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GUJARAT CARNAGE (*45*): April 27

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Gujarat carnage: victims of the saffron tide
The all-India fact finding preliminary report on "genocide" in Gujarat is a compila

The fact-finding team from different people's organisations from Delhi, Punjab, And
The camps, localities and organisations visited in and around Ahmedabad include:

1. Shah-e-Alam camp
2. Chartoda Kabristan camp
3. Bakarshah Roza camp
4. Pannalal Chaal area
5. Barachaki Chaal area
6. Darsiki Chaal area
7. Niraranjan Chaal area
8. Naroda Patia
9. Chara Nagar
10. Chota Chara Nagar
11. Shahibagh camp
12. Bapunagar area
13. Anand School flats 15 and 16 camp
14. Juhapura camp
15. Guptanagar/ Millat Nagar area
16. Jamat -e- Islam office at Juhapura
17. Major hotels and business complexes of the Muslim community that were burnt in
On April 15, some members of the team visited various industrial and residential l
Important institutions and organisations contacted by the group, which went to Anan
The group visited the following relief camps:

1. Kohinoor Rahat camp
2. Ismail Nagar Rahat camp
3. Bhalag Rahat camp
4. Surely camp
5. Masjid-Inam Green Park Society
6. Godhra Relief camp
7. Anjeman Islam Rahat camp
8. Qureshi Jamat Khan Rahat Camp
9. Tanjallia Road-Patrakar Colony, Baroda
10. Best Bakery, Somatalbari Mohalla, Baroda

The group visited Ode village, which had witnessed the carnage of 28 Muslims. All t
The team also visited the Godhra railway station and talked to the station superint
The team members met at Ahmedabad in the evening of April 13 and shared experiences
Introduction

The ruling classes have unleashed the worst-ever fascist outrage on the people and
While the Godhra tragedy and events are still shrouded in mystery, there is no doubt
The lives and properties of Muslims were targeted. While, in some villages, Muslims
The state attitude to relief, rehabilitation and punishment of the guilty or to giv
The Muslim community runs almost all the camps. Even for the meagre relief, the gov
Even as the prime minister talked about relief and rehabilitation and confidence bu
Not communal riots - genocide

The reading is unambiguously clear. The state government headed by the Bharatiya Ja
The claims of the BJP and its chief minister in Gujarat, Narendra Modi, that the vi
First, a bandh was declared for two days, February 28 and March 1, in the entire st
That the ruling party itself also gave the call is not surprising. This, the victim
As we visited several relief camps, including Hazrath Shah Alam Dargah, Gontipur an
The violence in Gujarat was the result of a well-planned conspiracy by the Sangh Pa

Gujarat being the only major state under the total political hegemony of the Sangh Godhra - not the trigger

The Godhra incident is not at all the triggering point of the cycle of violence that In fact, the Godhra incident might have taken place because of the vicious Ram Temp The preparation for the post-Godhra carnage seems to have a long history. In the pr Systematic programme of isolation

The Sangh outfits had brought out leaflets and had engaged in systematic anti-Muslim The offensive, starting from the Rath Yatra in 1990, continued through the culminat After the electoral defeat of the BJP in UP, the Sangh Parivar apparently decided t Well-targeted attacks on the commercial establishments/properties of the Muslim com Findings from several areas, including Ahmedabad and Vadodara, indicate a clear pat A shocking factor that became known was demonstration of a very high degree of crue The real agenda of the Sangh Parivar is crystal clear. It is an experiment, beginni Now, the party's next move was on expected lines - directing Chief Minister Narendr First, the Muslims faced an economic blockade. Now, they are living under political First, they said that the Muslims should go into Arabian Sea. Later, they said that State machinery directly involved

The violence, carnage and attack on property was aided and abetted by the state. In The attacks were sudden and carried out by large numbers of people, about 5,000 to While the Patels spearheaded the attacks in the entire state, the Sindhi business c In many places, certain "godmen" with strong ideological and financial links with t After the relief camps were set up, at least for 15 days the police obstructed the No relief, no plans for rehabilitation

The relief announced by the prime minister is eyewash, and the state administration The state authorities are also not ready to provide security or protection to the i The government wants to disband the camps as soon as possible for two reasons:

