

DEMOCRACY UNDER SIEGE IN WEST BENGAL



MARTYRS

Between May 2011 and July 2016, 183 comrades of the Left Front have been martyred. Nine comrades have been killed in poll and post-poll violence during the Assembly elections of 2016 – three of them because they dared to work as polling agents.



Above: CPI(M) polling agent Tohidul Islam (35) of Domkol, Murshidabad, was killed outside polling booth no. 173 of Sirpara, Domkal, on 21st April 2016. Tohidul ran after he was struck by the splinters of a bomb, but TMC supporters gave chase, caught him and stabbed him to death with a dagger. All this happened in public view, in front of police personnel and RAF officials.

Below: CPI(M) worker and daily wage labourer Khokan Sheikh of Nanoor was killed by TMC goons on 23rd May 2016.

The fascistic terror is instigated by the top leadership of the TMC



Above: Kamal Bagchi, a 'khet majoor' of Chowberia village, Bonga, North 24 Parganas, was killed by TMC goons on 14th April 2016.

Below: CPI(M) polling agent Sheikh Fazal Haq (55) and the father of another CPI(M) polling agent, Dukhiram Dal, were killed on 21st April 2016 in Khandaghosh Assembly segment of Bardhaman district when they were on their way home after polling. They were dragged to a remote location by a group of armed men in the presence of the TMC candidate, and then attacked with bombs and hacked repeatedly with axes, daggers, swords and 'tangis'.

"Inchi inchi bujhe nebo..." ("We'll show them inch by inch...")

– Mamata Banerjee's threat to the Opposition during the election campaign

Her lieutenants followed suit:

"We will not play Rabindra sangeet after our election victory ... we will play something else more appropriate to the CPI(M) in a high volume." – Subhendu Adhikari, TMC Minister

"Let us win the election first and we will play the drums for you."
– Anubrata Mondal, Birbhum TMC leader against whom several cases of violence are pending in the courts and who was under watch by the Election Commission

"We will be there after the elections and then we will square the deal with the CPI(M)." – Abhishek Banerjee, CM's nephew and TMC MP



