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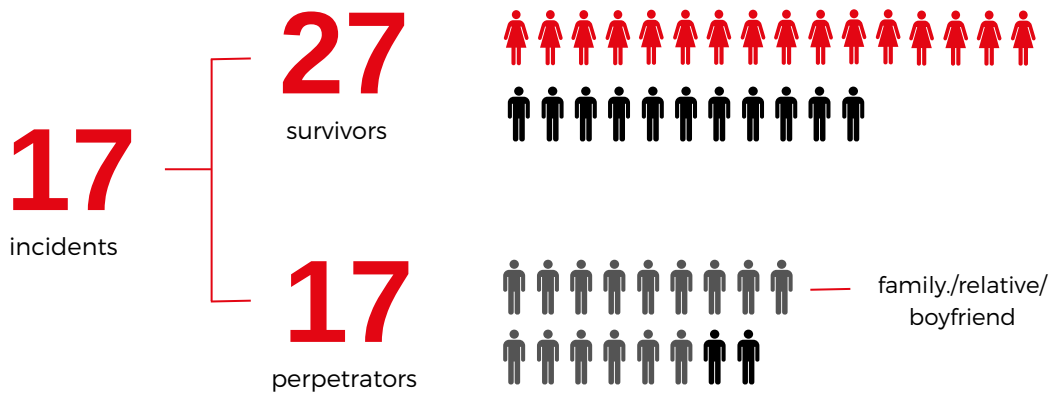
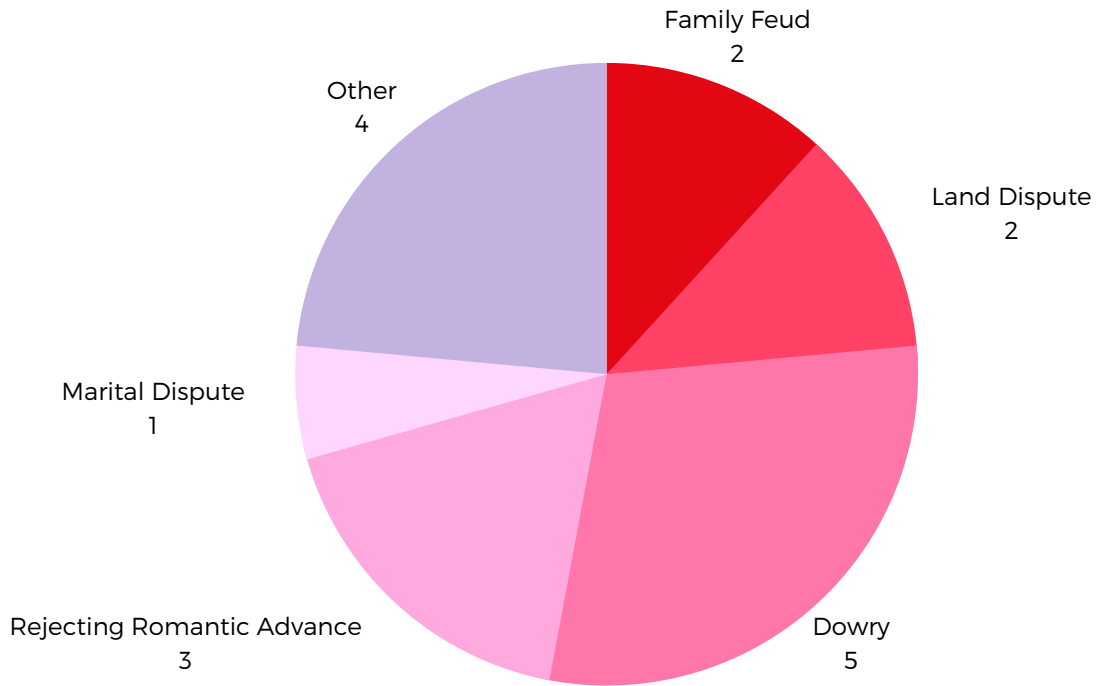
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# ACID ATTACK STATISTICS 2022



# 15TH LEGAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

📍 Dhaka, Acid Survivors Foundation



On 31st January 2023, the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) arranged its 15th Legal Advisory Group (LAG) meeting with its legal aid partners. The purpose was to follow up on cases and discuss acid attack statistics and ways to ensure survivors' access to legal services.

