

Headmaster of Gazipur school accused of sexual harassment

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Students of Baghia High School in Konabari of Gazipur demonstrated on the school premises yesterday, raising allegations of the headmaster sexually harassing two female students.

They boycotted classes and chanted slogans demanding removal of headmaster Babul Hossain. The school authorities closed the institution for the day.

Haji Shamsuddin, president of the school management committee, said the students complained to him on Wednesday. They also demonstrated on that day.

An audio recording of a conversation between one of the female students and the headmaster spread among the students, guardians and locals.

"I have heard the recording and there exists some elements of sexual harassment," said Shamsuddin, adding that on Wednesday, he asked Babul Hossain to give a satisfactory explanation in three days otherwise they would take necessary action against him.

The students also tried to lay siege to the headmaster's house yesterday but were prevented as police intervened.

Babul Hossain was not at the school yesterday and could not be contacted.