

REPORT
ON
REPATRIATION OF BANGLADESHI
SURVIVORS
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Talaash Association

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Introduction

Talaash Association has made successful repatriation of 14 Bangladeshi trafficked survivors on 21 Feb 2016. The repatriation event was conducted through Petrapole & Benapole Border of Indo-Bangladesh with magnificent collaboration of both countries emigration police & border security forces.

Counter-part NGOs of Talaash Association has taken over these survivors for their sustainable reintegration.

In depth report

Talaash Association is a non-profitable organization heading towards the upliftment of women and children who are in need with a diverse collection of welfare programs. Organization focuses on multi-faceted activities and programs to combat violence against women and children including Trafficking in Persons all over India. To achieve the goal, we have been contributing in the arena of prevention, protection, prosecution, partnership & reintegration of survivors.

Repatriation is proactive endeavour of Talaash Association, till now the organization has repatriated more than 800 trafficked survivors into their native. One more time a successful repatriation of 14 Bangladeshi trafficked survivors has added in the clan of repatriation of Talaash Association.

The repatriation journey was started at 2:30am on 21 Feb 2016 from children home towards Kempagowda International Airport for landing in Kolkata Airport. Team &



Petrapole & Benapole Border

survivors were escort by IB-Kolkata AND west Bengal Police from Kolkata Airport to Petrapole Emigration Point.

After completion of all official formalities all girls were allowed to enter their homeland. Some of them in Indian shelter homes since more than 30 months and

breath in open on 21st February. Our counter-part NGOs 'representative had welcome them and taken into their safe custody.

It was the happiest moment to see their smile shined faces. It was also a moment of mixed reactions saying bid farewell to protectors, entering homeland without knowing what will be reaction of parents and society. Some are at high level of anxiety and some are silently assessing the process of repatriation. President of Talaash visited Bangladesh and had meeting with counter-part NGOs to make sure their sustainable reintegration and to coordinate with CID of Bangladesh to arrange arrest of identified Bangladeshi traffickers.

The event of repatriation was denoting a glittering by escort of Mrs. Divyanaranappa District Child Protection Officer, Bengaluru. Her presences in the Petrapole Border left a significant sign in the repatriation. In the History of Repatriation from Bangalore for the first time ICPS-representatives of Karnataka Government had a meeting with representative of Bangladesh Government, had discussion regarding Trafficking in Persons and unsafe migration of Bangladeshi people.

Unexpected situation

Though media has a vital role to prevent Trafficking in Persons but keeping privacy & protecting them is above all. Sometimes to provide sensational hot news we ignore the right of privacy and victim's protection.

It happened after handing over "BANGLADESHI DAUGHTERS" to their future protectors and rehabilitation officers.

Journalist involvement and style of publishing news with their identity was unexpected and shameful.

We expect them to provide their services in the field of trafficking in person as preventive measures and creating awareness.

However, the event of repatriation was successful and great occasion of learning ground level realities of cross border migration and sharing experiences with stakeholders. Finally these 14 girls return back to their homeland and they are all happy.

The repatriation would not have been possible without financial support of ICPS-, Bangalore- Karnataka, Department of Women and Child Development, Bangalore – Karnataka, clearance support by Police Commissioner Bangalore, FRRO, CWC 1 & 2 Urban-Bengaluru, and escort support by Police Commissioner of West Bengal.

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