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To
The Chairman
National Human rights Commission
Manav Adhikar Bhawan
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA
New Delhi – 110023

Respected Sir,

Here I want to draw your kind attention towards an incident where a Border Security Force constable was alleged to be murdered by his fellow servicemen on 30.08.2020 in Chuatia, Bagdah which is very close to Magurkona BSF camp under the jurisdiction of Bagdah Police Station.

The name of the deceased jawan is Mr. Bikash Kumar, aged about 28 years, who is a constable of the 99 Battalion, Chuatia Border Out Post, Magurkona BSF camp and his family is residing at Samli district in Uttar Pradesh.

It is to be alleged by the family members of the deceased jawan that he was mentally tortured by the authority of the Magurkona BSF camp and other fellow BSF jawans in his service place. The wife of the victim Ms. Pompa Mahato, who is also a BSF constable of 181 Battalion posted in the district of Murshidabad alleged that his husband was killed by the other BSF jawans in the same Magurkona BSF camp because they mentally tortured and harass him every time.

From the source of news paper report we have been informed that on 30.08.2020 when other colleagues were returning to the BSF camp after completing their duty, they found the body of the BSF constable Bikash Kumar was lying on the road. He was shot in the neck from his service rifle. They took him to the Bagdah Rural Hospital but he was transferred to Bongaon Sub Divisional Hospital. The on duty doctor of the Bangaon Sub Divisional Hospital declared Mr. Bikash Kumar as dead. On 31.08.2020 post mortem examination was done vide PME no. 470/2020 dated 31.08.202 by Dr. Shelly Samanta of Bangaon Sub Divisional Hospital. On the same day an Unnatuaral Death case was registered vide U/D case number 347/2020 dated 31.08.2020 in B

Ms. Pompa Mahato and other family members of the deceased BSF also told that several times they requested the authority of Magurkona BSF camp not to sent the body of the victim for post mortem examination before they reach the place, but the authority sent the body of the deceased jawan for the post mortem examination without informing the family members of the deceased victim. Family members of the victim did not see the body of the deceased before post mortem.

Section 176 (4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure clearly states that during the time of inquest inform the relatives of the deceased are mandatory but the authority violates the law here. From the whole scenario it is seemed that in this death case the truth is being tried to be hidden.

We are witnessing that Mr. Satish Kumar, one ex-BSF Commandant of 36 Battalion in Malda District of West Bengal, was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation for being involved in illegal trade and smuggling of cattle. According to the CBI enquiry, Kumar would sell the seized cattle at auctions to the smugglers in exchange of 2000 INR per cattle. He was also partner of international cross border trafficking business with kingpin. For the past 20 years, MASUM has been claiming that the illegal cattle trade at the Indo-Bangladesh border is not possible without the aid of corrupt BSF personnel, Customs officials, a section of politicians and the police. This incident of Satish Kumar is revealing the truthness of our claim.

For this illegal trade and smuggling activities and to take bribes for allowing smuggling and sharing of those bribes, gives rise of rivalry between BSF personnel within the Force. As for effect they are getting involved in violence. This case might be an incident of brutal violence for sharing the amount of bribes.

More so, BSF is a commanding force and it is out of the purview of the Right to Information Act. We just received this news from the newspaper report but till today people of this country did not inform whether any legal or administrative proceedings was started in respect of this case or not? As we are living in the country of world largest democracy, we have the full right to know the investigation, findings and legal proceedings of the death case of Mr. Bikash Kumar.

This is a case where it is revealed that how BSF people treat their own fellow brother and how they mentally torture and harass upon an innocent and ultimately kill him. If it is the picture within the force, then kindly think how this Force people act with the bordering populace.

Murder is the cruelest form of violence. MASUM from its core heart condemn the murder as well as also condemn the smuggling activities in the bordering areas which is running with the nexus of BSF, Police, administrative officials and political leaders. If this is not to be stopped, we have to face many more murders, blood, hearing of bullets throughout the areas of Indo Bangladesh border.

Therefore, I appeal to your authority to investigate the matter impartially by the own investigation agency of the Commission for digging the truth out and clearly reveals the situation within the Border Security Force to the people of the Nation.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely

Dipyaman Adhikary Assistant Secretary Banglar Manabadhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM)

Attached Documents

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ডিউটি সেরে ক্যাম্পে ফেরার পথে নিজের সার্ভিস রাইফেলের গুলিতে মৃত্যু হল এক বিএসএফ জওয়ানের। ন্ত্রীর দাবি, খুন করা হয়েছে স্বামীকে। তাঁর দাবি, স্বামীকে কর্মস্থলে মানসিক নির্যাতন করা হত। রবিবার ঘটনাটি ঘটেছে বাগদার চুয়াটিয়ায় বিএসএফ ক্যাম্পের কাছে। পুলিশ জানিয়ছে, জওয়ানের নাম বিকাশ কুমার (২৮)। বাড়ি উত্তরপ্রদেশের সামলি জেলায়। তিনি বিএসএফের ৯৯ নম্বর ব্যাটালিয়নে কনস্টেবল পদে কর্মরত ছিলেন। বিএসএফ ও পুলিশ সূত্রে জানা গিয়েছে, রবিবার সীমান্তে ডিউটি সেরে ফেরার পথে মাগুরকোনা ক্যাম্পের কাছে তাঁকে গুলিবিদ্ধ অবস্থায় পড়ে থাকতে দেখেন সহকর্মীরা। গলায় গুলি লেগেছিল। রক্তাক্ত অবস্থায় তাঁকে বাগদা গ্রামীণ হাসপাতালে নিয়ে যান সহকর্মীরা। সেখান থেকে বনগাঁ মহকুমা হাসপাতালে স্থানান্তরিত করা হয়। বনগাঁয় আনার পরে হাসপাতালের চিকিৎসকেরা মৃত বলে ঘোষণা করেন। দেহটি ময়নাতদত্তে পাঠানোর পরে সোমবার বিকেলে মৃতের স্ত্রী পম্পা মাহাতো হাসপাতালে এসে পৌঁছন। তাঁর বাড়ি ঝাড়গ্রামে। তিনিও পেশায় বিএসএফ কর্মী, মুর্শিদাবাদে ১৮১ নম্বর ব্যাটালিয়নে কর্মরত। তাঁর অভিযোগ, স্বামী আত্মহত্যা করেননি, তাঁকে খুন করা হয়েছে। পম্পার কথায়, ''বারবার অনুরোধ করা সত্ত্বেও আমার বা আমার পরিবারের অনুমতি ছাড়াই দেহ ময়নাতদন্ত করে ফেলা হয়েছে। দেহ আমাদের দেখতে দেওয়া হচ্ছে না। ওঁকে মেরে ফেলা হয়েছে।" তবে এ ব্যাপারে এখনও থানায় লিখিত অভিযোগ দায়ের হয়নি বলে জানিয়েছে পুলিশ।

News paper clip from Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 01.09.2020