

## //Teacher beaten for 'harassing' student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Locals beat up a teacher and handed him over to the police after he allegedly harassed a girl of class-IX at a school in Narayanganj yesterday.

The accused, Ibrahim Khalil, 50, teaches science at Tajek Pradhan Kindergarten and High School in Gognagar area of Narayanganj Sadar upazila.

He, however, rejected the allegation and said he was being "framed" by the family of the girl as they were holding a grudge.

Ibrahim Khalil "groped" the girl inside an empty classroom of the school around 11:30am, said Shafiqul Islam, sub-inspector of Narayanganj Model Police Station, quoting locals.

No other student went to the class yesterday because of the rain, he said.

As the girl screamed for help, guardians who were waiting outside along with locals rushed to the scene and rescued her, he said.

Later, the teacher was beaten up and kept confined to a room. He was handed over to the police after they went to the school on information.

The parent's of the girl also filed a case, added the SI.

Angered by the incident, transport

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workers blocked the Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road, Narayanganj-Demra Road, and Pagla-Narayanganj Road for about half an hour in the afternoon, demanding punishment of the teacher.

They left the scene after police assured them of looking into the matter.

Robin Ahmed, headteacher of the school, said he saw Khalil being beaten up by some locals during the time of the incident. The accused teacher was rescued by his colleagues.

Khalil said he was being "framed" by the parents of the girl as he did not allow her to have her registration for the SSC exams after the deadline.

"The whole thing is a lie and aimed at landing me in trouble," he said.