

Influential madrasa teacher skips duty for years in Pirojpur

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A teacher at a madrasa in Mathbaria upazila of the district has remained absent from duty for years.

He is Md Mostofa Kalam, an ebtedayee kari of Kakrabuniya Girls' Alim Madrasa in the upazila.

Sources said Mostofa went to the madrasa a few times in around four years, only to sign the attendance register. As he is a cousin of an additional secretary, the madrasa authorities did not protest.

But from last year, the madrasa managing committee has not allowed him to sign the register, and he could not draw his salary for a few months

last year and also this year.

Because of his power, the madrasa authorities could not take any step against him, though he has remained absent from the madrasa illegally.

Md Nuruzzaman, principal of the madrasa, said Mostofa has not taken leave or informed the authorities concerned.

"We have sent show cause notice to him five times, but he did not reply," the principal said, adding that they have informed the upazila secondary education officer about the matter.

Mostofa said he is staying in Dhaka for treatment. He also said he has a conflict with the managing committee

president Nur Mohammad, who does not permit him to sign the register.

While talking with this correspondent over mobile phone, he also said that he is trying to do land business in Dhaka.

Nur Mohammad could not be contacted as he did not receive any phone call.

Md Rafik Uddin Ahmed, Mathbaria upazila secondary education officer, said he joined there recently, so he does not know about the matter.

"If I get any allegation, I will take steps after investigating the matter," said the officer.