

# No headway in RU student murder probe in 6 months

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SIX months have elapsed since the killing of Rajshahi University student Motaleb Hossain Lipu, but there is still no visible progress in the investigation into the gruesome murder case.

Law enforcers are still in the dark as they could neither identify the killers nor find out the motive behind the killing, causing frustrations among Motaleb's teachers and fellow students.

An officer of the police criminal investigation department, seeking anonymity, told New Age that they were suspecting two or three people who might be involved with the killing and were collecting information about them. "We hope that

we would be able to detain them in 10-15 days and get important info about the killing", he added.

On October 21 last year, the body of Motaleb, a second year student of mass communication and journalism department, was found dumped in a drain beside the dining hall of the university's Nawab Abdul Latif Hall of Residence. Lipu's uncle Bashir Mollah filed a murder case with the Motihar police the same evening accusing unnamed persons.

The police had detained two guards of the hall of residence and two students of the university, including Lipu's roommate Monirul Islam, for interrogation and later released all but Monirul after primary interrogation.

Monirul, however, was freed on bail on November 7.

As the police failed to show further progress in the probe, the case was transferred to the CID on January 21 this year.

Journalism department chairman Pradip Kumar Panday told New Age that they were gravely concerned over the lack of progress into the investigation.

Blaming the indifference of law enforcing agencies for their failure to make any headway into the murder probe, Raisa Jannat, one of the classmates of Motaleb, said that they were very frustrated.

The journalism students urged the authorities to identify and locate the criminals as soon as possible and to bring them to justice.