

statement:

CONDEMN GHASTLY AND ATROCIOUS CRIME AGAINST WOMEN IN UP

One more girl fell victim of unspeakable brutality and crime against women in UP. On September 14th 2020, Manisha, a 19 year old dalit girl from a village in Hathras district, UP was kidnapped by four upper caste goons. They brutally beaten, tortured and cruelly gang raped her. Manisha battled to the last to protect her honour and life. In the course, her tongue was cut, she suffered serious spinal injuries and her legs and hands were paralyzed. The Govt. and police sought to dismiss this ghastly act as a fake news. The police moved into action very late and arrested the four culprits, admitted her in a hospital first in Aligarh and later in Safdarganj Hospital in Delhi. She was declared as dead in early hours on September 29th. The police hastened to cremate her body without the consent of her family and by keeping the family members locked up in their home.

This is a most reprehensible, ghastly and atrocious crime and murder.

UP under BJP' rule headed by Yogi Adityanath has turned into a land where the landlords, rich, police, politically influential, communal and anti-social forces feel more free to trample the rights and lives of landless and poor peasants, and other toiling people under the foot; commit crimes against the dalit, women and religious minorities, silence the democratic voice and escape from the punishment. UP also seems to have become a ground for the rulers to enact ever new draconian laws, improvise the systems and methods of suppression to bail out the crisis-ridden Indian ruling classes who are faced with ever growing discontent and just struggles of our people.

Manisha died in a heroic battle to protect her honour and life from the perpetrators of heinous crime. Let her sacrifice do not go waste. Let the democratic protest of people to demand justice, proper punishment to the culprits and their protectors and for social conditions which banish all forms of oppression for ever become louder and stronger.

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