Salman Shah Murder Case Reopened, Report Due December 7

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The court has officially accepted the case of popular 1990s actor Salman Shah's death as a murder case and ordered a fresh investigation. The investigating agency has been directed to submit its report by December 7.

A new turn has emerged in the long-debated death case of iconic 1990s film star Salman Shah. On Tuesday (October 21), Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md. Saifuzzaman accepted the case and instructed the authorities to submit an investigation report by December 7.

A day earlier, on Monday (October 20), the court ordered that the unnatural death case of Salman Shah be treated as a murder case. Later that night, on behalf of Salman Shah's mother, Nila Chowdhury, her brother Mohammad Alamgir Kumkum filed a murder case with Ramna Police Station. The case names 11 accused, including Salman's former wife, Samira Haque.

Salman Shah was found dead at his Eskaton apartment in Dhaka on September 6, 1996. Though the incident was initially recorded as an unnatural death, his family consistently maintained that it was a planned murder. On July 24, 1997, Salman's father, Komoruddin Ahmed Chowdhury, formally appealed to convert the case into a murder investigation.

Over the years, several investigations concluded that the actor had died by suicide, but his family strongly rejected those findings. The latest report by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) led to a court order on October 31, 2021, granting acquittal to the accused.

Following that, Salman Shah's family filed a revision petition before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, which was accepted on June 12, 2022. After years of delay, the hearing resumed this year and concluded on October 13. The court set October 20 for delivering its order.

Finally, the court has now accepted the case as a murder case and ordered a fresh investigation. The investigating agency has been instructed to submit its new findings by December 7.