They want to stop the filing of cases and lodging of FIRs against the main function They want to avoid any compensation package, which is possible only if the people h All the NGOs that had flooded Gujarat a year ago to provide relief and rehabilitati The team also noted that the government is not interested in resettling the displac The Modi administration refused to postpone the School Leaving Certificate Course e Officials evade answers

The team met the officer in-charge appointed to all camps in Ahmedabad, D Krishna F There is no survey of this destruction made by any administrative wing of the gover The Mayor of Ahmedabad has a full majority in the corporation and belongs to the Cc The team also met the police commissioner of Vadodara and the collector of the same Violence and rape

The RSS-VHP vandals engaged in sexual assaults and molestation of young girls in fr The RSS-VHP brigades raped many women and young girls before they cut them to piece We at least met three families in which pregnant women were cut open and the foetus The challenge before us

We have to address the demoralisation, trauma and loss of confidence in the Muslim We have no doubt that the carnage campaign is aimed at socioeconomic, political and We are sure that it is not a process of ghettoisation or the creation of a new Pale Ray of hope

In Gujarati society, completely divided on religious lines, one rarely comes across Demands and appeals

We strongly feel that both the Modi and the Vajpayee governments have lost all mora The Sangh Parivar forces and their political formations, their outfits, leaders, mi The people should oppose the efforts of the NDA and the Sangh Parivar to force elec A citizen's tribunal headed by Justice V R Krishna Iyer should inquire into all the In this situation, we feel that while recognising the political-ideological nature Citizens' initiatives and committees, consisting of active and conscious representa What is to be done now?

We should boycott the Sangh Parivar and all their supporters
We should demand for the dismissal of the Vajpayee and Narendra Modi governments
We should call for a national government at the Centre
We should invite an inquiry by a commission of Jurists headed by Justice Krishna Ai
We shall demand a trial of Narendra Modi and his accomplices for their crimes again
We should take the initiative to form relief and rehabilitation committees of solic
We should send volunteers to Gujarat to provide support to the people's committees
We should demand that the state ensure total rehabilitation of the victims
We shall organise and lead cultural and socioeconomic resistance against the forces

(The list is based on information collected from the administration and newspapers.
Total deaths till April 11, 2002

Affected	
Districts	Places Police
Firing	Torched Total
Deaths	Injured LRP LCP
19	179 158 394 879 1295 10,204 17,294

Muslim religious places destroyed/damaged and converted (till April 13, 2002)

Mosques - 78, Shrines - 71, Others* - 47, Converted - 9, Total 196.

Sl.No	Districts	Mosques	Shrines	Others	Total	Converted
1	Ahmedabad	19	14	3	36	5
2	Anand	12	13	10	35	0
3	Banaskantha	0	0	1	1	0
4	Bharuch	1	0	0	1	0
5	Bhavnagar	0	3	1	4	0
6	Dahod	10	5	1	16	0
7	Kheda	2	0	1	3	0
8	Mehsana	2	13	1	16	0
9	Panchmahal	12	12	22	46	0
10	Patan	6	1	1	8	4
11	Sabarkantha	10	7	5	22	0
12	Varoda	3	3	1	7	0

Others * include Madarasas, Graveyards and others unconfirmed Muslim religious places
District Wise Total Deaths As On April 11 2002.

Sl. No.	District	Places	Torched	Police	Firing	Total Deaths	LRP	LCP	Remarks
1	Ahmedabad	59	188	87	330	937	1175		
2	Amrely	1	1	0	1	0	0		
3	Banaskantha	6	9	6	19	200	3		
4	Bharuch	4	0	0	5	58	31		
5	Bhavnagar	2	0	7	7	650	40		
6	Gandhinagar	7	1	1	14	12	30		Include offices of Waqf board & GMFDC
7	Junagadh	2	2	2	5	0	27		
8	Kheda	12	1	10	33	57	597		
9	Mehsana	6	32	3	56	116	100		
10	Panchmahal	14	40	8	106	115	0		
11	Rajkot	1	0	0	4	70	0		
12	Sabarkantha	23	75	8	123	1800	511		
13	Surat	7	4	2	11	0	155		
14	Surendranagar	1	0	0	0	0	15	35	
15	Vadodara	11	5	6	31	363	210		Total 700 LCP&LRP
16	Anand	10	15	6	54	139	17		
17	Patan	3	2	4	8	30	0		
18	Dahod	10	19	6	70	0	0		
19	Narmada	1	0	2	2	0	0		