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LEFT FRONT MARTYRS IN WEST BENGAL - 14 MAY 2011 TO 3 JULY 2016

1	14 May 2011	Jiten Nandy (57)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	68	17 May 2012	Lokman Sekh (45)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
2	14 May 2011	Purnima Ghorai (56, F)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	69	21 May 2012	Manohar Halder	Nadia	CPI(M)
3	15 May 2011	Ajit Lohar (56)	Bankura	CPI(M)	70	27 Jun 2012	Razzak Sekh (38)	Nadia	CPI(M)
4	17 May 2011	Diba Rani Mondal (20, F)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	71	29 Jun 2012	Jatai Mete (56)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
5	18 May 2011	Ramprabesh Roy (45)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	72	29 Jun 2012	Paritosh Biswas (45)	Nadia	CPI(M)
6	18 May 2011	Mundrakala Roy (F)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	73	29 Jun 2012	Kanaikal Biswas (61)	Nadia	CPI(M)
7	19 May 2011	Dahiruddin (40)	Uttar Dinajpur	CPI(M)	74	22 Jul 2012	Azijul Sekh (45)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
8	20 May 2011	Md. Khodarakha (66)	Birbhum	CPI(M)	75	22 Jul 2012	Radhanath Saren (65)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
9	22 May 2011	Amal Samaddar (54)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)	76	24 Jul 2012	Muktaram Majhi (50)	Hooghly	CPI(M)
10	23 May 2011	Mahabul Sekh (55)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	77	30 Jul 2012	Sajjad Sk (40)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
11	23 May 2011	Natabar Sekh (19)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	78	18 Aug 2012	Liyakat Middy (55)	Bankura	CPI(M)
12	28 May 2011	Sk Sahadat (26)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	79	24 Aug 2012	Mobarak Sekh (26)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
13	29 May 2011	Sudeb Barman (38)	Dakshin Dinajpur	RSP	80	25 Aug 2012	Icha Gayen	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
14	2 Jun 2011	Rabi Sahu (25)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	81	5 Oct 2012	Sajem Ali Sekh (49)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
15	10 Jun 2011	Laxmikanta Sardar (55)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	82	6 Oct 2012	Abdul Hamid (46)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
16	11 Jun 2011	Aloke Beora (46)	Bankura	CPI(M)	83	12 Oct 2012	Chittarajan Rakshit (52)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)
17	14 Jun 2011	Bhabesh Sabar (25)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	84	23 Oct 2012	Ajikul Rahaman (30)	Dakshin Dinajpur	CPI(M)
18	22 Jun 2011	Naren Gayen (65)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)	85	21 Nov 2012	Matiur Rahaman Purkait (60)	Howrah	CPI(M)
19	25 Jun 2011	Sitaram Kundu (40)	Bankura	CPI(M)	86	23 Dec 2012	Jiten Shau (40)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)
20	25 Jun 2011	Jadunath Mondal (75)	Nadia	CPI(M)	87	23 Feb 2013	Gopal Makal (55)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
21	29 Jun 2011	Zakir Hossin (40)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)	88	8 Mar 2013	Rabin Das (36)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
22	4 Jul 2011	Julhaque Sekh (35)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	89	16 Mar 2013	Sidheswar Mal (32)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
23	4 Jul 2011	Sanat Sahoo (62)	Howrah	CPI(M)	90	22 Mar 2013	Arjun Ghosh	Maldaha	CPI(M)
24	5 Jul 2011	Nirgun Dube (45)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	91	22 Mar 2013	Parbat Ghosh	Maldaha	CPI(M)
25	12 Jul 2011	Samser Alam (52)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	92	24 Mar 2013	Jahangir Mistri (40)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
26	14 Jul 2011	Firoz Akhtar (58)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	93	2 Apr 2013	Sudipta Gupta (23)	Kolkata	CPI(M)
27	17 Jul 2011	Utpal Bagdi (30)	Bankura	CPI(M)			(SFI State Committee member)		
28	28 Jul 2011	Mogai Munda (28)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)	94	3 Jun 2013	Golam Mostafa	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
29	28 Jul 2011	Nasiruddin Mollah (35)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	RSP	95	7 Jun 2013	Subhas Mondal (55)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
30	31 Jul 2011	Rajkumar Jadav (55)	Darjeeling	CPI(M)	96	9 Jun 2013	Dilip Sarkar	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
31	27 Aug 2011	Bhimraj Tewari (22)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	97	9 Jun 2013	Madan saren (48)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
32	27 Aug 2011	Narayan Das (35)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	98	13 Jun 2013	Kalimuddin Sarkar	Maldaha	CPI(M)
33	1 Sep 2011	Seikh Zia (42)	Birbhum	CPI(M)	99	14 Jun 2013	Bhaskar Majumder (53)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
34	4 Sep 2011	Krishnagopal Ghosh	Nadia	CPI(M)	100	21 Jun 2013	Debsaran Ghosh (44)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
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36	5 Sep 2011	Sunil Mukhha (38)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	102	25 Jun 2013	Ramjiban Khamri (65)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)
37	10 Sep 2011	Swapan Swar(37)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	103	28 Jun 2013	Akbar Ali (23)	Maldaha	CPI(M)
38	11 Sep 2011	Pradip Pramanik (55)	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M)	104	1 Jul 2013	Ankhiranjan Mondal	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
39	20 Sep 2011	Biltu Sekh (28)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	105	2 Jul 2013	Md. Sultan	Uttar Dinajpur	CPI(M)
