

# Twin college girls beaten by stalkers

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TWO female students of Mirpur BCIC College in Dhaka were beaten up by a restaurant owner near their college as they protested against his stalking on Wednesday morning.

The 16-year-old twin sisters, HSC first-year students of the College at East Monipur of Mirpur-2, were immediately rushed to a

nearby clinic and one of them sustained injuries in the waist while the other in the left leg, their father said.

The father filed a case with Shah Ali police station Wednesday afternoon accusing Ahana Restaurant owner Jiban Karim Babu and two of his unnamed associates of attacking the twin sisters for protesting against stalking, assistant sub-inspector Md

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Shamsul Hoque told New Age.

He said that a staff of the restaurant, Lutfar Rahman, was arrested in the case.

The twin sisters were the latest victims of attack by stalkers and came under attack while a 22-year-old college girl, Khadiza Akhter Nargis, was fighting for life in a private hospital in Dhaka after she was hacked in Sylhet city by a Bangladesh Chattra League leader on October 3 for de-

nying his proposal of marriage.

Referring to the complaint, Shamsul said that the twin sisters had been waiting for a bus in front of Ahana Restaurant near their college when the restaurant owner Jiban hurled abusive words and stalked them at about 11:30am.

As the twin sisters protested against the stalking, Jiban and his two associates slapped and beat them with sticks, he said.

† The recent incidents of

attacks by stalkers, including the killing of a Class VIII student of Will Little Flower School and College in Dhaka and a Class IX student in Madaripur and attacks on a Class VIII student in Dinajpur and Khadiza in Sylhet, highlighted the persistence of the deadly social menace.

Stalkers killed at least 75 girls, women and protesters in the past five years until mid-September, according to rights organisation Ain O Salish Kendra.

In the face of unbearable insults from stalkers, at least 90 girls and women committed suicide in the same period, showed the rights organisation records.

The records showed that since 2011, at least 781 girls and women were sexually harassed 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.