

MRS DOST MAHOMET
VICTIM OF ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

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Further particulars have been gathered with regard to Mrs. Dost Mahomet, who was recently murdered at Karachi. After her husband had met with a tragic death at the hands of her brother in a domestic quarrel, Mrs. Dost Mahomet left Port Hedland for Karachi with her five children, accompanied by Lal Mahomet and Karde Bux. The latter was the executor of Dost's estate. Before leaving Western Australia she signed an agreement in which she undertook to give the control of her property to her husband's brother (named Jourank), and to hand the children to Karde Bux to be educated. Jourank in return to pay all fares and 60 pounds in cash. It is asserted that Mrs. Dost Mahomet told Mr. Barker, who witnessed the signing of the agreement, that the parties to it had threatened her, as Jourank had been doing all along, and she added, "If they are going to murder me they may as well do it in India as Australia." It is also asserted that she told other Port Hedland people that she suspected the Indians would kill her, and that Jourank had paid his son 700 pounds out of Dost Mahomet's assets, and reduced the estate to insolvency. It is also stated that the murdered woman's daughter, aged 11, was to marry a son of Karde Bux next year, and many residents of Port Hedland believe that a conspiracy to murder Mrs. Dost Mahomet was entered into before she left for India. Relatives of the murdered woman desire that her children shall be brought back from India, and the Premier (Sir Newton Moore) has communicated with the Federal Prime Minister asking him to cable the Indian Government with a request that the children should be secured and protected, with a view to the consideration of their future care. When notifying the Criminal Investigation Department of the murder, the Indian authorities stated that they suspected Jourank was an accessory to the crime. Jourank is now on his way overland to Broome.