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AIN ALAP
BANDHU SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY
CASE BRIEF

Bipul Barman goes by the pseudo name of Rose is a community member from Mymensingh. Rose never thought that she will face backlash and have to endure inhumane treatment from her own community.

In March 2019, 'Ain Alap' received a complaint call where the complainant elaborated that Rose has been brutally beaten by some local Hijra people, and she had to get admitted to hospital on an urgent basis.

This conflict started with the incident of collecting money from a community center. In that center two groups of Hijra (from two Community Based Organizations-CBOs of Shetu Bandhan and Alo’r Pothe Hijra Sangha) came to collect money. Therefore, a fight took place as to who can rightfully collect money from that place. Afterwards, some staffs of Shetu Bandhan called few people of Alo’r Pothe Hijra Sangha to discuss the dispute and resolve it amicably. After going there, rather than peaceful discussion another phase of fighting took place there, at around 2.00 AM (midnight). Unfortunately, Rose was also there and to defend herself she had to fight back with the opposite group. They had to vent their anger somehow or on someone, and they finally targeted Rose. The very next day, 30-40 people went to Rose’s house and beat her brutally, which was totally inhumane and cruel.

REFLECTION OF AIN ALAP

After learning about all the details, a team of Ain Alap decided to look into the matter. Then, after communicating with both the groups a session was arranged so that the issues can be discussed in detail. On April 4, 2019 this sitting arrangement was made at one of Bandhu’s panel lawyers Mir Abdul Ali Pavel’s chamber at Mymensingh District Court premises. There, one of the Hijra gurus Momota Hijra was also present.

In that session:

- Ain Alap team talked to both the parties and listen to all their respective issues.
- Panel lawyer Mir Abdul Ali Pavel elaborated that if we cannot resolve the matter amicably, then Rose has every right to file a formal case.
- After a day long session, understanding the long-term effects the accused agreed to provide BDT 15000 as compensation money to Rose, which was delivered accordingly few days later.
- Moreover, they also agreed that nobody from their group will ever harass Rose.

This case was quite difficult to handle because Hijra gurus were involved in this matter, and community internal clashes are not easy to resolve easily. Ain Alap had to talk to them in plenty of series, and Bandhu’s panel lawyer, watchdog members and Drop In Center manager extended their support whole heartedly to resolve this matter.