(Po Fir - Deaths in Police Firing; To Dths - Total Deaths; Inj - Injured; LRP - Los
Collected by: Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Administrator, IRCG - Cell for Legal Help and Guide
List of relief camps and number of inmates in Ahmedabad district

Sl.	No.	Name of the Camp	Male	Female	Total
		(Major) Male			
		(Minor) Male			
		Total Female			
		(Major) Female			
		(Minor) Female			
		Total Total			

5 Aman Chouk, Babu Nagar. 2982 1890 4872 3290 2021 5311 10,183
 6 Chartoda Kabristan, Saraspur 942 826 1768 907 381 1288 3056
 7 Dudheshwer, Muni School 1-2 465 298 763 418 281 699 1462
 8 Sanklit Nagar School, Juhapura 1412 1206 2618 1356 1142 2498 5116
 9 Amin Masjid, Vatva 492 302 794 604 340 944 1738
 10 Vatva Dargha 540 80 620 560 87 647 1267
 11 Vatva Al-Kuba-Park 356 222 578 298 262 560 1138
 12 Munda Darwaza Jamalpur school-3 822 463 1285 577 354 931 2216
 13 Jamia Faiz -Al-Noor. J.M. Mill's Compound, Saraspur 328 197 525 254 164 41
 14 Bhogila-ChawlSarsapur, Muni-5-6 202 197 399 217 140 357 756
 15 Dariyapur- Charwat 247 114 361 205 134 339 700
 16 Prem-Darwaza, Saryu Das Mandir 160 92 252 144 80 224 476
 17 Id-Gah 174 12 186 146 18 164 350
 18 Anand Flats, Babu Nagar 344 388 732 375 315 690 1422
 19 Dani Limda, Mangalm 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 20 Dani Limda Kishan Nagar 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 21 Shah-Mohammad Roza, Sarspur 380 319 699 362 299 661 1360
 22 Amraiwadi Shri Rama Seva Samithi 250 140 390 200 106 306 696
 23 Jayrit Pole, Kalupur 25 29 54 27 21 48 102
 24 Lati Bazar 95 36 131 74 47 121 252
 25 Beharampur School - 5-6 481 719 1200 496 708 1204 2404
 26 Shahpur School- 4 176 10 186 101 8 109 295
 27 Zia - Masjid, Vatva 122 85 207 105 81 186 393
 28 Muslim Teli Samaj, Ramlal-Chowl. 150 116 266 115 88 203 469
 29 Karbala Msjid, Khanpur. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 30 Ghachi Samaj Khanpur. 169 32 201 154 33 187 388
 31 Saraspur Roza 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 32 Vatva Camp 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 33 Kankaria -Maninagar school-7-8 208 99 307 193 60 253 560
 34 Khavadi - Ramol 489 363 852 412 307 719 1571
 35 Hamirkhan Chawl 194 137 331 188 172 360 691
 36 Targulawar. Kalupur 249 147 396 216 111 327 723
 37 Nutan Mills, Saraspur. 80 60 140 81 63 144 284
 38 Shah Bawa Dargah, Gomtipur 92 69 161 90 56 146 307
 39 Rathod Park, Danilimda 65 105 170 143 125 268 438
 40 Parikshitlal Nagar Behrampur 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 41 Mehdi Kuva. Dudheshwer 162 56 218 97 51 148 366
 42 Sarsapur School-2 222 95 317 184 83 267 584
 43 Navi Mohlata, Kalupur 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 44 Chunaravas-Gita Nagar, Vatva. 310 192 502 365 197 562 1064
 45 Madhu Bhai Mills Compound 1339 534 1873 1469 532 2001 3874
 46 Trikampur Ramol 66 109 175 60 77 137 312
 47 Khodiarni Chowl, Juna Vadaj 479 339 818 377 249 626 1444
 48 Mehasaniya Vaas Shahrur 186 75 261 186 58 244 505
 49 Calico Quarters, Danilimda 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 50 Sundar Chouk, Ghikanta 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 51 Prathamik Shala, Ramol. 505 128 633 434 79 513 1146
 52 Gomtipur Camp, Opp: Rajpur P.O. 392 188 580 408 212 620 1200
 53 Rajpur-Vamkarvas Gomtipur. 354 145 499 373 128 501 1000
 54 Pada Pole, Kalupur. 132 42 174 143 58 201 375
 55 Dhanasutar - Pole, Kalupur. 223 74 297 315 88 403 700
 56 Bibi Masjid, Gomtipur. 376 199 575 412 213 625 1200
 57 Mohanlal Chowl, Gomtipur. 202 72 274 288 88 376 650
 58 Danilimda, 2nd Camp 98 22 120 108 22 130 250