40	29 Sep 2011	Sunil Hembram	Birbhum	CPI(M)	106	3 Jul 2013	Siatul Sardar (37)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
41	1 Oct 2011	Prabir Halder (34)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	CPI(M)	107	4 Jul 2013	Md Eklakh	Hooghly	CPI(M)
42	15 Oct 2011	Mahadeb Mondal (45)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	108	13 Jul 2013	Naosad Mondal (32)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
43	30 Oct 2011	Balaram Singh (45)	Bankura	CPI(M)	109	15 Jul 2013	Sk. Hasmat (40)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
44	4 Nov 2011	Manik Mandi (45)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	110	19 Jul 2013	Motherbox Mallick	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
45	12 Nov 2011	Abul Kalam Mallik (42)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	111	22 Jul 2013	Khahiruddin Sekh	Nadia	CPI(M)
46	15 Nov 2011	Dilip Dutta (63)	Howrah	CPI(M)	112	22 Jul 2013	Ashim Bagdi (25)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
47	25 Nov 2011	Tarapada Sing Babu (40)	Purulia	AIFB	113	22 Jul 2013	Jamiruddin Sekh (41)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
48	25 Nov 2011	Mohabul Islam (21)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	114	22 Jul 2013	Mantu Mondal (Billal) (35)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
49	26 Nov 2011	Goutam Mali (46)	Dakshin Dinajpur	CPI(M)	115	23 Jul 2013	Fatik Sekh (37)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
50	30 Nov 2011	Tarachand Murmu (37)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)	116	24 Jul 2013	Humaun Mir (32)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
51	4 Dec 2011	Jainuddin Sekh (45)	Maldaha	RSP	117	25 Jul 2013	Ajiz Ahmed (60)	Uttar Dinajpur	CPI(M)
52	17 Dec 2011	Nanigopal Bhunia (40)	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M)	118	27 Jul 2013	Sannasi Biswas (45)	Nadia	CPI(M)
53	24 Dec 2011	Yusuf Sekh (45)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	119	30 Jul 2013	Matiur Rahaman	Maldaha	CPI(M)
54	5 Jan 2012	Ejajul Islam Sekh (40)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	120	4 Aug 2013	Rafikul Gaji (36)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
55	14 Jan 2012	Idrish Ali (42)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	AIFB	121	14 Aug 2013	Hiten Barman	Coochbehar	CPI(M)
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57	27 Jan 2012	Minati Gayen (45, F)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)	123	17 Aug 2013	Bakibul Mollah (12)	Uttar 24pgs	CPI(M)
58	22 Feb 2012	Pradip Tah (57)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	124	22 Aug 2013	Lalan Mondal (39)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
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60	2 Mar 2012	Sagar Mete (30)	Birbhum	CPI(M)	126	2 Sep 2013	Basudeb Ghosh (45)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
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62	12 Apr 2012	Radheshyam Baur (65)	Hooghly	CPI(M)	128	5 Sep 2013	A B Siddikul Islam Mollah	Dakshin 24 Pargana	RSP
63	18 Apr 2012	Ezarul Sekh (24)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)	129	7 Sep 2013	Dilip Sardar (26)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
64	1 May 2012	Rahaman Ali (45)	Howrah	CPI(M)	130	9 Sep 2013	Jahangir Alam	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
65	10 May 2012	Arpan Mukherjee (53)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)	131	10 Sep 2013	Hasmat Sekh (48)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
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134	6 Oct 2013	Kartick Mondal (64)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
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144	26 Jan 2014	Jalaluddin Seikh (50)	Nadia	CPI(M)
145	2 Feb 2014	Md. Ajad (28)	Howrah	CPI(M)
146	10 Apr 2014	Sushil Mondal (26)	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M)
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155	6 Jun 2014	Hasim Sheikh (52)	Dakshin 24 Pargana	RSP
156	8 Jun 2014	Saidul Bhuiyan (38)	Paschim Medinipur	CPI(M)
157	27 Jun 2014	Abdul Haque Sekh (53)	Nadia	CPI(M)
158	8 Jul 2014	Gopal Koire	Coochbehar	CPI(M)
159	17 Aug 2014	Dipali Giri	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M)
160	1 Sep 2014	Himani Barman (15)	Jalpaiguri	CPI(M)
161	23 Nov 2014	Aparna Bag (43)	Nadia	CPI(M)
162	1 Dec 2014	Hirendranath Ghosh (70)	Birbhum	CPI(M)
163	22 Feb 2015	Kajal (Sukumar) Bhattacharya (66)	Uttar 24 Pargana	CPI(M)
164	23 Mar 2015	Mangala Hembram	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
165	29 Mar 2015	Balai Malik (65)	Howrah	CPI(M)
166	1 May 2015	Firoz Dafadar (37)	Nadia	CPI(M)
167	4 Jun 2015	Habibur Sekh (38)	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
168	25 Jul 2015	Asit Nandy	Hooghly	CPI(M)
169	28 Jul 2015	Abu Bakkar Kayal (35)	Uttar 24 Pgs.	CPI(M)
170	18 Aug 2015	Hiralal Bauri (Khetmajur)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
171	1 Dec 2015	Rafik Mondal (38)	Nadia	CPI(M)
172	11 Feb 2016	Swapan Malik (50) (Khetmajur)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
173	15 Feb 2016	Kamal Sekh	Bardhaman	SFI-CPI(M)
174	16 Apr 2016	Bimal Ghati	South 24 Parganas	CPI(M)
175	20 Apr 2016	Nur Islam Mistri	Uttar 24 Parganas	CPI(M)
176	21 Apr 2016	Tahidul Islam	Murshidabad	CPI(M)
177	22 Apr 2016	Fazal Haque	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
178	22 Apr 2016	Dukhiram Dal	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
179	17 May 2016	Nirmal Mondal	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M) supporter
180	7 Jun 2016	Amit Pradhan (32) (Polling Agent)	Purba Medinipur	CPI(M)
181	15 Jun 2016	Rafikul Islam (55)	Bardhaman	CPI(M)
182	15 Jun 2016	Arun Sardar (28) (Khetmajur)	Bankura	CPI(M) supporter
183	3 Jul 2016	Ibrahim Khan (62)	Hooghly	CPI(M)



