

**A Chronicle**  
of  
**Communal Incidents**  
in the  
**Coastal Districts of Karnataka**

**UPDATE - 2020**

**ENGINEERING COMMUNAL POLARISATION**

**Moral Policing**

**1) Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes**

**3.2.2020. Mangaluru.**

A youth from Manjeshwar had become friendly with a girl from Hassan, belonging to a different faith, on a social networking site and they decided to meet in Mangaluru today. But when they met near the KSRTC bus stand in Bejai Bajrang Dal activists pounced on them, questioned both and then handed the couple over to Barke police. The police, while interrogating the couple found that the girl had been debarred from college for shortage of attendance. She was later handed over to her brother. No case was registered as both the boy and the girl were not minors, the police clarified. – *Deccan Herald*, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**23.2.2020. Puttur.**

Members of Hindutva organizations allegedly took to task eight young women and four young men at the Birumale Betta on the outskirts of Puttur this evening and handed them over to police. The young women were from Mysuru and had come to take part in a marriage at Olathadka. After the wedding they left and went to the Betta with a group of Muslim youth in a Kerala-registered vehicle. Upon hearing the news a large number of people gathered near the police station. However the issue was sorted out amicably by the police and the young women were sent back to Mysuru. – *Deccan Herald*, 25<sup>th</sup>.

It is learnt that all eight were students of an Engineering College at Mysuru. One of them, Umer Hussain was from Olathadka and he had invited the others to his sister's wedding. They had arrived on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and were due to return to Mysuru on 24<sup>th</sup> by a 11p.m. bus. – *Karavali Ale*, 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4.3.2020. Mangaluru.**

Two students of different communities hailing from the same village and travelling daily in the same bus to their college were apprehended by members of some Hindutva groups and handed over to the police at the KSRTC bus stand in Puttur. The reason? The boy and the girl were sitting next to each other and conversing. The *Hindutvavadis* accused the boy of 'love jihad'. Later the police summoned the parents of the students to the station and the students were sent home along with them. – *Deccan Herald*, 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8.8.2020. Puttur.**

Activists of Bajrang Dal noticed four Muslim youth and a Hindu girl at the Birumale Betta here and handed them over to the town police station. According to the complaint filed by the activists, the group who came in a car with Kerala state registration were having *ganja* and engaging in immoral activities. The matter is being investigated by the Puttur Women Police. Inspector Thimmappa Naik of town police station has stated that 'all the five persons were from Mangaluru and they have been taken into custody. No ganja has been found.' – *Prajavani*, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nazeem, Sayid and Ibrahim who had allegedly lured a minor girl to the scenic Birumale Betta were arrested and cases were registered for kidnapping and under the POCSO Act by the Puttur Women Police. Members of Bajrang Dal on finding that the minor girl was accompanied by three youth from different community, had taken them to task. Trouble was averted when the police arrived in the nick of time. No *ganja* was found in their possession. But the accused underwent a medical examination. A case under section 12 of POCSO Act and for kidnapping was registered against the youth, the district Superintendent of Police BM Laxmi Prasad told DH. – *Deccan Herald*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONSPIRACY AGAINST MEMBERS OF A PARTICULAR FAITH**

*Addressing a press conference at Belthangady on 16 September, Federation of Muslim Organizations of Belthangady Taluk alleged that in the last two weeks a conspiracy was hatched to defame Muslim youth by using girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes. It said, in Suruli of Belalu village and Ninnikallu in Ujire moral police of the Sangh Parivar have carried out attacks on Muslim youth in pre-planned incidents. According to the Federation the idea seems to be to gain political dividends by engineering communal riots with the help of such incidents. The Federation informed that in its memoranda which will be submitted to the tehsildar and the police department it is also going to ask for the swift completion of the investigation into the serious charges against Rauf Musliyar Govidoor who is alleged to have made calls to Pakistan last year via satellite phone. – Vartha Bharati, 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### **28.10.2020. Udupi.**

Parents of a school girl in Perduru village lodged a complaint with the Hiriadka police station saying that their minor daughter aged 17 has gone missing and they suspect it to be the handiwork of a person belonging to another faith. The girl had gone to the college in the morning to submit an application for scholarship. When the parents tried to call her on her mobile and got a “switched off” message they were scared and went to the police station to complain. Meanwhile some Hindutva groups have given an ultimatum to the police to arrest the youth within 48 hours. – *Karavali Ale*, 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **13.11.2020. Mangaluru.**

Activists of Sangh Parivar, forever on the look-out for inter-faith couples, found one at Vamanjur. A Hindu widow and a Muslim married man had developed a relationship. The activists had somehow found this out and had shifted the woman along with her two children to the cow shelter at Pajir. In a recent development the woman went missing from the shelter on November 2 and a complaint to this effect was lodged at the Konaje police station. The woman was traced and she was found to have re-joined her lover. Meanwhile the activists have alleged this to be a case of ‘love jihad’ and asked for a thorough probe into the entire affair. – *Karavali Ale*, 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **17.11.2020. Puttur.**

On getting a tip-off from one of their spies, activists of Sangh Parivar accompanied by the police, rushed to a café near the Aruna Theater where a birthday party was going on. On finding that one of the girls attending the party belonged to a different faith the activists started berating the group. The police interfered, took the group into custody and later sent them home along with their parents. – *Karavali Ale*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **25.12.2020. Bantwal.**

It is learnt that a group of young men attacked a male student at the KSRTC bus terminus at B.C.Road just for talking to a female student of a different faith. The boy and girl from Belthangady had travelled separately to B.C. Road and had just happened to meet at the bus terminus. Since they knew each other they started talking. Noticing this, a vigilante group rushed to the bus terminus and severely assaulted the boy. Later the police took the victims to the station and called up their parents. When the girl’s mother told them that her daughter was acquainted with the boy, the police took an undertaking and sent both of them home. – *Karavali Ale*, 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Allegedly by the police**

### **14.6.2020. Udupi.**

A young girl from Malpe studying in college fell in love with Azar, the driver of the bus she used to travel in every day. Both planned to go to Shimoga and get married but were apprehended midway by the police who took them into custody and brought them to the Malpe police station. Since the girl said she wanted to go home, her parents were called and she was sent with them. – *Karavali Ale*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **'Religious Vigilantism'**

### **Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes**

#### **1.9.2020. Vittal.**

Based on a complaint of 'religious conversion' lodged by activists of the Sangh Parivar, the Vittal police went to Kepulagudda at Kanyana and took a Christian youth and two Hindu girls into custody and questioned them. As the girls did not complain about any attempt to convert them, the issue has been resolved. – *Prajavani*, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## **Cattle Vigilantism**

### **Allegedly by Hindu Vigilantes**

#### **6.3.2020. Karkal.**

Members of Hindutva organizations accompanied by locals and police raided a house belonging to Ulahannan at Shirlalu Padibettu and found him slaughtering a bullock said to belong to Upendra Acharya of the same village. While Ulahannan managed to escape the knives and other equipment lying there were taken into custody. A case has been registered at the Ajekar police station. – *Karavali Ale*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **11.5.2020. Mulky.**

