

Killing of DU student : Mystery unveiled

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The detectives of Dhaka Metropolitan Police have made an important breakthrough in unfurling the mystery behind the murder of Dhaka University student Alamgir Kabir Liton at Surja Sen Hall on January 21.

They have arrested Ayub Hossain, (22), an unemployed youth, who had passed BA from Jagannath University College but used to stay in Room No 469 of Surja Sen Hall with his friend Alauddin, a student of Dhaka University, in connection with the killing.

The arrest was made the day after murder, which took place in Alauddin's room. But it was not announced until yesterday when Ayub made a statement before a magistrate, confessing his involvement in the slaying, according to highly placed sources.

The sources said that Ayub Hossain had disclosed a number of clues, vital to the investigation of the murder that had baffled many on the campus.

Liton, a student of final year MA in Library Science and Information, but a non-activist, was summoned to the room of Alauddin, his activist friend from his home town of Magura. Ayub also belongs to Magura district and he invited Liton to have supper with them, the sources said quoting his statement.

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Alauddin, said to be an activist of Chhatra League (H-A), also had a number of friends in the room when the murder took place with a single gunshot that blasted the youth's skull. The killer or killers in their haste had left behind a couple of clues, including ammunition and spent cartridges.

It appeared to be a mystery-shrouded case as Alauddin disappeared fast along with his 'guests'. The authorities called the detectives but their job was kept a guarded secret until yesterday when Ayub appeared before a magistrate after several days in remand at the custody of the detectives at Minto Road.

What had been the main cause behind the murder of the son of the Vice-principal of Shahid Suhrawardy Government College, Magura, was not yet known. But some suspect that it involved a contest for winning the hands of an eye. Others said that political infighting had been the cause behind the cold blooded murder.

NADIM

Meanwhile, the condition of Ali Akkas Nadim, the worst victim of Saturday's armed attack at Kabi Jasimuddin Hall of the Dhaka University, was improving, hospital sources said yesterday.

Leaders of the 'Ilias group' of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)—Nadim and two other residents of the hall—were allegedly attacked by the supporters of the 'Abhi group' of JCD. Nadim, a student of the English Department, was severely stabbed by the attackers and later admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

An accused of last year's Kanak murder case on the DU campus, Nadim is undergoing treatment at DMCH under police custody.

Meanwhile, Kabi Jasimuddin Hall Students Union yesterday condemned the attack on Nadim and two other students of the hall.

The hall students union leaders in a statement alleged that the attack was made by the armed outsiders. They also demanded proper investigation into the incident and trial of the persons involved.

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