

There is a problem of rape and sexual abuse of Buddhist women and girls in Burma. And it's not from their own community - it's done by Muslim men, especially the Bengali or Rohingya. Even in Europe, countries are reporting huge increases of rape, and that 90% or more are done by men from the minority Muslim population. Ignoring it will not make it go away. When Mafia mobs, Drug warlords and their gangs, and Dictators and Regimes terrify and abuse the people we don't ignore them - we name them, detail them, and expose them. Women and girls deserve safety and trust, and action to stop abuse.

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Burmese Buddhist Girl Rescued From: Rape, Humiliation, Threats, Blackmail, Sexual Slavery, Shame

These are just a few of the things that a 14 year-old Burmese Buddhist girl experienced at the hands of a 42 year-old Bengali Muslim man. He is 3 times older than her. They both live in the South-Okalapa township of Yangon.

March 18, 2013, at about 6:30 in the evening: an observant, smart, and caring Burmese taxi-driver - Aung Aung Oo - picked up an odd couple from the bus stop at the South-Okalapa Post Office. The man was a 40-45 years old Muslim with a long beard, and he had a young, early teenage Burmese girl (name protected) with him, and they got into the back seat of the taxi. At first Aung Aung Oo wasn't really curious about them, as they were sitting away from each other. But he became attentive and somewhat shocked when the Muslim man made a move and started touching the young and obviously Buddhist young girl in a very sexual way. Aung Aung Oo could see that she was not a girl of bad character. The way the older Muslim was inappropriately handling a very young Burmese girl made Aung Aung Oo suspicious, concerned, and upset.

The Muslim man and the young Buddhist girl got off at Min-gala-taungnyunt and went into a Panthay (Chinese-Muslim) noodle shop. Aung Aung Oo parked his taxi nearby so he could watch them. He even called a close friend who lived nearby to come and sit beside him in the cab. He knew something was wrong, and he was worried for the girl. Aung Aung Oo had a daughter roughly the same age.

About 40 minutes later the odd couple came out of the shop and hailed a taxi. Aung Aung Oo and his friend closely followed in their taxi all the way to South-Okalapa. The young girl was dropped off at the Post-Office bus stop and the Muslim man kept going in the taxi.



Good Samaritan Buddhist
Cabbie Aung Aung Oo.

Aung Aung Oo made a quick decision: first he asked his mate to jump out and get the girl. He then accelerated his taxi and cut in and blocked the taxi with the Muslim man still inside. Aung Aung Oo jumped out of his cab and yelled at the Muslim man,

“What the ___ are you doing to that young girl?”

The Muslim man realized that he had been caught and tried to run away. But, he was grabbed by some Buddhist men nearby and Aung Aung Oo explained to them what was really going on. A crowd of Buddhists was gathering, and not wanting it to get too large and possibly lead to destruction, Aung Aung Oo forced the Muslim man into his cab, picked up his mate and the young Buddhist girl, and took them to the nearby South-Okalapa Police Station.

On the way to the police the Muslim man - in the back seat - was heard whispering to the young Buddhist girl sitting next to him, “lie to the police” and tell the police that they “were married already”, and that she was “well past 18 years ago” - and he whispered those things in a way which implied that if she did anything to implicate him, she and others would be greatly harmed.

Police Are Incompetent, Unhelpful and Arrogant

At the police station, after hearing Aung Aung Oo’s suspicions the police officer asked the girl how old she was, and if the Muslim man was her husband. She said she was almost 19, and that she was his wife. Then the policeman told Aung Aung Oo that they couldn’t do anything - even though they could see and sense that something was wrong - because the girl was defending the Muslim. Aung Aung Oo urged the police to call her parents. The officer phoned the parents (actually pretended to call) and told Aung Aung Oo that the girl’s parents were coming. The officer also asked Aung Aung Oo to leave. Aung Aung Oo told the officer he would like to wait for the girl’s parents, and the officer threateningly asked him if he wanted a race riot on his hands. (There were concerned and upset people waiting outside the police station). So, Aung Aung Oo left. He assumed the parents were indeed coming to get their daughter. He didn’t know yet that the officer had lied about contacting the parents.

Soon after Aung Aung Oo left the Police Station the officer called a Burmese-Buddhist man - Thein Htaik - a local political-fixer from the ruling USDP (Union Social Development Party) and asked him to personally take the girl back home, and Thein Htaike did take her home, but only to the beginning of her street. About an hour later, at 10:30 pm, Thein Htaik came to the girls parents house. At the Police Station he had discovered that the young girl gave them a wrong address and so he quickly visited the local Ward-Administrator’s office and found out her real address.

