Sukram worked as a rigger in Qatar for over six years. One night in April 2020, he suddenly shouted out, complaining of pain in his chest. He died before he could be taken to the hospital. His wife Rita learned of his death four days later, only when his co-worker called her.

According to his work permit, he was employed by Future Engineering Company WLL. Although he was promised a salary of QR1500, Rita says he was paid only QR800. She received NPR 100,000 (US$840) from the Foreign Employment Board and NPR 700,000 (US$590) from a Nepalese insurance company. But his employer in Qatar paid no compensation.

After the death of her husband, a representative of the Foreign Employment Board contacted her and asked for her consent to perform the final rites of the deceased in Qatar. But as her family and tradition dictate that a person be brought back to his home to carry out a funeral as soon as possible, she denied the request. As all flights were closed due to Covid-19, she only received her husband’s body after three months of death.