

Sagar-Runi murder: Probe report deferred for 96th time

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Online Desk: A Dhaka court today extended till April 9 the deadline for submitting the probe report of a case filed over the murders of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi in February 2012. This is the 96th extension of the deadline for the probe report submission. Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Rashidul Alam passed the order after Rab Additional Superintendent of Police Khondoker Md Shafiqul Alam, also the case's investigation officer, failed to submit the report today, court sources said.

On January 4, the same court asked Rab to submit the probe report by today. Earlier, two separate courts expressed dissatisfaction over the probe, and the investigators' failure to unearth the motive behind the murders and arrest the real culprits. Sagar, news editor at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Runi, senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were killed in the early hours of February 11, 2012, in their rented flat in the capital's West Razabazar.

Their only son Mahir Sarowar Megh, then 5, was home at that time. Nousher Ali Roman, brother of Runi, filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Police Station on the following day.