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Arrest of Hindu Samhati president results in widespread anger



(Left to Right) Hindu Samhati president Shri Tapan Kumar Ghosh being escorted into van by police, public erupts in protests in various parts of North and South 24 Parganas against his arrest, protestors block trains in Sealdah (South) routes, Shri Ghosh with supporters after release on 2nd April.

In a move that lead to deep resentment and anguish, especially amongst the victims of recent violence in Canning, police officials from Muchipara police station (P.S.) arrested the president of Hindu Samhati Shri Tapan Kumar Ghosh from his home in Kolkata at 9:30 AM on 14th March. His arrest came in response to a first information report (FIR) filed at the Kultali P.S. in S. 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Ironically, the FIR dealt with the destruction of property exclusively belonging to Hindus and perpetrated by members of the Muslim community. Cases with non-bailable sections of IPC,

ES and PDPP acts were slapped against Shri Ghosh, and several of his supporters. The following day, Shri Bikarna Naskar was "picked-up" without any display of warrant or reading of formal charges by people who were later identified to be from the police; no reason were given for his arrest.

However, as analyzed by eminent columnist Ms. Sandhya Jain (<http://www.vijayvaani.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?aid=2725>), the arrest of Shri Ghosh had more to do with upcoming panchayat elections in West Bengal and politically appease the Muslim community than any alleged crime. This became more

evident when the administration slapped further non-bailable sections against Shri Ghosh in another old case (related to protests against cow slaughter) after being released on bail by the hon'ble court in the current case. The timing of the arrests coincided with Hindu Samhati's plans to protest and submit a memorandum to the Joynagar P.S. on 25th March. Meanwhile, protesters took to the streets, blocked main roads and railway lines at many places. Fervent appeals poured in for his immediate release from around the globe, including prominent NRIs, the Hindu Mahasabha of America, Vishwa

Hindu Parishad of America, Bengali Association of North America to name a few. Frantic phone calls with appeal to release Shri Ghosh and his supporters were made from around the country and abroad. After rejection of bail, Shri Ghosh has been shifted to Bongaon jail, a large fraction of which is packed with cross border criminals and anti-social elements. His safety has become a matter of grave concern to all his supporters at home and abroad. Finally, on 2nd April, the hon'ble court granted bail and was released along with Shri Naskar and other arrested Samhati activists.

Canning on fire: fanatic mob rampages through Hindu villages while police remains silent



(Left to Right) Helpless victims look over their destroyed homes in Naliakhali, Hindu temples and deities were burnt down by raging mob, Hindu Samhati reporter surveys affected areas and interacts with victims.

In a fallout of an armed robbery on 18th February that resulted in the death of popular Islamic cleric Maulana Rohul Kuddus, hundreds of homes exclusively belonging to Hindus were burnt down in Naliakhali, Jalberia and adjoining areas of Canning subdi-

vision in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. The rampaging mob, sections of which were ferried from faraway places including Kolkata ([Times of India, 20th February](http://timesofindia.com)), destroyed property, kidnapped men, assaulted women while the police watched in absolute silence.

Soon enough the violence spread to other parts of the area including Joynagar, Kultali, Basanti and Sandeshkhali engulfing more Hindu majority villages while the victims fled for life. Local Hindus blocked the main road in protest much of which fell into deaf ears.

In many places, Muslims blocked roads in retaliation to the protests by Hindu victims of the communal onslaught. Hindu Samhati immediately surveyed the affected areas and conducted independent investigation of the events which revealed that the event was instigated by Muslim fundamentalists. Witnesses revealed that Muslim teachers of Goladohra Naliakhali Harinarayani Vidyapith, lead by headmaster Abdul Salam Mollah, a known Hindu baiter, along with Moulavi Shamsul Alam, Giya-suddin Ghazi, Khatip Mollah and Rezaul Mollah met for discussion and declared Hindus responsible for the death of Maulana Kuddus and need to be taught a "lesson". However, police took no action against culprits.

Hindu Samhati regularly monitors and reports violations against Hindus in West Bengal. We also work with both governmental and NGO agencies for proper education on protection and ensure remedies to the Hindu populace as per prevailing law of the land

From the president's desk ...

