

Newborn girl survives live burial

A newborn girl, buried alive by her family Thursday morning, miraculously survived and is recovering in a hospital in Mahabubnagar district of Andhra Pradesh.

The two-day-old baby was rescued by a farmer on seeing her hand protruding from a pit in which she was buried by her maternal grandfather and his brother. The mother of the baby was also allegedly involved in the plot.

The girl was buried at a deserted place about a kilometre from Otkur village of Mahbubnagar district, about 170 km of Hyderabad, but was rescued by the farmer, who was going on his tractor to the field. Doctors were surprised as to how the girl survived despite being under the pit for three to four hours.

Police said that Abdul Raheem, the maternal grandfather of the girl, was feeling already burdened by his seven daughters including Mehrunnisa and fearing that he might not be able to take care of eighth girl in the family decided to kill the baby. He told police that the decision was taken with the consent of Mehrunnisa.

This is the first child of 21-year-old Mehrunnisa, whose husband Abdul Ghani, a native of Maharashtra who had allegedly deserted her.

Mahabubnagar District Superintendent of Police Charu Sinha said that the baby was buried by Abdul Raheem and his brother Abdul Rasheed with the consent of the mother of the baby.

The police official said perhaps by struggling, the girl managed to bring her hand out of the ground that the farmer saw and rescued her.

Police have arrested Abdul Raheem and Abdul Rasheed and registered a case of attempt to murder against them. Mehrunnisa was also arrested and she may face the charge of abetting murder.

G. Samuel, superintendent of the Mahabubnagar district hospital, told IANS over phone that the condition of the baby was stable.

'She is very weak and weighs only 1.7 kg. She may have survived because of the holes in the pit,' he said.

The baby is being shifted to government-run Niluofar Hospital in Hyderabad.

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