

DU student commits suicide?

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A female student of Dhaka University allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the rooftop of her dormitory in the early hours of Sunday.

The victim was identified as Jaharat Ara Rahman Shahana, 20, a second-year student of English literature and a resident of Bangladesh-Kuwait Moltiri Hall. Daughter of a retired principal, Mahfuzur Rahman, Shahana was the third of two sons and two daughters of her parents.

Police and hospital sources said that the reason behind the suicide could be a triangle affair. They said Shahana had an affair with one Jamal, who is a resident of Munipuri Para at Mirpur in the city. However, she later developed another relationship with an MBA student of DU when they met at a birthday party few days back.

Her friends said that Shahana seemed very upset during the last few days as she was in a dilemma about taking the crucial decision of choosing one of her two boyfriends.

On Sunday, Shahana went to the city's Munipuri Para in the morning to meet Jamal. But

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when she returned to the hall at about 10:30 pm, she was so disappointed that did not even talk to her roommates.

At around 12 midnight, she went to the rooftop of the five-storey dormitory while most of the resident students were watching the live telecast of the Amar Ekushey February programmes.

At about 3 am, the on-duty guard heard a sound of falling and soon after he discovered Shahana lying unconsciously on the ground. The guard immediately informed the hall authorities who rushed Shahana to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The doctors, however, declared her dead.

The body was handed over to her family members on Sunday after post-mortem. She was laid to rest at her village home in Munshiganj yesterday.

A unnatural death case was filed with Dhanmondi police in this connection.