*The following is a translation of his advice to visitors who went to meet
Shri Tapan Ghosh in jail*



My Dear Hindu sisters and brothers,

we are not alone today; hundred of thousands of supporters and patrons are with us. They want Hindu Samhati to move forward and take the necessary steps to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of all Hindus and secure their interests. Anywhere we look today, we find that the fundamental rights of the Hindus are trampled upon by Islamic *jihadis* without any regard for the law of the land. Nevertheless, we must remain steadfast in securing what is rightly ours, including the right to lead a peaceful life in our homes, by following the path of *Dharma*.

Hindu Samhati fully comprehends the current situation arising from an unholy nexus between the political power with sections of the fundamentalist, Islamic leadership in Bengal and will firmly adhere to the path of non-violent resistance to maintain the balance. A true patriot must always be ready to defend his country against its corrupt, rotten politicians and evil powers. Today, we can't remain mute spectators to

communal, vote bank politics that has brought our nation to the brink of collapse. In this hour, we must turn back to *Dharma* to guide us in building a society where different communities can coexist without fear of communal attack and regain our glorious past. Thus, we are fully committed in service to our nation and fulfill our *dharmic* duty.

Hindu Samhati is resolute never to deviate from its ideological path even though it may appear to be a convenient, short-cut to achieve our goal. For it is known from our holy scriptures that fruits of *adharma* will only lead to *adharma*.

And we must follow a down-to-up approach where we begin by attending to the needs of the most downtrodden Hindus. Our youth activists are always enthusiastic and self-driven and must remain self-motivated. All of you have to find your own path to build this golden organization, to be self dependent and set up your own identity and carry on the noble task. This is high time to put all our efforts and prove ourselves. Whether I am in jail or absent for a prolonged time, you must keep the fire burning, carry on the holy tasks and retain the atmosphere of inclusive *Hindutva* in Bengal.

And we must carefully analyze our future steps. A thoughtful philosophy of sacrificing our trivial, personal interests for the greater good and cause will drive us forward. Please do the needful, this is our call of duty and we must be ready to devote us to the path of *Dharma*. Last, but not least, please remember, one Tapan Ghosh in jail does not hinder our movement. Tens of thousands of Tapans will be born in this holy land of Bengal to support the Indian motherland.

Land dedicated for girls' education converted to Al'amin mission madrasa in Guskura, Bardhaman

Orgram Girls' School at Guskura, Bardhaman is under serious threat. About 32 years ago, a local doctor Nandalal Roy donated 10 bigas of land for establishment of a girls school accessible to all sections of the society. Since then, the school was run by local fund raising as it did not receive any financial aid from the government. Six years ago it had to temporarily shut down due to financial crisis. Local CP(I)M leader Azgar Ali,

madrasa teacher and secretary of the school reportedly conspired to grab the land and convert it into a madrasa. With forged documents, he sold the land of the school to the radical Al'amin mission. Locals are shocked to see that a land donated for spreading girls education can be used for building madrasa. Their petitions to local CP(I)M & TMC leaders went in vain as no political leadership is willing to take on the Islamic forces in the state.

5th foundation day rally marked as a grand success; supporters pour in from all corners of Bengal



(Clockwise from top, left) Distinguished delegates from India and abroad adorn the dias, women volunteers of Hindu Samhati garland and felicitate the guests of honour while president Shri Tapan Ghosh looks on, Swami Pradiptanandaji Maharaj of Bharat Sevashram Sangha addresses the gathering, supporters pack Raja Subodh Mullick Square

Struggle is the only hope for Hindus - this was the central message voiced almost unanimously by the speakers at the 5th foundation day rally in Raja Subodh Mallick Square on 14th February. The meeting was presided by Shri Tapan Kumar Ghosh of Hindu Samhati and attended by eminent dignitaries including Swami Pradiptanandaji Maharaj of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, re-knowned human right activist Dr. Richard Benkin and Dr. Rudranath Talukdar from USA, Prof. Gautam Sen and Mr. Jayesh Patel from UK, Prof. Saradindu Mukherji from Delhi University, Mr. Sailendra Jain, Mr. Arvind Mishra and Swami Tejasanandaji Maharaj.

