



School student Shubho killed and two other children injured in Fatulla, Narayanganj

Fact-finding report
Odhikar

At about 8:00 pm on June 14, 2011, members of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB)-10, conducted an anti-drug raid in an alley at Islamia Bazaar, Pagla Bottola area, Fatulla station, Narayanganj district. During the raid, a student of the 9th grade Shadhin Ahmed Shubho (15), son of local resident Abu Sayeed and Rahima Begum was shot dead. His younger brother, Mohammad Shohag (9) was injured by a bullet. At the same time, Badal Hossain Rakib, Shubho's class mate, son of Mohammad Bahar Uddin and Rokeya Begum, was shot in the left side of his stomach and his left arm.

Odhikar conducted a fact-finding mission into the occurrence. During the fact-finding, Odhikar interviewed the following people-

- Shubho's parents and relatives
- Injured victims and their relatives
- Eye-witnesses
- Members of the affiliated law enforcement agencies



Picture: Shubho (late), Shohag and Badal

Rahima Begum (45), Shubho's mother:

Rahima Begum informed Odhikar that, at around 8:00 pm on June 14, 2011, she was on her way to the shop to buy some 'daal puri'¹ with her sons Shubho and Shohag, and Shubho's classmate Badal. The lights in the alley were out because of the routine power cuts, so in the dim illumination she could see near the gate of her home a few men, including miscreants Monir Hossain, Arif Hossain Bhulu and Sohel from the neighbourhood were dragging a man dressed in white shirts and jeans. They across the street while furiously punching, beating and kicking him. The man was screaming and struggling to break free. Shubho, Shohag and Badal were walking ahead of Rahima. A little while after they approached the gate to their neighbouring house, Shubho turned back and asked his mother to stop, saying "Mother, there are a few men standing there with weapons". At that moment she heard a loud bang. During this time she didn't see Shubvo and Shohag. She thought that Shubho and Shohag had gone into the house. As she moved a little further, she heard another sound. At that moment she found a person lying on the floor against the wall. She soon realised it was her son Shubho. She saw that he had been shot in the lower part of his face and there was blood ensuing from his mouth. She began to cry and called out to her relatives. She saw that her son Shohag had also been shot below the knee and Shubho's class-mate, Badal had been shot in the left hand and in the left side of his stomach. A while later the neighbours arrived, put the three children who had been shot into a private car and took them to Narayanganj Sadar Hospital. The on-duty doctor pronounced Shubho dead and sent Shohag to the National Institute of Traumatology, Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation (Commonly known as the Pangu Hospital). Shubho's fellow class mate was given primary treatment and sent home. Rahima informed that due to the unavailability of post-mortem services in Narayanganj, Shubho's body had been taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

On June 29, 2011, a member of the RAB came to her house and expressed his condolences. He called Rahima his 'sister' and assured her saying "You are my sister, my nephew Shubho has died and we will do what needs to be done regarding the matter. Adequate action will be taken against the persons who shot and killed Shubho". Furthermore he conveyed to her that Shubho was killed not by RAB's bullet but by a shot fired by the drug-dealing miscreants.

¹ A snack of flat bread stuffed with lentils and spices.

Rahima Begum thinks that when Shubho ran towards the house, someone, be it RAB or the miscreants, held the gun to his face and shot him. She questioned as to why Shubho was shot in the mouth while the others were shot in their hand, leg or stomach. She demanded to know why no one had been arrested and held liable as yet? As complainant, she filed a case at Fatulla Model Police Station against Monir Hossain, Fighter Sohel, Arif, Bhulu and 10/12 other unidentified persons belonging to Ali Hossain's group, under sections 143/326/307/302/34 of the Penal Code for murder and causing grievous bodily harm by firing in an attempt to commit unlawful killing. The Case number being: 31. Date: 15/06/2011.

Lance Corporal Mohammad Zakir Hossain, RAB- 10, Company number 1, Dhalpur, Jatrabari, Dhaka

Lance Corporal Mohammad Zakir Hossain informed Odhikar that, on June 14, 2011, having received information from a source he had gone to Bot tola under Fatulla Police Station of Narayanganj to conduct an anti-drug raid. During the raid, the local miscreants made an unanticipated attack on the RAB members, stabbed them and tried to snatch away their weapons. He was stabbed in the palm of his left hand, which left a serious injury. As complainant he filed a case at the Fatulla Model Police Station in this regard. Case number: 30, Date: 15/06/2011. Sections- 332/333/353/307/34 of the Penal Code. He further said that Sergeant Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, as complainant, filed a case with regard to unlawfully keeping weapons in possession, under section 19(F) of the Arms Act 1878 (as amended in 2002). Case number: 29; Date: 15/06/2011. Members of RAB arrested locals Sirajul Islam Hridoy and Lokman Hossain from the scene of the incident.

Sergeant Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, RAB-10, Company number 1, Dhalpur, Jatrabari, Dhaka

Sergeant Mohammad Shafiqul Islam informed Odhikar that, at around 8:00 pm on June 14, 2011, 6 members of RAB had posed as drug-buyers as part of the anti-drug raid. The other members of the team were positioned in strategic locations. The drug-dealers were alerted upon seeing new faces. The drug-dealers comprehended the situation at hand as soon as the Sergeant and Lance Corporal Zakir Hossain entered the alley where their den was situated, as per information from a source. The miscreants initiated the attack upon sensing the

entrance of the RAB members. They attacked with knives and attempted to snatch away the weapons from the RAB members.

