

Miscreants set Ashulia school on fire

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MISCREANTS set fire to a high school at Paragram in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, on Saturday night.

The fire gutted all the 14 rooms of the Wilson Kindergarten and High School, officer-in-charge of Ashulia police station Mohsinul Kadir said.

The headmistress of the school, Morzina Begum, told New Age that they had locked the main gate of the school around 6:00pm on Saturday.

The fire spread rapidly to all the class rooms and the office room around 10:30pm, she said.

The locals with the help of fire service put out the fire after two hours of attempt,

Morzina said.

Senior station officer of Dhaka Export Processing Zone fire service Abdul Hamid said the miscreants may have used gun-powder or petrol to set fire on the school.

Protesting at the incident, the students and their guardians on Sunday held a rally beside the school, demanding punishment of the culprits.

Mohsinul said they started investigation into the incident after the school authorities had filed a general diary with the police. But none was arrested so far, he added.

Locals said around 500 students were studying in the school from play to grade X which was housed in a tinshed building.