

Himanshu Shukla SIT Report dated 8.2.2012 on TEHELKA OPERATION KALANK

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As regards the accusations made by Babu Bajrangi in his extra judicial confession made before Tehelka reporter, Shri K. K. Mysorwala, Sr. PI, Naroda P. S. has stated that accused Babu Bajrangi wanted to become a hero amongst the Hindus and had made several statements in this regard. As regards the Babu Bajrangi's allegation about the inaction on the part of police made before Tehelka reporter, Shri Mysorewala had explained that the same, was incorrect and that Babu Bajrangi made, such statement to show that how incorrect and he was with the police and also a hero amongst the Hindus. Shri Mysorewala has out rightly denied the allegation that he had refused to give protection to the Muslims and had stated that he had personally shifted 27 Muslims with burn injuries to hospital, protected 600 Muslims in the police station premises, when a Hindu mob of more than 2000 persons were about to attack them, shifted 2855 Muslims to relief camps between 28-02-2002 and 04-03-2002 in addition to 450 Muslims, who had taken shelter in SRP Group-II premises. In view of the aforesaid position, the allegation that the police was aiding the mobs who were attacking the Muslims and that the police acted as mute spectators to the unlawful acts etc. is not substantiated.

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Allegations carried by Tehelka magazine:

When confronted with the interviews given by Shri Hareesh Bhatt, the then MLA, Babu Bajrangi and Rajendra Vyas, President, VHP Ahmedabad City to Shri Ashish Khetan, Special Correspondent, Tehelka, Shri Narendra Modi has stated that the allegations leveled against him were false and incorrect. He has further stated that this issue was raised in November 2007, after about six years of incident and that too at the time of elections in December 2007. Further, these issues were again raked up in April 2008 when the SIT was appointed by the Supreme Court. Shri Modi has also stated that this issue was again raised on 22-02-2010, when he was to appear before the SIT for his examination. According to Shri Modi, the whole episode is motivated and stage managed and that he had no personal knowledge about the authenticity of the said CD.

In this connection, it may be added here that Shri Hareesh Bhatt, formerly MLA and accused Babu Bajrangi in Naroda Patiya case have admitted their voice as also the contents of the CD. Shri Hareesh Bhatt has stated that one Shri Ashish had approached him that he wanted to write a thesis on Hindutva and wanted him to contribute some spicy material for the same, so that he could

succeed in his mission. He has further stated that Ashish visited him at his residence in Ahmedabad City as well as at Godhra at least 7-8 times in a month period and when the reference came to Gujarat riots, he gave an imaginary story as Ashish wanted some spicy material for his thesis. He has stated that the talks about a CBI inquiry, the fact that he owned a gun factory where diesel bombs and pipe bombs were made and distributed to Hindus, the fact about two truck load of swords ordered from Punjab and subsequently distributed amongst Hindus, making of a rocket launcher in his gun factory by filling them with gun powder and lighting a 595 local made bomb to blast were absolutely false and baseless. He has also mentioned that his talk about Shri Narendra Modi having openly said that we had three days to do, whatever we could do and that he would not give us time after that, were imaginary story and that Shri Modi never told these things to him.

Shri Babu Bajrangi has stated that Shri Ashish Khetan had given him a script and he simply read out the same and that none of those facts were correct. After going through the facts stated by these persons during the sting operation, it appears that they were bragging and that most of the facts stated by them are innocent. Further, they were not questioned as to how and when Shri Narendra Modi gave them three days time. The facts about a gun factory owned by Shri Haresh Bhatt and changing the judge thrice by Shri Narendra Modi are unacceptable by any stretch of imagination inasmuch as no such gun factory could be unearthed by the police and Shri Modi was not competent to transfer could be unearthed by the police and Shri Modi was not competent to transfer the Judges, as the same is the prerogative of the Gujarat High Court. There are many factual inaccuracies in the statement of Babu Bajrangi inasmuch as he has stated that there were 700-800 dead bodies in Naroda Patiya and that the Commissioner of Police had instructed the policemen to throw it at different places in Ahmedabad City, as it would be difficult to explain the same. This is absolutely incorrect inasmuch as only 84 dead bodies were found at Naroda Patiya and 11 persons were reportedly missing. In any case this evidence has already been adduced in the Court and the matter is subjudice and hence no further comments.