

NSU teacher, 3 others on 8-day remand

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A DHAKA Metropolitan Magistrate Court Sunday afternoon granted the police eight days remand to interrogate in custody the North South University teacher, his

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nephew, the caretaker or manager of his flat and another house owner, for their role in providing shelter to the militant suspects of the Gulshan attack at their houses.

The court of Dhaka metropolitan magistrate Tashruzzaman passed the order responding to a police petition seeking 10 days remand for NSU life-science faculty dean Gias Uddin Ahasan Chowdhury, also owner of a house at Basundhara Residential area in the capital, his nephew Alam Chowdhury and caretaker or manager of his flats Mahabubur Rahman, and another house owner in city's Shewrapara, Nurul Islam, who is a teacher.

All the four were arrested Saturday night from their respective residences and

were produced before the court under section 54.

Dhaka Metropolitan police's detective and crimes information department inspector Md Humayun Kabir in his remand prayer said that they needed to interrogate the four for 10 days to probe their suspected involvement in giving the militant attackers shelter, and their own possible involvement with militant organisations.

Kabir claimed they came to know that the NSU teacher, his nephew and his house's caretaker had rented one of their Basundhara flats while the Shewrapara teacher too had rented out one of his flats to the extremist attackers.

He also said it appeared that the attackers used the NSU teacher's flat to coordinate

their activities and took part in the Gulshan restaurant attack taking shelter at the Shewrapara teacher's house.

The accused were arrested under section 54 for their suspected involvement in giving shelter to the militants and militant organisation and their possible involvement in the incident (of militant attack at the Gulshan restaurant), claimed the petition.

Gias Uddin Ahasan said his nephew, Alam, was responsible for renting out the flats which was actually owned by his wife. He did not reside in or visit the house frequently.

He said they did not hide any information about the tenants.

At least 29 people, including 17 foreigners and

two police officers, were killed as gunmen attacked the Dhaka restaurant on July 1.

The investigators found that a number of students of North South University were involved in both the July 1 Gulshan Attack and July 7 attack on police check-post near Sholakia eid congregation in Kishoreganj district town.

Two policemen and a house wife were killed in the Sholakia attack. A suspected militant was also killed.

Earlier in the morning, DMP sources claimed that police detained Nurul Islam from his Shewrapara residence and recovered a grenade and some black clothes from the house.

The police's remand prayer did not mention anything about the recovery.