

COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

North Bastar Divisional Committee



Press Release: February 25, 2009

Mahanakal Attack—A fitting reply to the ongoing police repression, illegal arrests and fake encounters

On 18th February 2009, the PLGA forces attacked the CRPF forces stationed at village Mahanakal under Koylabeda Police station area, killing 3 police personnel and injuring 9. This daring day light attack lasted over 2 hours. In this attack on the 3 platoons of CRPF and District police forces, our PLGA forces hit them without a single casualty on our side. Though there was not even a slightest scratch to anyone of our forces, Kanker SP Ajay Yadav has been falsely claiming that the state forces have killed 10 Naxalites. He is lying in a desperate attempt to boost up the sagging morale of the police forces.

In fact, right from the time of the assembly elections in the state, there have been a number of attacks on the masses by Police and Para military forces. Dozens of innocent villagers have been arrested from the villages Rekabhat, Partapur, Kesekodi, Gattakal etc. In October 2008, police attacked and terrorized school children in people-run school at Kumudgunda. On 14th November, the day of election, policemen murdered an innocent villager, Karmaram of Korenar. On 6th December, Fateram and his daughter Sagenbai were brutally murdered by the police. The most glaring example of Raman Singh Government's cruelty is the incident in Singaram, in which the police killed 18 tribals in cold blood. Out of those killed, were four young girls, who were tortured and gang raped by the policemen before being murdered. It is these atrocities that forced people to retaliate against the police.

We warn Raman Singh Government that the Mahanakal incident will be repeated if police does not refrain from fake encounters, illegal arrests and atrocities on innocent people. We demand the immediate release of the villagers who have been illegally put behind bars. We appeal to all the police personnel and para-military men and petty bureaucrats not to enter our areas and torture our masses. Instead they should try to take transfer to other areas and should not to follow orders of their officers to torture the masses. In case of any encounter with our PLGA forces surrender to us and we assure no harm shall come on those who surrender. You too belong to poor and exploited families. You are not our enemies. Recently, one policeman Kiran Usandi from Pakhanjur police station and 3 men from Aambeda police station resigned from their jobs following our appeal.

We appeal to all democratic minded people, civil rights organizations and people at large to condemn the brutal state repression unleashed on the people of Dandakaranya. Defeat the fascist and repressive

policies, and shatter the day-dreams of the reactionary, exploitative government to perpetuate their fascist rule by drowning the democratic and revolutionary people's struggles in rivers of blood.

**Sujatha Nuroti,
Secretary,
North Bastar Divisional Committee,
CPI(Maoist)**

[From: *CPI(Maoist) Information Bulletin*, #7, April 15, 2009, p. 52.]