Like past few years, the state

administration remain adamant to stop the annual rally by the Hindu Samhati. Nevertheless, the endurance of the Hindu Samhati volunteers bore fruit when the hon'ble high court provided permission to hold the rally. Shri Tapan Ghosh, president of Hindu Samhati, in his speech paid glaring tributes to police officer Mr. Tapas Chowdhury who was gunned down by Muslim goons in broad daylight in Garden Reach, Kolkata, and deplored that Hindus can't depend on a state administration whose police officer can be killed and police fears to take strong measures against the perpetrators. Sections of the media covered the event although few (except Times of India and Indian Express) reported the news.

Family of a handicapped youth faces "land jihad"

Debashish Maity, a physically handicapped youth and his family was forcefully evicted by Muslim goons in Falta. They are a recent victim of so-called "land jihad" where aggressive Muslims are trying to dislodge Hindus from their ancestral homes. While the concept is strategically important for all, massive illegal immigration is also a major driving cause. Few months back, Zahiruddin and Saidul Sheikh bought a portion of their house from an aunt of Maity family. This was followed by attempts of forcible eviction. The victims were forced to file a police complain and a court case. Few days later, Saidul tried molesting the daughter and tore off her clothes. When the parents came to defend, Muslim goons attacked them and

tried to molest his mother. When they complained to Sheikh Ansar Ali, head of panchayet, instead of helping the victims he threatened them. Subsequent investigations by police found Zahiruddin and Saidul guilty and arrested them although they were later released on bail.

The condition became worse after the release of the goons as they started harassing the family. Written complaints to the local MLA and Papiya Sultana, DSP, S. 24 Parganas, yielded no response. Meanwhile, there have been attempts to kidnap Debashish's sister. The family had to relocate her to a relative's house. While Debashish and his old parents continue to be terrorized by Zahiruddin and his cohorts, administration has washed its hands off the case.

Hindu Samhati provides assistance to victims of communal violence in Canning



(Clockwise from top, left) Hindu Samhati volunteers lodge their protest with the police after being denied entry into Canning, a woman volunteer distribute clothing from relief truck, a victim couple with relief materials in front of their home, women being offered support by volunteers.

Hindu Samhati volunteers successfully resisted the opposition by the state administration to prohibit Samhati volunteers reaching out to the victims of recent communal rioting in Canning subdivision of South 24 Parganas. The police, lead by SDPO and OC of Canning police station cited security concerns initially but volunteers, lead by Shri Sujit Maity and Shri Bikarna Naskar, opposed any blockade and reached the affected areas. The whole effort was sponsored by benevolent donors of the Samhati and facili-

tated by on-site, active service of Advocate Brojen Roy, Shri Prasun Maitra, Shri Riddhiman Banerjee, Shri Arvind Mishra amongst others. About total 40 Hindu Samhati workers participated of which nine were from our core team, three from an NGO and were enthusiastically supported by volunteers from Naliakhali and adjoining areas.

The bulk of donated items that were provided to each of the 192 families included a dhoti, saree, under garment (women), mosquito net and one pair each of steel thalis and large bowls.

Khirishkhali: yet another village in West Bengal on the verge of being ethnically cleansed

Khirishkhali under Basanti police station in South 24 Parganas used to be a Hindu majority village. For quite some time Hindus here have been under severe pressure largely due to passivity of the administration towards criminal activities of local Muslims as well as illegal migrants from Bangladesh. Presently there are only two Hindu families existing in Khirishkhali while the rest have sold off their property and left for safer places elsewhere. Unable to bear daily persecution by the Muslims, Shri Anadi Naskar had sold 10 bighas of land from his share of ancestral property to local Muslims and moved to a nearby Hindu majority village of Kumrakhali few years ago leaving his nephew behind. Now, its turn for his nephew to face the harassment.

According to the latest reports, neighbouring Muslims have encroached upon 22 out of 47 chatak of land that belongs to the nephew

of Shri Naskar and appear all set to grab the remaining portion of the land as well. The family has been subjected to various atrocities that include sexual harassment of women as well as intimidation.

