



## Mohammad Masud Ali was allegedly shot dead

### *Fact Finding Report* Odhikar

Mohammad Masud Ali (26) was the son of Mohammad Dadon Miah and Asiah Begum, residents of 583, West Monipur Molla road, Dhaka. At around 7.30 pm on March 25, 2012, police in civilian dress of Shah Ali Model Police Station arrested Masud Ali from in front of the Sony Cinema Hall at Mirpur. They took Masud in front of the Shetu Bohumukhi Somobay Shomiti Limited, 55 Boxnogor, Rayinkhola crossing on the Mirpur Zoo road in a microbus. His family alleged that the police shot him dead there.

Odhikar conducted a fact finding mission into the matter. During this they interviewed:

- Relatives of Mohammad Masud Ali
- Eyewitness
- The doctor who conducted the post mortem
- Morgue assistant
- The person who conducted the bath ritual and
- Members of law enforcement agencies.



Picture: Mohammad Masud Ali

### **Mohammad Dadon Miah (56), father of Mohammad Masud Ali**

Mohammad Dadon Miah told Odhikar that his village is Dudia Khondo of Shibchor thana, Madaripur. He lived in 583, West Monipur Molla road with his family. His elder son Mohammad Asad used to sell the waste material collected from the factory 'Ajmot Garments Limited' at Borobag in Monipur.

A few miscreants of Borbag, Nantu, Sentu, Kuddus, Aiyub Ali, Bulu (alias Ripon), Sogir and Shamim tried to obstruct his business. Despite this, Asad worked on. In retaliation, the men implicated him in a false case, and Asad was jailed. Masud took over the business, while also working as a 'helper' or assistant on a bus. The miscreants also threatened Masud for running the business. On August 26, 2010, Dadon Miah filed a General Diary (GD) at the Mirpur Police Station for the security of his two sons. On February 19, 2012, he again filed a GD at the same police station because his life was being threatened.

This only enraged the miscreants. On the night of March 25, 2012, an acquaintance (he was unwilling to disclose his name) informed him that at 7.30 that night police in civilian dress of Shah Ali Model Police Station arrested his son from in front of the Sony Cinema Hall of Mirpur. They took him by a microbus near the Shetu Bohumukhi Somobay Shomiti Limited at 55 Boxnogor at Rayinkhola crossing and shot him in the stomach and groin; after letting him out of the vehicle and telling him to run away. Masud was shouting and the people who had gathered there hearing the sound of fire, requested the police to take Masud to the hospital. The police fired in the air to frighten the people, who then moved away. When Masud died, they put his body in the microbus after one hour.

On March 26, 2012, Dadon Miah went to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and at 11 pm he received Masud's body from the morgue. He buried Masud in their village, Dudia Khondo of Shibchor thana, Madaripur. Dadon Miah alleged that the men who were threatening his sons' business had paid the police of Shah Ali Model Police Station taka five lacs to kill Masud.

**Mohammad Hanif Khondokar (40), husband of Masud's elder sister**

Mohammad Hanif Khondokar told Odhikar that at around 7 am on March 26, 2012, Masud's younger sister informed him that Masud had not returned home on March 25, 2012. He went out to look for Masud and also went to Mirpur Police Station. Not finding him there, he went to Shah Ali Model Police Station. From there he came to know that, at around 9 pm on March 25, 2012, they found the body of a 25 year old man wearing a checked shirt and jeans. Having failed to identify him, they sent him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Hanif went to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue and identified Masud's body. He saw blood on his hands and what he assumed were bullet marks on his stomach, groin and on both knees.

**Eyewitness (wanting to remain anonymous)**

An eyewitness told Odhikar that at around 7.30 pm on March 25, 2012, he was drinking tea at a tea stall in front of a under construction building belonging to the company 'Shetu Homes' at Rayinkhola crossing. He saw a microbus come there, and 7/8 men<sup>1</sup> came out of the microbus with Mohammad Masud Ali. One of them took Masud in front of the incomplete building and they talked to him in a very low voice and were trying to give him something, which he refused to take. After some time, he saw Masud pleading with them to release him.