Above: Grieving family members of CPI(M) activist Rafikul Islam (55) of Kulsona viilage, Mangalkot, Bardhaman. Rafikul, who had been forced to leave his home after the election results were declared, had returned home and was on his way to rejoin his job at the Zilla Parishad on 14th June 2016, when he was attacked by TMC goons. He died in hospital the next day.

Middle: Mother of Khokan Sheikh of Nanoor

Below: Red salute to Sheikh Fazal Haq and Dukhiram Dal!

INJURED COMRADES

The post-poll violence unleashed by the TMC against the Opposition in Bengal, with the CPI(M) and other Left parties as the primary target, is unprecedented. Over 2,000 Left Front leaders and sympathisers have been injured in physical assaults by TMC gangs and have had to be hospitalised.

The aim is to physically eliminate the opposition.



Clockwise, from above left:

CPI(M) activist Safid Ali Mollah of Kathalia village, Bhargar, South 24 Parganas, who was brutally attacked with an iron rod on 15th April, and had to be transferred to the National Medical College for treatment.

One among several Party workers who were injured in an attack on CPI(M) District Secretariat member and former Minister Bankim Ghosh and his supporters on 22nd April, at Haringhata, Nadia.

CPI(M) MLA of Bhagobangola Mohsin Ali who was attacked, along with others, by TMC goons on 12th June.

Somnath Mahapatra of 4 number Sadarchak Block, Sabang AC, West Medinipur, who was badly injured by TMC goons on 1st June.

The police are either silent spectators or in active connivance. The violence is State-backed at every level. No arrests are made in spite of identification of the attackers. On the contrary, over 125 Left Front activists and leaders have been arrested in false and fabricated cases.



Above: CPI(M) candidate of Krishnaganj AC, Mrinal Biswas (22), was attacked on 5th April by a gang of around 15 people led by the local TMC leader Babusona Ghosh.

Below: Com. Surjya Kanta Mishra, State Secretary of the CPI(M), at the hospital with injured CPI(M) supporter Sheik Sanu Ali who was attacked by TMC goons.

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Above left: CPI(M) polling agent Jiban Ruidas of Jamuria, Bardhaman was attacked, but he rejoined work after treatment and continued his responsibility as polling agent till the end of the polling process.

