



ACID SURVIVORS
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18 year old bride-to-be attacked with acid over money disputes in Cox's Bazar just 3 days before wedding

Resident of Gorjonia Union of Ramu Upazilla, Cox's Bazar, Taiyeba was a domestic help at Badsha Mia's-father of 3 sons. The oldest son Nurul Absar borrowed money from Taiyeba's brother Aziz one time. When asked to return the money, Nurul attacked Aziz and beat him up following a bitter quarrel. Police settled the matter but Nurul felt his pride was wounded. So, along with another man-Farid Alam, he took out his vengeance on Taiyeba throwing acid on her.

The 18-year-old instantly became a victim of an acid attack just 3 days prior to her wedding, enduring over 7% burns, severe burns on the right side of her face, and the right eye in critical condition requiring urgent treatment. She was first taken to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital and then transferred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital due to worsening condition.

Taiyeba's father is unable to bear her costly treatment being a day laborer but he nevertheless filed a case under Acid Control Act 2002 resulting in Nurul's prompt arrest. The second defendant is however yet to be apprehended.

The feud over only 500 BDT slaughtered Taiyeba's dream of being a beautiful bride. Her groom-to-be visited her in the hospital and could not help but sob seeing his bride-to-be in such a horrid and helpless condition.

service report



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MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical Advice (Physical & Hotline)
Physio Advice
Psychotherapy Counselling
Referral

262

SURVIVORS

A total of 262 survivors received health consultation regarding recurring complications caused due to chemical burns such as contracture, ophthalmological issues, hearing difficulties, infection, etc.

Over 90% of the 262 survivors were women.

Legal Assistance
Legal Counseling
HotLine Service

LEGAL & HOTLINE SERVICES

A total of 6 cases were reported across the first half of the year out of which ASF undertook and assisted 5.

An average of 20 survivors per month were offered hotline communication services; totaling up to 120 survivors from January to July.

120

SURVIVORS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social Welfare Department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College & Hospital

32

SURVIVORS

From January to June, over 79K BDT were disbursed to 13 survivors from ASF for emergency food and medicine amidst the Pandemic.

Moreover, nominated the other 19 to the government to receive funds and assisted them with due diligence.

survivor of the month



"True beauty lies not in the face but in the heart", says ASF survivor-employee Jahanara recounting her ordeal

Jahanara Akhter Parul was only 15 when her first cousin attacked her with acid. The cousin approached her relentlessly with unwanted proposals and upon Parul's rejection threw acid on the poor girl as an act of retaliation. She was taken to the Chandpur Shader Hospital and later to Dhaka Medical College where ASF took over her medical responsibilities.

In 2004, Jahanara joined ASF as a receptionist and following training on making frozen goods, she is now able to make a decent livelihood and get by comfortably amidst the Covid-19 crisis.

Even after 12 surgeries and the left side of her face severely burnt, Jahanara believes her accident has not claimed her beauty. She maintains that true beauty lies not in the face but inside a person's heart. And the source of her confidence stems from her daughter who calls her the princess of her life.

To this day, however, Jahanara has not received justice due to the social influence of the culprit's family and yet she continues to hope.

You can help!

Did you know since the Pandemic, ASF has lost 60% of its staff? With funds quickly depleting and sponsors involved in curbing the nationwide crisis, ASF is in need of generous donations from all walks of life more than ever.

Get involved with Bangladesh's number#1 NGO fighting acid attacks by donating to us today!

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