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Policeman held for abusing minor

GHAZNI CITY (PAN): Intelligence operatives detained a policeman for sexually abusing a seven-year-old child in the southern province of Ghazni, residents said. Dweller Asadullah informed Pajhwok Afghan News the policeman, deputed at a checkpoint in the Bahlol Sahib village, subjected Habibullah to the sexual assault late Wednesday. While fetching water from a tap near the check-post, the villager alleged, the cop forcibly took the minor into his room and sodomised him. The provocative act triggered a wave of anger among the locals, he added. Irate area inhabitants including relatives of the minor and tribal elders, denouncing the offence, demanded the killing of the wayward law-enforcer who himself did not balk at flouting the law. Deputy Governor Muhammad Kazimullah Yar, confirming the boys ordeal, said the constable had been tasked with guarding the water reservoir. He promised the culprit, currently under investigation, would be brought to justice. But the provincial police chief, who denied any policeman was involved in the crime, insisted the rapist was a maniac posing as a cop. The offender was being grilled by police, Maj. Gen. Khan Muhammad Mujahid concluded.

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