# New day

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AS a new day approaches, soon we shall have another political party taking over the country. It gives them a chance to make things better. To clean up the mess that was left behind. It's weird how we want to make things better when we are younger. Then as we grow older, that need is replaced by the hunger for money and power. Or maybe nothing is replaced. It's just money and power right from the very beginning.

There are many things that are not right. I understand that it's not possible to fix everything in a day. However, that doesn't mean that we should sit back and wait for tomorrow to clean up yesterday's mess. We should handle one problem at a time. We can make a difference if we do something about it now!

The thing to think about here is that it's not only the government that's responsible for what's going on, but also the people. How long are we going to continue all this and keep bearing it? When are we going to take action? Are we not human beings? Why is it that we keep quiet and continue watching the injustice? It's like we *want* to sit in a corner with our eyes shut, ears covered and mouths shut.

According to reports for last year, in the first quarter, more than 1,900 women were allegedly subjected to violence, over 200 were killed allegedly following rape, over 300 women were allegedly abused for not meeting their husbands' dowry demands and over 100 were trafficked. Acid Survivors Foundation claim that at least 166 incidents of acid attacks involving 210 victims, 138 of whom were women, took place in the first nine months of the year. Social stigma, police refusal to act on most reports of violence against women, and a lack of legal and community support for the victims prevented many of them from seeking justice. A lot of the victims simply kept quiet, fearing even worse consequences if they speak out.

I am a girl, almost a woman, and so at the end of the day all this does affect me. If you're a male, just think about it. Any one of these victims could be your sister or daughter. What would you do? Injustices such as the ones mentioned above do not only take place in rural areas, but also in cities. Even urban girls and women face the horror. Something has to be done. I believe the silence has to be broken and justice should be present.




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