PHOTO STAR Safiya, an elderly domestic help who was tortured by the family members of her employer in Chittagong, shows the marks of torture yesterday.

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Elderly domestic help tortured in Chittagong

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Local people rescued an elderly domestic help on Monday night who was tortured and kept confined to a room of the house where she worked.

Safiya Begum, 50, who worked in the flat of Mintu in a four-storey building at East Rampur in Chittagong city, was beaten up by the family members of Mintu on Monday morning as she declined to work as per their instruction because of herillness.

Safiya, 50, wife of a martyred freedom fighter, hails from Habiganj in Sylhet, sources said.

Locals rescued the woman from the rented flat of Mintu after they came to know that she was tortured and kept confined since the morning, said Mainuddin, a local resident.

Safiya yesterday said that the family members of Mintu beat her up as she did not want to do more work because of her illness.

"I have been working in the flat temporarily for a few weeks. On Monday-morning, I did some household chores. Then the sister of Mintu asked me to wash clothes. As I declined to comply, she started beating me," Safiya added.

The other family members also tortured her, she claimed.

Local people said that the police visited the flat but did not take any action against the family members. The police said a team from Halishahar Police Station was investi-

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Former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called on the government not to compromise with the corrupt individuals.

"We want to clearly tell the government not to reach a compromise with the corrupt," said Badruddoza, released with honour, but if they are also the president of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), at a party political training workshop.

"Those who are found innocent of corruption after a trial should be released after being charged and before a trial, people would question the process," he said.

"Those who are released after a trial for releasing those charged with government would also avoid tough questions," added the former president. He further said the government should publicly declare the reasons calviolence.

would regain their respect and the corruption, apologies to the individuals and pay them compensation. Badruddoza said BDB wants

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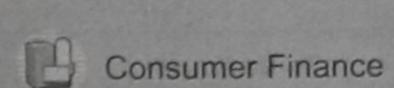
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