

## Teacher arrested for rape of girls

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THE Detective Branch arrested a teacher reported to have raped more than a hundred girl students in Kushtia at Mohammadpur in the capital early Friday.

Helal Uddin Panna, an assistant teacher of Adrasha High School in the Kushtia town, is reported to have raped some school and college girls, who came to his house at Aruapra for private tuition, the officials said.

The Detective Branch team of Dhaka, team led by assistant commissioner Rayhan, arrested Panna at a rented house on Chinu Miah Road about 12:30am.

Subinspector Robiul Islam traced the whereabouts of the teacher accused of the crime that has triggered wide protests.

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On July 7, hundreds of local people and students in the district headquarters went on demonstrations and blocked the Kushtia-Rajshahi Highway in Barkhada-Trimohani in the upazila, demanding the arrest of the schoolteacher and four others, who are also reported to have raped some schoolgirls and released the video footage online and as

video clips for mobile.

Four of his associates — Alimuzzaman Tutul, executive engineer at the Islamic University, Kushtia Juba League leader Monirul Islam, Dulal Hossain, assistant engineer of LGED in Jessore, and Shariful Islam Sajal, assistant engineer of the Gangni LGED — were also involved in the crime committed in his house, local people said add-

ing that they had filmed the rape incidents with hidden video camera and released the clips.

Kushtia police subinspector M Monirul Islam on July 7 filed a case against five people, including Panna, under the Pornography Control Act 2012.

The police also seized Panna's laptop that had the video clips.