Most recently, clashes between Hindus and Muslims regarding a pond belonging to the Hindus have been rising at an alarming rate. While the Hindus are unwilling to let go of the pond, neighbouring Muslims are determined to get hold of it in any way possible. Shri Naskar's daughter-in-law has been threatened with kidnapping and rape unless her family members relinquish the pond. As the police has not even entered the village of Khirishkhali till date even after repeated requests by the threatened families, the Hindus continue to live in tremendous fear at the moment. Hindu Samhati is trying to assist the two existing Hindu families in every way possible.

Vigilant citizens prohibit cow smuggling in Baduria, North 24 Parganas

Recent suggestion by erstwhile union home minister Dr. P. Chidambaram to BSF personnel to be "soft" in dealing with cross border criminal activity has turned into an open invitation to smugglers. The village of Sayesthanagar, Baduria P.S., North 24 Parganas, located some 3 km from Indo-Bangla border is a strategically important town for smugglers that mostly consist of illegal Muslim migrants. Previously, they used the two roads outside the village to ferry their items but continued passivity of the administration, turned them desperate and daring. They are so confident of their invincibility that recently, one Kader Sardar while smuggling cows from Bashihat on a matador van, hit the car of SDPO (local head of police) which fractured his hand and ran away. However, they tasted resistance from local Hindus on 25th September, when a group of local Hindu youths dared to challenge their ways. That night, smugglers from the nearby village of Jaharpur equipped with lethal weapons chose to take the road through the village while smuggling cows to Bangladesh and were resisted by Hindu youths. Unfazed by the opposition, they took out their weapons to threaten them but the youths stood their ground. When a conflict seemed eminent,

the youths got unexpected support of the entire village and this unprecedented act of united resistance forced the smugglers to retreat for that night.

Next morning, smugglers Tiru Chouduli and Ata Chouduli accompanied by a Bangladeshi dacoit charged with bank robberies in India named Hero came to the village and threatened the youths with severe consequences. Bolstered by the recent solidarity, the residents badly thrashed the smugglers. The event got communal colours when local Muslims lead by (Muslim) panchayet leader, went on to block Intinda road adjoining the market for half an hour till police forced them to withdraw. Later, they lodged a complain against Hindus at Baduria police station prompting police to arrive at the village in search of Rabin Sarkar and others. Police could not arrest Rabin Sarkar as he was not available in the house but they experienced stiff resentment from the villagers while they described the whole incident. When police asked them to lodge complains, they made mockery of police for not being able to control the smuggling happening regularly through the road in front of the police station. This led the police to leave the place without further confrontation.

Suspicious murder of minor girl in Bashirhat

Aditi Bhattacharya, a class 8 student in Chandpur Girls School from Chandpur, Bashirhat division of North 24 Parganas, went missing from 6th November. Three days later her body was found from a pond behind their neighbour Asghar Ali Molla's house who is allegedly involved in various criminal activities, including trafficking of women. He's believed to help illegal Bangladeshi Muslims to settle in India. Aditi's father had filed missing person's case on 6th November. After finding her body, the police concluded that she was suffocated to death by multiple culprits. However, her family believed that she was raped before being killed. In spite of resistance from police and local Muslim goons, Hindus marched towards the house of Molla and destroyed his house. ADPO Ananda Sarkar promised the Hindus of an unbiased investigation and severe punishment to the culprits following which they allowed her body to be taken away for post-mortem.

S. Barasat Hindus face demographic stress

South Barasat in South 24 Parganas district is strategically located at the heart of Sealdah-Laxmikantapur railway routes. Hindu-Muslim disharmony have always existed without serious law and order problems. However, a fast growing Muslim population has made Hindus a minority with serious consequences for the later. According to the local Hindus, migrant Muslims from Bangladesh have occupied the area behind platform 2 belonging to the Indian Railways and also built a mosque without proper sanction. Business by Hindu traders have become difficult or completely overrun by migrants. Similarly, going to Dhruva Chand Halder College by young girls have become difficult due to regular sexual harassments. Filing complaints with the local police against the culprits have fallen into deaf ears. Consequently, the area has become difficult for Hindus to reside and will become completely inhabitable unless they decide to stand up and take action.

