

## PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINALITY

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What are the causes of mental illness? Although the exact cause of most mental illnesses is not known, it is becoming clear through research that many of these conditions are caused by a combination of biological, psychological, and environmental factors. Certain stressors can trigger an illness in a person who is susceptible to mental illness. •Only one in 10 prisoners has a mental disorder UK(Britain). •In the 12 months prior to imprisonment one in 20 had attempted suicide. Most significantly female prisoners have very much higher rates of mental illness and substance use disorders than males.

Case story. Patient was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1980 in the African country of Togo. He was attending primary school there itself. Then war started in Togo and his father was abducted and killed by some militants (a moment the patient described that he will never forget in his lifetime). He was then sent to Benin by his mother to escape the violence which was almost everywhere in his country. Mr. Idriss Mohammed has worked for an expertise company, named 'Lead Benin'. This company worked as a consultant at the UNICEF. He worked for the project TPI (Traitement preventif infantile). He was then threatened to leave Benin by some opposition groups. They told him if he did not leave Benin, he will be killed. Eventually, he decided to leave Benin. He went to many embassies but could not get visa, but finally, the Russian federation gave him visa and he then arrived in Russia on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2008. When arriving in Moscow, he found at that this place was too expensive to live in, so he decided to take a train from Moscow to Minsk. The patient assumed that he did not know if Belarus was a country separated from Russia. There, the authorities told him that he had to return to Moscow as he did not have a Belarusian visa. His friend gave him some money. He then decided to travel from Moscow to Vilnius, passing via Belarus. Then on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2008, he was arrested by the Belarusian authorities in Grodno. He was brought to a detention centre where refugees are kept. He stayed there for duration of four and a half months. For the first 15 days, he was alone in a room. He was then transferred to a different room with one guy named Usmanov, who was from Uzbekistan. The 2 cell mates were getting well together. The patient told that he treated Usmanov as his father. He served him tea, swept the floor and did many other tasks for him. Idriss Mohammed was telling that if he was brought to jail, he would commit suicide. One day, he went to walk in the yard and his head started painning very much. He went to see the doctor there and found out that his blood pressure was high and he was given some tablets. Later on, his relation with Usmanov started to worsen. The latter started to insult him and said bad words to him (E.g. Chorni). The patient also told that at night, he heard Usmanov's son, who was also in the detention centre, telling bad words about him. Idriss Mohammed did not feel well at all at those moments. One day he was again ill, and his blood pressure was about 160/120 mmHg. The doctor helped him again. He thought that Usmanov and his son were trying to do something bad to him. He told the officials there about this problem, but on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2009, he was brought to the psychiatric hospital in Grodno.