Policemen raided an illegal abattoir near Punaruru in the early hours today and rescued a total of 18 heads of cattle. The cattle had been brought in a tempo from Mangaluru and members of an Hindutva organization from Mangaluru had got wind of this. They informed the police and the latter arranged to carry out the raid. But a local organization objected to this and wanted to assault the driver of the police jeep. When the Hindutva activists came to know this hundreds of them gathered in front of the Mulky police station. When the situation was turning tense ACP Belliappa from Mangaluru rushed to the spot and arranged to shift the rescued cattle to the shelter at Pajir. A case has been registered against Ibrahim and Sheikabba, the owners of the abattoir. – *Prajavani*, 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **14.6.2020. Mangaluru.**

A group of activists said to be from Bajrang Dal waylaid a tempo carrying four buffaloes from Jokatte to the Kudroli abattoir and assaulted the driver, Mohammed Hanif (34) of Jokatte after tying him to the vehicle. The

incident occurred in the early hours near the Infosys office at Urwa. The activists then informed the Urwa police who rushed to the scene, released Hanif and took him to a hospital. He was tested for Covid-19 and later produced before a magistrate. Hanif has produced the necessary documents to the police and has registered a complaint against the activists. The police were able to apprehend six of the accused. They are Pritam (29), Srinath Devadiga (21), Ashik (24), Bhavit Shetty (22), Jayaprashant (26) and Sachin (26). All were released on bail. Mohammed Hanif too has been granted bail – *Karavali Ale*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Urwa police have booked Hanif under the provisions of the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act. They have also registered a case against the activists under sections 323 (hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC. Meanwhile the Bajrang Dal activists circulated on social media an image of Mohammed Hanif tied to the vehicle in which he was transporting the cattle. – *The Hindu*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

The police are in possession of a video recording of the entire incident that was captured by CCTV camera located at a hotel situated opposite the scene of incident. In this video recorded at 5:37 a.m., the miscreants can be seen damaging the vehicle with swords, knives and rods after tying up Hanif. – *Karavali Ale*, 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **15.6.2020. Sullia.**

Manoj, son of Dalit leader Ananda Mittabailu had purchased a cow and a calf from Sachin a resident of Gandhinagar in Sullia reportedly for the purpose of rearing. Manoj is said to have paid Rs 11000 for the cattle. While Manoj and his friends Lokesh, Sachin and Sirajuddin were transporting the cattle in a pick-up vehicle to Manoj's residence they were waylaid by a gang of six men at Duggaladka at around 7 in the evening. According to the complaint filed by Manoj and others with the Sullia police, the gang who had arrived in two bikes made casteist remarks and also assaulted them. The police moved quickly and arrested Devnath, Latish, Shiva, Devraj, Dhananjaya and Ganga on the charge of committing assault and atrocities on Dalits. Meanwhile the persons transporting the cattle were also charged under the Cattle Transportation Act. However they were released after some time. – *Vartha Bharati*, 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **21.6.2020. Mangaluru.**

An incident of miscreants intercepting a small tempo carrying beef, assaulting the driver and pouring diesel over the meat has been reported from a spot near the Highlands Hospital. According to the complaint lodged at the Kadri police station by Abdul Rashid (57) the driver of the vehicle, the incident happened at around 6:30 a.m. while he was on his way to delivering 90 kilos of officially butchered meat from Kudroli to the stalls at Kankanady and Jeppu markets. When the miscreants saw a few members of public approaching they ran away. Acting on the complaint the police arrested Dikshit Kumar (19), Raju Poojary (19), Santosh Kumar (31), Balachandra (28) and Rakshit Poojary (22). They have been charged under IPC sections 142, 147, 148, 149, 323, 341, 427 and 506. – *Vartha Bharati*, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **14.7.2020. Sullia.**

Acting on a tip-off about illegal transportation of cattle, activists of the Bajrang Dal led by Nikesh Ubaradka, the *taluk samyojak* of the unit were waiting on three or four bikes at Kanakamajalu to intercept the vehicle. But when it did not stop they chased it and managed to catch the driver in Sullia town. He has been handed over to the local police station. – *Karavali Ale*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **20.7.2020. Belthangady.**

Bajrang Dal activists Guruprasad (22) and Nitesh who were returning after chasing a pick-up vehicle transporting cattle were assaulted by some men in a car. According to the complaint lodged with the Belthangady police by the duo the gang also robbed them of cash and gold. The pick-up with five heads of cattle however was apprehended by the police near Kelthaje; but the driver managed to escape. – *Vartha Bharati*, 21<sup>st</sup>.

**20.7.2020. Puttur.**

Acting on tip-off, activists of the Raktheshwari branch of *Hindu Jagran Vedike* in Sarve village rescued a bull being taken for slaughtering and handed it over to the Bellare police. However the men accused of transporting the bull managed to escape. – *Prajavani*, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**25.7.2020. Mangaluru.**

Activists of the Bajrang Dal intercepted a pick-up illegally carrying three heads of cattle near the Mukka check-post and handed over one of the accused Muhammed to the police. The other accused managed to escape in the darkness. The pick-up had been on its way from Uchila to the Mangaluru abattoir. When a bike rider tried to stop it, the pick-up dashed against the bike and sped away. Locals had immediately informed this to the Mukka check-post. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 26<sup>th</sup>.

**28.7.2020. Belthangady.**

Two groups fought with each other at Killur near Bangadi over the issue of beef and cattle transport. While one group consisted of Muhammed Hanif, Hamzat and others, the other group had Rakshit, Ranjit and four others as its members. Both groups have registered complaints against each other at the Belthangady police station. – *Prajavani*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

**31.7.2020. Uppinangady.**

Local persons Lokesh and Shankar sustained grievous injuries when they were attacked by a group of miscreants armed with lethal weapons at Mura. The incident occurred in the early hours today. The reason for the attack is said to be because the duo were witness to beef waste being thrown into the river at Mura. As soon as the Uppinangady police station came to know about the incident the sub-inspector rushed to the spot and dispersed the angry crowd. It is alleged that Ashraf, Mustapha and others were responsible for the attack. A case has been registered. – *Karavali Ale*, August 1.

**28.8.2020. Puttur.**

Muhammed Siraj and Shihabuddin were transporting a cow and calf from Nelyamajalu in Bellare for dairy farming purposes and had the necessary permission from concerned authorities. However, a group of three youth in a Maruti OMNI intercepted their vehicle and assaulted them with iron rods. When Siraj and Shihabuddin resisted attempts to take away the cattle they were threatened and attacked. The injured duo has been admitted to the government hospital at Puttur. The Sampya police rushed to the spot and arrested the three assailants Dinesh, Ajit and Bhavin. – *Karavali Ale*, 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **1.9.2020. Puttur.**

Sampya police have registered a case against three youth who attempted to stop a truck from shifting a cow and a calf which were being transported after obtaining clearance from a court. A few days ago, on August 20, Sampya police had registered a case against Balakrishna Gowda from Gummatagudde and Moosa from Arlapadavu for transporting cow and a calf illegally. Both were arrested and released later on bail. However Moosa moved an application in the additional senior civil court and succeeded in getting a decree for re-possession of the cattle. However while the cow and calf were being shifted from police custody activists of the Sangh Parivar allegedly stopped the truck at Renja. They did not relent even after a copy of the court order was shown to them. A tense situation prevailed with members of both communities also gathering in large numbers. At this point the activists allowed the vehicle to move. But the transporters refused saying they will do so only after the arrival of the police sub-inspector from the Sampya station. Finally the sub-inspector arrived and dispersed the mobs. A case has been registered against Anil, Yatish and Lakshman for obstructing the movement of the truck. – *Vartha Bharati*, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **4.10.2020. Mangaluru.**