Charaktala temple area near Ananda Palit and CIT road crossing in Entally, Kolkata, is known for its Durga Puja as well as growing communal tension. This also happens to be the area where fanatic Muslims protested violently driving feminist writer Smt. Taslima Nasrin away from Kolkata. Many Hindus have sold off their property and moved on to safer [sic] places. On 21st September, (*Mahasaptami*), trouble erupted when Hindus from the temple saw a pair of cows being dragged by their Muslim owner. One of the cows was wailing in pain and bleeding heavily after being beaten up by the owner in an attempt to make her walk. Unable to bear the sight, nearby Hindus protested the beating and when it didn't stop, snatched the cow, provided shelter as well as some medi-

On 15th September, discovery of an unidentified corpse, believed to be of the brother of a cleric, near Deula canal stirred communal tension in Usti, S. 24 Parganas. Islamic activists destroyed property belonging to Hindus near the railway station as police remained mute spectators. Assailants openly walked around with swords, threatening people and thrashed TMC leader Shri Jayanta Ghosh. Locals protested near Padmapukur crossing against additional S.P., Smt. Papiya Sultana for apparent collusion with the crimi-

Hindu Samhati has noted with increasing alarm, the struggles Hindus face in various parts of the state while trying to lead their way of life. In certain areas adjoining Indo-Bangla border but not far from Kolkata, these problems are getting intractable. The following incidents, documented extensively by our team over the last 3 years, provides a pattering of disturbing incidents.

Jhaubona, Murshidabad. A dozen people dead and a hundred injured, including a D.S.P. rank police officer, during a major communal riot in Jhaubona village, Nawda P.S., Beldanga sub-division of Murshidabad on 10th July, 2009. An altercation between Hindu and Muslim students, regarding the latter's opposition to Saraswati Puja in Jhaubona school formed the genesis of the riots.

Amta, Howrah. In 9th August, 2009, a 60 yr old person Shri Sanat Rit of Norit village, Amta, was beaten up and many women belonging to the Hindu community were molested by local Muslims in an attempt to destroy the only Hindu (Kali) temple in the area.

Kolkata police face furious Hindu mob in Entally

cal treatment. The owner went away and came back with a dozen other Muslim youths demanding the cows back. Hindus refused to budge since it was apparent that the cows were led to slaughter. By then, a good amount of the temple land got drenched in the cow's blood. Sensing trouble, police arrived to take the cows away. However, the Hindus were adamant not to allow the cow get slaughtered. They came out on street in thousands, blocked the main CIT road and heavily clashed with the police when they forcibly tried to remove the blockade. Shri Chanchal Ghoshal provided stiff opposition and was arrested along with another person, fined and had to spend the week behind bars for his opposition.

The MLA of Thanakul arrived with Shri Ikbal Ahmed, nearby local councillor to break the impasse but the Hindus were relentless. Eventually, police controlled the situation with somewhat brutal force and carried away the cows. While the immediate trouble subsided, communal tension continued to simmer. On 26th, the immersion procession of Bhatari Sangha club of Park circus carrying the idols were hit by bricks thrown by three Muslims from motorbike near Ananda Palit-CIT road crossing. They attempted to flee after breaking the nose and hand of the idol of Durga. One got caught and was handed over to traffic police. Meanwhile, a large police force arrived on spot to tackle the problem. But with two succes-

sive incidents in a week's time, the Hindu anger seemed to boil over. An angry mob went on rampage, destroying a police car while police retaliated with teargas, arrested 11 people and forced immersion of the broken idol. A curfew was imposed in the area infuriating the Hindus further. Eventually, police arrested the culprits including Riyazuddin, who threw the stone at the idols, although one person had to be released for being a minor. However, the Hindus suspect malfeasance on part of police for saving the main culprit, whom eyewitnesses found to be strong and healthy whereas the arrested person was frail and was possibly a small-time criminal and drug addict. By 2nd November, even he moved out on bail while 10 Hindus were still in jail.

