

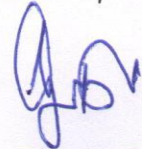
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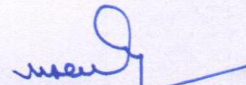
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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 21st August, 2018, the news item is captioned "**Cops accused of killing youth in custody**"

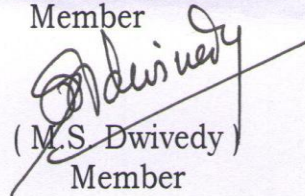
The Superintendent of Police, Murshidabad is directed to make an enquiry and to furnish a report to the Commission by 28th September, 2018.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



(Napanajit Mukherjee)
Member



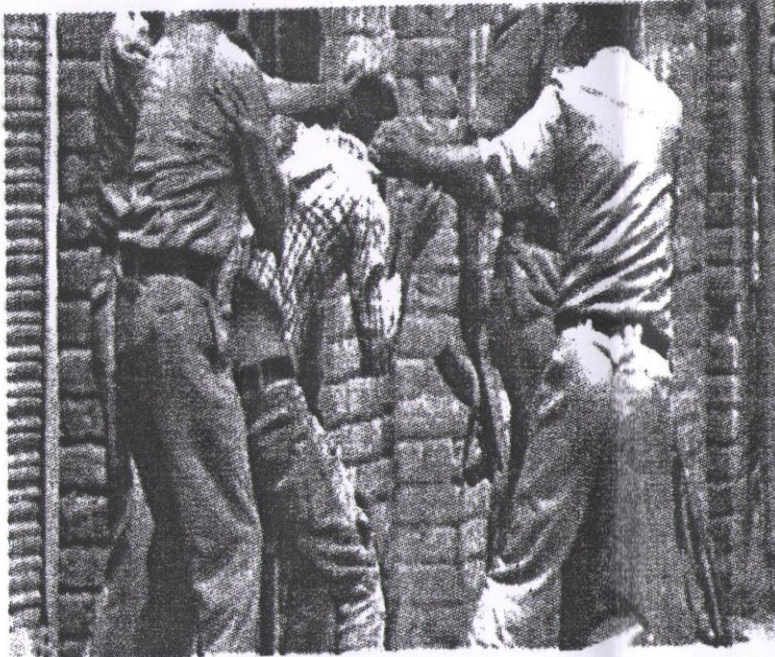
(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

Cops accused of killing youth in custody

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BEHRAMPORE, 20 AUGUST

A 30 year-old youth, Gour Ghosh, was allegedly beaten to death in the lock-up of Behrampore police station in Murshidabad district last night. The family members of the deceased alleged that a team of four police personnel from Behrampore PS raided his residence at Khagra-Natunbazar area of Behrampore municipality and arrested him from the house at midnight of 15 August this year.

"Gour was beaten up in police custody leading to his death on 18 August but the police informed us of his death in the evening of 19 August. The police have to explain how a young man lost his life, especially when



he was physically fit and fine till his arrest. We want an answer from police", said Mrs Gita Halder, a relative of the Ghosh family. In order to enforce a law court order ask-

ing for appearance of Gour Ghosh (the victim) in connection with a case of maintenance earlier filed by his estranged first wife, the police arrested him on 15 August in

presence of his present wife, Chandani Das, sources said. It was learnt that the news of Gour's death triggered agitation in the locality soon after two home-guards (who were

sent to communicate the message of the death) fled in the face of public outrage last night. "The police murdered my husband (Gour Ghosh) in the lock-up of Behrampore PS", alleged Mrs Chandani Das, wife of the deceased.

Gour used to work at a fish kiosk owned by one Mr Titu Thakur. "The police is responsible for his death.

Today we witnessed his body that was full of injury marks. Colossal injustice was meted out to my man", alleged Mr Thakur.

The police, however, denied the allegation of custodial death and maintained that Gour fell sick and he was admitted to hospital where he died yesterday.

(Photograph: Representational image)