

# Teachers demand immediate arrest of Barguna gang rape accused *They'll wear black badges Aug 26-28*

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**LEADERS** of Bangladesh Government Primary School Headmasters' Association on Thursday demanded immediate arrest of the accused in a case over gang-rape of a schoolteacher in front of her husband at her school in Barguna's Betagi upazila on August 17.

They placed their demands at a human chain, organised by Bangladesh Government Primary School Headmasters' Association, and some other teachers' organisations in front of the Jalya Press Club in the city. Association President Rejal Parveg announced that primary teachers will wear black badges while taking class in the classrooms protesting at the incident on August 26, 27 and 28.

The primary teachers across the country formed human chains protesting at this incident at the same time. Primary School Assistant Teachers' Association general secretary Sabera Begum said they sought security from the government as they are feeling insecure by this kind of incident.

Primary School Headmasters' Association General secretary Nazrul Islam, Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers' Society president Tapan Mandal and general secretary HBM Asaduzzaman, among others, spoke at the programme. The assistant teacher of a primary school was allegedly gang raped in a classroom of her school and the victim filed a case with Betagi police station accusing six people.

The accused are Sumon Biswas, 35, son of Md Hirun Biswas, Md Rasel, 28, son of Abdul Barak Mifa, Sumon Kazi, 30, son of Abdul Kid-

cus, Md Rabinul, 18, son of Abdur Rahman, and Md Jewel, 30, son of Md Abdur Rahann, residents of village Kodomtola of Betagi upazila. According to the case statement, when the teacher was talking to her husband in a classroom of the school, the accused tried to enter the school.

At one stage, when the teacher locked the main gate of the school they broke it open and beat up her husband. They tied up her husband in a classroom and raped her repeatedly.

Rejecting the medical report of the rape victim they also demanded action against the people who were protecting the perpetrators and influencing the administration.