সম্পাদকীয়

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Editorial

Acid Survivors Foundation has been working to create mass awareness against acid violence at different levels and sectors. One of the major sectors is local government. Research Advocacy and Prevention Unit of ASF regularly organizes meetings with local government to sensitize them against acid violence and let them to take initiative to stop illegal buying and selling of acid. In the last three months, 4 meetings were organized in the risky thanas of the districts including the most vulnerable district of the country—Sirajganj. We would like to express our warm thanks to ASF partner organizations and the Thana Nirbahi Officers for organizing the meetings.

Medical Unit has organized trainings on the immediate treatment of acid burn for building capacity of local doctors and nurses which were conducted by expert doctors.

The role of civil society in ensuring the rights of the deprived people is undeniable. Media is one of the potential sectors of the civil society. Fans of media stars-celebrities usually follow them as their idol. Keeping this in mind, Research Advocacy and Prevention Unit has formed a forum of 40 celebrities titled Star against Acid Thrower from the arena of music, drama, sports, cinema, and fashion designing in Bangladesh. Recently the Forum has formally been launched with the commitment of its members to campaign against acid throwing from their respective stands.

ASF Ball 2006 was organized to create a fund for the Acid Survivors and to increase awareness of the relevant sectors.

Apart from the regular items, we have tried to present these news in detail in this issue.

We are getting valuable suggestions from voice readers everyday, which we are trying to incorporate chronologically. We are expecting more letters from you.

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- Report is generated as per available data in the computerized database of ASF. And the report may not claim 100% accuracy.
- Information taken from newspapers, local NGOs, survivors who come directly to the ASF, local journalists and individuals.
- Please mention the source: Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF).
- Up dated till: 30th September 2006

ASF Supports Towards Acid Survivors: July-September 2006

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এসএফ নিউজিয়া অ্যাওয়ার্ড: ২০০৬

২০০৪-০৫ সালের সমাপ্তিতে, এসএফ নিউজিয়া অ্যাওয়ার্ড প্রদত্ত হয়েছিল।

- জুলাই মাসের প্রথম সপ্তাহের মেডিক্যাল সুপারটাইটেসিয়ার জন্য প্রথম প্রদত্ত হয়েছিল।
- নভেম্বর মাসের প্রথম সপ্তাহের মেডিক্যাল সুপারটাইটেসিয়ার জন্য প্রথম প্রদত্ত হয়েছিল।
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যে জন্য আক্রমণ হবে:

- সে পর্যন্ত ক্ষতিগ্রস্থ/দীর্ঘমেয়াদী ক্ষতিগ্রস্থের জন্য প্রতিবছর ছোট মূল্যের অালোকচিত্র প্রদত্ত হয়েছিল।
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ও মনিটরিং সেন্ট গঠনের প্রস্তাব

অনিন্দ্য আহ্নে আইনের সমক্ষ ববাদায় জন্য আইনের মধ্যে এসিড মালানার দ্রুত নিষ্পাপিরের প্রয়োজন। এসিড সারেনার ফাউন্ডেশন আর্জিত আইন সংগঠন জোয়ারিয়া ইলিমিনে এর স্কুল ইন মিউট্যাইজেড এসিড তালিয়ার শিক্ষা আর্জিত সরকার সমগ্র সরকার এসিড সারেনার ফাউন্ডেশন নিয়ন্ত্রণ পরিচালক মনীষী রহমান।

হিজাবুন মুমশাক, সমাজতন্ত্র নিয়ন্ত্রণ এনএফ এসিড মালানা দ্রুত নিষ্পাপিরের জন্য পৃথক বেক্ষ ও মনিটরিং সেন্ট গঠনের প্রয়োজন। এছাড়াও এসিড নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিটির আরো বৈধ কার্যকর হতে হবে বলে আইনের স্বরূপ দিকে গঠন করেন।

