

# Fardin's death: Bushra's bail extended till March 16

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**Online Desk:** A Dhaka court today extended Amatullah Bushra's ad-interim bail till March 16 in the case filed over Buet student Fardin Noor Parash's death. Bushra, who was jailed for two months following Fardin's death in November last year, was cleared of murder charges by a report submitted by the detective branch (DB) of police on February 6. Bushra was present at the Metropolitan Magistrate's Court today to submit a petition for permanent bail in the case.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shanto Islam Mallik however extended her ad-interim bail till March 16, the next date of hearing in the case. At the same court, Fardin's father filed a petition seeking time to file a no-confidence petition against the DB report clearing Bushra of murder charges. Kazi Nooruddin Rana, the complainant in the Fardin murder case, in the petition said he rejected the probe report and he would file a no-confidence petition against it on the next scheduled date.

On January 8, Bushra was granted bail by a Dhaka court until the submission of the probe report in the case. Detective Branch Inspector Yasin Shikder, also the investigation officer of the case, on February 6 submitted the final report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka. In the report, the IO said Fardin died by suicide in November last year and that he was not killed. "I scrutinised video footage, the inquest, post mortem and viscera reports, and other circumstantial evidence collected from the place of occurrence and other places and found that Fardin committed suicide. So, Bushra and others named in the case were not involved in the death," Yasin said in the probe report.

However, Fardin's father insisted that his son could never die by suicide. Rampura police arrested Bushra from her Banasree house in the capital on November 10 last year after Fardin's father filed a murder case with Rampura Police Station. She landed in jail on November 16 after her bail petition was rejected following the completion of her five-day remand.

Fardin, a third-year student of civil engineering, was found dead in the Shitalakkhya in Narayanganj on November 7, three days after he went missing. After conducting an investigation for over a month, the DB and Rab on December 11 said Fardin died by suicide after jumping off a bridge into the river. The following day, DB chief Mohammad Harun Or Rashid said they did not find Bushra's involvement in the incident.