Suddenly, one of the them shot Masud, who fell on the ground and then the man shot him again. Masud screamed and the police (the eyewitness then realized that the men were police) fired on him twice more. The eyewitness ran towards Masud but the police chased him away, with all the other people who had gathered there. The police called Shah Ali Model Police Station. Then 20/25 police in uniform came from the police station and fired in the air to frightened the crowd. From a distance, this eyewitness saw the police put two firearms in the two pockets of Masud's trousers. Then the police ordered that the light on the sign board of Shetu Homes be switched off. He said that Masud screamed in agony for all most one hour before he passed away. He said that many people witnessed the incident.

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<sup>1</sup> Those police were in civilian dress (out of uniform).

**Zahidur Rahman Khan, Sub Inspector (SI), Shah Ali Model Police Station, Mirpur, Dhaka**

SI Zahidur Rahman Khan refused to talk about Mohammad Masud Ali's death. He told the fact finders to talk to the duty officer of Shah Ali Model Police Station, Anisur Rahman.

**Mohammad Moshir Rahman, Assistant Sub Inspector, Shah Ali Model Police Station, Mirpur, Dhaka**

ASI Mohammad Moshir Rahman told Odhikar that at around 7.30 on March 25, 2012, he was injured in a gun fight between police and miscreants at the construction site of Shetu Homes at the Rayinkhola crossing of the Mirpur Zoo road. In that gunfight, a miscreant named Mohammad Masud Ali was injured and died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He told the fact finders to talk to the Officer-in-Charge of Shah Ali Model Police Station, Anisur Rahman.

**Mohammad Anisur Rahman, Officer-in-Charge (OC), Shah Ali Model Police Station, Mirpur, Dhaka**

OC Mohammad Anisur Rahman told Odhikar that on March 25, 2012, duty police chased down two miscreants on a motorcycle at the Rayinkhola crossing of the zoo road, in Mirpur. The miscreants fired at the police and the police fired back in self-defense. At that time, Mohammad Masud Ali, one of the miscreants was injured. He died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He also said that ASI Mohammad Moshir Rahman and ASI Moyajjem Hossain were also injured and were admitted to Rajarbag Police Line Hospital.

**Masud Rana, Sub Inspector (SI), Shah Ali Model Police Station, Mirpur, Dhaka**

SI Masud Rana told Odhikar that on the night of March 25, 2012, he was informed of the incident by the Officer in Charge of the police station and went to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He prepared the inquest report of Mohammad Masud. However, he did not want to talk about the contents of the inquest report.

**Mohammad Moyajjem Hossain, Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI), Shah Ali Model Police Station, Mirpur, Dhaka**

ASI Mohammad Moyajjem Hossain informed Odhikar over cell phone that at around 7.30 pm on March 25, 2012, he was injured in a gun fight with miscreants in front of a under construction building 'Shetu Homes' at Rayinkhola crossing at the zoo road, Mirpur. He was admitted to Rajarbag Police Line Hospital. He told the fact finder to talk to the OC of Shah Ali Model Police Station for more details.

**Dr. A K M Shofiujjaman, Lecturer, Forensic Medicine Department, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka**

Dr. AKM Shofiujjaman told Odhikar that at around 9 pm on March 25, 2012, police from Shah Ali Model Police Station brought a body to the morgue. He conducted the post mortem. He saw bullet wounds on the right side of abdomen which exited through the left side of the waist. He saw another bullet wound two inches left from the genitals with an exit wound on the lower back.

**Mohammad Arif (30), who conducted the bath ritual of Masud's body**

Mohammad Arif told Odhikar that at around 12 am on March 25, 2012, he bathed the body of Mohammad Masud Ali. He saw what he assumed were bullet holes on the stomach, groin and both knees and saw blood on the hands.

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