



Khadiza makes her first public appearance at a press briefing in the capital's Square Hospitals yesterday.

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Khadiza tells press briefing at Square Hospitals, seeks blessings for early recovery

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"I'm well now," she said sitting on a wheelchair.

"I want to thank all those who stood beside me," Khadiza added in a soft, yet resolute tone.

Over one and a half months after the brutal attack, Sylhet college student Khadiza Begum Nargis has recovered as doctors said they are all set to release her from the hospital.

Doctors at the capital's Square Hospitals, where she was undergoing treatment, yesterday said she can be released anytime upon decision by the medical board formed for her treatment.

"She can now eat by herself, can read and also walk with support," Mirza Nazim Uddin, director of medical services of the hospital,

told reporters. Now she needs to undergo physiotherapy at a rehabilitation centre, he said.

Khadiza, 23, also appeared on a wheelchair before media during the press briefing and spoke for a while, seeking blessings for her recovery.

"I know all of you have prayed for me that helped my recovery. I hope you will pray for me in future also," she said. She also expressed her gratitude to the hospital authorities and media for standing beside her.

It was her first public appearance since the brutal hacking incident, which took place on October 3 in her home district Sylhet.

Khadiza was hacked by Badrul Alam, a fourth-year student of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and also a senior

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assistant secretary of Sust unit BCL on Sylhet MC College campus where she had gone to sit for an examination.

Locals caught Badrul and handed him over to police. He later confessed before a Sylhet magistrate that he had tried to

kill her.

On November 15, a Sylhet court took into cognisance the charge-sheet against him and fixed November 29 for hearing charge framing. The charge-sheet was submitted by police on November 8 against Badrul, the case's lone accused.