

Three get life term, six acquitted in actor Sohel Chowdhury murder trial

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Online Desk: A Dhaka court on Thursday sentenced three people, including Aziz Mohammad Bhai, to life imprisonment and acquitted six others in the case filed over the murder of actor Sohel Chowdhury 25 years ago.

Judge Arunabh Chakraborty of Dhaka Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 delivered the verdict at 1:15pm.

Other two convicts are Adnan Siddiqui and Afakul Islam, according to a local news agency.

The six acquitted persons are — Ashish Rai Choudhury, Tariq Sayeed Mamun, Faruque Abbasi, Sanzidul Islam Emon, Selim Khan and Harun-Or-Rashid alias Leather Liton — as allegations brought against them were not proven.

On December 18, 1998, actor Sohel was shot dead by some unidentified culprits at Trumps Club in Abedin Tower on road 18 at Banani.

Detective Branch of police, after conducting an investigation, submitted a charge sheet to the court on August 2, 1999.

On October 30, 2001, Dhaka's Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court framed charges against them.

Two years after framing charges against the accused, the case was transferred to the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 for its quick disposal.

Following a petition of an accused in the case, the High Court in 2003 stayed the proceedings of the trial.