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ALLEGATION OF STEALING CELL PHONE

Rajshahi schoolboy beaten mercilessly groaning with pain

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Three brothers beat a schoolboy up hanging him upside down allegedly for stealing a cell phone in Narayanpur Market of Bagha upazila in Rajshahi yesterday.

With severe pains all over his body, Monirul Islam, a seventh grader and son of Mithu Pramanik of the area, was admitted to Bagha Health Complex, said Ali Mahmud, officer-in-charge of Bagha police.

Police assisted by locals arrested one of the brothers Hafizur Rahman Jillur on the spot, while the other two fled.

Muhibul Alam, a trader, lost his mobile phone in the morning when he went to the market, said the locals, adding that he along with his two brothers Jahangir Hossain and Jillur blamed Monirul for "stealing" the mobile and called him into the market.

They later beat the boy up after hanging him upside down from a wooden structure of a shop, said one of the witnesses.

Locals rescued and sent him to the health complex.

Monirul's mother Abeda Begum filed a case against the three.