গত ৮ জুলাই, ২০০৬, সরকার সমন্বয়, আইন বিভাগের সাথে এসিড মালানা দ্রুত নিষ্পাপিরের অন্তর্ভুক্তি করা হয়। এসিড মালানার মূল ব্যবস্থা গঠন করে আইনবিদের দোষী করা হয়।

কারণ হতে পারে দোষী করার জন্য, গোষ্ঠী এখানে এই কারণে বিচারপতির নিয়ন্ত্রণের ভাবে নিয়ন্ত্রণ পাওয়া যায়।

সংবাদ সংখ্যায় বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টিতে দোষী করার জন্য আইন প্রস্তাবনা হচ্ছে, একটি সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে।

প্রস্তাব করা সেন্টের মধ্যে আইন বিভাগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ প্রণয়ন এবং কার্যকরী হচ্ছে এটি সম্প্রসারণ করা হচ্ছে।

নিমন্ত্রণ করা হচ্ছে নিয়ন্ত্রণ প্রণয়ন এবং কার্যকরী হচ্ছে এটি সম্প্রসারণ করা হচ্ছে।

Executive Director of Acid Survivors Foundation, Monira Rahman commented in a press conference after the seminar titled 'Justice Delayed Justice Denied: Role of State in Reducing Acid Violence' organized by ASF. She mentioned that the discussants of the seminar have proposed to form a separate bench and monitoring cell for rapidly dissolving acid cases. Besides, they have also opined that District Acid Control Committees should be made more effective.

The seminar was held on 8 July 2006. Saturday morning at the IDB bhaban. Advocate Fawzia Karim Feroze presented the keynote paper of the seminar. Justice of Supreme Court Md. Iman Ali, Justice Sharif Uddin Chaklader, Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, Justice Ashfaqul Islam, Additional Attorney General Abdur Razaque Khan, Senior Advocate Khondker Mahbub Hossain, Deputy Attorney General Fahima Nasrin, discussed at the seminar.

Monira Rahman further said in the press conference that the discussants suggested introducing computerized database system, to prepare quick paper book and to modernize the laws of High Court and appellate division. They also recommend the sincerity of the political parties for quick disposal of the cases. It was also discussed that quick disposal is not possible due to an increased number of cases in the higher court and for lack of number of judges.

Additional Attorney General Abdur Razaque Khan elaborated the need for connectivity between the higher and lower courts as well as on formation of separate investigation cell. He remarked that justice depends on a lot on the primary investigation, without which ensuring justice often becomes difficult. He also emphasized the need for making laws to save the victims as well as the witness.
**Stars' expectation against acid violence**

Acid violence will be stopped through collective protest

Stars are not merely people from a dream land; they are not isolated from this society. In fact, Stars are considered role models, where, generally people are motivated by Stars’ beliefs, attitudes, behavior and statements. This phenomenon notifies to think about the social responsibility of a Star. The society has many bad things along with the good ones, Acid violence is one of those. Believing that mass awareness is a must to end this brutal form of violence, all sections of people including the stars have to come forward. Especially, with their positive image in the society, stars can make a big impact in building awareness against acid violence. We believe, none of the young fans, viewers or listeners can commit this barbaric act. If you find some one attempting to do that, you should protest with no delay and stop him. We will be there beside you. They said in the press conference that it is a duty for those who love us. A real man can never throw acid. They expressed their hope that acid violence will surely be prevented through the Resistance by the youth.

