

Caste Atrocity in Khairlanji

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Home of Bhotmange Family



The caste is not just alive, it also rapes and kills inhumanly...

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50 years of Peaceful Revolution of Dr. Ambedkar and Violent Caste Hindu Society

How to slap those who, during Durban Conference¹ confidently said that there is no casteism in India? How many people have to be killed in the name of caste to 'prove' that casteism and brutal violence still exists in India? How many mothers and sisters will be raped and murdered in order to wake up against such atrocious act committed in the name of Caste? Don't you think that the limit is over now?

Dalits in Khirlanji village, in Bhandara district, State of Maharashtra, India, are under great shock and the event is sending shockwaves all over the Dalit community in India. A fact-finding team has sent following news from Bhandara:

“Even after Golden Jubilee of Dhammachakra Pravartan (It was started after

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar converted into Buddhism in 1956), the atrocities on dalits have not yet stopped. It has been once more clear during the atrocity of Khairlanji village of Mohali Tahsil of Bhandara district of Maharashtra state of India. This incidence has taken place between 5-00 pm and 7-00 pm where Mrs. Surekha Bhotmange (45), daughter- Ms. Priyanka (19), son - Mr. Roshan (17) and another son - Mr. Sudheer (18) have been brutally murdered before inhuman torture and gang rape.

Six year ago, Mr. Doma Bhimte sold his 0.60 hector land to Bhotmange family. When villagers asked 0.40 hector land for a pathway, Bhotmange family happily gave it. But caste Hindu villagers also asked remaining land, but Mr. Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange, the head of the fam-



Priyanka Bhotmange

Inside the hut Mrs. Surekha was cooking and children were studying when caste Hindu mob attacked family



Mrs. Surekha Bhotmange (45 yrs) brutally raped and killed



Another Son of Bhiyyalal Bhotmange

ily refused to give in to the demands of the caste Hindus. Due to this reason, he was beaten up by the caste Hindus.

On September 3, 2006 another Dalit Mr. Siddharth Gajbhiye - a Police Patil of Ghusala village had been beaten up by the caste Hindus, when he was standing in a queue of a ration shop. Mr. Gajbhiye ran from the spot and was admitted in Kamptee Hospital. Mr. Gajbhiye launched complaint in Kamptee, the Kamptee Police Station informed Andhalgaon police station for suitable action. At this time, Mrs. Surekha, Ms. Priyanka, Mr. Roshan and Mr. Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange gave a witness. The accused were arrested and then released on bail on 29th September 2006.

On Sept. 29, 2006, the released accused got phone call from Member of Legislative Assembly who provoked them that Mr. Siddharth Gajbhiye is going to beat them. So 50-60 caste Hindus equipped with axes, ubhari (a stick which is one sided sharp and used to prick bull while driving bullock-cart so that bullocks can

run fast) went to Ghusala village in 4 tractors to beat Mr. Siddharth and Rajan. But before the mob reached in the village, Mrs. Surekha and her daughter Ms. Priyanka Bhotmange informed Mr. Rajan Gajbhiye (brother of Siddharth Gajbhiye) to run away. Rajan Gajbhiye told them not to worry about him and also told that the caste Hindu mob would not do any harm to women so they could go back to their village. The caste Hindus came to know about this and they turned to the hut of Bhotmange family with weapons and attacked on them. At that time, Mrs. Surekha was cooking; Ms. Priyanka and her two brothers were studying. The caste Hindu mob started beating them. They dragged them out of their hut and removed their clothes. Roshan, bother of Priyanka, was asked to have sex with his sister Priyanka. After he refused, his private parts were thrashed by caste Hindus. Priyanka was hit with axe on her breast, thrashed and stabbed with sticks and ubhari in her private parts. Before doing this, this, 19 year old was brutally gang raped by the caste Hindus, which was largely

supported by Caste Hindu women. Even caste Hindu women inflamed their male counterparts to rape Mrs. Surekha and Ms. Priyanka. After that Mrs. Surekha, mother of these three children and wife of Mr. Bhiyyalal Bhotmange was brutally gang-raped by the Caste Hindus; and forced them to run naked in the village. After that, caste Hindus killed all four of them and threw away their bodies in the canal.

There is lot of possibility that Police has indirectly participated in whole incidence because Khairlanji Police Patil didn't report Andhalgaon Police station. When the accused were released on bail, police station didn't give police protection to eyewitness, who later on became victims. Thirdly, when Mrs. Surekha saw the mob, she informed Mr. Rajan Gajbhiye on his mobile. Mr. Rajan, in turn, informed Andhalgaon Police Station but police reached at spot around 10-00 pm i.e. four hours after the incidence. Without taking any ac-

tion police went back that night. Besides, Ms. Priyanka's mobile was taken in police custody but its SIM-card is now 'lost.' Even in first post-mortem report, there is no mention of outraging modesty or of rape. The post mortem was carried out by the caste Hindu doctors, who tried to temper the evidences. Police also have shown 'completion of responsibility' by arresting 28 caste Hindus and charging them with Indian Penal Code (IPC) 147, 148, 149, 302, 201. The incidence was launched under Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 very late and First Information Report (FIR) was launched on Oct. 01, 2006. It shows the 'competency' of police force.

In the case, Mr. Bhaskar Kawad (associated with Bharatiya Janata Party of that area) is also one of the main accused. So Police is acting under the pressure of political party and misleading the whole case by portraying the case of illicit relationship and one of the major news-



The body of Priyanka is mutilated on chest and private parts.



One of the Sons of Bhiyyalal Bhotmange

papers (Lokamat Times) is backing this false theory. 30 more accused are yet to be arrested and eyewitnesses have not been given police protection. The women who participated in this crime are let loose.

