

## Short Article

**Trafficking of Women and Children –  
Some Words to Protect It**

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**Victims of Trafficking:**

Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries of the world. Most of its families are poor, helpless and distressed. This condition is properly utilized by some internationally united cheats. They persuade the helpless parents and traffic their daughters in the name of giving job in the town or marry them off. Then they make them compelled to do some darker activities. The deserted vagabond women and their families are becoming the victims of the traffickers. To survive and to seek the newer life, the illiterate divorces and the widows are being trapped in the net of the traffickers.

**Reasons of Trafficking:**

For the reasons, the traffickers are able to cheat women, children and their guardians are as under:

- a. Lack of education and consciousness.
- b. Devaluation of women in the society.
- c. Persuasion for more profitable job.
- d. Ambition for higher life style.

Those who are becoming the victims of trafficking are mostly poor. Besides, there are some reasons like erosion, flood, cyclone, over population, landlessness, unemployment limited income, inability of the parents to rear up children, early marriage, poly-marriage, dowry, deserted in love, ambition, lack of social security, part-time job, negligence of the administration, corruption of the member in administration etc. It is found on research that the teenage girls are the main targets of the traffickers. So, they mostly become the victims of the traffickers.

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**Aims of the Trafficking:**

Women and children are trafficked for various reasons like as under:

- a. To compel them in prostitution.
- b. To use them in pornography cinema.
- c. To use as the jockey of camel.
- d. To engage in begging.
- e. To sell there blood.
- f. To cut parts of their body for business.

The traffickers adopt some techniques for trafficking. For example-persuading to give job in home and abroad, enticing to marry off, trafficking by force, in the name of giving food and clothes. Sometimes the women are trafficked and sold to the prostitution. Later on they become prostitutes in the society. Some women to escape from poverty and oppression come willingly into this profession. Many of them in hope of getting better life in abroad being enticed by the traffickers.

**Relationship between Traffickers and Law Enforcing Agencies:**

The criminals take up trafficking as the easier business for earning money. They develop an illegal relationship with police and administration exchanging money. For this the traffickers are not caught red-handed. There is a strong network of the traffickers in city, town, village and all over the country. All these things occur with help of the law applying organization and administration.

**Process of Trafficking:**

It may be supposed that the traffickers find out a party (women or children) in Ishwardi. The traffickers with the help of the district agent bring the party to Dhaka. The agent of Dhaka is informed earlier about all things from the main syndicate. They take preparation for management of the party including residence, food and communication. In their management the party is given certain things or dresses that function as the symbol to the agents of the next destination. The children in the party are fed medicine for sleep with their food. As a result, the children remain sleepy in all the way and the communication becomes trouble free.

The root agent never becomes introduced with the party. But follow the party in the car like shadow. After the arrival on border area, if the parties are more than one, they are kept in separate houses. Here many girls lose their virginity in the hands of the members of the syndicate. After that the party is sent over the border. If they are caught red-handed on the border, a charge is framed against them according to Passport Act, section 2(c). But this charge isailable. As a result, the party gets bail the next day. The members of the syndicate perform all these things. Then the party overcomes the border with the help of the law applying organization in exchange for money.

In India, the traffickers sell the handovered women and children at the prostitution in Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi, or send them to the Middle East. The Mumbai town is used as the transit point of trafficking. The traffickers traffic women and children through the border point of Bhomra, Kolaroa, Darshana, Jibannagar and Jhoudanga from Jessore. Besides, Satkhira Chapai-Nawabgonj and Rajshahi border areas are used as trafficking route. It is more troublesome to go to India having legal passport than without passport. So, the traffickers use the illegal ways for their trafficking. Often we see that many women and children are caught at the time of crossing the border. In most of the above cases, a charge is brought for crossing the border illegally but the traffickers are not charged of trafficking.

### **Some Words to Protect the Helpless Women and Children:**

It is very pathetic but remains a fact that in our country there is rule against the traffickers but it has no proper application. Very often the criminals technically escape through the gaps of law. To protect trafficking, I have some words like:

- a. To increase the right application of law in protecting trafficking.
- b. Thanas on border mostly do not take the cases of trafficking the women and children appropriately. So, steps should be taken to accept cases accurately. For this purpose strong monitoring should be imposed on thana by the Home Ministry.
- c. When an unknown man comes to marry in the villages or entices to give job then the thana will be informed about the man and people should be more conscious about the man.
- d. Every citizen should be sensitive and conscious about the drawbacks and dangers of trafficking.

- e. Report about this should be published on the public media available. Specially, the role of TV is very important in this case. Besides, the non-government institutions and organizations have a great role to perform. Moreover, we should work together to protect and remove trafficking.
- f. The number of BDR camps on the border area should be increased.
- g. The corruption of BDR and thana on the border areas should be investigated by government properly.

Last of all, I want to say that the traffickers are living beside you in different guises, be aware of them.