Following a tip-off from activists of Bajrang Dal, the Barke police arrested three persons on the charge of transporting cattle in an illegal manner. The activists say they found a vehicle illegally carrying 9 heads of cattle to the Kudroli abattoir at around five in the morning. When they tried to follow the vehicle sped away. But the door of the vehicle suddenly opened and the animals fell on the road at Mannagudde, Chilimbi, Kapikad and Kottara. Condemning the incident, members of VHP and Bajrang Dal staged a demonstration at Mannagudde. – *Karavali Ale*, 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **13.10.2020. Mangaluru.**

When a milk van suspected to be carrying beef from Hassan reached Pumpwell Circle activists of the Sangh Parivar were ready and waiting. However, their attempt to stop the van did not succeed and it sped away towards Mangaluru city. But the activists gave a chase and managed to intercept it near the Wenlock hospital. A police team from Mangaluru North station reached the spot and took the van and one person Samir (21) into custody. Two persons managed to escape. A case has been registered. – *Vartha Bharati*, 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **18.10.2020. Mangaluru.**

Acting on a tip-off from members of Bajrang Dal, the Kankanady Town Police stopped a container that was engaged in transporting fish and seized 2500 kg of beef from it and detained two persons. – *Deccan Herald*, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **18.10.2020. Mulky.**

Several leaders of Hindutva groups from Suratkal and Punaruru Angaragudde were gathered in front of an illegal abattoir at Punaruru Angaragudde right from the morning. This had created a tense atmosphere. When the Mulky police came to know of this they rushed to the spot and rescued nine heads of cattle from there. – *Karavali Ale*, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.12.2020. Mangaluru.**

Activists of the Mudungarukatte Durgalayi unit of *Hindu Jagran Vedike* raided a place at Ramannagudde near Balepuni in Konaje in the early morning and rescued seven heads of cattle. The animals have been shifted to

the Punyakoti cattle shelter. It is alleged that the cattle had been stolen and meant to be transported illegally. – *Karavali Ale*, 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **And it's not just Muslims who are engaged in cattle transport:**

### **(A) Incidents Involving *Hindutva* Organisations**

#### **21.5.2020. Vittal.**

Following a complaint of cattle theft by a woman, the Vittal police conducted an investigation and raided an abattoir being operated inside the plantation of a member of the Salettur village *panchayat*. The culprit Abdul Haris (23) of Salettur was arrested along with 8 cattle and more than 200 cattle hides and several vehicles. **Interestingly Abdul Haris had been caught two years ago along with a BJP leader on charges of cattle theft** and had undergone a jail term. After his release he is said to have gone back to his earlier activities. With news about the present raid having leaked out some influential persons are said to be absconding. – *Karavali Ale*, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **2.10.2020. Kadaba.**

Locals from Karmayi in 102 Nekkiladi village intercepted a vehicle carrying two heads of cattle and handed over to the Kadaba police all the six persons found in the vehicle. It is alleged that the suspects Gangadhar Gowda, Purushottam Gowda, Hemant Kumar C.P., Yadhu Kumar C.A.C.S., Ananda and driver Kirti had stolen two bulls and were transporting them illegally. Locals suspect this to be part of a steady business involving a former head of *Hindu Jagran Vedike* because one amongst the arrested persons is his father. – *Vartha Bharati*, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **14.10.2020. Karkal.**

Anil Prabhu, former convenor of the Karkala Bajrang Dal unit has been arrested on the charge of aiding and abetting illegal beef business. The matter came to light after the police caught Muhammed Yasin and Nazir. When questioned by the police both admitted to the support they used to get from Anil who promised them non-interference from the police for a consideration. Reportedly Anil was removed from Bajrang Dal after he got charged in several crimes. – *Karavali Ale*, December 15, 2020.

### **(B) Incidents Involving Other Non- Muslims**

#### **27.1.2020. Uppinangady.**

A complaint lodged at the Uppinangady police station says 'Finding that a pick-up vehicle was carrying cattle, a group of people followed it in another vehicle, intercepted the pick-up near Kolpe of Golitottu village and carried out a lethal attack on the two occupants early this morning.' The injured duo Roopesh and Nanyappa hail from Kokkada. – *Prajavani*, 29<sup>th</sup>.

The police have identified the attackers as Ashraf and Navaz from Kolpe. They have been arrested and produced before the court. – *Karavali Ale*, 30<sup>th</sup>.



### **26.4.2020. Puttur.**

Chandrasah Poojary and Ibrahim have been arrested by policemen from the Sampya station on the charge of illegally transporting three bulls in a mini goods vehicle. The vehicle has been impounded. The arrested were produced before the court. – *Vartha Bharati*, 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **22.7.2020. Karkal.**

In a complaint addressed to the IGP (Western Range) and the Udupi Superintendent of Police, Sitaram Malekudia, resident of Jangottu Colony in Eedu village has alleged that some Bajrang Dal activists hurled casteist abuses, undressed him and assaulted him in the presence of the sub-inspector of Karkala Rural police station on July 22. Sitaram, who belongs to the scheduled tribe community of Malekudiyas says he rears cattle and goats at home and on July 22 he had purchased a cow from his neighbor Bahu Poojary. The same evening one Abdul Rahman had come to his place to buy a goat. Abdul was attacked by Bajrang Dal activists a couple of furlongs from Sitaram's house thinking that he had bought the cow. Abdul Rahman was hit with a sword and his car was smashed by the miscreants. A seriously injured Abdul Rahman was admitted to a hospital in Mangaluru. At around 11 p.m., more than 50 Bajrang Dal men accompanied by the sub-inspector of Karkala Rural police station came to Sitaram's place and assaulted him. The policeman then took him to the police station in a semi-dressed condition and registered a case against him under Prevention of Cattle Slaughter Act and Illegal Transportation of Cattle Act. – *Vartha Bharati*, August 5.

### **9.8.2020. Sullia.**

Members of the Bajrang Dal intercepted a vehicle said to be illegally carrying a cow and handed over to the Bellare police the transporters Krishnappa Gowda Bambila and Janardhana Gowda along with the pick-up and the cow. The incident reportedly occurred at Kundadka-Kapu of Peruvaje village. – *Karavali Ale*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **12.8.2020. Sullia.**

Members of the Bajrang Dal intercepted a vehicle at Bellare and handed over a cow, the transporter Chetan and the vehicle to the police saying it was case of illegal transportation. However during investigation by the police it came to light that Chetan had a valid permit though it was for the previous day. Since he could not transport the cow on August 11, he had obtained necessary permission to do it today. Accordingly he had corrected the date in the permit. The Bellare station officer Anjaneya Reddy has confirmed these facts. – *Karavali Ale*, 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **31.8.2020. Kundapur.**

The Kundapur police have arrested Yogish (26) and the driver Manjunatha (32) on the charge of illegal transportation of cattle. Three cows and a calf valued at Rs 16000 and a vehicle valued at Rs 4 lakh have been seized. A case has been registered. – *Vartha Bharati*, September 1.