Participants included Nighat Seema (Deputy Director - Legal and Protection, Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association),

(Advocate Shahanaz Akter (Assistant Project Manager - Naripokkho), Joyshri Sarker (Program Manager - BRAC), Ananya Chakraborty (Project Coordinator - Bangladesh Legal Aid Services and Trust).

The meeting was chaired by ASF's Executive Director Mr. Sarder Jahangir Hossain, and anchored by ASF's Coordinator - Case and Partnership Management Ms. Tahmina Islam.

# ASF BY MONIRA KHANOM'S SIDE

| 38 Faridpur

Monira was only 15 when she was attacked with acid in 2003 for turning down a marriage proposal. She received treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital and Dhaka Medical College hospital before getting admitted to ASF Hospital in 2004 where she later worked as a ward attendant for 10 years.

In September 2022, Monira faced complications giving birth to her second child. Ever since she suffered from various health issues related to her liver, kidney, bladder, and postpartum complications requiring advanced treatment.

Monira's family is poor and cannot afford the cost of multiple surgeries and repeated ICU stays. Her newborn baby also suffers from poor health. In September 2022, ASF came forward to support Monira financially and mentally.

To help cover the expense of Monira's treatments more help is needed. Please donate to support Monira and her family



# JOHER NIGAR

| 35 Dinajpur

According to Joher Nigar's statement, Nigar's elder sister-in-law sought a loan of two lakh BDT from Abed Ali, Nigar's husband, to send his son abroad. Nigar's husband was a day laborer and owned a small piece of land. He paid Tk 1 lakh 75 thousand BDT by selling the land. Nigar's sister-in-law promised to repay the money when his son sent money from abroad. But even after a long time they did not repay the money. They insulted and beat Abed when he asked for it.

A few months before the incident Abed Ali got into an argument with them on the road. On 12th August, 2019 at around 2.30 AM, Gani Mia, Mohammad Aher Ali, Md Tofazzal came to Nigar's house while she was asleep with her daughter Moushumi and asked her where Abed was from her bedroom window. Nigar said he was not home. Tofazzal told her to open the door. Nigar refused but they threatened to set the house on fire.

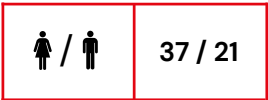
Upon opening the door, Tofazzal poured acid on Nigar burning her head, hands, jaw, chest, abdomen and legs. On hearing Nigar and her daughter's screams people rushed to their house and poured water over her. Later, with the help of neighbors, they were admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital. After 22 days of treatment she came to ASF for specialized treatment.



Abed Ali filed a case against Gani Mia, Tofazzal Hossain and Aher Ali in Kaharol police station. The case did not make any progress as the accused was powerful according to them. Accused number two: Tofazzal Hossain and accused number three: Aher Ali were arrested but accused number one: Gani Mia remain out of reach.

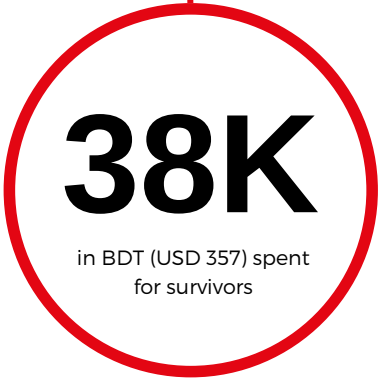
Joher Nigar is currently facing difficulty in her case. Police Bureau of Investigation is investigating her case and submitted their final report in favor of the defendant and then filed Naraji petition (a legal team). At ASF, we are doing our best to provide her legal support through various Legal Aid Organizations to bring Nigar justice.

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