

# Female student hacked, robbed in Laxmipur

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A group of criminals hacked a female student and snatched away her mobile phone and money in Laxmipur municipality area on Friday night.

The victim, Farhana Akhter, 22, is from Adabaria village of Pabna's Bhangura upazila. The 22-year-old used to work at a Save the Children project in Laxmipur, said police and locals.

Recently, she came to the district from Pabna to sit for her examinations at Laxmipur Government College under an Open University programme. She used to stay at the home of one Sabita Rani, whom she had met while working under the project, in Sakharipara area.

As her exam ended, Farhana went to

the local bus station to catch a bus to go to her home. But she had to return as she did not get any ticket.

When she reached Sakharipara area around 10:00pm, some criminals hacked her with a sharp weapon, took her cell phone and money, and fled.

Hearing her screams, locals came forward and took her to the Laxmipur Sadar Hospital.

She was hacked in the stomach and the chest, but she was out of danger, said Anwar Hossain, resident medical officer at the hospital.

Talking to reporters at the hospital, Farhana said that while working at Laxmipur she had developed a relationship with an official of Laxmipur district health and family welfare department. On December 27 last year, they got married at Surma Valley

Rest House in Sylhet.

Farhana, however, said her husband was now not admitting that they were married.

She alleged that her husband hired goons to carry out the attack to snatch the mobile phone which had evidence of the marriage.

The man, however, has refuted all the allegations. "She is not my wife. She always tries to blackmail me."

Laxmipur Deputy Commissioner Zillur Rahman Chowdhury, Assistant Superintendent of Police Shahnewaz and Officer-in-Charge of Laxmipur Sadar Police station Abdullah-Al-Mamun Bhuiyan visited injured Farhana at the hospital.

Later, they told reporters that legal action would be taken after investigation.