### **8.9.2020. Karkal.**

It is reported that some Bajrang Dal activists in a car followed one Sujay Devadiga while he was going on his two-wheeler at around 7 in the evening. They intercepted him near Jangottu Mangala Farm and subjected him to severe beating. A seriously injured Sujay has been admitted to the Karkal government hospital and is undergoing treatment. It may be recalled that Sujay is a labourer and works with Sitarama Malekudia who was

attacked by a group of Bajrang Dal men on July 22 (see: **22.7.2020. Karkal**) over the issue of cow slaughter. On that day Sujay Devadiga along with Babu Poojary had shifted the cow that was purchased by Sitarama from the latter to Sitarama's place. In his complaint to the Karkal Rural police, Sujay has stated that Yogish alias Munna, Ravi Acharya, Ashok alias Abhi, Nitin and others attacked him and threatened to kill him. – *Vartha Bharati*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **2.8.2020. Padubidri.**

A person from Ermalu had been rearing a cow for the past several years. This morning he disposed of it to a buyer from Kannangaru of Hejamady. The latter was unable to transport the cow and abandoned it at the back of a house belonging to a person from a different religious community. When the police got wind of this they took the cow into their custody and brought it to the station. Later both the seller and the buyer were called and given a warning saying illegal sale of cattle would attract legal action. Following this the owner of the cow promised to send the cow to a *gau shala* and returned the proceeds of the sale to the buyer. – *Karavali Ale*, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

(Before cattle vigilantism reared its ugly head in the coastal districts, it was usual practice in the rural areas to sell off non-milk yielding cattle and male calves to transporters. But now with these two stringent laws in place cattle-rearing has turned uneconomical for majority of farmers - Compiler)

### **3.9.2020. Puttur.**

The Puttur town police arrested two men transporting a calf illegally in a Maruti OMNI car to an abattoir at night. The arrested persons are Shivaprasad Bhat and Chandran T from Palar Bandadka in Kasargod district. They had bought the calf at Narimogaru. Activists of the Sangh Parivar got wind of this and informed the police about a calf being transported torturously in an OMNI. The police intercepted the OMNI at Purusharakatte and took the men into custody. However both were released on bail the same night, allegedly due to the influence exerted by a local U-Tube journalist. – *Karavali Ale*, 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **5.9.2020. Amasebail.**

The Amasebail police intercepted a truck in the morning today and arrested four persons at the Hosangadi checkpost on the charge of illegally transporting he-buffaloes. The truck was on its way from Hulikal Ghat to Hosangadi and was carrying 30 he-buffaloes. The arrested men are Manjit Singh (38) and Ravikumar (25) from Haryana, Pavan Kumar (32) from Rajasthan and Gulwam (29) from Uttar Pradesh. – *Vartha Bharati*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **CATTLE TRADERS BOOKED UNDER IPC 110 ON EVE OF BAKRID**

*Acting on intelligence reports, police in the D.K. district and the Mangaluru Commissionerate have asked all cattle traders, transporters and those involved in illegal transport of cattle to report to the nearest police station. Hundreds of persons in Ullal, Suratkal, Jokatte, Kulai, Kulur and Panambur have now been charged under IPC section 110. Said to be a preventive measure, the persons so charged are being given bail after obtaining an undertaking from them. In case of any illegal transport, any untoward incident and illegal*

*slaughter, those charged would be held responsible. There are accusations that these persons are being threatened by the police that refusal to co-operate will attract charges under non-bailable section 353. – Vartha Bharati, July 28.*

## **ILLEGAL SLAUGHTER, TRANSPORT OF CATTLE TO ATTRACT STRINGENT ACTION**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/illegal-transportation-slaughtering-of-cattle-to-attract-stringent-action/article32208373.ece>

*Deputy Commissioner Sindhu B. Rupesh on Monday (July 27) directed the departments concerned to ensure that there is no illegal slaughtering of cattle during the ensuing festival season. Cattle cannot be slaughtered in violation of Acts and rules framed by the government, she said and directed the departments to initiate stringent action against violators. Chairing a meeting here, Ms. Rupesh asked the Animal Husbandry Department to circulate pamphlets at gram panchayat level regarding the steps to be taken while slaughtering cattle. She said that only an assistant director or the chief veterinary medical officer was authorised to issue permits for cattle transportation. She said that there could be instances of illegal transportation and slaughter of cows, calves, camels and other animals during Bakrid and other festivals. Transportation and slaughter in violation of rules should not be allowed, she cautioned. At the same time, Ms. Rupesh urged the general public not to take the law into their own hands while confronting those involved in illegal transportation/slaughtering of cattle. Stringent action would be taken against those taking the law into their own hands, she warned.*

*She urged officials to coax people not to offer prayers in prayer halls during the festival in the backdrop of COVID-19. She asked the police to conduct peace meetings at every police station to enlighten people against offering mass prayers and also, mass gatherings. – The Hindu, July 28.*

## **Dakshina Kannada Gets New DC**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/dakshina-kannada-gets-new-dc/article32217471.ece>

*The government on Tuesday posted Rajendra K.V., CEO of Belagavi Zilla Panchayat, as Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada. The government transferred incumbent Deputy Commissioner Sindhu B. Rupesh as Director, Electronic Delivery of Citizen Services, Department of Personnel and Administrative Services (E-Governance), Bengaluru. – The Hindu, July 29.*

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## Hate Speech

### **Allegedly by *Hindutvavadis***

#### **29.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

Close on the heels of the district Congress Committee President Harish Kumar submitting a memorandum urging Mangaluru Commissioner to register a *suo motu* complaint against miscreants who had threatened to chop off the hands and legs of former minister U.T.Khader, Kavour police registered a criminal case today. – *Deccan Herald*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spreading Hate Messages through Cyber War Rooms Located Abroad**

*Following the December 19, 2019 anti-CAA rally in Mangaluru in which two persons were killed in police firing, there is a large increase in the number of hate messages circulating in the social media in the D.K.district, says Professor Ananth Prabhu, a cyber security expert based at the Sahyadri Engineering College. Prof. Prabhu is providing training on cyber matters at police academies. According to him “Messaging Apps are like a double-edged sword. Today they are being used to spread hate messages and fake news. Since the groups involved in sending hate messages are private it is difficult to trace them. They use proxies to hide their locations. Moreover the hate messages are manufactured in cyber war rooms as per the owner’s instructions and in line with his ideology. But today the police too are keeping a watch on such private messages. The service providers are using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to block sensitive and provocative messages. But the fake news producers are also using AI to make videos and this is turning out to be a huge challenge.” – Karavali Ale, February 12.*

#### **17.2.2020. Puttur.**

Hakim Saheli, a resident of Kurnadka has lodged a complaint with the Puttur police station accusing Madhugiri Modi alias Atul Kumar of posting messages abusive of Prophet Muhammed on social media on February 16. – *Karavali Ale*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **26.3.2020. Vittal.**

Acting on a complaint filed by Kalander Partipady, secretary of Muslim Okkuta, the police have registered a case against Jayakar Acharya of Kujapadi in Kasba village. He has been accused of attempting to create social unrest through communally provocative posts on the social media. While Acharya has been arrested,

three others who posted provocative comments have been cautioned and sent home after obtaining an undertaking from them. – *Vartha Bharati*, 27<sup>th</sup>.

**28.3.2020. Mangaluru.**

The Muslim Writers' Federation has submitted a written complaint to the City Police Commissioner asking him to take suitable legal action against *Vijaya Karnataka* daily for publishing a communally provocative report headlined 'All the Dead Belong to the Same community' on the front page of its today's edition. – *Vartha Bharati*, 29<sup>th</sup>.

