

U-16 WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM School suspends teacher for beating up player's father

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Police are yet to arrest Jobed Ali Talukder, a physical education teacher of Kalsindur High School, and College in Mymensingh's Dhobaura upazila, who allegedly threatened nine Kalsindur members of the Bangladesh U-16 football team with transferring them another school and assaulted Sabuj Miah, father of the team's member Taslima Akhtar.

Police are looking for him, said Md Shawkat Alam, officer-in-charge of Dhobaura Police Station.

The trouble arose when Talukder learned of the girls' unavailability for this year's School Level Summer Football competition, starting on September 16. The girls said they will be unavailable as they have to travel back to Dhaka on September 16 to join the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) training camp and attend a reception in the team's honour on September 17.

Talukder "assaulted" Sabuj at Kalsindur Bazar Wednesday when he was sharing the day's earlier events involving the teacher with another teacher Md Mofizuddin, according to witnesses. Sabuj lodged a case with Dhobaura Police Station yesterday against Talukder, who was suspended by the school administration for the alleged assault.

He was served a show cause notice asking him to reply within 48 hours during the school governing body's meeting yesterday.

A three-member probe body formed at the meeting was asked to submit its report within two days.