First International Conference of the Acid Survivors
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6. Government should take appropriate measures for decentralizing Burn Treatment facility across the country.

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9. Government should take awareness raising campaign appropriate for different groups (men & boys, professionals, family and community). Issues include:
   Masculinity, Disfigurement, Legal, Medical

10. Government and Civil society organization should work together to address the causes and effect of acid violence.
The first international conference of acid survivors was held on 12 May 2009 at Dhaka's Engineers' Institute. Acid survivors and delegates from Pakistan, England, Uganda and Cambodia attended the conference. About 500 acid-burnt women and children attended from Bangladesh.

This conference adopted the resolution to put a stop to acid violence in Bangladesh by 2015. The government sought help from lawyers, judges, the media and the people to make this resolution successful. The male members of the society were also urged to stand against acid violence.

Social Welfare Minister Enamul Huq Shafee, while inaugurating the conference as the chief guest, said: “The government had approved a 75-crore taka project to rehabilitate the acid survivors.” He added the government would run a survey to find out the number of acid victims and their status.

The conference, divided in four stages, began with a rally at 8am from Institute of Fine Arts. The inauguration was held at 10am. It concluded at 4pm following four working group workshops at 12pm.

Home Affairs Minister Advocate Shahrar Khatun, while speaking as chief guest at the concluding session, said: “We don’t want to see any more faces burnt with acid.”

She continued: “We have directed the police to be tough on acid violence. If necessary, we’ll engage our full strength to uproot acid violence from the society.”
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২০১৫ সালের পর কোনো এলিড-স্বত্রাস ঘটনা নেই। একটি ক্ষুদ্র আইন করা হবে যা নির্দেশ করবে যে মানুষের জীবনের ক্ষেত্রে। সবকিছু কোনো মাত্র ভাবে প্রয়োজন নয়, বরং তিনি চিকিৎসা দিতে পারেন। মানুষের জীবনের ক্ষেত্রে এলিড-স্বত্রাস শুরু হয়।

সমস্তের এই সম্ভাবনা নির্বাচনের মধ্যে বর্তমান আইন অনুসারে দেখা যেতে পারে যে আইনের বাস্তবে এই আইনকে একটি ব্যতীত প্রয়োজন। সমগ্র সমাজের জন্য আইন হিসেবে প্রস্তুত রাখা হয়, যা আমাদের সবাই চাই, কিন্তু এটিকে সমাধান করা হয়। এই সাধারণ আইনের ক্ষেত্রে আইনের সাথে এলিডের কাজ করতে হবে না, তার পক্ষে আইন প্রয়োজন।

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Grand Rally & Inauguration

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Shahid, Ministry of Social Welfare

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Recognition for the contribution

Late Ms. Nasreen Huq
Founder Member, ASF : Member of Naripokkho

Late Ms. Ivy Rahman, Founder Member, ASF
Women's Affairs Secretary of Awami League

IRAC : Partner of ASF helping in Notification,
Legal & Rehabilitition of Acid Survivors

Dr. Ronald William Hites, Volunteer
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, United Kingdom

Dr. John Morrison, Chairperson- AS11 & Founder
Executive Director ASF, Bangladesh

Performance by Pancham Shur
a survivors’ cultural group

Speakers

Mr. Motiur Rahman
Editor, The Daily Prothom Alo

Ms. Rose Anne Papavero
Chief, Child Protection Section, UNICEF, Bangladesh

Mr. Stephen Evans
High Commissioner, The British High Commission

Mr. Robert Beadle, Country Director,
Bangladesh Program and Head of Development
Cooperation CIDA, Canadian High commission

Survivors Representative : Tahmina Islam

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Speakers

Honorable Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun
Ministry of Home Affairs

Dr. Jim Gollogly, ASF - Cambodia

Ms. Samina Naz, ASF - Pakistan

Survivors Representative: Nurunnahar

Representative: Uganda

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Thematic Workshop

Ms. Anna Minj, Director
Social Development Program, BIMAC
Ms. Maheen Sultan, member, Board of Trustees, ASF

Ms. Rina Roy
Director, Manusher Jonna Foundation

Dr. S. L. Sen, Dr. Jim Gollogly, Dr. Ruhil Kerr

Ms. Habibun Nessa, Advocate, Member, Naripokho

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Mr. A.K. Masood Ahmed, Member
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Ms. Syeda Farzana Rahim
Treasurer, ASF-Bangladesh

Ms. Monira Rahman
Executive Director, ASF- Bangladesh

Survivors Representative : Cambodia

Survivors Representative : Runa Laila

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Cultural Program

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An exhibition of designer-wears tailored by acid survivors was held on 5 August 2009 at ASF boardroom. A wide range of colourful dresses were on sale. ASF has trained five women on tailoring exclusive fashion-wears with assistance from Australian Small Scheme Human Rights Grant. The exhibition was the result of a three-month training. The show was inaugurated by Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr. Justine Lee. He said: “Their products do have quality despite the fact that they tailored them during their training. I hope they can carry this initiative further through more training.”

