

**TONU RAPE, MURDER**

# Students' strike today

## Family members give statement to CID

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MEMBERS of the Criminal Investigation Department recorded the statements of the family members of murdered college student Sohagi Jahan Tonu at their office in Comilla on Saturday, 13 days following the gruesome incident.

Meanwhile, protests across the country contin-

ued Saturday demanding justice for Tonu. Students across the country will also observe strike at all educational institutions today.

Tonu, 19, a second year history student at Comilla Victoria College and a theatre activist, was raped and murdered inside Comilla cantonment on March 20, hours after she went out of their home at the canton-

ment residential area.

Asked about developments in the case, home minister Asaduzzaman Khan at a programme in the capital's Jatrabari said, 'it is not wise to comment on a matter which is being investigated... the nation will be informed about the findings of the investigation'.

A CID team took Tonu's  
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father Yaar Hossain, mother Anwara Begum, elder brother Nazmul Hossain, younger brother Anwar Hossain, and her cousin Laizu Zahan to their office in Comilla town from their residence around 3 pm to record their statements.

'We have just started the investigation,' said CID special superintendent of Police Nazmul Karim Khan.

He said Tonu's parents were called to their office as part of the investigation. The family members will be questioned repeatedly to find out if any clue has been missed, he said.

Earlier in the morning, a

joint team of the CID of Dhaka and Comilla visited the spot in Comilla cantonment area where the body of Tonu was found.

The Tonu murder case was shifted to the CID on March 29, from local police and then the detective branch, to expedite the probe. No progress, however, has been reported in the last 13 days into the rape and murder inside a protected area.

Demanding justice for Tonu, protests continued at places across the country.

Students across the country will observe a strike on Sunday at all the education-

al institutions as part of their protest.

The students of Dhaka University called the strike on March 29, which was supported by left-leaning student organisations — Bangladesh Chhatra Federation and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.

Four left-leaning organisations — Jatiya Mukti Council, Naya Ganatantrik Gana Morcha, Jatiya Ganatantrik Gana Mancha and Jatiya Ganatantrik Gana Front — called a protest rally in the afternoon in front of National Press Club on Sunday.

Chhatra Union and Chhatra Federation held

separate rallies on Saturday at Shahbagh in the capital.

Chhatra Federation also brought out a torch procession from Shahbagh to Teachers Students Centre of Dhaka University demanding justice for Tonu.

The students and teachers of Feni Government College staged a protest rally at Feni Shaheed Minar and in front of the college on Saturday.

The students of Tejgaon College in the capital staged protests at the college on Saturday demanding justice for Tonu. The teachers of the college also expressed solidarity with the students at the protest.