Above right: CPI(M) Zonal Committee member Biplab Guha (Babla) of Dum Dum Purba Sinthi was brutally injured in an attack by TMC goons on 9th June.

Below: Samir Maity (49) of Bagnan, Howrah was brutally attacked by TMC goons on 24th May. The same gang of goons then went on to ransack the North Jagdishpur Party office, Uluberia.

Above: CPI(M) worker Muchiram Chanda of Dhyambhara Jamboni, West Medinipur, was attacked by TMC goons on 24th May.

Middle: CPI(M) Local Committee member Sambhu Mandi of Narayangarh was attacked by the TMC on 21st May.

Below: Rahul Tangra.

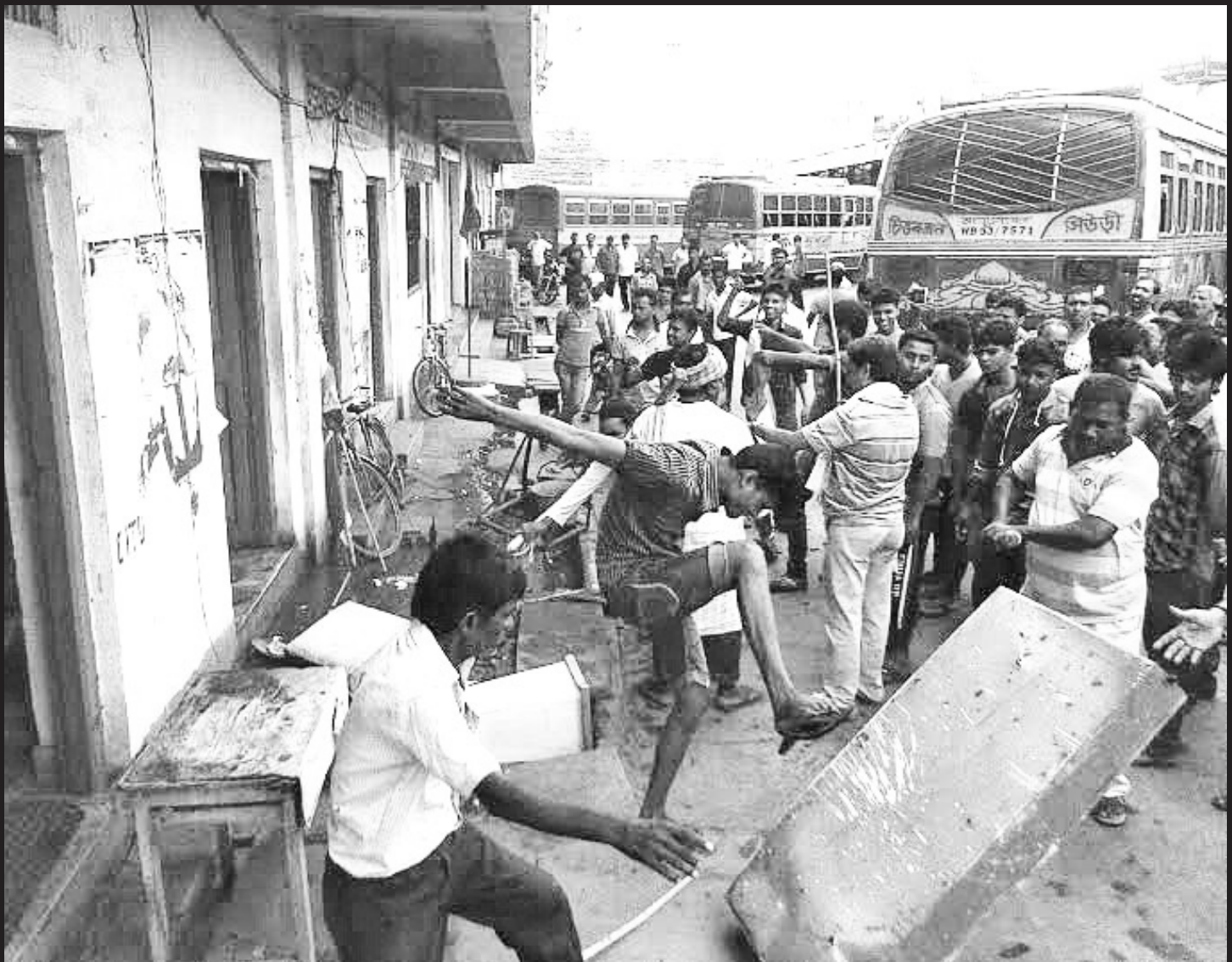


Benoy Mandi, a tribal comrade from Keshpur who was abducted from his home by TMC goons, is still missing.



ATTACKS ON OFFICES

Prevention of normal political activity by the Opposition by attacking party or trade union offices of the Left Front is a special agenda of the TMC. 649 offices of the CPI(M), 14 offices of Left Front partners and another 14 of the Congress Party have been ransacked, looted and burnt. 131 offices of trade unions and other mass organisations have been similiarly attacked.





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Above left: Burdwan University Employees Union Office was vandalised by TMC goons on 19th May.

