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Enclosed is the news item appearing in the 'Statesman' an English daily dated 23. 05. 2018, captioned " Missing minor boy found dead"

Superintendent of Police, Bankura is directed to enquire into the matter and to furnish a report by 2nd July, 2018.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

Missing minor boy found dead

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BANKURA, 22 MAY

An eight year-old boy who had disappeared from the house of his neighbour last Sunday afternoon was found dead today morning. The decomposed body of the boy was recovered from inside a jungle by the police, which further triggered political tension between two Trinamul Congress factions at a village in Bankura, where a ruling party supporter was murdered in September last year.

The family members of the deceased boy and his father's political colleagues claimed that Rahul Kuddus Khan (8), the victim, was murdered to take revenge on his father as he belonged to the faction loyal to Bishnupur MLA Tushar Bhattacharya.

On 13 September, 2017, at the same Dhemnamara village

within Taldangra police station area, a Trinamul Congress supporter, Jan Mohammed Mallik, was murdered in the wee hours by some armed assailants near his house. Mallik was a loyalist of former MLA Shyam Mukherjee. The police, on 20 October, 2017, had arrested Monoranjan Patra, a CPI-M leader and four-time MLA of Taldangra on charges of conspiring murder. He was booked after police interrogated one Yazul Ali Khan, a Trinamul Congress supporter and loyalist of Bhattacharya.

The deceased's father, Dil Islam Khan, complained that his son was murdered by the followers of the former MLA. The family suspects that Rahul was kidnapped purposely to be murdered in revenge by the rival faction. The father said: "My son was kidnapped on Sunday and was taken to the

jungle where he was murdered and his body dumped. The persons behind my son's murder were our own party members but were from the rival faction."

He added: "Tajuddin Khan and five others of the rival faction were involved in the murder. Tajuddin had assaulted me on 13 May and had threatened me of dire consequences, which I had complained to the police too."

On Monday morning, the boy's family had lodged a missing diary with the Taldangra police station.

Yazul Dalal, the grandfather of the deceased, had been to the jungle early this morning, when he noticed a foul smell emanating from a bush. When he went to check, he found Rahul's body. An investigation has been initiated but none could be arrested yet, police said.