

Trial of AUST teacher for sexually harassing female students begins

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TRIAL of Mahfuzur Rashid Ferdous, a teacher of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), in a case filed for sexually harassing female students begun yesterday.

Judge Shafiqul Azam of Dhaka Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 partly recorded the deposition of the complainant Asadullah Al Sayem and adjourned the proceedings until January 16 for recording rest of the complainant's deposition.

Earlier on November 03, last year, the court framed charges against Mahfuzur Rashid Ferdous in the case.

On August 14, sub-inspector of Women Support and Investigation Division Afroz Irene Koli, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted a charge sheet against Mahfuzur to the court.

On May 3, Asadullah Al Sayem, brother of a victim filed the case with Kalabagan Police Station against the accused on charges of sexual harassment. Soon after filling of the case, he was arrested from his flat in the capital's Eskatan area on May 4 last year.

According to the case, on March 2, Ferdous took a first-year female student of EEE to his flat where he sexually harassed her, took some pictures of her and threatened to upload those on the Internet if she told anyone about the matter.

In a similar manner, he harassed two more female students of his department on November 22, 2015 and February 19, 2016 at his flat and his university office room.