

MASUM's notable endeavor for ensuring proper rehabilitation for Ms. Nur Kaida, a Rohingya Muslim fled from Myanmar under threat of persecution

On 26.01.2014 the victim Ms. Nur Kaida was rescued by a ship operated by Bengal Tiger Lines (India) Pvt. Ltd. from Bay of Bengal. She bears nationality of Myanmar and belongs to the marginalized community namely Rohingya Muslim. She along with many Rohingya Muslims are under threats of persecution in Myanmar. She fled from Myanmar with her two minor children to avoid persecution owing to her ethnic identity and to be re-united with her husband in Malaysia. It is most unfortunate that Ms. Nur Kaida lost both her children who died of drowning. She was sheltered at Marine Club, Kolkata under the custody of Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Kolkata and Bengal Tiger Line (India) Pvt. Ltd. for about 2 years and 7 months.

MASUM being the petitioner filed the writ application being WP no.19382(W)/2014 in the High Court, Calcutta for her to bring to the notice of the court the plight of the stateless woman and appropriate relief to her so that she can have access and approach the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for seeking refugee status.

The writ petition came up for hearing on several times in this year in the Division Bench of the Chief Justice of the High Court, Calcutta and the Court already recorded that the matter involved is a sensitive issue. After a long legal battle, the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Kolkata and Bengal Tiger Line (India) Pvt. Ltd informed MASUM that they have no objection if she travels to Delhi for meeting with UNHCR to seek refugee status and accordingly the FRRO, Kolkata issued no objection certificate in this regard.

On 21.07.2016 Mr. Kirity Roy; Secretary of MASUM took custody of Ms. Nur Kaida and flew from Kolkata to Delhi and handed her to UNHCR- India office for her further rehabilitation. MASUM is hopeful that UNHCR will facilitate her visit to Malaysia to reunite with her husband,

MASUM is committed to continue its work in providing legal support for proper rehabilitation to the foreign nationals detained in India specially the women and children who are victims of being persons in exile or victims of

human trafficking. We further came to know that a good number of Rohingya Muslims are being lodged in various prisons of West Bengal in a state of isolation and in accordance to organisational mandate; MASUM willing to provide them legal assistance.



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No. ST/NG/MH/2016 (16)-275

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This is to certify that the person in the above photo is Ms. Nur Kaida, female, Myanmar national (as claimed by the person), was rescued from the Bay of Bengal by MV Tiger on 26.01.2014 and brought to Kolkata by the Captain of the said ship on humanitarian grounds. She was not having any Travel Documents with her. M/s. Bengal Tiger Line (India) Pvt. Ltd., 10/C, Hungerford Street, Kolkata was the shipping agent for this ship and they furnished a Bond in the name of the President of India to take care of the rescued person till her repatriation or rehabilitation. Now, she is seeking rehabilitation through UNHCR and in this regard, MASUM has also represented her in the Hon High Court of Kolkata vide. WP 19382(W) of 2014.

Therefore, it is clarified that Ms. Nur Kaida, the rescued person, is not under any restriction order, and this office has no objection, if she is taken to New Delhi for attending the UNHCR office. You are also directed to inform the final status to this office.

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Subject: Support provided by your office to asylum seekers

Dear Mr Roy,

We would like to thank you for your support provided to Ms. Nur Kaida, Rohingya asylum seeker and for bringing her to UNHCR, New Delhi for pursuing her claim for asylum.

She has been linked with the Rohingya community and who are willing to further support her. She has also been linked with UNHCR partners for further support. UNHCR will conduct RSD interview for her. Once recognised as a refugee, she will also be helped in registering with the FRRO Delhi's office.

Many thanks once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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