

Vengeance of love denied

BCL leader in Sylhet detained

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THE college girl who was hacked allegedly by a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League at MC College in Sylhet city Monday afternoon is now on life support after his operation by a team of neurosurgeons at Square Hospital in the capital.

Khadiza Akhter Nargis, 22, a second year honours student of Sylhet Government Women's College was hacked by Badrul Alam, a third year student of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and also the assistant general secretary of the university unit of BCL.

Khadiza is the latest victim of stalkers, said Ain O Salish Kendra.

Stalkers killed at least 75 girls, women and protesters in last five years until mid Sep-

tember, according ASK data.

Unable to bear insults from stalkers, at least 90 other girls and women committed suicide during the same period, shows ASK records.

Khadiza was admitted to Square Hospital at 9 AM on Tuesday. Square's associate medical director Mirza Nazim Uddin told reporters.

A three-member team of neurosurgeons operated upon her, he said.

'Khadiza is now on life support, her condition is critical, the possibility of her survival is very low,' he said.

Khadiza was brought with multiple hacking injuries on her head and hands with the tendons snapped, he said.

Khadiza's skull bones were pierced and her brain bore injuries, he said.

The operation over senior neurosurgery consultant

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Rezaus Sattar said that Khadiza was under observation and nothing could be said before 72 hours.

Daughter of Mashuk Miah of Akhailia, Sylhet city, Khadiza was hacked while she was leaving the examination hall of MC College.

She was immediately rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Khadiza was brought to the capital in the early hours of Tuesday as her condition deteriorated.

The victims classmates and other students of MC College caught BCL leader Badrul from the spot and handed him over to police after a good beating, said police.

Eye witnesses said Badrul suddenly attacked Khadiza with a machete, repeated hacked her on the head and she immediately fell on road.

'Whatever be his political identity, the attacker would be brought to justice,' home minister Asaduzzaman Khan

told New Age.

New Age staff correspondent in Sylhet reported that Badrul, son of Saidur Rahman of Sonagati, Chhatak, Sunamganj, earlier lived at Nargis' parents after he was admitted to the SUST.

He attacked her as she rejected his love overtures.

On Tuesday morning students of Sylhet Government Women College began protests for three days boycotting classes.

They demanded Badrul's speedy trial, capital punishment and security of girl students at exam halls and on their way to and from schools and colleges.

In the morning, they staged a sit-in demonstration in front of their college gate blocking the Zindabazar-Ambarkhana Road.

Later, they held a rally to protest the attack on Khadiza.

Today, the students would hold protest demonstrations wearing back badges and submit a memorandum to the

deputy commissioner.

Tomorrow also the students would hold a protest rally and from there would announce their next course of action.

Students of MC College held separate protest demonstrations in front of the main entrance of their college at midday demanding Badrul's exemplary punishment.

Later, they held a protest rally blocking the Sylhet-Tamabil highway to press the demand.

Vice principal of Sylhet Government Women's College Abdul Mujib that the teachers lent moral support to the demands of the protesting students.

BCL's SUST chapter president Sanjiban Chakrabarti Parhta told New Age that after Badrul joined a high school in Sunamganj as a teacher one year back he automatically vacated his BCL post.

Shah Paran police station officer-in-charge Shahjalal Munsai said Badrul was under

treatment at SOMCH under police custody.

The victim's uncle Abdul Kuddus filed a case with the police station against Badrul, he said.

SUST vice-chancellor Aminul Huq Bhuiyan said Badrul was temporarily expelled from the university Tuesday afternoon.

The recent incidents of stalkers killing Suraiya Akhter a Class VIII student in the capital, Nitu Mandal, a Class IX student in Madaripur and leaving Zakia Sultana a Class VIII student critically injured in Dinajpur highlighted the persistence of the deadly social menace.

ASK data shows that since 2011 at least 781 girls and women were sexually assaulted by stalkers.

With many of the attacks remain unreported, the actual number of incidents of killings and harassment of girls and women by stalkers would be much higher, said rights activists.