

Family Violence Victim Mst. Deepa Begum Happy with Her New Life

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Mst. Deepa Begum is the eldest daughter among the two sisters and one brother of her family. When they were children, it was very difficult to carry out family expenses for her daily labour father. To give space for her younger siblings, Mst. Deepa Begum can only complete class VII, and then she was encouraged to do daily household's works at the family.

At the age of 19 years old, she had to get arrange marriage with Md. Izazul Islam from the village of Voctipur at Mithapukur Upazila in Rangpur District, and dower is settled 1, 00,101 BDT (around 1,200 UDS). After marriage, they spent a happy conjugal life for around one year.

However, year after Md. Izazul Islam's family demand dowry from Deepa's family. When Deepa's parents' had opposed to pay dowry, she was tortured physically and mentally by her in-law's family members, and finally one day Mst. Deepa Begum was forced to get out from her in-law's family.



When she had been staying at her parents' place, Deepa was not given any support or maintenance and even nobody from her in-law's family come to see her. In this circumstance, Mst. Deepa and her parents discussed about the matters with Mst. Nishat Nahar, General Secretary, Grassroots Women Leaders Networks (GWLNs). After knowing the matters, she advised Deepa and her family members to register a complaint at Nagorik Uddyog Rangpur Office.

With her advice, a complaint (Complain No. 127) had been registered on 1 October 2017. After maintaining the Nagorik Uddyog Shalish procedure, a Salish proceeding was organized on 4 October 2017 at Ranipukur Union Parishad Complex at Mithapukur upazila.

In order to resolution the dispute, a Salish Committee comprised with Mst. Rishat Nahar, Md. Afzal Mia, President, Citizen Rights Committee (CRG), Old Razendrapur Union and respected senior citizen Md. Azgar Ali and Md. Rafiqul Islam was formed, and with both parties argument and agreement, they come to the following agreement disputant parties:

- As Mst. Deepa Begum and Md. Izazul Islam are not agreed to continue conjugal life, they would terminate their conjugal life and Md. Md. Izazul Islam would pay dower money (100,000 BDT) to Mst. Deepa Begum;
- They will terminate conjugal life by with the support of Kazi office;
- From the date of Salish, Md. Izazul Islam and Mst. Deepa Begum would not claim husband and wife each other;

In last follow-up session, they are living separated lives. It has been observed Mst. Deepa Begum has received dower money (100,000 BDT). With this amount of money, she has taken 15 decimal of land for cultivating paddy with 50,000 BDT and with rest of amount of money she has initiated a small grocery shop at the village of Burirhad Doctor's Para. Mst. Deepa Begum is living happy life.