

SETTING NUSRAT AFIRE

## Brutality followed meet with Siraj

*Followers visited madrasa principal in jail, got a 'directive'; attack was planned next day, says PBI*

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Nusrat Jahan Rafi was set on fire two days after detained Sonagazi madrasa principal Siraj Ud Doula gave a directive to some of his followers when they visited him in Feni district jail, investigators said yesterday.



Investigators found that the attackers, all in veils, were students of the madrasa and included a female.

Briefing the press at the PBI office in Dhaka, Banaj said the group planned to burn her to death for two reasons.

Firstly, they believed Nusrat "demeaned Alem-Ulema" as the principal was arrested in a case filed for sexually assaulting her on March 27. Another reason was she repeatedly rejected Shamim's relationship proposal.

The victim was an Alim (equivalent to HSC) examinee and the incident took place minutes before the start of her Arabic first paper test at 10:00am.

Suffering about 75 percent burns, she died at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 10, triggering a huge public outcry across the country.

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