## Minor girl abducted - No investigation by the Police personnel from Jalangi Police Station

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To The Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Plot No.21, FC33, Jasola Institutional Area, New Delhi-110025

Respected Madam,

Here I want to draw your kind attention over an incident of abduction of a Muslim minor girl belonging from Other Backward Class (OBC) and subsequent police inaction. The girl was abducted allegedly from Biswaspara, near Sahebnagar Bazaar in front of the Sahebnagar Mosque under Jalangi police station area of Murshidabad district, when she was heading for private tuition on a bicycle.

Her parents registered a missing diary with the Jalangi police when they couldn't find her after thorough searching. Later when they were informed by the witnesses that the victim was abducted by some goons in a maruti van vehicle, they went to lodge a specific complaint against the perpetrators but the Jalangi police refused to treat the complaint as a FIR. Frustrated by police inaction, her parents lodged a written complaint to the Superintendent of Police of Murshidabad district but that too did not bear any fruit as nobody was booked under the law and the girl is still missing.

Ms. Sabira Khatun ( actual name withheld with purpose), aged about 17 years, daughter of Mr. Abdur Rajjak Sheikh of Dhanirampur village, Post Office - Kajipara under Jalangi Police Station of Murshidabad District was a student of class XI in Kajipara Higher Secondary School. She goes for tuitions in the evening regularly to the neighboring village of Sahebnagar in her bicycle. On 05.10.19 she went out from her house in her bicycle for tuition at around 4:00 pm but didn't return home. Her father, Mr. Abdur Rajjak and brother, Mr. Sabiyad Ali became anxious when she didn't return in due time and initiated a search for her. When they couldn't find her after searching for the whole night, they lodged a missing diary in the Jalangi police station on 6.10.19. Later that day, when the family members were continuing their search they found out that Sabira's bicycle has been recovered by some villagers of Sahebnagar village. As they contacted those villagers, they figured out that Sabira has been abducted by some goons in a Maruti van vehicle as described by the eyewitnesses. They informed that after the goons forcefully grabbed Sabira and put her inside the vehicle, the bicycle was left in the spot. The victim's father, Mr. Abdur Rajjak suspected the names of few persons, who had a tussle with their neighborhood a few while back and went to the Jalangi police immediately to lodge a complaint stating that this was a case of abduction and an act of vengeance. He also provided the names of the suspects to the Jalangi police, who are:

- 1. Sanjoy Sarkar, S/O Samar Sarkar of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 2. Samar Sarkar of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 3. Gita Sarkar, W/O Samar Sarkar of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 4. Sagar Sheikh, S/O Kabi Sheikh of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 5. Rabi Sharma, S/O Basanta Sharma of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 6. Shibu Sharma, S/O Basanta Sharma of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station
- 7. Baju Sharma, S/O Basanta Sharma of Sahebnagar village under Jalangi police station

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But the Jalangi police station didn't register a complaint from Mr. Abdur Rajjak on the matter rather they verbally assured him that police will look into the matter. The next day Jalangi police arrested Sagar Sheikh and his father Kabi Sheikh and kept them in police custody for 2 days. They were not produced before the court and released after 2 days for some unknown reason. When Mr. Rajjak asked the Jalangi police regarding the releasing of the accused persons, he was insulted and verbally abused.

It was revealed that Sagar Sheikh and his friend Sanjoy Sarkar are involved in various anti-social activities. It is being perceived that during the incident Sanjoy Sarkar, who is a resident of Berhampore came to visit his maternal uncle's house in Sahebnagar village and was a part of the crime along with others. After the incident, they are now hidden somewhere in Berhampore. Mr. Abdur Rajjak went to the Berhampore police station as well to lodge a complaint against the suspects on 15.10.19, but the Inspector-in-charge of the Berhampore police station refused to accept any complaint and verbally abused Mr. Rajjak.

On 16.10.19, with no other options, Mr. Abdur Rajjak lodged a written complaint to the Superintendent of Police of Murshidabad district regarding the whole incident. But no action from his end has been taken as well.

India has substantial legislation dealing with kidnapping and abduction of women and girl and subsequent trafficking for immoral purposes and the mentioned area of Indo- Bangladesh bordering district is infamous for trafficking of girls for immoral purposes but shockingly the law enforcement agency having responsibility to investigate this malice and rescue the affected girls are sitting idle, most of the time their inaction is basically acquiescence with the offenders.

This incident and subsequent inaction of police drew severe violation of related sections and rules of The Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986, The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and The Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2012, further the inaction of police was against the pledge; which the Government of India has taken during the Fourth World Conference on Women; known as Beijing Declaration; where the government had said that they are determined to Prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

Under such circumstances we sincerely urge your urgent intervention and request for under mentioned action to extend justice to the affected family and the girl.

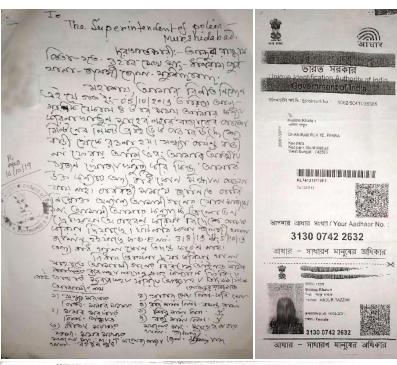
- · A neutral, urgent and proper investigation of the above incident
- · Minor girl must be rescued immediately and rehabilitated properly.
- · Perpetrators must be booked and prosecuted under specific charges
- · Role of the investigating officer of the case and Officer in Charge of the mentioned police station must be investigated.

Sincerely Yours
Dipyaman Adhikary

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#### **Attached Documents**

- 1. Complaint to Superintendent of Police of Murshidabad by victim's father
- 2. Adhaar Card of victim
- 3. Admit card of victim



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