**28.3.2020. Bantwal.**

Based on a complaint by the Bantwal Taluk unit of Save the Constitution Committee, the Bantwal police have registered a case against a lawyer Rajaram Nayak. He has been accused of posting communally provocative message linking the Corona Virus to the minorities and thus attempting to cause unrest in society. – *Vartha Bharati*, 28<sup>th</sup>.

**30.3.2020. Puttur.**

The Sampya police have registered a case against Yogish of Kavu in Madnur village for posting on social media a communally provocative and abusive statement against a particular community. Isaac Ariadka of the Social Democratic Party of India is the complainant. – *Vartha Bharati*, 31<sup>st</sup>.

**3.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Shabir Urundadi, a member of Popular Front of India, has submitted a complaint to the Kavour police station asking them to take necessary legal action against Rajesh Shetty alias Babu of Urundadi for posting on social media derogatory comments on the Muslim community. – *Vartha Bharati*, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**5.4.2020. Puttur.**

Navin Bhandary, the Executive Officer of the local Mahalingeshwara temple has lodged a complaint with Puttur police urging legal action against miscreants for spreading wrong messages about the 'gone muhurtha' function conducted as part of the annual festival of the temple. He has stated that during the simple function held on April 1, all conditions laid down by the Religious Endowment Board have been complied with and social distancing maintained. Despite this, he alleged, a photo-shopped image of the function showing a crowd has been widely circulated in order to bring a bad name to the temple. – *Vartha Bharati*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**5.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Posters that said no entry to Muslim traders were found on electrical and telephone poles of Kolya 2 area on April 4 and 5. This particular message which was doing the rounds on social media too, reads as follows:

NOTICE
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In the interest of citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kolya Kanirthota, Muslim traders are barred from entering our locality until the Corona Virus has been completely eradicated.

Hindu kinsfolk,

2<sup>nd</sup> Kolya

The poster was hastily removed this evening after the news appeared on this paper's web edition. However, it is inexplicable why this poster did not come to the attention of the Ullal police till the evening of April 5. Questions have also been raised on the silence of the peoples' representatives. – *Vartha Bharati*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5.4.2020. Udupi.**

Speaking to media representatives at the Sharada Mantap here, Shobha Karandlaje, Member of Parliament from Udupi, accused the persons who participated in the Delhi Nizamuddin of carrying on a "Corona Jihad" against the nation. 'Some of the participants have gone missing and are refusing to undergo medical tests. They should be traced and sentenced to life after the 14-day quarantine period', she urged. Continuing her attack, she said 'in some cases the Corona-affected are hugging doctors and creating fear in the minds of nurses in the state. These are all instances of continuation of terrorism.' She urged the government to enact stringent laws for dealing with such offences. The Udupi MP berated the fact that no co-operation was forthcoming in the efforts to detect the persons who went to Delhi. 'Asha workers who went to Bengaluru's Siddique colony for collecting information about corona-affected were assaulted. When the central and state governments and all sections of society including doctors, nurses, police etc are working hard to contain the disease, members of one particular community remain non-cooperative. Such persons are anti-nationals' she declared. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Another poster similar to the one that had appeared in the Kolya 2 area on April 4 and 5 has been found to have been displayed at Krishnanagar in Thokkottu this morning. It was also posted on the social media. This was brought to the notice of the police and the local representatives. The notice was removed after the news was published on this paper's website. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Third such poster was found at Alape near Padil. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the police having removed the poster on April 6 itself, it had reappeared today. Meanwhile, the former MLA J.R.Lobo has lodged a complaint with the Kankanady police saying this poster put up by unknown persons has caused ill will between Hindus and Muslims and therefore legal action should be taken against the persons responsible for putting up such posters. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Puttur.**

The Bellare police have booked cases under IPC sections 153A and 505 (2) against Kusumadhar of Abhir in Belandur village. He has been accused of attempting to incite communal clashes through his abusive posts about the Holy Quran in the social media. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have registered a case against Charan Gatty of Nandavara for his social media posts abusing the Muslim community and blaming them for the spread of Corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Bantwal.**

A complaint has been lodged at the Bantwal police station against Santosh Gowda of Nandavara for his social media posts abusing the Muslim community, its mosques and preachers and blaming them for the spread of Corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

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The police have registered a case against Santosh Kumar today. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Bantwal.**

A complaint has been lodged at the Bantwal police station against Sunil Poojary of Nandavara for his social media posts abusing the Muslim community, its mosques and preachers and blaming them for the spread of Corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

The police have registered a case against Sunil Poojary today. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Bantwal.**

Based on a complaint by one Asif, the Pandeshwar police have booked a case against the administrator of Facebook page 'Troll Dacoit 2.0' and Santhosh Suryavanshi for insulting the Holy Quran and equating it with corona virus on March 29. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have booked a case against Harish Kumar of Panolibail for posting derogatory comments on the social media about Islam and Islamic preachers. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7.4.2020. Belthangady.**

Complaints have been lodged at the Belthangady and Venur police stations against Rajesh, Nirmal and Rupesh of Indabettu and Gopala Moolya of Konjilabidu respectively, for their social media posts abusing the Muslim community, blaming them for the spread of Corona virus and thus attempting to create unrest in society. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **9.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have booked a case against Ranjan Poojary of Rantadka Vadakinakatte for posting communally provocative posts on the social media regarding the Corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

**9.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

The Ullal police have registered cases against three persons, Rakshit Saphalya, Mahesh Acharya and Sitaram for their social media posts that blamed followers of Islam for spreading corona virus and for posting derogatory comments on that religion. – *Vartha Bharati*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

**12.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have booked a case against Yashu Gatty of Alady for posting derogatory comments on the social media about the Muslim community which being communally provocative in nature might have led to social unrest. – *Vartha Bharati*, 13<sup>th</sup>.

**12.4.2020. Udupi.**

The Byndur police have booked a case under IPC 295A & 505 (2) against Jayaram S. Gowda for posting on the social media from March 28 till April 7 derogatory comments about Islam and the Muslim community which being communally provocative in nature is causing social unrest. – *Vartha Bharati*, 13<sup>th</sup>.

**16.4.2020. Bantwal.**

A complaint has been lodged at the Bantwal police station by the minority wing of Janata Dal (S) against Manjunath Nayak and all the administrators of the WhatsApp group 'Current Affairs'. In the complaint it is alleged that Manjunath Nayak's derogatory posts on prophet Muhammed and his wife have hurt the feelings of the Muslim community. – *Vartha Bharati*, 17<sup>th</sup>.

**17.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have registered a case against Satish Poojary of Benke near Gurumandir for his social media posts that vilified Muslims and blamed them for spreading corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

**17.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have registered a case against Danny Nagaraj Monappa of Melkar for his social media posts that vilified Muslims and blamed them for spreading corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

**17.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

The Pandeshwar police have registered a case against Vishwa of Mangaluru for his social media posts that could cause enmity between followers of different religions. – *Vartha Bharati*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

**20.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Munib Bengare, municipal Corporator for Bengare ward has alleged that one Ravi from Suratkal had sent a communally provocative message to him on WhatsApp which said 'From today we will not purchase anything from Muslims'. Following this the Corporator lodged a complaint with the Panambur police saying Ravi tried to create divisions between Hindus and Muslims through this message. A case has been registered against Ravi. – *Vartha Bharati*, 21<sup>st</sup>.



