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Enclosed is the news item appearing in 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 23. 02. 2018, captioned " Man wrongly charged with theft kills himself"

Superintendent of Police, Purba Bardhaman is directed to enquire into the matter and to submit a report by 26th March, 2018.



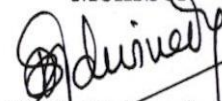
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A youth was tied to a lamp post and badly thrashed for allegedly stealing Rs 4,000 from his neighbour's house; after the money was recovered from somewhere else, the humiliated youth hanged himself.

The youth, who was shifted to Burdwan Medical College and Hospital yesterday evening, died in the wee hours today.

The family of the victim, meanwhile, lodged a complaint against seven other youths of the locality alleging assault and abetment to suicide. Police, however, have failed to nab any of the accused.

Sensation gripped Radhanagar village within Bhatar Police Station limits in Burdwan (East) after some youths dragged Akbar Ali Sheikh (32) out of his house and slapped him repeatedly on 14 February.

The family of the victim lodged a police complaint against seven youths of the locality, charging them with assault and provocation to commit suicide. No one has been arrested yet.

Akbar was then tied to a lamp-post beside the local mosque and was thrashed badly. The group led by Raja Sheikh and Manzar Molla charged that Akbar had stolen Rs 4,000 from the house of one of his neighbours, which he repeatedly denied.

According to Rasula Begum, the victim's widow: "My husband pleaded several times that he was innocent and had nothing to do with the theft but they continued beating him ruthlessly in front of our children."

The youths released Akbar

only after his wife arranged the amount and paid them.

After Akbar was taken home by his wife and family members, Rasula said, "the same youths came back and apologized for their actions as the money had been recovered from someone else."

In the late evening, a humiliated Akbar hanged himself in his room. He was shifted to Bhatar Primary Health Centre in critical condition. The Primary Health Centre referred the case to the BMCH yesterday evening where he died at around 2 a.m. today.

The victim's family today lodged complaint against Raja, Manzar and five others.

However, the accused, according to Mr Pulak Mondal, the officer-in-charge, Bhatar police station, have gone into hiding apprehending arrest.

He added: "An investigation into the charges has begun."