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## Death of Student: Madrasa principal, 4 teachers arrested

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Police yesterday arrested five teachers including the principal of Omar Faruk Al-Islamia Madrasa and Orphanage, a Qawmi madrasa in port city's Bayezid area, in connection with a case filed over the death of an 11-year-old boy whose body was found hanging at the adjacent mosque on Thursday.

The arrestees are principal Abu Darda Khan, 29; Md Tarekur Rahman, 28; Md Jubayer, 29; Md Anas Ali, 29, and Md Abdus Samad, 48, said police.

Tarekur and Abu Darda are the FIR-named accused in the case filed with Bayezid Police Station on Friday.

Mizanur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner (north) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star, "Victim Habibur Rahman Asif's father Anisur Rahman filed a murder case against the two [Tarekur and Darda] and seven

unnamed.”

The five, who were shown arrested, were detained earlier for questioning, he added.

“We have visited the place and analysed circumstantial evidence. We are now waiting for the post-mortem report to find out the cause of death,” said the ADC.

Quoting family members and students, ADC Mizanur said, “During prima facie [based on the first impression; accepted as correct until proved otherwise], police came to learn that Tarekur used to beat Asif often. A few days ago, Asif fled the madrasa.”

Asif’s father Anisur alleged that his son was beaten by Tarekur a few days ago. On April 10, Tarekur phoned him and said Asif was missing. After a few hours, principal Darda called him and said his son had died by suicide and his body was found hanging inside the mosque.

Talking to The Daily Star, Anisur said, “My son got admitted to the residential madrasa a year ago. My eldest son is also a student there.”

He alleged that Tarekur used to beat Asif regularly. “Asif came to the house three days ago, we had to send him back to the madrasa.”

“There is no reason for my boy to take his own life. He was murdered,” alleged the bereaved father.

Asif’s body was handed over to the family after an autopsy, informed police.

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