

POLICE SENSITIZATION AND INTERACTION SESSION

WITH RWA, MALVIYA NAGAR

SLIC staff visited Malviya Nagar police station on **25 September 2014** and met with the SHO Mr. Vijay Singh Chandel of the station. The objective of the visit was to strengthen and enhance relation with the police to aware them on Refugees Protection issues. This exercise was also essential to orient new incumbents of the PS on refugee issues and their cooperation while dealing any refugee cases reported in the PS. The police was explained about Refuge Protection issues and UNHCR operation in India.

SLIC also met with the refugee community representative Mr Mahad Hasan. The visit was also clubbed to discuss protection case reported at PS Malviya Nagar. The SHO himself was the I.O. (Investigating officer) in this case and he shared that the locals are very angry that they can live here but then refugee community committing crime and murder in the locality will not be accepted. Initially the officer was quite upset and told the SLIC staff to ask the community to shift from Malviya Nagar and go to some other place, but as the SLIC staff proceeded with the intervention and explained him about the financial implications and other aspect and that the shifting was not easy.

In connection to the case, SLIC also held meeting with the Resident Welfare Association (8 Members) of Khirki colony on the **30th of September 2014**. The RWA seemed to be fine with the Somali refugee living in the locality but they were complaining about the Nigerian nationals and how Nigerians trouble the women of the area as well as everyone in general, especially at night. The locals have been having series of meetings amongst themselves and have decided and are also requesting the others that they should not rent houses to the Nigerians. They have also had meeting with the ACP and DCP and shared their concern about the Nigerians and their misbehavior.

The community shared that Afghan refugees are friendlier and even interact with the locals but at the same time the Somali community do not make any effort to mix up with the locals. They have requested that we should convey this to the refugee community that they should try to make friends with the locals.

SLIC staff requested the RWA to help the refugees incase they are in trouble or have requested for a joint meeting with the RWA of Khirki village and Hauz Rani.

SLIC was represented by Adv. Amiy and Sehba Meenai