi Arabia, also took the side of his brother as Tipu filed the case with the help of his maternal grandfather and grandmother and stopped communicating with his father's family members, said the unfortunate children.

They said the post-mortem report of their mother is yet to be submitted as their uncle Mokhesur Rahman gave bribes to the then Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Meghna Police Station Mohiuddin to cover up the incident.

Tipu said his father also started threatening him over telephone and asked him to withdraw the case against his brother, father and mother.

Tipu and his sister appealed to the prime minister and the state minister for home to bring the killers to justice immediately.