

They stood by the marginalised.
They protected lands, hills and forests from mining companies.
They stood up to protect minorities.
They did not trust the government's false promises.

They are students, academics, lawyers, journalists and social activists, including 84 year old Jesuite priest Fr Stan Swamy.

They are imprisoned in over-crowded prisons at great risk of Covid-19.

Indian PM Modi boasted that his govt. has controlled the pandemic and was ready to help the rest of the world with vaccines. Now Indians are dying in their thousands every day and the world is on high alert for the Indian strain of the virus.

Do you believe these prisoners are a threat to society?

Demand their release! They are at risk of Covid-19.

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Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

India is no longer a democratic country - one in which you can express your opinion freely.

Scores of intellectuals, academics, students and social activists have been imprisoned for criticising government policies and suggesting they serve a small and wealthy elite rather than wider urgent public need. Prisons are crowded and pose a high risk of Covid-19. Many prisoners are falling ill - medical facilities inside prisons are not equipped to cope with the situation.

These spokespeople have stood by indigenous and disenfranchised communities and highlighted land grabs orchestrated by mining companies. Hidme Markam, a village woman in her 30s, was forcefully dragged away in front of villagers and sent to prison. She tried to save a local hillside from mining interests. Like Hidme Markam, Stan Swamy, a 84 year old Jesuite priest who, dedicated his life to working for the wellbeing of indigenous people in the state of Jharkhand, has been accused of being 'antinational' and sent to prison under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA);

Sudha Bhardwai, a 64 year old lawyer, spent 30 years safeguarding the rights of miners and workers in the state of Chhattisgarh in the face of police atrocities; she has been falsely arrested on similar UAPA charges to Stan; Siddique Kappan, a journalist in his early 40s, traveled to gather information from the family of a gang-raped young woman (who later she died in hospital) was arrested under the UAPA, contracted Covid-19 in prison and was chained to a hospital bed.. A Supreme Court intervention ordered his transfer to a well-equipped hospital in Delhi but the UP state government and but the UP state government challenged the decision; Natasha Narwal, 32, a PhD scholar, has been

falsely accused of inciting violence during recent communal violence in Delhi and is in prison. She was not allowed to visit her ailing father with Covid-19 who later died; she was however granted an interim bail to attend his funeral.

Thousands more brave spokespersons are still in prisons across India on false charges.

The UK government must respond to this injustice; instead the government has turned a blind eye because of trade interests with India that include arms deal, and mineral resources in return. Politicians do not come forward because, for understandable reasons, they do not want to hurt the sentiments of Indian communities in the UK.

A section of Indians in the UK have little clue of the events mentioned in the other section; they have been fooled by propaganda of Indian 'glory' by the current government. Many have now began to realise the truth though. In the Covid-19 surge, many have experienced tragic deaths of their loved ones back home in India. They have learnt that health care facilities for the majority are inadequate even in the capital Delhi. They now know that the surge of the pandemic could have been avoided.

Indian PM Mr Modi made the world fool when, in January 2021, he announced at the World Economic Forum that India had successfully controlled the pandemic and was going to help the rest of the world with vaccines. World leaders, including the Director-General of the WHO, congratulated Indian PM. By April, India recorded 300,000 cases of Covid-19 a day!

Historically, world's known dictators had thrived on propaganda - today India has taken the same path. People like Stan, Siddique, Natasha, Hidme and others were not fooled by the government's propaganda - they have ended up in prison. Please save them.

You can help.

- * Learn the truth about Modi's India.
- * Write to your MP to ask in the Parliament if Boris Johnson was aware of India's human rights records before he planned his India trip.
- * Organise protests in market squares demanding the release of political prisoners.

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