## Father of Minority Victim committed suicide hearing the news of gang-rape of her daughter – Ms.Mala Tripura (13) at Miresarai Upazila of Chittagong District

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Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development (BCHRD) received an urgent appeal from partner organization of BDMW and also our local correspondent that an Adibashi Minority School Girl (13) gang-raped on 11.11.2013 and police did not arrest two perpetrators out of four perpetrators, father committed suicide hearing the news of gang-rape of her daughter:

Name of the Victim: Ms. Mala Tripura (13) Name of the father: Anindra Tripura (47) Date of occurrence: 11.11.2013 at about 10 p.m.

Place of occurrence: Within the village Talbaria-Adibashi Area – 100 feet away from the house

of victim.

Permanent address of victim: Near the House of victim at Talbaria village-Mirsarai Upazila of Chittagong District- Bangladesh.

Names of perpetrators:

1)Mohammad Joynal Abedin (25)

2)Mohammad Alauddin (21)

3)Md Abdur Rahim (23)

4) Md. Shohag (19)

## **Facts of the Case:**

Four perpetrators named above with intent to rape the victim girl entered into the house of Ms. Mala Tripura at night on 11.11.2013 most illegally and forcefully covered the face of victim by a rope and started to rape one after another and they escaped. The victim became senseless and she has been sent to nearby hospital for medical treatment. Hearing the news of gang-rape father of the victim committed suicide on the next day and died.

## **Investigation**:

As soon as BDMW came to know that this happened I communicated with Md.Imtiaz M.K. Bhuiya-Officer in Charge of Mirsarai Police station over his cell number 01713373644 who became annoyed to give us details of incidents such heinous crime, I instantly communicated with S.P. Chittagong over his cell number 01713373627 and S.P. directed the O.C. to give me information relating to this incident of gang-rape and subsequent suicide. Mr. Md. Imtiaz then gave us to understand that a case Number 14 dated 13.11.2013 under section 9(1)/30 was recorded against two perpetrators namely 1) Mohammad Joynal Abedin, and 2) Mohammad Alauddin out of four perpetrators and they have been arrested and sent to jail custody. I wanted to know why two other perpetrators have not been arrested the O.C. did not reply satisfactorily. But he said the two perpetrators confessed their guilt and that was recorded as per law in the court of Magistrate, Chittagong.

## **Recommendations:**

a) Adequate medical assistance to traumatized victim should be given for rehabilitation.

- b) Compensation to the remaining family members should be awarded.
- c) The remaining perpetrators should be arrested and brought them to book as per law.
- d) An enquiry committee headed by Single Judge of the High Court Division should be formed to ascertain why father of the victim committed suicide and why two more accused responsible for the alleged offence of gang-rape should not be arrested.
- e) The Minority communities should be protected as per.

Documents: The Daily "Janata" 15<sup>th</sup> November, 13, copy of F.I.R. Please take necessary steps as soon as possible

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenient. Sincerely Yours

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