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Enclosed is the news item appearing in 'The Statesman" an English daily dated 26.04.2017, captioned "Woman tonsured, paraded naked in village".

The District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas is directed to furnish a detailed report within 5th June, 2017.

The Superintendent of Police, South 24-Parganas is also directed to furnish a report within 5th June, 2017 enclosing thereto:

(a) statement of the victim woman

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta) Chairperson

(Naparajit Mukherjee) Member

(M. S. Dwivedy) Member

Encl: News Item Dt. 26.04. 17

 $\mbox{Ld}.$ Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and uploaded in the website.

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Woman tonsured, paraded naked in village

In-laws allege that she was having an extra-marital affair with a relative

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A 27-year-old house-wife was chained up and badly beaten up with iron rods by her in-laws.at Joynagar, in South 24-Parganas, after which they tonsured and paraded her naked around the village, alleging that she was having an extra-marital affair with a relative.

A police complaint was registered in connection with the incident, but no one has been arrested so far. The father of the young woman, who is a resident of Gazipur in Kulpi, today lodged an FIR with Joynagar police alleging that her daughter was beat-

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en up badly with iron rods at her in-laws' house at Bakhra village near Jiban Mondoler Haat on 23 April night by her in-laws, including her brother-in-law and step-son, after she was chained up by them.

After that, the accused persons shaved her head and eyebrows and forced to walk around the village naked but none of the villagers came forward to save his daughter, the father added.

The father of the victim stated that his daughter's husband, who is a tailor, had gone to Kolkata and taking the chance, the accused persons charged his daughter with having an extra-marital affair with one of their relatives.

The father stated that it was a pre-planned move, and that the man with whom his daughter is accused of having illicit relations had been sent to her room that day in the absence of her husband. He said the frame-up had happened because the parents and step-son of her husband did not want to give the couple their share of land and other assets. After she was paraded naked, she was chained up again by her in-laws, who fled the place thereafter.

The next morning, the local Trinamul Congress leader,

Md. Selimuddin Sheikh, the mother and the brother's wife of the victim rescued her from her in-laws house.

The victimi was taken to Kulpi hospital with a serious

eye injury.

A member of the human rights organisation, CPDR, Saifuddin Ahmed Zamadar, alleged that yesterday police heckled the victim's father when he went to lodge the complaint in the police station but today afternoon he met with the officer-in-charge of the police station and the FIR has been registered. No one has, however, been arrested so far, he added.

Police, however, said a search is on and the accused persons will be nabbed.