This time, renowned stars from various sectors of the country have come together against acid violence. They gathered in a press conference organized by Acid Survivors’ Foundation, with the slogan *let no more face burn with acid*. The conference was organized at 3 pm on 29 August 2016 at Hotel Sheraton. It was the day when *Stars against Acid Thrower (SAAT)* a forum of celebrities and stars was formally introduced. Executive Director of Acid Survivors’ Foundation Monira Rahman delivered the welcome speech. She said, acid burnt men and women are coming to the mainstream of life winning all barriers. ASF Trustee and Treasurer S.A. Shawkat Hossain gave the inaugural speech on Star Forum. Film star Ilias Kanchan and singer Mehrin B. Mahmud read out the declaration on behalf of the members of the SAAT. Eminon singer Sukrov Dev announced the names of the Star Forum members. Among those who are also members to this forum are actor Humayun Faridi, Afzal Hossain, Zaitul Hasan, Toukir Ahmed, Mahfuz Ahmed, model Adil Hossain Nobiel, actress Suborna Mustafa, Shomi Kaiser, Bipasha Hayat, Opi Karim, Yasin Tajan Jahan Tarin, singer Fakir Alamgir, fashion designer Bibi Rassel, film star Abdur Razzak, Farida Akhtar Babita, M.A Alamgir, Mousumi, Rijel Ahmed, singer Runa Laila, Abyach Bouch, Shafin Ahmed, Hamin Ahmed, Kumar Bishwajit, Fahmida Nabi, Mahmuduzzaman Babu, Samina Chowdhury, Asif Akbar, cricketer Atahar Ali Khan, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Khaled Mahmud Sujan, Habibul Bashar Sumon, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Khaled Mashud Pilot, Forhad Reza and Raitiq.

It was announced in the press conference that ASF-Ball 2006 program will be organized for collecting fund. Galib Ahmed Ansari AGM-Market communication of Grameen Phone, Trevor Mc Donald of Dhaka Sheraton and the Chief Executive Officer of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board Mahmudur Rahman also delivered speech on behalf of the organizers.

Palash Chowdhury
Fund Raising for acid survivors: ASF Ball 2006

Stunning fashion show, many attractive prizes, delightful music and spontaneous dance! These were all parts of the ASF Ball 2006 organized on 31 August 2006 Thursday night at Hotel Sheraton Ball room. It was the first ever charity ball organized by Acid Survivors Foundation. The program sponsored by the Grameen Phone included fashion show by Bibi Rassel (her first after 2 years), performance by band group Miles, music by DJ Prince, auction sale of the bat signed by Bangladesh’s first historical test match winning cricketers and two paintings of artists Abus Shakur and Jamal Ahmed, and also an attractive raffle draw. As many as 500 audiences enjoyed the program; several ambassadors, delegates, renowned business persons and distinguished media personalities were present among them.

Executive Director of the Foundation Monira Rahman said, acid burnt men and women are coming back to the mainstream of crossing all barriers with their determination, which is very praise-worthy.

The main objective of the ASF-Ball program was to collect fund and create awareness against acid violence at the relevant sector, through which ASF will be able to continue its support for medical care of the acid victims, legal fights and social rehabilitation programs. Side by side, different preventive programs will gradually decrease the rate of acid attacks and thus will make Bangladesh acid violence-free country. Those who gave support for organizing the Ball-Program are: Grameen Phone, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, North South University Social Services Club, Ridge Events, Emirates, Bank Asia, Global Beverage, Concord Entertainment, Maple International, Guide Tours, Heritage and Tomi Miya.
Photo feature on SAAT & ASF BALL

SAAT MEETING
Held on 13th August, 2006

STOP ACID VIOLENCE

Shomi Kaiser

Suvro Dev

Fahmida Nabi

Discussing their role in combating acid violence

Mohsin and Ilia Kanchon with survivors

ASFS Coordinator Mehbooba Haque Kambum, SAAT member Monira, Executive Director Monira Rahman and Head of Finance Nihalaka Mamtaz

Shomi Kaiser, Suvro Dev, Fahmida Nabi with survivors

PRESS CONFERENCE
Held on 29th August, 2006

Monira Rahman, Executive Director, ASF

S.A.M. Shawket Hossain, Treasurer, ASF Trustee Board

Golib Ahmed Ansari, ACM-Market Communication Governor
ASF BALL
Held on 31th August, 2006

