

## Madrasa student tortured in Feni

*Case filed against teacher*

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Hanging a student from a ceiling fan, a madrasa teacher allegedly beat him with cricket bats and stumps in Feni on Friday as the boy wanted to go home.

The teacher, Mosharraf Hossain, also confined 12-year-old Ariful Islam Shubho to a room of Misbahul Quran Oas Sunnah Madrasa in Feni town so that he could not tell about his torture to anybody, said the boy's father Yakub Nabi Dulal, of Comilla's Chouddagram upazila.

Dulal said the incident happened on Friday afternoon, but he came to know it on Saturday afternoon when he went to visit his son.

Mosharraf has gone into hiding after the incident, said police and madrasa officials.

Yakub said his son was admitted to the madrasa three weeks ago. Since then, he did not go home.

On Friday morning, Ariful wanted to go home, but Mosharraf did not give him the permission. In the afternoon, the boy again requested the teacher to allow him to visit his family. This made Mosharraf angry and he started beating Ariful.

At one stage, the boy took shelter in a bathroom, but Mosharraf asked two other students to bring Ariful back.

Mosharraf then hung the kid from a ceiling fan and hit him with cricket bats and stumps, alleged Yakub.

His son narrated the incident when he met him. Later, the boy was admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital. Hospital sources said Ariful's body bore several injury marks.

Maulana Yunus Idris, director of the madrasa, confirmed the incident and said Mosharraf was asked to appear before the madrasa authorities.

Yakub filed a case against the teacher with Feni Sadar Police Station, said Mohammad Shahinuzzaman, inspector (investigation) of the police station.

Police were trying to arrest the teacher, he said.

Feni Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Enamul Karim visited the madrasa and directed the authorities concerned to take action against the teacher.