

Cruelty Crossed All Limits at Bagtui, Birbhum

Power tends to corruption, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Like all places this is true for TMC ruled West Bengal. But the present dispensation has brought something much more horrendous before the people. Greed and avarice that develop along with corruption give rise to infights within the party in power for share of booties. From ordinary citizens to the highest leadership of the party in power it is known to everybody. Ordinary people are helpless onlookers and the leaders of the party utilise all their governmental machinery to cover them up.

What have been happening in West Bengal in the past few weeks are manifestations of the situation developed here.

But what happened in Bagtui, a village near Rampurhat, in the district of Birbhum crossed all the limits. The internecine fights that have been going on first caused the death of a local Upa-pradhan Bhadu Shekh, in the evening of 21.03.2022. Then as revenge action what happened cannot be imagined in any society of humans. Cruelty crossed all limits. Men and women, children and oldmen were either burnt alive or burnt to hellish conditions to be taken to hospital.

While people of all walks of life were awe-struck and lost words to condemn the situation, the leaders of TMC went full steam ahead to cover up the heinous act of their own party activists. First in the line was Birbhum District Trinamool Committee President, Anubrata Mandal who tried to sell the theory of electrical short-circuit. It was height of absurdity to make people believe short-circuit to take place in all the houses at a time and more than ten persons burnt to death and large numbers injured. Then Mamata Banerjee herself took the stage and sent her closest confidant Firhad Hakim along with two other leaders from Birbhum to Bagtui. Firhad Hakim sang on His Mistress's Voice and started peddling the "conspiracy theory". All these are done to influence the investigation process of the police.

Time has come for the people of West Bengal to act against the perpetrators of horrendous arson and mass killing. This Dance Macabre must be stopped and that can be done by organizing the real democratic masses of the people.

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