

Probe into RU student Faruk murder stalled for a year

Hearing on three top Jamaat leaders' remand prayer deferred several times

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The probe into the brutal murder of Rajshahi University student Faruk Hossain has remained stuck for a year as hearing on petition for remand of three arrested bigwigs of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami was deferred several times.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Rajshahi, however, fixed February 14 for hearing on the petition for remand of Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee as they were implicated in Faruk murder case.

Soon after arrest of the three Jamaat leaders in

Dhaka in connection with other cases, Inspector Tofazzal Hossain of the Detective Branch (DB) of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP), also the investigation officer of the case, submitted remand prayer to the court.

The court on June 30, 2010 issued production warrant against the three accused, but police could not produce the Jamaat leaders in the court on several dates as they had to produce them (accused) in Dhaka courts in other cases.

Police are yet to unearth the motive behind the armed attacks on different RU dormitories by Shibir cadres on February 9 last year.

Officials involved in the investigation said already they have taken a long time to identify the accused and



Faruk Hossain

other suspects as they hail from various districts across the country.

"As the case is very sensitive and complex, the investigation is going on to make the charge sheet flawless", RMP Commissioner M Obaidullah told this correspondent.

The February 9 attacks led to the killing of Faruk, a resident student of Shah

Makhdom Hall and an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League RU unit. His body was dumped in a manhole.

Around 100 others were also injured during attacks and Shibir men cut tendons of four of them.

After the incident, 14 cases, including the one for Faruk murder, were filed with Motihar Police Station, accusing 35 people.

The law enforcers have so far arrested 29 of the 35 accused including Rajshahi city Jamaat Ameer Ataur Rahman, General Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and former RU syndicate member Siddik Hossain, RU Shibir President Shamsul Alam Golap, former Rajshahi ward councillor and Shibir' cadre Gias Uddin and Amir Ali Hall unit Shibir President Ekram Hossain.

Golap, Gias and Ekram gave statements before the court, confessing to their involvement in the attacks. The Shibir men said they attended a rally of Motiur Rahman Nizami in Rajshahi on February 7, 2010 and launched the attacks on June 9 as per plan of their organisation.

Sources said the investigators had gone through mobile phone call records of the arrested leaders of Jamaat and Shibir and found that they were in contact with each other during the overnight violence.

The murder case was handed over to DB in November 2010. Earlier, sub-inspectors Shahidul Islam, Arifuzzaman, Sohel Rana of Motihar Police Station also investigated the murder case.

Charge framed against 53 mutineers in Netrakona

STAR NATIONAL DESK

The special court-17 yesterday framed mutiny charge against 53 jawans of BGB 16 Battalion in Netrakona under the Mymensingh sector.

After hearing, the court headed by Kushtia Sector Commander Col MD Nazrul Islam Sarker, framed charges against the accused.

Of the accused, 34 confessed to their involvement in the mutiny at the battalion headquarters on February 26 in 2009 while the rest claimed innocence.

The complainant alleged that the accused revolted against their officers, took control of the battalion headquarters, looted firearms and ammunition from armoury and fired blank shots.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent reported that the special court-15 recorded depositions of five out of 74 prosecution witnesses in the mutiny case against against

69 mutineers of 11-Batalian under Khagrachhari sector headquarters yesterday adjourned the trial proceedings until 9:00am today.

All the 69 accused in the case were produced in the court headed by Khagrachhari Sector Commander Lt Col Abu Wahab Mohammad Hafizul Haque. Two other members are Lt Col Sayadis Sakline and Major AZ M Golam Mostafa AL Mamun.

Earlier, Five out of the 69 accused confessed to their involvement in the mutiny at the battalion and begged for mercy while the rest claimed innocence.

After recording statements of the witnesses, the court adjourned trial proceedings until 10:00am today. The rest of the witnesses will start giving deposition before the court today, court sources said.

Deputy Attorney General Kazi Mohammad Ejarul Haque Akand, Special Public Prosecutors Md. Habibur Rahman and Aminur Rahman Khan were present.



POOR PERFORMANCE IN JSC EXAMS 36 schools asked to show cause

UNB, Lalmonirhat

The authorities of 36 schools here have been served show-cause notice for their poor performance in junior school certificate (JSC) examinations last year.

Of the schools, 24 are in Patram upazila, six in Aditmari upazila and three each in Kaliganj and Sadar upazilas.

Patgram UNO Harun-or-Rashid on January 30 issued show-cause notice to the chiefs

of 24 educational institutions.

The notice termed the results frustrating. It said that pass percentage of JSC exams in the upazila was 39.18 percent while pass percentage in Dinajpur Education Board was 62.66.

The schools were asked to explain as to why the government and the authorities concerned should not scrap the MPO of all the teachers of the institutions for frustrating results.

We Mourn

With great sadness and humility, we mourn the passing away of our beloved colleague, Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, barrister and solicitor, Deputy General Manager & Head of Legal Affairs, IDLC Finance Ltd. Mizan left us for his heavenly abode (Innalilahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajeun) at the BIRDEM Hospital on Tuesday, 8 February 2011. He was 37 years old and left behind his wife, two minor daughters, parents and a host of relatives and friends.

In his nine months with the IDLC Group, Mizan contributed strongly & positively at every given opportunity. Most of all, he captivated his colleagues with his friendly behavior, wide technical knowledge & positive approach. We will deeply miss his cheerful and gracious presence and his legal counsel.

May Allah rest his soul in eternal peace and grant the bereaved family the strength to bear his loss.

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