

# Justice Stifled

The entire country is aghast over the acquittal of all the six accused in the Pehlu Khan lynching case.

Two years back Pehlu Khan, a dairy farmer and his sons were attacked and beaten brutally by the mob called Gorakshakas on the alleged suspicion that they were smuggling cattle for slaughter. Subsequently Pehlu Khan died after 2 days while under medical treatment.

The brutal act of the mob beating Pehlu Khan and his sons was video filmed and shown in the T.Vs which was a clear available evidence of the heinous crime committed by the mob. More over one of the accused Vipin Yadav is shown boasting how they had attacked and beaten with the details, in a sting operation conducted by the NDTV.

But even then the accused are acquitted by the Additional district judge on 'benefit of doubt'. The judge conveniently rejected to accept the video filming as an evidence in the case on some technical legalistic grounds. Perverse reasoning and logic –that since videographer who filmed the alleged incident has not appeared before the court and gave his evidence-was borrowed to acquit the beastly accused.

This not a simple miscarriage of justice. This is the stifling and killing of justice by the ruling system of our country. This stifling of justice is being practiced all along by the powers that be, but under the pretensions of maintaining law and order, rule of law and justice will take its own course etc.

Now after the B.J.P assumed power with the directions and support of the Hindutva bigotry organisation RSS this stifling justice is being practiced delibe-rating without any democratic pretensions what so ever.

The country has already witnessed how the proved Hindutva terrorists who had participated in the ghastly bomb blasting and killings in Malegao blast case, Samjhauta express case and such other cases were acquitted scot-free by the courts.

We have also seen how the very president of the B.J.P accused in the Gujarat encounter case is acquitted and became the home-minister of our country.

We have seen how in umpteen mob lynching cases and cases of violence perpetrated against Muslims and dalits by the fringe elements of R.S.S and Sangh Parivar organisations have been withdrawn or the accused acquitted by courts.

Our very ruling system has facilitated such stifling of justice by the ruling-class politicians in power, powerful and the rich. The judicial system is a part and parcel of the system and is dependent on the rulers for its survival. It cannot act beyond the wishes and policies of the ruling governments nor can render any "true justice" as is being touted by the rulers to the people to placate them against the gross injustices and indiscretions being committed by them. The investigating agencies, police and judiciary are not independent but are under the control of the government ruled by ruling-classes and their agent rulers.

So at the behest of the rulers they are using one alibi or other to enable those involved in the crimes like mob lynching to weaken the case and escape the punishment.

Moreover most of the law enforcing and justice rendering authorities too are ideologically inclined towards Hindutva ideology, which is prevalent and aggressive throughout the country, that goaded them to be accomplices in stifling the justice and acquitting the accused criminals.

Such has been the true and real harsh state of conditions existing in our country in rendering justice.

It is for the democratic forces of our country to fight against this partisan system of justice under the control of exploiting ruling classes and their governments!

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