

Khadiza improves slightly

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THE chance of survival of hacked Sylhet Government Women's College student Khadiza Akter Nargis increased, doctors at Square hospital in Dhaka said on Saturday.

They, however, said that it might take two-three more weeks or even a month to say if she could recover completely and return to normal life.

'She [Khadiza] is still unconscious but the chance of her survival has increased as she is responding to stimuli,' neurosurgery physician at the hospital Rezaus Sattar told reporters in a press conference at the hospital.

He said that it seemed to them after 96 hours of

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her treatment at the Neuro Intensive Care Unit of the hospital that she might survive.

Khadiza, a second-year student at Sylhet Government Women's College, was hacked by Shahjalal University of Science and Technology unit Bangladesh Chhatra League assistant secretary Badrul Alam on

October 3.

Badrul, also a fourth year student at the university and former house tutor of Khadiza, hacked her when she came out of her exam hall at MC College in Sylhet.

Following the attack, the victim was admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital from where she was shifted to Square Hospitals in Dhaka early October 4.

The attack by a leader of the ruling Awami League backed student body caused widespread protests across the country.

Rezaus Sattar said that Khadiza bore several orthopaedic injuries in different parts of her body besides of severe injuries in the head and those injuries.

'We would start giving her orthopaedic treatment

only when she [Khadiza] will be out of danger from her critical neurological status,' said Sattar.

Square hospital's medicine and critical care unit consultant Mirza Nazim Uddin requested people not to spread rumour over the health of Khadiza and said that the condition of the college girl was definitely better than her previous condition.