### **27.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have registered cases against Rohit Poojary of Nandarabettu and Bharat Shetty of Talapady for their social media posts that vilified Muslims, their mosques and *mullahs* and blamed them for spreading corona virus. – *Vartha Bharati*, 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **29.4.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have booked a case against Yashu Gatty of Alady for posting on the social media communally provocative statements about the Muslim community. Actually this is the second such case against him. It may be recalled that on April 12 a case had been registered against him for similar reasons at the same police station. – *Vartha Bharati*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **19.5.2020. Udupi.**

Based on a complaint by Rijab, the Gangolli police have registered a case against Lokesh Karvi of Maravante for having posted on the social media messages that maligned a religion and made communally provocative remarks. – *Vartha Bharati*, 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **28.7.2020. Mangaluru.**

Some miscreants have issued a death threat to Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Sindhu B Rupesh on social media after she directed the officials and police to initiate strict action against those who take the law into their own hands by assaulting illegal cattle transporters. In the backdrop of Bakrid and other festivals, the DC had convened a meeting pertaining to the illegal transportation of cattle. The clipping of the news was shared in 'Ram Sena Abhimanigalu' WhatsApp group, where many had expressed displeasure at the DC. One of the members in the group said "She should be hacked to death." Some others in the group said "We will not keep quiet if anyone tries to come in the way of our Hindutva and our god. We are ready to claim life and give up our life for it." DCP (Law & Order) Arunangshu Giri said, "If the DC files a complaint we will register a case. If she fails to submit a complaint we will file a *suo motu* case and take up the investigation." – *Deccan Herald*, July 29.

(<https://www.deccanherald.com/state/mangaluru/death-threat-issued-to-dakshina-kannada-dc-866887.html>)

The Moodbidri Police on Tuesday registered a suo motu case in connection with an alleged life threat issued on social media to outgoing Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada Sindhu B. Rupesh. The police have also secured a resident of a village near Bajpe, Ranjith, in this connection, a senior official in the Mangaluru Police Commissionerate said. Ms. Rupesh, who is under orders of transfer, has not filed any complaint. The accused had is said to have issued the life threat after the Deputy Commissioner stated that action will be taken against those taking the law into their own hands when they confronted those illegally transporting or are involved in slaughtering cattle in violation of the law. – *The Hindu*, July 29.

(<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/police-secure-man-after-life-threat-to-officer/article32217470.ece>)

### **8.8.2020. Bantwal.**

Iqbal Amemmar, local leader of SDPI has lodged a complaint at the Bantwal Rural police station against Bharat Kumdel for having made communally provocative speech at Bantwal on the day of *Ram Janmabhumi* program. Bharat Kumdel, joint convener of the Bajrang Dal in Puttur has been accused of asking for the destruction of mosques at Kashi and Mathura on similar lines as the destruction of Babri mosque. – *Vartha Bharati*, 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **20.8.2020. Belthangady.**

Based on a complaint by localites, the Punjalkatte police have registered a case against Raghuram Shetty of Karpady in Puthilla village. Shetty has been accused of posting communally provocative comments on the social media about the Muslim community. – *Karavali Ale*, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Raghuram Shetty who had gone into hiding was arrested by the police on August 24 and produced before the court. – *Karavali Ale*, 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **1.11.2020. Mangaluru.**

Speaking at *Gram Vikas Saptah* programme held at the Keshav Shishu Mandir in Kinya village, the local RSS leader Dr Kalladka Prabhaker Bhat said several areas including Ullal have already become “Pakistan”. Bhat’s controversial remarks have gone viral on the social media. – *Vartha Bharati*, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

SDPI member Naufal Ullal has filed a case against Dr Bhat accusing him of inciting violence and spreading hatred in society. Naufal said SDPI members will picket Ullal police station if the police fail to register a case against Dr Bhat and initiate suitable action. – *Deccan Herald*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Allegedly by Islamists**

### **1.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

The cyber cell wing of city police has started sending notices, registering FIRs and arresting some persons accused of posting communally provocative messages on social media platforms after the disturbances that took place on December 19, 2019 during the anti-CAA protest held in Mangaluru. In all 23 notices have been issued, 5 FIRs registered and 1 person Moidin Hamiz has been arrested and sent to judicial custody. Besides these measures the police are also preparing to send look-out notices and use the “letters rogatory” route to book persons sending communally provocative messages from foreign countries. – *Vartha Bharati*, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **2.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

Abubakr Siddiq (48) of Kodi Ullal has been arrested by the Barke police after he was asked on December 29 to report to the police cyber cell for having posted communally provocative message on social media platforms. – *Vartha Bharati*, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **4.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

ADGP Amar Kumar Pande who arrived in the city today in connection with the events of December 19, 2019, addressed a meeting of police officers at the City Commissioner's office. It is learnt that he was apprised of the sequence of violent incidents and was shown several video clips and other evidences. It is also learnt that he was of the opinion that violent incidents should not have occurred in Mangaluru when the intelligence department had given advance information. While there have been anti-CAA protests in other parts of the state why did it turn violent only in Mangaluru, he is said to have questioned. He gave the information that more than 20 persons have been arrested, cases booked against more than 24 persons and cyber cases registered against more than 50 persons for having sent communally provocative messages on social media platforms. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.1.2020. Vittal.**

Anwar, a resident of Peruvayi village was arrested by the Vittal police today on the charge of trying to disturb communal harmony. A case had already been booked against Niyaz for having called up, abused and issued death threats to an NRI (originally from Vamanjoor and presently working abroad) which might have led to communal clashes. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **9.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

Muhammed Asgar, a BJP worker and booth president of Sambar Thota Ward 109 has lodged a complaint with the Konaje police after he received an abusive WhatsApp voice call from someone. The person who spoke from abroad is said to have threatened to kill Asgar and asked him to withdraw his Facebook post supporting the Citizenship Amendment Act of the Modi government. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **25.1.2020. Vittal.**

An unknown person made repeated calls at around 10:45 p.m. from different numbers to the mobile phones of a young man and his friends threatening to kill his parents if he did not desist from posting messages related to religion on the social media. Based on a complaint by the young man the Vittal police have registered a case against the unknown person. – *Karavali Ale*, 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **30.1.2020. Vittal.**

Upon receipt of a complaint the Vittal police swung into action and arrested four persons on the charge of posting fake news and communally provocative messages on the social media. The arrested are Siddiq (27), Muhammed K (19), Hanif (25) and a 16-year old boy. The minor was produced before the Juvenile Justice Board and the other three were produced before the court. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **7.8.2020. Puttur.**

In a complaint to the city police station, Abdul Razak of Harady, has charged that he is getting life threats from other districts and from abroad. He says such calls began after he had posted a message of greetings to the *Ram Janmabhumi* program at Ayodhya on his Facebook page on August 4. – *Prajavani*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **11.8.2020. Mangaluru.**

Shivaraj, a resident of Jyoti Nagar in Kunjathbail has lodged a complaint with the police alleging that a certain program aired by a private TV channel has hurt the religious feelings of Hindus. He has urged for legal action

against a famous Tulu humourist and the anchor of the TV channel who participated in the said program. – *Karavali Ale*, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**22.11.2020. Vittal.**