Total 23,471 15,702 39,173 22,898 14,432 37,330 76,503

Information on Relief Camps in other Districts / Cities of Gujarat as on 13th April
 Sl.No. Taluka / City District Refugees

- 1 -- Panchmahal 7,350
- 2 Vadnagar, Kadi, Visnagar Mehsana 2,059
- 3 Himmatnagar, Modasa, Vadali, Idar, Meghraj. Sabarkantha 9,204
- 4 Vadodara Vadodara 3,500

5 Fatehpura Relief Camp-Dahod(Sanjeli, Fatehpura, Jhalod, Suksar) Dahod 1,500
6 Muslim Garasiya Welfare Trust -Relief Camp -Haji Colony -Napad. Anand 1,254f

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Infectious diseases hit Godhra camp

Bronchopneumonia, diarrhoea, measles affect 34 persons

BY HITARTH PANDYA (The Asian Age, Ahmedabad, April 26)

Godhra, April 25: At least 34 persons living at Godhra's only relief camp are suffering from infectious diseases. Exposing 'the Gujarat government's hollow claims that all is well in relief camps in Panchmahals collector Jayanti Ravi, however, said that stray incidents of diseases. Dr Haroon Sheikh, told The Asian Age that there are around 2,000 persons in the camp. "It all started about 10 days back when a couple of children were affected by measles. At the camp, where there are around 2,000 persons from Anjanwa. Randhikpur, Saliya, A panel of eight doctors headed by Dr A.S. Alvani are treating them. However, the doctor Dr Sheikh also claims that the patients are not accepting medicines given by the government. The doctor said that before they and the district administration could realise anything. Further, it is difficult to maintain hygienic conditions in the camp because of the

Meeting on Women's issues (Baroda, May 1)

Dear Friends,

A meeting on women's issues will be held on 1st May, at Olakh, 24 Jalaram Park, Opp Most of the issues that have emerged from the various fact finding team reports can

1. Sexual violence against women.
2. Relief in camps and people who have had to leave the camps.
3. Rehabilitation : shelter and livelihoods
4. Response of the State.
5. Media

The discussion on these issues will have to keep in mind the various categories of

Suggested Outline for the meeting:

10:00 to 10:30- Introductions

10:30-11:00- Emerging Issues concerning women.

11-12: Discussion on these issues and summary

12-1: Summary of recommendations made by various groups.

1-2 LUNCH

2-3: Discussion in groups on strategies for

1) Violence against women, 2) Relief in camps and 3) Rehabilitation

3-4: Discussion on issues that come up in the groups

4-6: Concrete plan of action. Networking, co-ordination, who will do what.

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EMERGING ISSUES

In the wake of the carnage in Gujarat, some key issues concerning women have emerged. Some key issues:

1. Sexual violence against women:

Women have been specifically targeted by mobs and have been subject to the most brutal violence. Identify places where women victims might be. Evidence of crimes of sexual assault. Many victims have been killed, some are seriously injured. Medical examinations of victims. Support for these women from amongst families and community too needs to be strengthened.