Above right: The Panihati local office of the CPI(M) was attacked and then burned by TMC goons on 20th May.

Below left: A TMC mob ransacked the CPI(M) office at Central Howrah, Ward no. 36 (Kaus Ghat Road), on 20th May. Later they went on to vandalise the 'Shahid bedi'.

Below right: The CPI(M)'s Dakshin Maju office of Howrah was set on fire by TMC goons on 30th May.

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The CITU office at Asansol was attacked by TMC goons on 19th May.

Rampaging TMC mobs armed with bombs, knives, swords, guns, lathis, axes, bricks – sometimes carrying petrol and kerosene-soaked material to set fire to Party offices, homes or shops of Left Front supporters – have a free run both in urban and rural areas.

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ASSAULTS ON WOMEN

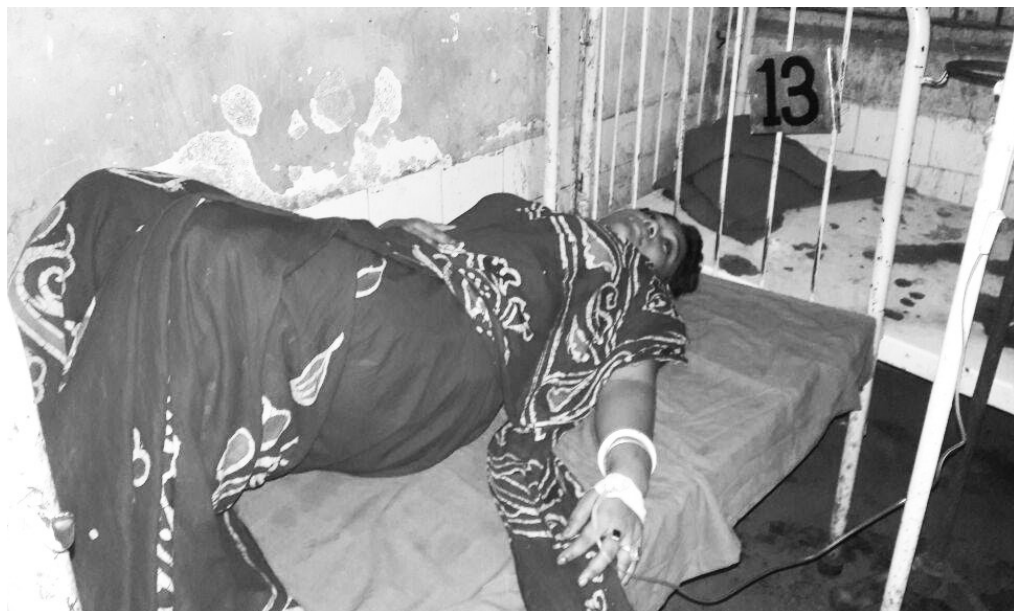
Eight women Left sympathisers have been raped by TMC criminals. Eighty-six women have been physically assaulted or sexually harassed. Two victims of sexual assault and another five women who had been brutally attacked after the 2014 Lok Sabha elections because they had identified the TMC criminals and whose cases are pending before the courts, have been threatened that they will be attacked again if they do not withdraw the charges.