Thein Htaik then took the girl’s brother - Aung Myint Myat, a local trishaw driver - and her father Khin Maung Oo - to the local Ward-Administrator’s office and explained to them the

illegal affairs and abuses the girl had endured with the Muslim pedophile/rapist. The brother and father told him that they wanted to press charges against the Muslim man. They were told to come back to the office the next day.

The next day - March 19, 2013 - at 7 am, Deputy Police Inspector Myo Aung met with them and they talked until 10 am. Then the police chief read to them from a law book and told them that the police couldn't do much and they should prepare to go to court. He told them to come back the next day.

Family Lost Confidence in Police, and Girl is Stubborn

The next day - March 20, 2013 - the girl and her family did not go to the Police Station. The police sent a few men to fetch them, but they used the excuse that the girl was now ill.

Actually, they had lost confidence in their local police for three reasons:

- 1) The police didn't call the family while their daughter was at the police station the first day.
- 2) The police didn't personally send her back home but asked Thein Htaik to take her home.
- 3) Thein Htaik irresponsibly left her at the top of her road.

On March 22, 2013, the police came to their house and took the whole family forcibly to the police station. At the police station the elder sister May Cho Oo bitterly complained to the chief about the police not contacting the family on the very first day. The police chief then lost his temper and swore at her.

The parents of the young girl then tried to press charges of statutory rape against the Muslim man but the girl somehow by then was so completely under the spell, or the threat of great harm, with the Muslim man and couldn't see that her young life was being cruelly destroyed, and she refused to cooperate. She was undoubtedly feeling shamed that she had been raped numerous times by him.

Meanwhile, Aung Aung Oo was staying informed about this situation. Deeply frustrated, he took the family and the young girl to the Shwe War Win Buddhist monastery in South-Dagon Township. The monks there tried to explain to the girl the wrongs being done on her by the Muslim pedophile/rapist, but the girl still didn't see the truth. So the monks finally called in the Thaketa 969 movement group led by Shin Pyin-nyar-daza. The 969 monks provided 100,000 kyats (about \$120) to the family and also gradually brought the young girl to clearly see the reality and the truth. She finally got over the sexual bond from the trauma he had forced upon her. She then told them the true story of how that conniving, lecherous Muslim pedophile/rapist turned her into one of his young sex-slaves.

Rape and Abuse, Making Her a Sex-Slave

Family poverty had basically forced her to drop out of school after her fifth-grade. Her father was a local trishaw driver, and the family had 10 kids. So, she had to drop out of school and learn to become a seamstress, in order to help support the very poor family. Unfortunately for her, the place she had started learning how to sew was the house and sweatshop owned by the Muslim man. His name is Aryut Saw Lwin and he has a young wife named War War Shwe - who was previously a Burmese Christian - but was coercively converted to Islam upon their marriage.

The young girl continued telling her story: she had started training at Aryut's shop at the tender age of 13, and by 14 she was sewing cloth-bags as a day-wage-earner at the same shop.

In April of 2012, she (then, barely 14) was taken to a cinema by Aryut and molested inside the dark cinema. She was then given some cash and persuaded not to tell anyone. Soon after that, the Aryut took the poor innocent Buddhist girl to a guesthouse in Taung-thone-lone and forcefully raped her. She admitted to the 969 monks that after that rape he told her that he loved her and that he would eventually marry her. The rapes at various hotels and guesthouses kept on happening, repeatedly, since that time. And, the girl, being naive, uneducated and shamed, didn't know how to think about this.

Aryut bought a sewing-machine for her and let her work at her home - possibly to avoid suspicion and detection at his crowded shop. He definitely knew very well that he was committing a serious crime.

The way the sexual relationship between them worked was that the Muslim would tell her to meet him at the bus stop at the South-Okalapa Post Office, and then they took a taxi to a guesthouse or hotel.

Right now, Aung Aung Oo has contacted the Youth Legal Clinic (Sanchaung Young Lawyers Network) and they are preparing to press charges against Aryut.

Apparently the corrupt South-Oaklapa Police have possibly taken some bribes, and are refusing to charge Aryut for multiple Statutory Rapes and other serious charges for what he did to the 14 year old Buddhist girl.

Aryut has 6 young girls working for him at his sweat-shop. Three are Muslim girls and three are young Burmese Buddhist girls and no one really knows how many of them have already become his young sex-slaves.

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