

NOTE SHEET

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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'Statesman' an English daily, dated 26th May, 2017, the news item is captioned "Acid attack on youth for objecting to alcohol".

Superintendent of Police, Paschim Medinipur is directed to submit a detailed report about the incident within 10th July, 2017.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

Encl : News Item dt.26-05-2017.

Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC.

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Acid attack on youth for objecting to alcohol

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
MIDNAPORE, 25 MAY

A youth protesting against drinking at a neighbourhood celebration became a victim of acid attack and is now fighting for his life at the SSKM Hospital in Kolkata.

According to eyewitnesses, the youth, Santinath Kabri, had had a scuffle with some youths drinking alcohol at a village celebration to mark a puja.

After a while he returned home in Kushman within Ghatal police station limits in West Midnapore and went to sleep. At midnight the peeved youths came to his house and threw acid on him through an open window. Kabri started screaming with pain which alerted his father who finding him grievously injured rushed him to SSKM. Hospital sources say Kabri is still not out of danger.

The use of acid as a weapon of retaliation and vengeance is growing daily despite restrictions. Only a few months ago, in Ghatal, a middle-aged widow was grievously injured when her jilted lover threw acid on her.

According to the police the woman had been in a relationship with a local resident who used to work in Odisha but their relationship had soured recently and therefore the attack.

In a similar incident last year at Daspur, a 21-year old undergraduate student became a victim of acid attack. The second year BA student was returning from the Ghatal exam centre where she had sat for her Sanskrit final exam. She had returned by bus to Daspur late in the afternoon when a youth on a motorbike threw acid on her face and sped away. She has received grievous injuries.