Ugly display of fanaticism in Deula, Usti

nals. She was also confronted by TMC leaders for her actions. Raising the mercury on 18th, Chairman of Jamat Islami Hind, Dr. Siraj lead a march of 2000 Muslims threatening vengeance for recent violence in Assam while chanting Islamist slogans, abusing Hindu shopkeepers and forcing them to close shops and flee. They destroyed Ma Annapurna store, a temple near Panchantala, attacked homes of Dr. Tushar Sarkar (descendent of Dr. Nilratan

Sarkar), Shri Tridib Sarkar, local BJP leader and others. They swore to continue till Shri Pratap Hazra, a local Hindu worker, was handed over to them. After Friday prayers on 21st, some 5000 Muslims gathered and threatened to drive Hindus out from Padmapukur-Sultanbag, Chousa, Nainanpur, Satghara, De-yarek and Kuleshwar Panchanantala areas but had to retreat after RAF started patrolling the area. Meanwhile, local Hindus across political

spectrum organized resistance with help from neighboring villages. On Monday, a meeting was held with the police, Hindus and the Muslims where the latter demanded Shri Hazra be arrested. Police refused to do so without plausible cause and on 10th October, RAF and Usti police searched his house for illegal arms but came back empty handed. Meanwhile, Usti continue to simmer; recently, it is known from reliable sources that an area north of Usti police station is being used for cow smuggling and slaughter.

Is Bengal the next Kashmir? Clear pattern emerges from a series of assault in West Bengal.

Mohamedbazar, Birbhum. In April, 2010, tribal Hindu villages were attacked and women sexually assaulted and raped by Muslim goons. The onslaught continued mercilessly till intervention from tribal organizations from neighbouring Jharkhand.

Panchthupi, Murshidabad. In May, 2010, Hindus in Panchthupi and surrounding villages under Burwan P.S., Kandi sub-division came under attack.

Panchla, Howrah. A Hanuman temple destroyed and property belonging to Hindus were destroyed during Muharram procession in Panchla area of Howrah on December, 2010.

Taranagar and W. Rupnagar, S. 24 Parganas. Tension brewed in Taranagar and West Rupnagar villages in Joynagar P.S. of South 24 Parganas after the murder of Saukhat Khan on 14th May, 2012. Over four dozen homes were gutted, granaries razed to ground, women assaulted and raped in the area, forcing hundreds to flee the

area for safety.

Amta, Howrah. Multiple incidents of street brawl reported between Hindus and Muslims near CSTC bus stand in October and December, 2012.

Tehatta. In Tehatta, trouble erupted when the local administration abruptly cancelled permission for traditional Jagaddhatri Puja due to complaints from Muslim community regarding its location near a mosque. Brutal force, reminiscent of British colonial rule, was applied to peaceful and unarmed Hindu protesters leading to death of 45 yr old Shri Ashoke Sen.

Deganga. Located on the outskirts of Kolkata, the morale of the Hindus here has sunk to an all time low following the anti-Hindu riots of September, 2010. They are unable to get a hearing from administration officials. Women and girls are in daily danger of being raped and kidnapped, and getting sold off to prostitution rackets. Hindus that can leave are doing so resulting in a demographic shift. This is exac-

erbated by continuous flux of illegal migrants across the border.

Khabrapota. Hindus from a large number of villages in Deganga, Golaberia, Belegghata, Kadambagachi and bordering areas have fled owing to inhuman atrocities of Bangladeshi as well as local Muslims leading to a huge demographic shift in these areas. Hindu youths, in areas like Khabrapota, Molladanga, Bhumitala, Charchat, have protested to preserve their existence. However, they either had to flee or serve jail sentences on trumped up charges filed order to silence them entirely.

Swarupnagar. In a blatant case of land grabbing, Sheikh Mosabber Hussain, Swarupnagar block president of the madrasa and mosque committee, accompanied by powerful Muslim leaders grabbed significant portion of 54 bighas of land belonging to Shri Kamdev Bandopadhyay with a temple and built mosque right next to it. Many of the protesting Hindus were promptly jailed by trumped up charges and prohibited *Chaitra Sankranti* fair citing security of the aforesaid illegal mosque.