The Vittal police have arrested one Rizwan Khan on the charge of denigrating Hindu religion and its gods through his posts on the social media. Rizwan, a resident of Kambalabettu in Mudnur village works as a driver in a Mangaluru-based transport company. Harshendra from Nirkaje had complained to the police about Khan's derogatory posts. – *Karavali Ale*, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**26.12.2020. Mangaluru.**

A few persons in the Tulu cinema industry were trolling unfounded facts about his upcoming Kannada movie 'Mumbai to Bhatkal' and causing communal hatred, said director Ismail Moodushedde today. Mr Ismail told *The Hindu* that the perpetrators were falsely claiming that his movie, slated for release in February, promoted 'Love Jihad'. Separate complaints were filed with the Cyber Crime Police Station and and Kavour Police Station on December 24, he said. – *The Hindu*, 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Allegedly by Policemen**

**21.5.2020. Vittal.**

A beat police WhatsApp group from Vittal has reportedly been accused of carrying a message insulting the Muslim community. Dhananjay Putran has been accused of posting communally provocative message that also insulted the Muslim community on the 'Beat Police No: 2 Group'. It may be recalled that it is the Mangaluru Police Commissioner, Dr Harsha who has created several such Beat Police Groups in the jurisdiction of every police station in the city with the purpose of building a crime-free society. Every such group is administered by a policeman. Prominent persons of various communities in the locality are inducted as members of the group. The group members can share the information regarding various happenings in the locality. However in this case, the Group Administrator though a policeman, remained a mute spectator instead reporting the matter to senior officers and taking suitable action. Noticing this lapse, Muhammed Haris from Karnad has now lodged a complaint regarding this at the Mulky police station. – *Vartha Bharati*, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## **Attacks on /Desecration of Places of Worship**

### **Allegedly by *Hindutvavadis***

#### **22.8.2020. Mangaluru.**

Miscreants threw a soda water bottle at the 'Masjid-uttaqada' located at Pumpwell and damaged a window glass. The incident is believed to have happened at around 3:40 a.m. It came to light later when the security guards climbed to the upper floor. On receipt of complaint a case has been registered at the Kankanady police station. Police are on the look-out for the miscreants. – *Vartha Bharati*, 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.11.2020. Kadaba.**

Residents of Kepu Amai in Kutrupadi village have lodged a complaint at the Kadaba police station accusing the mosque at Amai of jarring noise from its loudspeaker. The delegation was led by Raviraj Shetty, the district- in-charge of Hindu Jagaran Vedike. – *Karavali Ale*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Allegedly by Islamists**

#### **13.6.2020. Bantwal.**

Based on a complaint lodged by the president of the Kanchinadka Padavu Cremation Grounds Committee, the Bantwal Rural police have arrested Masood (20), Azim (20), Abdul Latif (20) and Arfaz (20). The accused are said to have illegally entered the cremation grounds and made a TikTok video after climbing on the pedestal of a Shiva idol with their shoes on. The video supposedly recorded about eight months ago is being circulated on the social media from June 12. – *Vartha Bharati*, 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Other incidents of communalism**

### **Allegedly by *Hindutvavadis***

#### **3.1.2020. Udupi.**

Mohammed Rafiq (23) was returning home after finishing *namaz* at Doddanagudde mosque when he was accosted by a group of four persons. They stabbed him with a knife after abusing and attacking him for some petty reason. A local person who saw Mohammed lying in a pool of blood, immediately admitted him to a

private hospital. Mohammed is said to be responding to treatment. The police went into action and arrested Dilip, Nitin, Jivan and Rakshit (all of them aged between 20 and 21). A case of attempt to murder has been registered against the foursome. They were produced before the court and the latter has remanded them to judicial custody. – *Karavali Ale*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Billava Muslim Sammilana Programme Opposed

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/billava-muslim-sammilana-programme-opposed/article30500227.ece>

*Kiran Kumar, a leader of Billava community and BJP, on January 6, said that some forces were trying to divide the Billava community by organising the Billava-Muslim Sneha Sammilana programme here on January 11.*

*Addressing presspersons here, Mr. Kumar said that some Congress leaders wanted to use this programme to build their political base. It was not right on the part of these politicians to use the innocent Billava community for their political purposes. Nearly the entire Billava community was opposed to holding this programme.*

### *Cancellation sought*

*“This programme should either be cancelled or the name ‘Billava’ should be dropped from its title by January 9. If this is not done, then the members of the community would stage a protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner’s Office. If this programme is held despite our opposition, then the organisers and district administration would be responsible for its consequences,” he said.*

*Even the names of some of the leaders printed on the invitation of the programme was done without informing them properly. Kota Srinivas Poojary, Minister for Ports and Fisheries, had already clarified that he had nothing to do with the programme and would not attend it. Similar was the case with other leaders, Mr. Kumar said.*

### *‘Rename the programme’*

*Achyut Kalmady, another Billava leader, said that they had no objection if the organizers renamed the programme as ‘Hindu Muslim Sneha Sammilana.’ But their investigations had revealed that the organisers had done this deliberately to create differences within the Billava community and create two groups in it. There were cultural differences between the Billavas and Muslims, which were fundamental and could not be bridged, he said.*

*Rishiraj Poojary, grandson of Chandu Poojary, said that the name of his grandfather, the late Chandu Poojary, had been given to the stage of the programme. But the permission of the family had not been sought and nor had they been invited to the programme, he said. Sunil K.R., Ramesh Poojary, Mahesh Poojary, and other Billava leaders, were present. – *The Hindu*, January 7.*

### **13.1.2020. Byndur.**

A case has been registered at the Byndur police station based on a complaint by the Bhatkal Qazi Moulana Iqbal Mulla Nadvi who alleged that some miscreants intercepted his car and shouted 'Jai Sri Ram' slogans after abusing him. According to the Kazi, the incident occurred at around 5:30 p.m. at Bijur while he was on his way to participate in a program at a private educational institute located in Kandlur at Kundapur. It is learnt that earlier the Kazi's car had dashed against another car near Bhatkal. The matter is said to have been resolved amicably and the Kazi had proceeded towards Kandlur. However when the car was passing through Bijur a group of five men allegedly intercepted his car and abused him. – *Vartha Bharati*, 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **13.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

A truck loaded with some 2500 plastic chairs was found to have been completely gutted by fire early this morning at Deralakatte. The chairs had been brought for the anti-CAA rally held on March 12. Locals have alleged that this was a deliberate act by certain elements to create unrest in the society. The Konaje police visited the spot and carried out investigations. They are also having a look at the CCTV footages. – *Vartha Bharati*, 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.2.2020. Udupi.**

Pramod Shetty, the district president of VHP has submitted a memorandum on behalf of some residents of Hegunje village to the Executive Officer of the Mandarthi temple demanding that none other than Hindus should be allowed to put up temporary shops during the annual temple festival. It may be noted that during the three-day festival some 300 such shops do brisk business. Refusing the VHP demand the Udupi district *tahashildar* and the Hegunje village *panchayat* president have both categorically said that no such religion-based decision can be taken. – *Karavali Ale*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.2.2020. Puttur.**

