

FOLLOW-UP

Priyanka's parents wait for fresh autopsy report

CITY CORRESPONDENT

Parents of Sadia Nowshin Priyanka, who was found dead at her house on July 18, are now waiting for the report of the body's second post mortem done on Thursday as the mystery behind the death of the 17-year-old is yet to be unveiled.

"The head of the forensic department of Barisal Medical College [one of the doctors who performed the post mortem] told me that he did the post mortem thoroughly and does not want to see the previous post mortem report," said Sultan Faruque, Priyanka's father.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) court, Dhaka ordered the authorities concerned to arrange a fresh post mortem of Priyanka's body on July 27 following an application of Priyanka's father, an accountant of BDR.

Priyanka, who passed SSC this year from Viqarunnissa Noon School obtaining GPA-5, was found dead at her bedroom. According to the first post mortem report, Priyanka committed suicide but her family rejected the report.

The principal of Barisal Medical College formed a medical team of three doctors according to the court order. The team consisted of head of the forensic department, head of pathological department and head of radiology department.

Rejecting the first post mortem report that says Priyanka has committed suicide, her parents said there was no visible reason for their daughter to kill herself. They said after passing the SSC exam she was preparing to get admitted to college. Besides, she was ready to join a reception of meritorious students at Nandan Park.

Priyanka's mother, Shamsunnahar, who first saw her dead, said she found her daughter lying on the floor with several knots



Priyanka



Priyanka's parents: Will they get justice?

with a georgette scarf around her neck.

Her father Sultan Faruque said, "We found the door closed from outside. If she commits suicide then how can she close the door from outside?"

"We suspect Rintu [Zahidul Haque, Priyanka's maternal uncle]

because he is a bad guy who used to shout at me and my wife when we protested his connections with unsocial elements. Around an hour after Priyanka's death he called up his elder brother Zakir and wanted to know about Priyanka. After that he went into hiding. He did not even come to our house after Priyanka's

death," said Faruque.

Gazi Mohammad Didarul Alam, sub-inspector of Ramna Police Station and investigating officer of the case, said: "Investigation is going on. Now we are waiting for the report of the second post mortem."

Rab-3 is assisting the police in investigating the case. "The future of the case will be based on the second post mortem report. We are looking for Rintu," said an investigating officer of the Rapid Action Battalion.

"At first we suspected there might be some social pressure on her due to her abduction two years ago which might have driven her to commit suicide. But after talking with her friends we are thinking that that incident might not have any effect on her mind. She behaved quite normally after that incident and started going to school again," he said.

Students of Viqarunnissa School and Priyanka's family were scheduled to participate in a human chain in front of the Viqarunnissa School on Wednesday but police stopped them due to the state of emergency.

Priyanka's father filed a case with Ramna Police Station on July 20 showing Priyanka's maternal uncle Zahedul Haque Rintu as the main accused.



STAR PHOTO

Bow to govt fixed charges, or lose licenses

Cable TV operators warned

RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

This correspondent that lowering their rate to Tk 300 would have rendered a huge loss, however they are planning to follow the new government policy from this month.

Similar notions and complaints emerged against a good number of cable operators throughout the city who are demanding self-enforced fees from subscribers, primarily based on the status of local residents.

Ataur Rahman, a resident of Mirpur, used to pay a monthly charge of Tk 300 to the local cable television operator. However, his cable operator increased the charges to Tk 350 on the month of July.

"They (cable operator) told us that the government increased the monthly cable charges, consequently we have to pay higher charges for subscription," said Ataur Rahman.

A week before the new charges were introduced, residents of Indira Road were paying Tk 450 for 50 channels, while viewers in Dhamondi or in Kalabagan were paying Tk 500 per month for 70 channels. A number of residents from Gulshan and Banani were paying Tk 600 for 80 channels or the same amount for 70 channels.

Most of the cable operators from these areas are yet to adjust their charges following the new policy.

"I heard that the government has introduced new cable television charge policies but I am still paying Tk 500 as I used to," said Tanvir Zaman, resident of Dhamondi.

Meanwhile, residents of Agargaon, Shyamoli, Pallabi, Begunbari, Badda and adjacent areas are still claiming charges in violation of the new policy.

Cable Vision, a cable operator from Kalabagan, charged Tk 500 from subscribers for the month of July. Officials from Cable Vision told

Tejuripara, the same number of channels was available at only Tk 250.

Cable operators who used to claim lower monthly charges than those set out in the new fixed charge policy claimed that they are having a hard time convincing their subscribers to pay higher charges.

"Our subscribers include people from all walks of life. We have customers ranging from high ranking private and public company officials to grocery store owners, maids, hotel boys and even rickshaw-pullers," said Abdul Kalam, a cable operator from Rayer Bazar.

"Despite their social status and income, they are all our customers and I would rather charge them less than lose them," he added.

Cable operators argued that a fixed rate would make cable television operators incur huge losses. "This new act will strangle the cable TV industry to death," said Jamil, a cable technician from Tilpapara. "Operators from the city fringes will be the first to die out. Eventually, in a few months, most of the operators in the city will follow their path," he added.

According to Kamrul Islam, Press Secretary of Cable Operators Association Bangladesh (COAB), the fixed subscription policy would hardly leave any room for profit, since the monthly fees for each pay channel added up to an outrageous sum.

"The number of pay channels needs to be reduced, as there are lots of unnecessary channels which are not wanted by subscribers. Also, we have to pay a huge amount of money for these channels," said Kamrul Islam.

"Exclusion of these channels would actually be good move for both subscribers and the operators in the longer run," he added.



Flood is now closing in on Dhaka city. Flood water has already paralysed life in low-lying Anandanagar in Badda area.

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