



Miss ZULFICA SARAH JIFFREY

Miss Zulfica Sarah Jiffrey aged 16½ years in 2004 December was living at a town called HAMBANTOTA deep down south of Sri Lanka on the south coast. Her father was serving at the Hambantota Police Station as a Police Sergeant.

On 26th December 2004 Zulfica Sarah was at home whilst her father, mother and the only sister had gone to the Town to do their marketing. At about 9 a.m. the dredged Tsunami had ravaged the entire town of Hambantota. Zulfica Sarah was being washed away when her left upper arm had got pierced by an iron railing which had prevented her from being washed into the sea by the receding waves.

Some Service Personnel had rescued her and rushed her to the local hospital. Her father, mother, sister and all the relations in her village were drowned that day leaving Zulfica Sarah an orphan child.

She was brought to Colombo and numerous operations were performed on her left upper arm which even today cannot be used normally. Once the International Police Association Relief Fund was set up and with the visit of the International President Michael Odysseus, her case was singled out being an orphan girl and two separate savings accounts were opened in her name. One with CHF 1000 and another with CHF 6500 which she could operate only with the signatures of 2 designated IPA Members who were the authorized signatories to the IPA Tsunami Relief Fund.

The IPA SL Section using its good offices had this orphan girl admitted to a leading Muslim School in Colombo to pursue her Advanced Level Examination studies also having secured boarding facilities in the same school, however after nearly one year she had given up her studies and gone to reside with the only surviving distant relation and had enrolled herself in a course of journalism in a Colombo based News Agency.

In late 2006 this relation also migrated to England. As she found herself abandoned she got married to a 22 year man named Naveed Ahamed of Hambantota. She made a request to the IPA to release part of her money to complete the partly built house she received from a NGO. IPA SL released LKR 300,000/= (US \$ 2700) to effect the repairs to her home which was donated by a NGO. A balance of LKR. 300,000/= lying to her credit in the custody of IPA Sri Lanka will be released as and when requested by her, having checked on the genuinity.

Her husband Naveed Ahamed who is a qualified hydraulic worker and Sarah are still unemployed as they are unable to secure employment in Hambantota.