Miles performing

Mehdy J Aham, Editor, The Daily Star

Fashion Show

Bibi Rassal at Fashion Show

Raffle Draw
সংগঠন সংবাদ

নারীর ওপর রাষ্ট্রীয় নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ: নারী নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ নিশ পালন

পদ্ম আইন ২০০৬ পালন হলা নারী নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ নিশ পালন । ১৯৯৫ সালের ইই সিয়ারে শেষ নিশাপত্রের ১৯ বছরের পর পালন হলা নারী নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ পালন হল। এই পদ্ম নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ হল কাজের মাধ্যমে পালন হল। নারীদের হত্যা, নারীদের বিকল্প করার পর কেন্দ্র রাজকীয় নারী নির্মাণের প্রতিবাদ নিশ পালন হল।

এ বছর সংগঠনটি উপলক্ষে একটি সারারাতকারী উইন্ডস্কুম ফোরাম তথ্য এবং নারীদের সর্বাধিক বিনিময়ক ফোরামের মাধ্যমে মাধ্যমে নারীদের সুরক্ষার জন্য এক স্বাক্ষরের মাধ্যমে প্রতিবাদ পালন হল।

ভাব জৈষুন উপলক্ষে সংগঠনটি নারীর সমাজ রাশীর নারীর মাধ্যমে সমৃদ্ধ এবং বিশ্বাসের মাধ্যমে সামর্থ্য প্রদান করে। সংগঠনটি প্রতিবাদ নিশ পালন হল। সংগঠনটি নেতৃত্বে নিয়োগ করা হয়। সংগঠনটি তার সমাজের প্রতি সম্মান এবং তাদের কাজের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করে।

সংগঠনটি নেতৃত্বে নিয়োগ করা হয়। সংগঠনটি তার সমাজের প্রতি সম্মান এবং তাদের কাজের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করে।


Others News

Violence Against Women Resistance Day observed protesting state violence against women

On 24 August 2006, Violence against Women Resistance Day was observed. On this day in 1995, some policemen at Dinajpur killed Ayesma, a 14-year-old adolescent girl brutally after rape. To build up protest against state violence towards women, women of Bangladesh declared 24 August as Violence against Women Resistance Day in remembrance of Ayesma. To observe the day, this year Acid Survivors Foundation, Juklo and Nagorik Uddoyog jointly organized a gathering at Rabindra Sarobar Mancha at Dhanmondi at 4 pm. There, women representatives of different sectors of the society discussed about different types of violence against women. Victims of rape, acid attack and other torture also spoke on the occasion. They highlighted women’s empowerment, to fight the backward and position of women in the society and the need to remove different obstacles including poor socio-economic condition and urged all men and women to work together to build a gender-aware society.

Besides this, Sommilito Nari Shomoyi assembled at the Shahbagh crossing and organized a procession. Social organization Shoba provided daylong free medical treatment and medicine for destitute women. BLAST also observed the day through different programs. Many other social and human rights organizations in different districts of the country also observed the day with importance.

Education is light and prosperity; Ensure my rights to education National Girl Child Day 2006

On 30 September 2006, National Girl Child Day was observed with a view to becoming more responsible and caring through eliminating discriminations and protecting violence against girls.

Hundreds of girls participated in the programs to understand the close linkage between overall development of the girl child and the nation and to express the commitment to take the responsibilities. The day was observed with joint initiative by Bangladesh Shishu Academy (Women and Children Ministry), Plan Bangladesh and National Girl Child Advocacy Forum, Mahila Parishad and Bangladesh Women Lawyers’ Association. Acid Survivors Foundation took part at the programs as a network member. Acid survivors carried a banner that urged males to commit to stop acid violence. Colorful rally, human chain, art and debate competition and discussion meetings were held in observance of the day.

This year the theme of the day was selected to highlight the need for ensuring girl child’s educational rights. Girl children are discriminated from their very childhood and it is continued in their whole life. Different surveys and studies reveal that in Bangladesh, girls get less priority than the boys in terms of distribution of food, treatment, opportunity to education, health care in the family. An effective initiative of the participation of people with good intentions, consciousness and awareness as well as the government is necessary to overcome this negative situation. It is mentioned that apart from the education rights, eve teasing and implementation of relevant laws were also discussed as priority issue on that day.