At least 140 women supporters of the Left have been attacked in poll-related violence across the state, in areas like Bali, Dakshin Howrah, Bagnan, Udaynarayanpur, Jagatballavpur, Jadavpur, Kakdwip, Belpukur (Kulpi), Usti, Ghatal, Chandrakona, Jamboni, Nandigram, Haldia, Deshpran, Jamuria, Pandabeswar, Ketugram, Burdwan, Behala purba, Entally, Ballygunge, Beliaghata, Kashipur, Dhakuriya, Behala paschim, North Calcutta and Kasba.



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Above: Arpita Mondol from Dohorpota village, North 24 Parganas, whose husband is a CPI(M) worker, was brutally attacked on 5th April. The villagers came to her rescue and admitted Arpita, who was pregnant, in Bagda Hospital. The doctors declared her baby dead. Arpita is still in a critical condition and fighting for her life.



Middle: Rahima Bibi and other women of Joypur were admitted to hospital at Bishnupur, Bankura, after TMC goons attacked their minority village on 12th April.



Below: Rituparna Roy, a 2nd year student and SFI activist, was brutally beaten up in Ashutosh College on 27th May by members of the TMC students' wing. When she asked her attackers why she was being beaten, their reply was: "You are with the SFI, that is your only mistake."

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Labhpur attack, 5th April 2016:

At Kapsundi village in Labhpur, trouble began on 5th evening after a CPI(M) flag was torn up, allegedly by Trinamool workers. As Left and Congress workers put up a united resistance, the Trinamool group retreated. But later in the night they allegedly attacked the houses of CPI(M) workers in the village, leaving four CPI(M) workers injured. While three of the injured were admitted to the Labhpur rural hospital, one was admitted to the Suri District Hospital. A repeat attack took place in the village the next morning but the situation was brought under control by the police.





Above left: Meher Jan Bibi of Pashkura, East Medinipur was brutally attacked by TMC goons on 17th and 19th June. Her crime was that she worked as a CPI(M) polling agent in the recently concluded elections. On 17th June a gang of 10–15 TMC goons ransacked her house and took away her savings of Rs 20,000. The goons came for her once again on 19th June and broke her left thumb.

Above right: CPI(M) supporter Arati Banerjee of Nanoor was injured in a TMC attack on 21st May 2016.

Below: China and Purnima Ghosh were among CPI(M) supporters attacked by TMC goons and hospitalised for treatment at Mayureswar AC, Birbhum.



Malati Hansda and Jabamandi, two tribal women from Keshpur, suffered serious fractures in a TMC attack and had to be hospitalised.

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THE PATTERN OF VIOLENCE: CRIPPLING LIVELIHOODS

The greatest sufferers are Left supporters from agricultural worker and poor peasant families, activists belonging to the minority community, Dalits, Adivasis and women. Some of them had been victims of previous attacks too and had been displaced from their homes. Having returned during the Assembly election campaign of 2016, they were attacked again and forced to leave. In poll-related violence, as many as 10,254 Left supporters have had to leave their homes.

In many areas, TMC gangs are forcibly levying fines on persons identified as Left Front supporters. Political dons of the ruling party extort money from Left voters and sympathisers in return for giving them permission to stay in their own homes or till their own fields. The amount collected through this utterly corrupt and fascistic TMC tax is as high as Rs 1.8 crore!

Sharecroppers and *patta* holders in over 300 acres of land in different districts are not being allowed to cultivate their land or are being evicted.

Hundreds of small shops owned by persons identified as Left supporters have been attacked and forced to shut down. Hawkers are not allowed to put up stalls. Rickshaw-pullers are not allowed to go to their stands. Contract workers are being removed from their jobs. The condition for their livelihood is for them to swear allegiance to the TMC.

