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## Another little girl 'assaulted'

Cops still in dark over Mughalpora girl tragedy

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A seven-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a 25-year-old man in the Sundar Police precincts on Monday, three days after another flower was brutalised in Lahore.

A resident of Sundar Bazaar told the police that his daughter was playing in the street when a man, named as Boota, took her to the fields and committed the crime. The lawmen arrested Boota and launched an investigation. According to the investigators, the arrested denied the charges, however they were waiting for the reports of medical examination and DNA test.

On the other hand, the five-year-old Mughalpora girl is recovering in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the Services Hospital, as the police are still groping in the dark.

Hospital sources said that the terrified girl spoke to her parents and doctors on Monday afternoon though she was feeling uncomfortable. The hospital staff also presented some toys to the traumatised girl, who according to the doctors was raped several times.

A senior police officer said that the investigators had interrogated several suspects in connection with the assault but no arrest had been made yet.

"We are working on the case and are investigating some suspects but neither anyone has been identified nor formally arrested yet," the officer said. "The police investigators are still clueless," he added.



Protest for punishment to rapist continues.—INP

Though the police investigators went through the footage taken from CCTV cameras, installed outside the hospital, the police are yet unable to establish who carried out the brutal assault. The police detained several suspects from the Mughalpora neighbourhood and released most of them after questioning, a police official said.

The youngest of nine siblings was found dumped outside Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on Friday night, a day after she went missing from Ghouseia Colony.

Meanwhile, Punjab Inspector General of Police (IGP), Khan Baig, has constituted a three-member committee to compile in-detail the child abuse cases, which took place in the province.

A spokesperson for police said that the members of committee included Additional-IG (Investigation) Muhammad Amlish, DIG (Monitoring and Investigation) Abdul Qadir Qayyum and SP (Investigation) Waqas Hassan.

The committee has been directed to prepare a detailed report on child abuse cases reported in the province.