

Headmaster indeed!

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A case has been filed against the headmaster of Uttar Singergari Nekbas Government Primary School in Kishoreganj upazila of the district as a female teacher of the school was badly injured due to beating allegedly by the headmaster.

The victim, Johura Akhtar filed the case with Kishoreganj Police Station under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act yesterday.

According to the case, on July 20, the female teacher came to school half an hour later than the scheduled time due to communication problem as her house is situated five kilometres away from the institution.

"After I came to school, headmaster Babul Khan started hurling abuses at me for being late and an altercation followed. At one stage, he started beating me and his wife and daughter also joined," she said in the complaint.

"The three beat and kicked me, leaving me seriously injured. Other teachers and locals took me to Kishoreganj Upazila Health Complex where I took treatment for three days. The doctors then referred me to Rangpur Medical College Hospital," she said.

After returning from the hospital, Johura filed the case yesterday accusing headmaster Babul Khan, 50, his wife Lipi Begum, and daughter Bithi Akhtar.

Abdul Mazid, president of the school managing committee (SMC), said, "The beating of the female teacher by the headmaster is regrettable. He is an ill-tempered man and earlier misbehaved with other teachers and even me several times."

The SMC earlier filed a written complaint to the upazila education officer, demanding departmental action against the headmaster, Mazid added.

Contacted, accused headmaster Babul Khan refuted the allegation of beating the female teacher and said, "The female teacher regularly comes to school late and I just suggested her to change the bad habit."

Bazlur Rashid, officer in charge of Kishoreganj Police Station, said police is trying to arrest the accused headmaster.

Upazila Education Officer Masudul Hasan said an enquiry committee has been formed to investigate the matter and action will be taken after getting the report.