

NAZIM MURDER

JnU students go on strike

No headway in investigation

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STUDENTS enforced day-long strike at Jagannath University on Sunday demanding immediate arrest of the killers of secular online activist and a law student of the university Nazim Uddin Samad as the police were yet to make any headway in the investigation.

Nazim, who was reportedly critical of Islam on Facebook, was hacked and shot to death by machete-wielding assailants near the university on his way home after attending evening classes on April 6.

Police so far arrested no suspect and said they were still in dark about the motive for the murder.

The investigation officer of the case, inspector Samir Chandra Saha of Sutrapur police station, said that they were investigating if there was any personal matter behind the murder.

Police are now collecting information from Nazim's village home in Sylhet, he said.

Samir said that they were also considering the involvement of militants in the murder.

Jagannath University students locked every de-

partment and staged demonstrations on the campus during the strike on Sunday.

No class was held during the strike while most of the students and teachers supported the strike.

The protesters criticised the government for its failure to arrest the killers.

At a rally, left-leaning Progressive Students Alliance leader Mehrab Azad said that they would besiege the office of the vice-chancellor on Wednesday as the university authorities failed to take any steps to ensure justice for the murder.

He said that they had called off indefinite strike and the next programmes would be announced after besieging the vice-chancellor's office on Wednesday.

University proctor Noor Muhammad said that the authorities were supporting the students' movement.

He, however, urged the students not to go for any violent movement.

In 2015, suspected Islamist militants hacked to death at least four atheist bloggers and a secular publisher in a long-running series of targeted killings.

Police arrested members

of a banned Ansarullah Bangla Team in connection with those murders, although none were prosecuted yet.