

## **NHRC RESCUES SRI LANKAN NATIONAL OMAR RAHIM: MOTHER AND SON REUNITED**

A Bangladeshi citizen, Mr. Abdur Rahim was living in Sri Lanka since 1998 after his marriage to a Sri Lankan citizen, Ms. Rehana Pervin Mirzabeen. On July 28 2012, Mr. Abdur Rahim came to Bangladesh with his 14 year old son Omar Rahim. Mr. Abdur Rahim deceived his wife claiming that Omar's grandmother wanted to meet him. After a few months, Mr. Abdur Rahim refused to head back to Sri Lanka and also disagreed to send Omar back to his mother. Moreover, Mr. Abdur Rahim left his son to the step grandmother and left for Norway.

Ms Rehana Pervin Mirzabeen suffered through a difficult time and was helpless in rescuing back her child from Bangladesh. Ms. Mirzabeen also lodged a case at the Sri Lankan court and won her case. After that, she lodged a complaint about her son to the Sri Lankan Human Rights commission to bring her son back to her. Hence the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission requested the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh to rescue her child. The Chairman of NHRC Bangladesh had taken up the case with strong conviction in order to rescue Omar Rahim.



Omar Rahim was staying in Dohar Upazila of Dhaka district. The NHRC Bangladesh presented this case to the court where they issued a search warrant. Following the Warrant, NHRC Bangladesh consulted with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Dohar and the officer in charge of the Dohar police station and established a rescue squad. The team had executed necessary actions and operations to rescue Omar Rahim and presented him to the court. The court ordered to send Omar back to his mother. Finally, Omar Rahim was reunited with his mother in Sri Lanka, February 2013.

The unprecedented efforts of the NHRC four members' team to rescue Omar Rahim comprised of Ms. Shamim Ahmed (Director), Mr. Abu Zafar Md. Kamruzzaman (Director), Mr. Imam Uddin Kabir (Deputy Director) and Mr. Gazi Md. Salauddin (Assistant Director).

Ms. Rehana Pervin Mirzabeen congratulated the National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh by expressing her gratitude and appreciation of the initiatives taken by the NHRC team. Ms. Mirzabeen also mentioned that the effective and efficient interventions of NHRC Bangladesh have made it possible in establishing her fundamental rights as a mother.