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# Madrasa boy brutally tortured, hospitalied

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Some local influential people tortured a madrasa boy brutally, bringing charge of stealing a cellphone against him at Chouthaimahal village in Nazirpur upazila of the district on Friday.

The victim is Md Abu Hanif, 20, a student of a qawmi madrasa, and son of Abdul Kader Hawlader of the village.

Witnesses said one Shafayet Hossain Sheikh, 21, son of late Shakhawat Hossain of the area, called Hanif out of his house on

Friday noon and took him in front of a shop where he was tied with rope.

"Later, Shafayet along with his uncle Nasriuddin Sheikh, 35, and one Mahbub Sheikh, 45, of the village, beat me mercilessly, bringing charge of theft against me," said Hanif, adding that they used electrical pliers during torture on him.

The hapless boy was later admitted to the hospital, said family members.

"The trio tortured me in presence of 30 to 40 villagers but none came forward

to help as they are very influential in the area," the victim told this correspondent at the health complex.

Contacted, MA Malek Bepary, chairman of Sreerumkathi Union Parishad, said he was staying in another area when the incident took place.

"But on my return to the village, I came to know that locals beat Hanif for teasing a girl," said the chairman.

He did not hear about the matter, said Md Nasiruddin, officer-in-charge of Nazirpur Police Station.