

Interaction meeting with police and refugee representatives

PS Lajpat Nagar dated 21.11.2016

Members present: Belover and Murshed from SLIC, Viniti and Nilotpal from UNCHR, Rockwill and Chiru from BOSCO

Afghan community: Dawood Sharifi, Habiba Yousazia, Nasrin, Homa, Homa Amin, Satar Jamshidi, Abdul Jabar

Police interaction with afghan community was organised at PS Lajpat Nagar on 21.11.2016. Seven afghan representatives were present for the meeting. The SHO of the PS Sh. Kishn Pal and ATO Samir Srivastav were present for the meeting. The UNHCR representatives gave introduction on the refugee protection and its principles. The police was explained on the UNHCR operation and related laws applicable to refugees in India. The principle of *non-refoulement* was emphasised so as to not forcibly return refugee to their country of origin where he/she could face threat to life.

The registration and RSD process including refugee card issued by UNHCR were explained. Introduction was also given of SLIC and BOSCO on services for refugees.

The afghan representative Dawod Sharifi briefed on the volunteer services provided by the community to refugees and how they were very thankful to India for providing them asylum in the country. He further highlighted on the Afghan culture and the receptive gesture by the local population of the same.

The meeting saw good response from the SHO and ATO and UNHCR/SLIC/BOSCO and refugee representative sought continued cooperation from the police in dealing cases related to refugees.

PS Timarpur dated 29.11.2016

Members present: Belover from SLIC, Viniti and Nilotpal from UNCHR, Abi Jose and Abdulahi from BOSCO

Sudanese community: Mohamed Mukhtar, Mohd. Mahmoud, Salih Ali Belal, Asma Ahmed, Aisha Zakaria, Khalid Ahmed and Abdul Aziz.

Police interaction with Sudanese community from Wazirabad was organised at PS Timarpur on 29.11.2016. Seven Sudanese representatives were present for the meeting. The SHO of the PS Sh. O.P. Thakur was present for the meeting. The UNHCR representatives gave introduction on the refugee protection and its principles. The police was explained on the UNHCR operation and related laws applicable to refugees in India. The principle of *non-refoulement* was emphasised so as to not forcibly return refugee to their country of origin where he/she could face threat to life.

The registration and RSD process including refugee card issued by UNHCR were explained. Introduction was also given of SLIC and BOSCO on services for refugees. The Sudanese representatives highlighted their plight and worsening of their relation with local neighbours'

aftermath the recent incident at Wazirabad. They shared that they are being looked down by locals and treat them differently.

The SHO was very receptive of the meeting and assured full cooperation to the refugees and informed that he would personally instruct the beat officers of Wazirabad to take additional attention on the refugees of the area. Further he would invite UNHCR/SLIC/BOSCO and refugees during the upcoming RWA meetings in order to have better understanding between local population and refugees.