2. Camps:

In rural areas, specially in Panchmahals many camps are being shut down by the state. In Ahmedabad there is tremendous pressure on the existing camps. There have been reports of lack of medical attention for those in relief camps is very important. Given that sanitary conditions are poor we need to think of short stay homes or alternative arrangements for women who are in camps.

3. Relief and rehabilitation

The issue of rehabilitation looms large in the minds of the women. In most places we need to think of short stay homes or alternative arrangements for women who are in camps.

4. Role of the State:

The response of the state in relation to all these issues has been dismal. We need a strong response from the state.

Manu Sharanam Gachchhami: Implications of BSP-BJP Alliance

by Ram Puniyani

The latest alliance between BSP and BJP for sharing of power comes as one more nail on the coffin of the Dalit-bahujan. Today Dalit-bahujan are facing the major brunt of the adverse impact of globalization. By 1980s the situation started changing. The first indication of this came in the form of the Mandal Commission. Still large sections of the deprived were denied the fruits of democracy. Mandal Commission

While casteism was used by upper caste to keep the lower caste out of the ambit of democracy (Writer works with EKTA, Committee for Communal Amity, Mumbai)

VHP's TIES WITH THE TIGERS ???

There have been newsreports that the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the rabid religious wing of the Hindu Mahasabha. It is obvious that the VHP is operating in Sri Lanka under the garb of spreading Hinduism. A shocking newsreport published in the Times of India recently says Vigyanand (38) the VHP agent is horrifying. The Indian government wants the tiger to be a friend. "I made it clear to them (LTTE) that we have nothing for or against their struggle. I said we have a problem with Islam and Christianity and are trying to build up Hinduism. For the Hindu nazis who operate from India exporting Hindu militancy areas across the world. The Hindu nazis of the VHP admit that it is the hatred towards the advance of Christianity that is the driving force behind their activities.

HINDUTVA LOOKS TOWARDS A HINDU TAMIL STATE.

The Hindutva forces tend to think that the proposed Tamil Eelam is a Hindu nation based on Hinduism. "Vigyananand (the VHP pracharak to Lanka) was greatly impressed by the de facto Tamil Nadu. "They have put up a parallel administration with their own penal code, judiciary, and police. "It is a full-fledged state. We have a lot to learn from them." One wonders what the forces of Hindutva has to learn from the Tamil tigers known for their fierce resistance.

AYODHYA TYPE PROGRAMMES IN LANKA.

The VHP is sharing its expertise in communal programmes like the Ram temple movement in Ayodhya.

INCITING THE BUDDHISTS AGAINST THE CHURCH.

Our group has earlier published reports as to how the VHP was inciting the Buddhists against the Christians. "I advised Buddhist monks to go to villages to spread their religion and to count on the support of the Buddhist community. "As a religion nobody is suppressing Hinduism in Sri Lanka. But with the exodus of Christians it may be recalled that VHP had planted earlier stories to create a wedge between the Buddhists and the Christians.

THE WORLD GOVERNMENTS MUST KEEP A WATCH.

The time has come for the governments of the world to contain the Hindutva network. nup://umpune.umpune.enet.in.0600/mau/0/mau/mau.txt/maupart-0

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* All quotes are from the TOI /IANS reports. The article is titled " VHP now buildi

LINKS:

Canadian Minister justifies position on Gujarat

TIMES OF INDIA/PTI [BANGALORE, APRIL 26, 2002)

A day after New Delhi expressed strong disapproval of "foreign interference" in the
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow.asp?art_id=7959211

EU gives demarche to India in Madrid

AUNOHITA MOJUMDAR (TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI, APRIL 27, 2002)

The European Union (EU) has delivered its demarche to the Indian government, not he
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow.asp?art_ID=8114866

More brickbats from West on Gujarat riots

TIMES OF INDIA/AFP (NEW DELHI, APRIL 26, 2002)

An international human rights group on Friday joined some Western countries in bla
 Refuting the official death toll of 900 since the violence broke out in February, t
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow.asp?art_ID=8054536

For daily news updates & citizens initiatives in post riots Gujarat Check:

<http://www.sabrang.com> & <http://www.riotinfo.com>

All updates on GUJARAT DEVELOPMENT can be viewed at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GUJARATDEVELOPMENT>