The Sergeant said that there was a struggle between him and the miscreants while they attempted to seize his pistol. They beat him severely at this point. He said that he was punched in the corner of his eye and struck on his armst with a wooden stick. At that moment Zakir Hossain, unable to find an alternative to escape the miscreants, fired a round of blank shots into the sky. The objective was to make the attackers disperse. The drug-dealing miscreants were around 20-25 in number. They possessed and used bats, rods and knives. Upon their dispersal the members of the RAB saved themselves and with the help of the other RAB personnel, arrested two of the miscreants.

Registrar (who wanted to remain anonymous), Narayanganj Sadar Hospital, Narayanganj

The registrar informed Odhikar that, Dr. Hammad Ali Bhuiyan was the doctor in charge of treating the victims of the Bottola Bazaar incident in Pagla. Shubho's admission registration number was 43568/120, Shohag's admission registration number was 43825 and Badal's admission registration number was 43828. The registration book described the patients as the following- 'Brought dead, H/o bullet injure. Extern point-chin. Exit point-lower, Escal occ.' Dr. Hammad Ali Bhuiyan could not be contacted during Odhikar's fact-finding mission.

Abu Sayeed (50) Shubho's father

Abu Sayeed informed Odhikar that at around 8:00pm on June 14, 2011, when he approached the gate to his house, he saw Shubho's class mate Badal with blood dripping from his arm. Badal kept showing him his arm but was unable to say anything else. Shohag was crying and asking his father to go tend to his brother Shubho who was lying on the ground shot. He got out and saw Shubho backed up against the wall, with a bullet wound on his chin. He called out to everyone asking them to come and help Shubho, he fainted at the sight of blood flowing from the lower part of Shubho's face.

Abdul Malek (60), Shubho's maternal Grandfather

Abdul Malek informed Odhikar that, at around 8:00pm on June 14, 2011, he heard from an acquaintance that Shubho had been shot by members of the RAB and had been taken to Narayanganj Sadar Hospital. He then went to the said hospital and saw Shubho's dead body. Since there were no provisions for post mortem at the place, Shubho's body was sent to Dhaka Medical College at

around 11:00 am on June, 15, 2011. The post-mortem investigation was concluded at 5:00pm that afternoon. Abdul Malek returned home with Subho's body at 6:30 pm and he was buried at Pagla Shahi Bazaar graveyard.

Mohammad Badal Hossain Rakib (15), Shubho's classmate

Mohammad Badal Hossain Rakib informed Odhikar that, he and Shubho studied in the 9th grade. On the evening of June, 14, 2011 he had gone to Shubho's house to study under a private tutor. Their teacher did not turn up that day, so they were going out together. When they got out of the house they saw a few members of the RAB and a few civilian men running on the street. Moments later Shubho was shot in the face and he fell on the ground. At the same time Badal was shot in his left arm and in the left side of his stomach. Later, Shubho, Shohag and he were taken to the hospital. Shubho was pronounced dead at the hospital and Badal returned home after receiving treatment.

Abdul Jabbar (30) Badal's brother-in-law

Abdul Jabbar informed Odhikar that, around 8:00pm on June, 14, 201, he saw that his brother-in-law, Badal, had been shot in the left arm. Badal informed him that he had been shot. Abdul then wrapped Badal's arm in a thin towel and arranged to take him to the hospital along with two other children. Badal was brought back home after being treated.

Mohammad Anwar Hossain(45), Shubho's Neighbour

Mohammad Anwar Hossain informed Odhikar that, at around 8:00pm on June, 14, 2011, he heard the sound of gunfire outside. He saw Shubho's mother running to and fro on the street in a state of panic. He also found two men were running away. The tenants in the house had all shut their windows and doors because of the firing by RAB outside. Upon coming out of the house he was told by Shubho's father that Shubho had been shot in the mouth. He then sent Shubho along with two other children to Narayanganj Sadar Hospital. 15 minutes after this, a RAB car arrived in front of his house. He saw the two men who had ran and escaped from the scene in the RAB car. He then questioned the RAB members in the car about who the two men were. They informed him that the two men were also members of the RAB and had been injured in the incident. They picked up the motorcycle which they left at the site of the incident and left.

Khandokar Fazle Rabbi, ASP, RAB-10, Jatrabari, Dhaka

Khandokar Fazle Rabbi informed Odhikar that, on June, 14, 2011 of the RAB-10 went to Fatualla area in Narayganj to conduct an anti-drug raid. As part of the raid, some of the RAB members disguised themselves as drug-buyers and went to a certain alley in Islamia Battola Bazaar. The drug-dealers became aware of the presence of the RAB and attacked Lance Corporal Zakir Hossain and Sergeant Shafiqul Islam. The miscreants tried to seize their weapons. The drug-dealing miscreants attacked the RAB men with knives and as an act of self-defence they fired one round of bullets. He informed that no one was killed by these bullets.

Odhikar demands proper investigation into the matter and punishment for the perpetrators of this offence.

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