Capacity Building Training for Survivors held on 7-10 September 2009

Regional Conference & Community Meeting held on 1-2 August 2009 at Sirajgonj
Partnership & Planning Workshop

Partnership & Planning Workshop between ASF & BRAC held on 21 July 2009

Strategic Planning Workshop

Strategic Planning Workshop held on 8 August 2009

Partners Review Meeting

ASF Partners Review Meeting held on 8-10 September 2009

Student Against Acid Violence (SAAV) Meeting

SAAV meeting held on 19 of August, 2009
Acid Attack Statistics

**Acid attack trend (2000 - Sep, 2009)**

- **Yearly Analysis:**
  - 2000: 649
  - 2001: 592
  - 2002: 424
  - 2003: 336
  - 2004: 257
  - 2005: 192
  - 2006: 101
  - 2007: 59
  - 2008: 49
  - 2009: 51

**Motivation of Acid Attack**

- **Year - 1999 - Sep 2009**

**Acid Survivor Statistics of Acid Attack 1999 to September 2009**

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**Acid Attack Statistics (Age Group) - 1999 - Sep 2009**

- **Age Group:**
  - 0-5: 3
  - 6-12: 4
  - 13-18: 10
  - 19-25: 26
  - 26-35: 277
  - 36-45: 86
  - 46-55: 44
  - Over-55: 48

**Key Notes:**
- Data is compiled as of the stated date and includes all reported acid attacks.
- The figures include all hospitals, local NGOs, local journalists, individuals and survivors who come directly to the ASF.
- The report does not include 100% accuracy.
- Please refer to the latest reports for current statistics.
- Data source: Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) as of September 2009.
Monira Rahman receives award for women’s health and dignity

Executive Director of Acid Survivors Foundation Monira Rahman has achieved Americans for UNFPA International Honouree Award 2009. The award was given to her for contributing for upholding women’s health and dignity, especially contributing against acid violence in Bangladesh. The award was officially announced at a hotel at a press briefing organized by UNFPA on 7 July 09. Bangladesh UNFPA Representative Arthur Erken, UNFPA Vice President of Public Affairs Danny Rabbi, ASF’s Executive Director Monira Rahman and ASF’s Hasina Akter also spoke at the ceremony. UNFPA National Programmer (Gender) Shammin Sultana conducted the programmes.
बाबुबे कन्या निरापदेन
यानद्वन वर्णन

समाप्ति ३०, जातीय कन्या निरापद। मृति बर्तके नाम एवं भवनी उद्योगी हुसी सेवित। विभिन्न ब्राह्मण विषयः बाबुबे कन्या निरापदेन, जानकारी वर्णन। सुदर ४ पुरुषार्थी लोगों वर्तके ते सुदर ४ लोग, भवक, विभिन्न निरापद।

श्रीमती महिमानुष नाम एक नवा प्रवर्तक मान्य रहे। भवके बनें विदेश सुदर ४ नवानुसार निरापद रहे।

भवन एवं नवा प्रवर्तक एवं समाज के अन्तर्गत निरापद रहे।

मोड़के केलमा २००८ साल १,१३५ जन कन्या निरापद वर्णन। कन्या बाबुबे कन्या निरापदेन वर्णन।

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নকশায়র
এর যাত্রা শুরু

প্রতিটি অলিভ সাবেক এর জীবন পরিপূর্ণ হলেও এই সময়ের এমন একজন যার জীবনের চাঁদ তার কথা ছিল তাকে ভুলতে পারি না।

তাই তার প্রাক্তন সহকর্মীর কথা বলছি। অপ্রত্যাশিত শ্রেষ্ঠ ছিলো তার জীবন নিয়ন্ত্রণের ক্ষেত্রে অলিভ সাবেক।

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