

Friends killed Tejgaon College student over money-related dispute

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Ikram Hossain Molla

A money-related dispute among friends led to the killing of Ikram Hossain Molla, a first-year student of Tejgaon College, in the capital's Khilkhet, police said today.

Police yesterday recovered Ikram's body from a ditch adjacent to the Baluchar area of Dumni.

Police said, after killing Ikram, 22, his friends tried to cover up the murder by defacing the victim and dumping the body into a ditch, covering it with water-hyacinth. They also gouged out the deceased's eyes.

Ikram's family filed a general diary with Khilkhet Police Station on Friday afternoon, a day after he went missing.

After the body was discovered, the victim's father Kabir Hossain Molla filed a murder case yesterday.

On the same day, after scrutinising mobile phone communication, police first arrested Ikram's friend Shanto from his house. According to his confession, another suspect Abu Siddique was arrested.

Iftekhairul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (Cantonment Zone) of DMP's Gulshan Division, said Ikram gave Tk two lakh, which he took from his family, to Shanto to invest in sand trade.

Ikram was supposed to receive dividends from there every month as per the deal with Shanto. But as the deal was not being honoured, Ikram recently asked his investment back, angering Shanto.

On the other hand, Ikram developed an enmity with Siddique after he complained to Siddique's mother about his reckless lifestyle. According to police, Siddique was forced to leave his house recently.

The ADC said Shanto and Siddique then planned to kill Ikram.

As part of the plan, Shanto called Ikram on Thursday night over the phone and told him to come near Baluchar area. After the three met there, they had a quarrel. At one point, Shanto and Siddique started beating Ikram with a hammer. Later, they indiscriminately stabbed him with sharp objects, leaving him dead.

Shanto has given a confessional statement before a Dhaka court yesterday. Siddique was placed into a two-day remand.

Ikram lived with his family in Dumni area of Khilkheth in the capital.