

Staff Reporter

The main accused of the Moghbazar triple-murder case Shah Alam Khandakar alias 'Kala Babu' was killed in a 'shootout' with detective police near Moghbazar Wireless level-crossing in the city early Monday.

Tipped off that Kala Babu and his associates were staying in the Moghbazar Wireless level-crossing area, a DB police team launched a drive in the area around 4am, Deputy Commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Masudur Rahman told.

He said Kala Babu and his associates opened fire on the plainclothes police sensing their presence, prompting the law enforcers to fire back triggering a brief gunfight that left Kala Babu dead on the spot and two policemen injured.

The DB team also arrested Kala Babu's two associates and recovered one pistol loaded with three bullets from the spot.

On the night of August 28, miscreants gunned down three people-- Ranu Akhter Brishti, 28, wife of Mohammad Abul Hossain, her younger brother Hridoy's friends -- Munna, 20, and Billal Hossain, 25, and injured another in a house at Sonalibagh in the city's Moghbazar area following a rivalry with local land grabbers and extortionists.

Later, on August 30, a case was filed against 15 people, including Kala Babu, with Ramna Police Station in connection with the murder.