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সিদ্ধান্ত বাণিজ্যের তত্ত্বাবধায়ক চিকিৎসা বিষয়ে
নেত্রকোনায় ওরিয়েন্টেশন

গন্ধ ও মিল ৬ জুলাই ২০২৬, বিশিষ্ট সার্কেটরের উত্তরাধিকারি সেক্টরেশন এবং নেত্রকোনা সিদ্ধান্ত সমিতির কার্যক্রমের মাধ্যমে একটি ওরিয়েন্টেশন অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। জুলাইএর সাথে যুক্তিপূর্ণ কোর্সের মাধ্যমে এসিড সার্কেটরের চিকিৎসাধনকের জন্য কুইন্টারাল মানে তত্ত্বাবধায়ক চিকিৎসার জন্য জনসম্পর্কে প্রচার অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।

ক্রুদানের মাস্কনের বিক্ষিপ্ত সমাবেশ

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মাস্কনাত্য এসিড সহিংসতায় প্রতিবাদে জনসাধারণের গণসমাবেশ

নর্জির আক্তার, শাহিন আক্তার এবং দলিল-ইসলামী সমাধানের জন্য সমাবেশের মাধ্যমে জনসম্পর্কে প্রচার সম্পন্ন করা হয়।

Sharing meeting on raising public opinion against acid violence held at Gabtoli

A sharing meeting titled 'Raise public opinion against acid violence' was held at 12 September Tuesday at Borga Gabtoli Upazilla Parishad meeting room, organized by PESD, in association with ASF. Gabtoli Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Saimd Rahman was present as the chief guest at the meeting, which was presided over by Nepatol UP chairman T.M. Musa Pesta. Special guests included district women affairs officer Selina Khanam, deputy commissioner (land) Kamrul Hasan and thani acting officer Muhubb ul Alam. Executive Director of PESD Mahfuz Ara Mina delivered the welcome speech. UP chairman Lutfar Rahman, Abdul Olib, Shahidul Islam, Helal, Abdul Khalil, Nurul Islam, Manirul Islam spoke at the meeting. A human chain was formed on the main street of Gabtoli before the meeting.
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Meeting against acid violence at Ashashuni of Satkhira
On 23 September, a meeting against acid violence was organized by Agragoti Sangshitta in association with ASP at the public library auditorium of Ashashuni, Satkhira. Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Khan M. Nurul Amin was present as chief guest and freedom fighter commander M. Abdul Hannan presided over the meeting. Sirajul UP chairman Abu Hena Shakhil and M. Jahural Islam were the special guests. Sheikh Faruk, Hoossain of Agragoti Sangshitta was the moderator of the meeting and project officer M. Kafirul Islam Kafi also spoke at the meeting.

The discussions opined that especially the young men are the acid throwers. We ought to return them to committing this crime through counseling about the consequences and ill effects of acid throwing and build social movement against acid violence.

Thana gathering held at Chonouli of Sirajganj district with the commitment of making an acid violence Chonouli
A sharing meeting titled Create mass awareness against acid violence held on 25 September at the Chonouli upazila auditorium. Chonouli Sadar UP Chairman Nojeh All Mollah chaired the meeting. Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Golak Chandra Ghosh and the Officer-in-Charge Shantekumar Das spoke on the occasion as the chief and special guests. Sirajganj Uttar Mahila Sangstha’s representative Saiful Islam delivered the welcome speech.