Name of the arrested accused are as follows:

1. Prakash gulab Kawad
2. Saku Mahagu Bijewar
3. Shatrughna Gulab
4. Isaram Dhande
5. Ganiya Ganesh Mandalekar
6. Deelip Soma Dhenge
7. Pankaj Shiv Shankar Aatilkar
8. Mahipal Dhande
9. Premlal Khurpe
10. Dharmapal Dhande
11. Moreshwar Dhumankhede
12. Prabat Dhondke
13. Ambilal Lhurpe
14. Gopal Dhande
15. Krushna Titirmare
16. Vishwanath Dhande
17. Hiwraj Nagpure

18. Motiram Khadse and etc.

Main Accused:

1. Bhaskar Kawad (associated with BJP)
2. Taru Dhande
3. Prabhu Titirmare
4. Hasan Dhande

The above accuseds were not yet arrested at the time of this report on 6th October 2006.

Appeal:

1. Organize events to condemn this atrocious and heinous crime each vil-lage, town and district.
2. Organize processions and protests to show solidarity
3. Questioning all political leaders about their responsibility and action
4. Organized efforts by forgetting fac-tionalism that hinder common opposi-tion
5. Spreading this e-mail to national, International agencies and Human Right Organizations.

Bodies of Bhotmange family recovered from this canal



Four of a family murdered, 28 arr

LOKMAT NEWS SERVICE

Mohadi (Bhandara), Oct. 1: Sensation prevailed after four persons of a family were murdered over illicit relations at Khairlanji village near Mohadi in Bhandara district.



Roshan Bhotmange

Priyanka Bhotmange

The incident, which occurred on Friday, however, came to light on late Saturday. Of the four murdered, the police recovered one body on Saturday, while the remaining were found on Sunday. The police has so far arrested 28 persons for the ghastly act.

As per information, one Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange, a resident of Khairlanji under the jurisdiction of Andhalgaon police station, had given the statement to the police against some villagers in an incident where in a police patil was attacked.

On Friday, the accused had gone to the house of Bhaiyyalal and thrashed his wife Surekha, daughter Priyanka, sons Roshan and Sunil and drove them out of the village.

Priyanka's body was found in Kati-Dahegaon canal on Saturday, while those of Surekha, Roshan

and Sudhir were fished out from Dahegaon canal between Shivni and Wadegaon on Sunday.

Those arrested include: Gopal Sakru Bijewar (23), Prakash Gulab Kadhav (42), Sakru Mahagu Bijewar (49), Shatrubhna Iram Dhande (40), Ganha Ganesh Mandlekar (23), Dilip Soma Dhenge (29), Pankaj Shivshankar Athilkar (25), Mahipal Dhande (38), Premalal Khurpe (39), Dharmapal Dhande (25), Moreshwar Dhumankhede (25), Parbat Dhondiba Dhumankhede (58), Ambilal Kodhe Khurpe (60), Gopal Dhande (43), Krishna Titarmare (60), Vishwanath Dhande

(55), Yuvraj Nagpure (48), Laxman Mandle (37), Motiram Khawse (45), Sakharam Borkar (32), Sunil Lede (30), Ramdas Shendre (48), Ramrao Kosre (30), Ramu Mangru Dhande (42), Shrawan Borkar (50), Jagdish Mandlekar (40), Goma Dhande (55) and Prabhakar Mandlekar (27).

Sources said, police patil of Dhusala Siddharth Gajbhiye used to meet deceased Surekha Bhotmange frequently. The villagers suspected that Gajbhiye had illicit relations with Surekha. The villagers ever reportedly asked the two to stay clean, but the Gajbhiye and Surekha did

not pay any heed.

On the same issue, police patil Gajbhiye was beaten up by the villagers on September 3. When Gajbhiye went to Kamptee for treatment, he lodged a complaint against the villagers at Kamptee police station.

In this case, Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange had given the statement against those persons who had beaten up police patil. The police had arrested 12 persons in connection with the incident, who were later released on bail on September 29. Other accused in the case Shivcharan Mandlekar, Kanhaiyya Mandlekar, Chandrabhan Khandare are still absconding.

On September 29, the accused who were out on the bail, reached Bhaiyyalal's house armed with sticks, axes and cycle chains. They severely beat up Surekha, daughter Priyanka and sons Roshan and Sudhir.

After killing them, the accused threw their bodies in Pench canal.

The police has booked the accused under Sections 147, 148, 149, 302, 201 of IPC and is probing further.

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4 more arrested in Bhotmange murder case

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Mohadi, Oct. 3: Four more accused were arrested in connection with Bhotmange-mass-murder case at Khairlanji, the total number of accused arrested so far has gone up to 32. All the four accused have been placed under police custody remand (PCR) for five days.

According to details, there had once been a quarrel between police patil of Ghusala and the arrested accused. One Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange had given evidence against the accused who out of vengeance against Bhotmange committed mass-murder of four members of Bhotmange family.

In the said case, the police in the beginning had arrested 28 accused, and on October it arrested four more - Ravindra Mandlekar (27), Gopichand Mohture (30), Ravindra Dhande (24) and Ganesh Dakhane (24). All the four accused have been placed under PCR for five days.

It is the second major incident of murder after the one which was committed 9 years ago at Andhalgaon and was known as Bandeduche mass-murder case.

Two police jawans have been posted in order to keep the tense situation under control at Khairlanji village whose population is about 500. However, there is a public demand that the real accused must be arrested.

Meanwhile, the last rites of the wife and three children (sons) of Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange were performed at Deulgaon, near Khairlanji.

False news by Lokmat Times... See rectangle

WAITING FOR JUSTICE...



Mutilated bodies of son and mother



Only living person of Bhotmange family - Mr. Bhaiyyalal Bhotmange - husband of Mrs. Surekha and Father of three innocent children

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