BURNING VILLAGES



Using post-poll booth-wise data which reveal voting patterns, the TMC especially attacked all those areas where people voted for the Left and against the TMC. As many as 70 villages have been attacked or burnt. In one particular constituency, Basirhat, entire villages which voted against the TMC were burnt to ashes.





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On 1st June 2016, the elected CPI(M) MLA of Basirhat AC (North 24 Paraganas), Rafikul Islam, called for a 'gram sabha' meeting at Panigobra village. But the defeated TMC candidate and TMC goons threatened the villagers not to join the 'CPI(M) meeting'. As the villagers defied this order, a gang of 500 goons burned the whole village and attacked the police as well when they tried to intervene. The attacks continued in Swarupnagar market and Dhankyuria where many shops of CPI(M) supporters and sympathisers were ransacked.



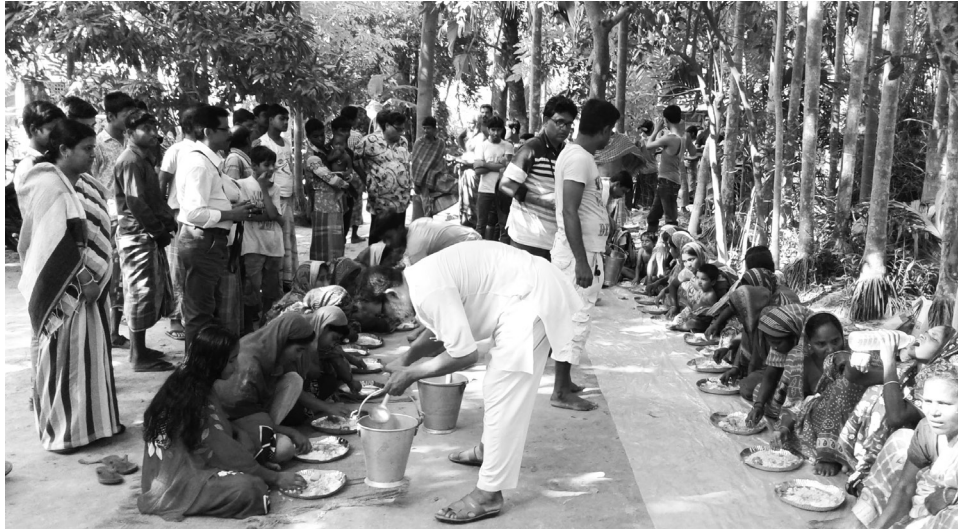
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TMC goons attacked and ransacked the houses of CPI(M) comrades at Thiba village, Lavpur, Birbhum on the night of 20th March.

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The barbaric post-poll violence of the TMC continues as they set fire to 13 Adivasi households in Purunda tribal village, Datan-2, West Medinipur, on 28th June. The police and administration are yet to act and arrest those responsible.





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After spending 24 long days at the relief camp of Rajberia village, with the help of Party comrades, mass organisations and the villagers, 250 villagers of Panigobra returned to their village. But as they have lost everything in the devastating fire, there is still concern about them earning a living.

Below:
A temporary relief camp was set up at Coochbehar DC office to accommodate the comrades who were victims of TMC brutality and compelled to leave their homes due to death threats.




IN SOLIDARITY WITH BRAVE COMRADES IN WEST BENGAL

RESISTANCE

In spite of all these unprecedented attacks on the democratic right to political activity and the fascistic methods used to deny the basic right to life and livelihood of Left workers and supporters, the courage and commitment to fight against the TMC is expressing itself in ever-growing resistance throughout the state. Numerous demonstrations, small and big, from the village level to the state capital, are taking place every day.



Protest in Ghatal against Trinamool terror



This publication seeks to bring out facts through images of the unprecedented attacks on the democratic rights of the people of Bengal during the months May–July 2016.

Join the struggle to save democracy in West Bengal!

Express solidarity in every way possible with the courageous comrades of Bengal who, in spite of the worst kind of terror and repression backed by the State, hold high the red flag!

Salute the martyrs, the cadres, workers and sympathisers of the Left and the CPI(M) in Bengal!