

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Teacher indicted

Ex-principal cleared of charges

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Prior to the indictment, the court acquitted Husne Ara Begum, ex-principal of the institution, and Lutfur Rahman, chief of the school's Bashundhara branch, from the charges of trying to cover up the incident and any delay in taking action against Portmol.

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Judge Arthur Rahman of the Fourth Special Tribunal for prevention of women and children repression took the decision as the allegations against them was not proved.

Earlier on January 9, the

same court took into cogni-

sance the charges against

the duo even though police

had submitted the charge

sheet against Portmol, drop-

ping their names as nothing

concrete was found to bring

charges against them.

The case trial will begin

on April 2, the court said. It

also summoned the com-

plainant to appear before it

on the day.

Portmol, now in custody,

pleaded not guilty and

demanding justice after the

charges were read out to him

yesterday. But the court

rejected his appeal.

THE CASE STATEMENT

The victim's father filed a

case with Badda Police

Station against Portmol,

Husne Ara and Lutfur

Rahman on July 5, 2011.

In the case statement,

Portmol, a former Bangla

teacher of the school's

Bashundhara branch, was

accused of violating the

student at his coaching cen-

tre in the city's Badda twice--

on May 28 and June 17, 2011.

Husne Ara and Lutfur

were accused of trying to

cover up the incident and

taking action late against

Portmol.

The school authorities

filed Portmol on the same

day the case was filed, and

Law enforcers arrested him

the following day.

The 59-year-old school

plunged into trouble after

the incident which sparked

protests among students

and guardians.

Teacher

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