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## Stalker stabs schoolgirl

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A female student of Willes Little Flower School was stabbed near the school in the city's Kakrail yesterday.

Police and her family members suspect the attacker was her "stalker" -- a youth who works at a tailoring shop on Elephant Road.

Police picked up four people from the shop for questioning.

The incident happened around 12:30pm when the girl, a class-VIII student, was going to her home in Siddique Bazar area from the school, said her family members and schoolmates.

While she was on the Kakrail footbridge, she started to scream all of a sudden. Some of her friends, who were nearby, heard it and rushed to her help, they said.

"When the other school-kids went near my daughter,

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they saw her screaming in pain. There was blood in her abdomen and on her left hand," said her mother.

She claimed that the school-goers also saw a youth, aged around 20 to 22, running away from the scene.

They, however, could not see his face.

They first took the victim to a local hospital and then to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She had a surgery there last evening, said hospital sources.

The mother alleged that a youth -- Obaidul Khan -- from the tailoring shop -- Boishakhi Tailors -- started to "stalk" her daughter over phone some three months ago.

He had got her mobile phone number after she gave her contact number and address to the shop at Eastern Mollika

Shopping Complex. She had gone there to have her dresses stitched.

A week later, the youth stopped stalking the girl after her mother complained about the matter to the shop owners at the mall.

However, on Tuesday, Obaidul intercepted the girl as she was returning from school and tried to talk to her, said the mother, quoting the victim.

The father of the victim, who runs a clothing store at Siddique Bazar, said he would file a case.

Moshiure Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, said they detained four people, including two siblings who run the tailoring shop, for questioning.

Obaidul, however, was one the run, he said, adding that they were trying to catch him.