

### **Victim impact statement of Sabina Nessa's parents:**

Our beautiful loving, caring, and funny daughter is no more. This is so hard to digest.

As a parent you would never have thought that your child would die before you, not in a way that our daughter Sabina did. You had no right to take her away from us in such a cruel way.

The moment the police officer came into our house and told us she was found dead our world shattered into tiny pieces and these pieces cannot be put back together. How could you ever do such a thing to an innocent girl walking by, minding her own business, you are not a human being you are an animal.

Sabina died in a way that no one should die and this will torment us for the rest of our lives.

The fact you hit her 34 times with a metal triangle on the back of her head knowing that she could not defend herself and was literally unconscious straight away however you still carried on hitting her. I wonder if she felt those blows to her head? The thought of you carrying my daughter like a ragdoll out of sight to continue to cause more pain and injury to her body. The thought of you having your hands around her neck and strangling her and leaving her hopeless body in such a way that I cannot begin to explain. The thought of you trying to cover up her body with grass to make sure you wouldn't get caught is an absolute disgrace. Did you really think you wouldn't get caught? If Sabina died of an illness, we could have been there until her death, holding her hands, making sure we cherish every memory. However, Sabina died alone being brutally attacked in your hands and as parents how do we live with ourselves. You had no right to take my daughter's life away and no right to touch her.

The thought of not knowing why you carried out this attack on our daughter will forever be in our minds, the audacity to remain silent is an absolute disgrace. As we have just started Ramadan knowing that she wouldn't be here to fast or celebrate Eid, it's truly heart breaking. Our first Ramadan without her, my heart is aching knowing this.

How do we continue with our life as each day is getting harder knowing that our Sabina will not be there for Eids, birthdays, and holidays? The event of this attack keeps playing on my mind and how scared my daughter must have been seeing you coming for her and no one being around to help her, however this is what you wanted and planned. There are nights where I just lay there not being able to sleep thinking about how much I miss her and how amazing she was. She was kind, generous, funny and determined. Sabina was a girly girl and loved to shop. She loved make up, hand bags and shoes. She would always buy, get something whenever she would come home. We have a small crab apple tree in our garden and Sabina would just go in the garden and help herself to them. She was caring and loved animals. She went through a range of pets from being tropical fishes, budgies to having 3 cats. She loved animals.

Sabina was determined and she completed her teaching degree. She loved her job and her children in her class and would go the extra mile. This was just the start of her teaching career and this too was snatched away. She had a purpose in life and it was to teach.