



Survivors Stories DVD

Audio Transcripts: Surma

Surma Short Clip

But when my father died, they directly took me. The special ceremony is to bring the clergy at home and then marry you. They brought presents for me, and my ex husband. They told me, the clergy told me three times, "Do you want to marry this boy?" I said "No" and then my uncle took me to a kitchen and beat me so badly and I was bleeding and then they brought me back to the room. And then they say, "Do you want to marry?" And I was so afraid I agreed.

I was getting beaten every day by my husband, my father in law and their children. And then my husband was raping me every night by ripping all my clothes and raping me. I was quickly running after that to the bathroom and quickly taking a shower so as not to get pregnant.

I tried to suicide a few times by electricity and by drinking a lot of petrol but I didn't die.

And I went to a national TV. I talked about women's rights and what work I do for women secretly. And I know that when I came out of this TV station, I'm going to be dead. But I did it on purpose. I did it because of woman's situation. Also I did it because I thought well, I am a dead person anyway and I cannot take this rape and beating from my husband anymore, so I did it. It was suicidal but I did it and then that was how everybody in my family, my relatives know about it and then after that there was a confrontation, who's going to kill me first.