

Protest against Mafia and Police Administration in Puri

On 30th November, 2021, Thousands of people gathered and blocked the Puri-Satapada National Highway No. 316 at 'Haladia Chhaka' in protest against the attack by land- Mafia on the several members of Upakulia Jami o Jungle Surakhya Samiti and also against the inaction of Puri police in taking action on the dreaded land Mafia and it's criminal gang. People also demanded to release Com. Batakrushna Swain, Convener of UJJSS, who has been illegally detained as under-trial prisoner for nearly 100 days.

Here It is noted that nearly 3500 acres of Govt. land of Sipasarubali Mouza of Brahmigiri Tehsil is in the collective possession of local landless people for more than ten years. It was previously illegally occupied by number of land Mafia of Puri Town. This year after the arrest of Com Batakrushna, the land mafia again tried to re-occupy the land usurping the rights of local people. Thousands of trees were cut down and carried away by the criminal gang in front of district administration and police. People informed the administration about this but without any action. Finally on 2nd November thousands of people gathered and chased away the gang. In this clash two tractors and a number of vehicles were damaged. For taking revenge on local people, the said mafia and it's gang attacked the Samiti people of the area at different places of the Puri Brahmigiri road while they had come to Puri for their work. In these attacks more than 15 people including two school boys were injured. A number of memorandum were presented to local administration but people get no assurance of protection and no action was taken against the criminals. Finally UJJSS decided to block the road.

On one side Mafia is trying its level best to re-occupy the said land and on the other govt.'s (both Center & State) are in a hurry to take over the land in the name of various projects like airport & special tourism area (latter they will hand over to Adani and Ambani group) by evacuating the local landless people.

We appeal to the people to support and extend their solidarity to the people in this hour tribulation.

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