

Girl accuses teacher of giving 'lewd' lecture, stops going to college //

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A female student of Masjid Mission Academy School and College in Rajshahi filed a complaint against a teacher of the institution for "sexually harassing" her and another female student by discussing "lewd" topics in the class.

The student of class XI said she complained to the college authorities against a lecturer of Islamic Studies of the institution, on April 19.

She said she also stopped attending college, as the authorities delayed in taking action.

In his classes, the teacher, also the ameer of Boalia Thana unit of Jamaat-e-Islami in Rajshahi city, would bring up "irrelevant and improper" topics, which were mostly "sexual", on a regular basis, the student alleged in her complaint.

She said she and the other student were the only students in his class as they were admitted early this year.

"His lectures often turned sexual, which made us uncomfortable," she alleged.

The other student stopped going to the college for avoiding his classes in early March, but she continued, she claimed. "Finding me alone in the class, the level of his lewdness increased," she alleged.

She claimed that when she requested him to stop, he threatened her and said that he would force her out of the college if she complained.

"I didn't want to attend his classes anymore, but he forced me to. He would look for me around the campus when I tried to hide," she told this correspondent.

She also alleged that one day she

hid inside a women's washroom of the four-storied college building. "But he forcibly opened the door in front of several other students."

She said following her parents' advice, she eventually stopped going to college.

When asked, Akbar Ali, the college principal, said, "We have received the complaint on May 3 and four days later formed a committee to look into the matter."

He told this correspondent not to ask him anymore questions as he was "not feeling well".

Contacted, the accused teacher, said, "The story has been made-up to tarnish my image. A vested quarter in the college conspired against me and brought the allegations through the student."

"Have I gone mad that I would chase her to the washroom?" he said.