

SI booked for 'abusing' housewife

Also faces charges of looting

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A five-month pregnant woman has filed a case accusing a sub-inspector of assaulting her and taking away the valuables from her house.

Maria Khatun, 19, filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court in Meherpur yesterday accusing SI Laskar Lazul Islam alias Zia of Meherpur Sadar Police Station.

She had been admitted to Meherpur General Hospital.

She said the accused had tortured her on Tuesday afternoon when he went to her house to look for her husband.

According to the complaint, SI Zia and two constables went to Maria and her husband Mehedi Hasan Baker's house in Dighirpara area of Meherpur town and told Maria that they were looking for Baker as a general diary was lodged against him over vandalism.

Baker, a third year student of Meherpur Government College, was not home at the time.

SI Zia forcibly entered her home and started rummaging through their belongings, the five-month pregnant woman wrote in her statement.

The SI then allegedly asked where

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Child murder

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In some cases, children were beaten to death over trifles or on false allegations of theft. There were incidents in which a parent killed his or her child and then committed suicide, BSAF Director Abdus Shahid Mahmood said while releasing the report.

The findings are based on media reports published in 15 national dailies.

It said 4,566 children fell victim to different types of incidents last year, up by 18.75 percent from the previous year. The number was 3,845 in 2017.

Incidents of child rape fell by 3.71 percent last year when 571 children were raped. The number was 593 in 2017, the report pointed out.

The country saw verdicts in 31 child murder cases and 50 cases over child rape last year, said the BSAF director.

Police taking leaders of Paltan unit Chhatra League to a Dhaka court yesterday. Nine leaders of the pro-Awami League student body were arrested on Tuesday after allegedly assaulting policemen. Story on page 3.

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