

Condemn the Arrest of Foreign Journalist

The BhadradiKothagudem Police has foisted a case on Weidman Joerg, a German citizen and an accredited journalist for alleged violation of election rules. GummadiNarsaiah, candidate of the CPI(ML-New Democracy) in Yellendu constituency, Aruna, Election Agent and Pradeep, IFTU Gen.Secy. have been implicated in this case. The facts are as follows:

Joerg, who represents the German paper, Rote Fahn had come to India on a conference VISA to attend a programme in Bangalore organised by the CPI (ML) Red Flag. He planned to visit to Yellendu to cover the election rally and meeting on 2.12.2018. I took him to Yellendu on 2-12-2018 for the said purpose.

He took photographs of the rally and the public meeting for publication in the said German Paper. His coverage of the programme does not constitute any offence under the election code and the police story that he participated in the election campaign of CPI (ML) ND in Yellendu in violation of the election code is entirely false and is motivated. The police wanted the details of his passport and VISA details which he sent to the concerned via whatsapp. Yet the police has implicated him and others in a false case of violation of election rules.

The National Committee of IFTU condemns the foisting of this false case and demands its withdrawal.

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