

Madrasa teacher jailed for sexually harassing girl

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A madrasa teacher in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat was jailed by a mobile court yesterday for sexually harassing a girl student.

The convict, Sohrab Hossain, 42, son of late Nasiruddin of Nondoil village, is an assistant teacher of Uchna Dakhil Madrasa in the upazila.

The mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Nur Uddin Al Faruk, also the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), sentenced Sohrab to eight months in jail and fined him Tk 5,000. In default, he has to suffer another year in prison.

Witnesses said Sohrab Hossain was investigating during a half-yearly examination of the madrasa yesterday. At one stage, he touched a sensitive part of the body of a Class VII girl with the excuse of checking her answer script.

Later, the girl informed her parents about the incident.

Her father filed a complaint with the mobile court, which found Sohrab guilty and handed down the verdict.

Away in Lalmonirhat, a union parishad (UP) member was arrested yesterday on charge of raping a schoolgirl in Panchagram union under Sadar Police Station, reports our correspondent.

The victim is now undergoing treatment at a clinic in Rangpur town, police said.

The arrested, Aminur Islam, is a member of Ward No 8 of the union.

Police said Aminur raped the girl, promising to marry her. The girl had become pregnant a few months ago.

Aminur forced the girl to have an abortion in a clinic in Rangpur a week back. She fell sick during the abortion and has been under treatment since then.

Knowing the matter, the schoolgirl's father lodged a rape case with the Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station on Wednesday, accusing Aminur, police said.