

Girl commits suicide being punished by schoolteacher

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A CLASS VIII schoolgirl of village Madhya Bagadi under Chandpur Sadar hanged herself on Monday morning after assistant headmaster of his school punished her on Sunday for failing to pay Tk 80 as examination fee, her family alleged.

The victim, Sathi Akhter, 14, daughter of Delwar Hossain of the village, was a student of Bagadi Gani High School of the upazila.

The victim's family, referring to her classmates, alleged that the school's assistant headmaster, Md Alauddin, forced Sathi to

stand in the sun for about an hour as she failed to pay a due of Tk 80, out of her examination and other fees of Tk 400.

They also alleged that Sathi committed suicide as she could not bear the punishment and insult by the assistant headmaster.

As the news of her death spread in the locality, villagers attacked the school and smashed window pans and doors while all the teachers and students fled, the villagers said.

Chandpur Model Police station officer-in-charge Md Waliullah told New Age that he had heard of the incident and was investigating the matter.