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United Fight Against Violence

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Locked in her eyes was a glimpse of ache. The girl looked at me with teary eyes, her mouth covered with her torn shawl and her hands shaking as she tried to calm down and sit beside me. I gave her a reassured look, but deep inside even I knew nothing could beat the lamentable memories that were daunting the girl's tone as she tried to speak with me.

"I really tried to escape from that house, but the guards at the main gate took me forcefully inside the house and the house owner hit me and threw boiling water at me in spite of my blaring shouts…", Ayisha (not her real name) continued.

Eleven year old Ayisha was brought from her village home in Sherpur to serve as a house maid and was required to do almost every chore in the house and if by any chance a heavy bucket of water or a plate fell, she would be beaten without respite.

