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## GALL IN THE FAMILY

By Zuber Ansari

In a shocking incident, a 35-year-old Bandra-based social activist was badly assaulted and molested by four family members, including two women publicly, after they learnt that she is the person who helps police to nab a drugs peddler in the locality.

The social activist lodged the FIR against Bilkis Feeroz Khan (mother), her son Kaish, Rohan and her daughter Muskan, but almost a week has passed and no arrest has been made. Her sons Kaish and Rohan have cases in their names, with the latter being externed (made 'tadipaar') by the Bandra police.

According to victim Feeroza Shaikh, on the day of the incident, she was on her way home from market when the accused lady Bilkis Feeroz Khan stopped her and said she wanted to talk her. As she stopped, suddenly her son Rohan Feeroz Khan came from behind and angrily held her hair.



Mother Bilkis



Accused Kaish



Accused Rohan

Within a minute other family members also landed at the spot and started beating her badly. They tore her clothes and continued assaulting her. After some time her brother Shakir Ali came to her rescue but they assaulted him as well.

It was only when quite a few shopkeepers and passersby came to her rescue that these four family

members left her and ran away from the spot.

Talking to Afternoon DC, victim Feeroza said, "I have helped police to nab women drug peddlers in the locality in 2014-2015, and that woman was very well known to Bilkis, from that time these family members were harassing me and looking to beat me, but on the day of

the incident Bilkis stopped me and other family members bashed me up.

I was having some cash on my which they snatched and my gold chain as well, I have provided all the evidence to police but they registered only molestation FIR despite robbery also being committed in my case."

She further alleged that most of the people in her locality are actively involved in illicit activities including drug peddling. "I met top officials including DCP Zone IX Paramjeet Dahiya to get them arrested but nothing has been done in the last one week. Police say that informaton helps them to act against drug peddlers, but if informer faces a problem than who will come forward to provide them information."

Sources from the Bandra police revealed that they have registered the FIR against all the family members namely Bilkis Feeroz Khan (mother), her son Kaish and Rohan and her daughter Muskan, we have served notices to Bilkis and Muskan but they did not come to the police station yet, both her sons Kaish and Rohan will be arrested soon. Accused Rohan and Kaish have criminal background and have cases registered on their names, they have been booked under Sections 323, 504, 504, 506 and 34 of the IPC.

## Half-baked roads spell concrete disaster in Mira Road



One of the half-baked roads abandoned midway by a private builder

By Suresh Golani

In yet another instance of the BJP-led Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation's (MBMC) glaring insensitivity to public safety, several roads in Mira Road are lying in an extremely pathetic condition with deep trenches and half-baked concretisation with no signs of completion for the past more than a year.

Consequently, motorists and local residents, especially school-going children and senior citizens are facing immense hardships while navigating such unfinished roads. Interestingly, some of the concrete road works, including those taken up in the Kanakia area of Mira Road, are not being executed by MBMC's Public Works Department deployed contractors, but by a private developer in exchange of Transfer Development Rights (TDR). However unable to

churn out a solution, the work has come to a screeching halt due to a technical roadblock.

Owing to land ownership issues, the MBMC has stopped granting TDR's prompting the concerned developer to abruptly hold up further construction work. "Both the builder and the MBMC are responsible for the mess which has posed a threat to life and limb of residents," said a member of a senior citizens group which is planning to file a PIL in court. The TDR already awarded.

At several spots in Mira Road, which not only houses the swanky residence of the municipal commissioner and also the town planning office, cement road construction has blocked half the road and hence there is acute shortage of parking space. Surrounded by hous-

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