

# Cook denies groping Dubai schoolboy inside shop

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Dubai: A cook claimed he has diabetes and hypertension and cried when he appeared in court on Thursday and denied groping a schoolboy's posterior at a grocery store.

Prosecutors accused the 47-year-old Bangladeshi cook of sexually molesting the 13-year-old Indian schoolboy.

"I am not guilty. I did not touch the boy at all," argued 47-year-old M.J. when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

According to the chargesheet, prosecutors said the defendant molested the boy by groping his posterior a number of times.

"What do you want from the court?" Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad said when he addressed the suspect in Courtroom 4.

"I am a sick man. I am diabetic and have hypertension. Police officers have beaten me and coerced me to confess. I am suffering in detention. I want to go back home," argued M.J. in weepy voice.

## Testimony

The boy's 43-year-old father testified that the defendant molested his son. "The defendant used to walk behind him and touch his back. While I was in the bookstore one time, my son came up to me and claimed that the suspect molested him. I asked my son about the suspect's features and then we went searching for him. As soon as my son spotted the suspect, he alerted me... then immediately I informed the police," the father claimed during prosecution questioning. The schoolboy alleged that the defendant molested him in a grocery store and in the bookstore.