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## **Domestic Harmony Foundation condemns the murder of Nazish Noorani, a mother of two young children.**

The Domestic Harmony Foundation is saddened by the tragic loss of Nazish Noorani (27), murdered on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Boonton, New Jersey. Kashif Pervaiz (26), Noorani's husband, has been charged with contriving this heinous crime.

According to the authorities, during his marriage Kashif had been unfaithful; he also had a record of violent behavior towards his wife and other women. The couple's marital problems were known to the family. Ms. Noorani's sister had stated that the signs of abuse were present but no one expected that it would escalate this far.

In a text message to her brother Kaleem, Noorani had said, *"I can't talk to him cause he abuses me.....he does not want to live with me and kids get scared of him sometimes. I am so tired of it ... ..I don't know what to do about it.... someday you will find me dead cuz of Kashi ..... He wants to kill me."* This was clearly a plea for help. We wish that Nazish had left her abuser sooner.

The Domestic Harmony Foundation sends its heartfelt condolences to Nazish's family and prays that they find the strength to cope with this great loss. We hope that the perpetrators of this shocking crime are prosecuted and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

We urge our community to step up and speak out about domestic violence, and support and endorse organizations that are working towards ending this epidemic. What is even more heartbreaking for our community is that this cold blooded murder happened in the holy month of Ramadhan.

Domestic violence is not specific to any religion or nationality; rather it is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background.

We, at the Domestic Harmony Foundation (DHF), emphasize that if you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, seek help immediately. According to FBI statistics, each day an average of three women are murdered by an intimate partner.

The Domestic Harmony Foundation is a not for profit organization located on Long Island, New York. DHF was created in response to the social, emotional and psychological needs of the South Asian and Muslim community. We are committed to promote peace, safety and harmony within our community.

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