Gangaram Mandal was a skilled mason from southern Nepal. He worked in construction in his hometown, but he didn’t earn enough to support his wife, seven daughters, and son, especially in their impoverished village where dowry systems remain deeply entrenched. As the sole breadwinner for his family of ten, he left for Qatar in July 2018 in the hope of earning more. He found work with Sahel Al-Khor Contracting & Building Maintenance Co. as a labourer.

One morning two years later, he simply didn’t wake up. “He had no conditions,” his wife said. “How could his death be natural?” Gangaram’s family has not received any compensation from the employer. According to his work permit, his salary was QR900, but his wife says he received far less in actuality. Gangaram’s body arrived in Nepal after five weeks of his demise.