On behalf of his organization, he greeted all and requested everyone to give opinions and suggestions to prevent acid violence. The key-note paper of the meeting was presented by ASP representative Palash Chowdhury. He said, through today’s sharing meeting, we will take initiative to prevent any incident of acid violence at Chonouli. Khas Kaulia High School teacher Mollah Babul Akter, eminent businessman Jatindranath Rana, director of Swaranvir Mehta Kalyan Sangstha Habibur Rahman, associate teacher of Khas Kaulia High School Abdur Rashid Babul, Nojeh All Mollah and the chair of the program said that if seminars like that can be held regularly, then it will be possible to make not only Chonouli, but the entire Sirajganj into an acid free district.

Awareness-raising video film show at different corners of the country going on to protect acid violence
Awareness-raising video film shows are being held in different corners of the country with support of the ASP. In total, 9 video shows were held in the August-October quarter. On the 29th of August, Program for Echo Social Development (PES) organized video shows at Malauncha union of Khafir Thana, Bogra and Ashkupur unions of Shajahanpur Thana. Bogra’s TMSS organized video shows at Ghatali of Mahira Thana and Burinchar union of Shihgal Thana on 4 September. Parbatangan also organized video show at Salanga Thana of Sirajganj on 11 September and at Gukhee union on 13 September. BNDN of Bariad district arranged the show at Ranagashri union of Bakarganj Thana on 19 September, at Charkua union on 21 September, and at Charbaha on 22 September.
Criminals stay out of grip
Two sisters are living with the pains of acid burn

Perpetrators threw acid onto the faces of Farzana Akter Liza (14) and Marzana Akter Lima (11) on 11 July 2006. Acid seriously burnt their bodies including their father Asik Mia (48), as he came to rescue his daughters. Having heard the incident, the people of Chatak upazilla got speechless. The whole Sylhet division was united to protest the incident through rally, human chain and meetings that held at Chatak, Sunamganj and Sylhet. But none of the attackers are arrested until today.

On the 13th of July, the two sisters and their father were brought to the ASF, with the support of BRAC. Of them, the condition of Farzana was serious. Doctors almost held that she might become blind. Her whole body including the face was burnt so severely that she could not even open her eyes. She could not eat with her mouth too. Only continuous supply of saline saved her life. Failed to get improve, she was transferred to the City Hospital where following the treatment by experienced doctors one of her eyes got well. The father and daughters were so happy to have noticed that.

Ashik Mia said he is glad that his daughter could at least see with her one eye. He prayed that his daughter keep alive and stays with him even with her distorted face and blind eyes. To him, those who commit such crimes should be given severe punishment and they should be made to know of the consequences, pains of acid burn. Neither Ashik Mia nor his daughters know the reason of the attack. They even failed to see or recognize the perpetrators. However, he suspects that the attackers could be one of those who had been affected by the judgments that he made at local arbitration (asali). Another possibility could be his nephew, whom he had slapped a few days before the incident as he used to cause troubles to the family.

Liza was in class eight and Lima in class four. Will they be able to go back to their favorite school and meet their friends again, where they spent many happy moments of their life? Or it will be a win for the perpetrators who wanted to silent them and obstruct their way? Will Ashik Mia be able to know why this brutal attack happened to his innocent daughters? A case was filed the next day after the incident. But for failing to recognize, those who were arrested got released after some interrogation. We want to know why and by whom this barbaric attack took place.

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Acid burnt Durjoy taken to Hong Kong

Durjoy is still under treatment at ASF's Jibonta hospital. His alternate respiratory and feeding process remains unchanged, though his health has improved. His indomitable mental strength is inspiring him to live. ASF's Medical Unit and Physiotherapy Unit with their committed efforts are supporting Durjoy to survive. Plans to take him abroad for better treatment is going on for long. Efforts are on to seek for facilities in different countries and recently assurance for support has been received from countries like Singapore, Hong Kong and England. According to the latest news, it was almost final that Durjoy will be taken to Hong Kong. We are informed that Durjoy will remain under the treatment of Professor Andrew Bird, Head of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Prince of Wales Hospital of Chinese University in Hong Kong. Dragon Air will sponsor air tickets for them. If implemented, this will be a great success for both Durjoy and ASF.

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