

## Schoolgirl kills self *The tragedy followed parents' bid to marry her*

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A pall of gloom descended the area as a schoolgirl committed suicide allegedly after failing to prevent her parents from preparation for her marriage in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat.

The ill-fated girl, Marjia Sultana, 15, daughter of Amzad Hossain of Debishaul village in Akkelpur, was a Class IX science student of Roykali High School in the upazila.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Joypurhat General Hospital for autopsy yesterday noon.

Marjia's parents started looking for a bridegroom for her and some people were to come to their home from Santahar upazila of Bogra to see the girl yesterday, said locals.

Marjia hanged herself from the ceiling inside her living room any time after she went to bed on Sunday night.

Friends and classmates thronged her home after hearing of the tragic incident.

"Marjia was a brilliant student. It's so sad that she killed herself," said Belal Uddin, headmaster of Roykali High School.

Lawful action will be taken if any instigation is found behind the suicide, said Sirajul Islam, officer in charge of Akkelpur Police Station.

Parents of the girl declined to make any comments.

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