A large group of around 200 students of the Vivekananda Polytechnic assaulted a fellow student Ria Hasan, his father Yakub and another student Muhammed Tasrif as the three came out of the principal's chamber. Despite the principal's appeal the group continued its attack. After the attackers left, the injured were shifted first to a hospital in Puttur and later to a Mangaluru hospital. The victims accused the group of shouting that the college was meant only for Hindus and that no Muslim should come there. It is learnt the Ria Hasan had been attacked a couple of days earlier by some 100 students for having put up anti-CAA writings on his status page. The father had reportedly asked his son not to lodge a police complaint and told him that he would meet the principal and try for a peaceful settlement of the issue. – *Karavali Ale*, 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **16.2.2020. Bellare.**

The Bellare police have arrested three persons accused of setting fire to a roadside petty shop at Kudmaru belonging to one Abdulla. Abdulla is in police custody on the charge of attempting to rape a minor girl student. The police had arrested him based on the girl's complaint. His shop was gutted on the same night. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.4.2020. Bantwal.**

Hanif, a resident of Pratapnagar at Perlupu in Kadeshivalaya has complained to the Bantwal police about miscreants pelting stones at the houses belonging to minorities at around 11 p.m. on April 5 after the end of 'diya lighting' program (called by Prime Minister Modi). – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

Office-bearers of Dalit Rights Committee of Belthangady have issued a press statement condemning the high-handed action of *Vira Kesari* group of Patrame in preventing volunteers of Highland Islamic Forum from distributing essential commodities to poor dalit families of Patrame village. They have urged the concerned authorities to book cases against the members of *Vira Kesari*. – *Vartha Bharati*, 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7.4.2020. Mangaluru.**

In a complaint lodged at the Suratkal police station, Muhammed Ali, owner of Fathima Super Store at Tadambail has alleged that some miscreants are spreading fake news about him having contracted Covid-19. According to him the health officials visited his place and found that the news was untrue. He says that his children who had arrived from abroad for a wedding ceremony had gone back on February 10. Saying that the fake news being spread has hurt his business, he urged the police to take suitable legal action against the miscreants. – *Vartha Bharati*, 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **21.4.2020. Puttur.**

Two groups fought with each other near the Balamuri temple and later got admitted to different hospitals. Muhammed Athaulla (26) and Saifuddin (30) accused Dhanajay, Mohan, Harssha and Punit of stopping their scooter and assaulting them with an iron rod. Dhananjay (23) and Nandakumar charged that Muhammed Athaulla and Saifuddin attacked them when they objected to the duo spitting in their courtyard. The police have booked cases against both groups. – *Vartha Bharati*, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **28.5.2020. Bantwal.**

The Vittal police have booked a case against four persons for having abused, assaulted and threatened a minor boy. Though the incident actually took place on May 21, the victim had not disclosed it to anyone. But when the accused circulated a video of the incident on the social media he went to the police station and registered a complaint. He said he was from Kudtamugeru and studying in the first year pre-University class and on May 21 he was accosted by four persons who took him to the Kadumatha school grounds on a bike. After abusing and assaulting him, they forced him to shout “*Jai Sri Ram*”. The accused have been identified as the Bajrang Dal chief Dinesh from Kanyana, two boys from Kolnadu aged 16 and another from Kanyana aged 17. – *Vartha Bharati*, 29<sup>th</sup>.

A special police team has managed to trace all the four accused. While Dinesh aged 25 years has been arrested, appropriate legal action has been initiated against the three minors. Dinesh is said to be a habitual criminal. He is a rowdy-sheeter and has several cases registered against him including one of assaulting a priest at Bayaru. – *Vartha Bharati*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Acting on a complaint given by a girl on June 2, a case has been booked under POCSO against the 16-year-old victim for having threatened and sent an obscene message to her. – *Vartha Bharati*, June 3.

#### **14.7.2020. Mangaluru.**

A fracas between Muslim and Hindu gangs in Bajilakeri area in the early hours ended in injury to four persons. Ajaya Prasad and his gang did not want Abdul Rashid's gang in the Bajilakeri area. When Abdul Rashid and his gang came today and questioned Ajaya and his gang about the opposition to their entry to Bajilakeri, a fight



ensued in the course of which lethal weapons were used. Policemen rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Cases have been registered against members of both gangs. Three members of Ajaya Prasad's gang and eight members of Abdul Rashid's gang have been arrested. – *Prajavani*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **14.7.2020. Puttur.**

A fight between Muslim and Hindu cricket teams in Balnadu here over a trivial matter resulted in injuries to six persons out of which one is from the Hindu team and the rest belong to the Muslim team. One from the latter team who was attacked with a cock-fight razor has received serious injuries and has been admitted to a hospital in Mangaluru. The rest of the injured are receiving treatment in Puttur hospitals. – *Karvjali Ale*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **28.7.2020. Belthangady.**

Participation of Sangh Parivar leaders in a meeting held between Harish Poonja, the local MLA and police officers to discuss the steps to be taken to prevent illegal transportation and theft of cattle has turned controversial. It is being alleged that the meeting called by the MLA at the Inspection Bungalow was attended by members of Sangh Parivar facing criminal charges for assaulting cattle traders in the name of prevention of illegal transport. No clear details are available regarding the decisions taken at this meet. Reportedly sub-inspectors of Belthangady, Dharmasthal, Punjalakatte, Venur stations and a sub-inspector from traffic section were present at the meeting along with leaders of VHP and Bajrang Dal. – *Vartha Bharati*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **25.10.2020. Gangolli.**

Gangolli police arrested Dhanush (22), Kiran (23) and Nikhil (23) on the basis of a complaint lodged by Iftikar Ahmed. The miscreants had come in a bike at around 11 p.m. and threw a soda water bottle at Iftikar Ahmed's house resulting in damages to window glasses. It is learnt that this was a deliberate act done with the aim of creating trouble in the area. – *Vartha Bharati*, 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **12.8.2020. Mangaluru.**

A 7-seconds video of the Karnataka home minister Basavaraj Bommai assuring a delegation of leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishat headed by Sharan Pumpwell that any case booked against them would be withdrawn has gone viral on the social media. The VHP leaders had gone to submit a memo to the HM urging for a ban on SDPI and PFI and asking for an NIA probe into the Bengaluru riot. The minister's alleged assurance is being seen as an instance of bias. – *Karavali Ale*, 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Responding to the allegation, the HM said no such promise was made.*

#### **14.8.2020. Mangaluru.**

An incident of stone-throwing at the Maulana Azad Bhavan has been reported. As a result of this incident that occurred in the early hours today, three window panes of the divisional office of the minority welfare department located on the first floor of the building were shattered. Based on a complaint by the *taluk* extension officer Muhammed Farooq, the police at the Pandeshwar station have registered a case. This incident coming in the wake of the recent Bengaluru riot has given rise to questions whether miscreants were trying to create similar disturbances here too. – *Vartha Bharati*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

**A**fter a detailed examination of the CCTV footage the police have identified and arrested six persons including a minor. The arrested are Dhanraj Shetty (21), Sushant (20), Kartik Shetty (26), Sagar Bangera (20) and Manish Putran (20). While the minor boy has been granted bail, the rest have been remanded to judicial custody. – *Karavali Ale*, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **31.8.2020. Mangaluru.**

Activists of the district unit of the National Students Union of India (an affiliate of the Congress Party) staged a protest in front of the University College alleging that only ABVP members were invited for the workshop being held there on the New Education Policy. Alleging that other student organizations have been ignored they tried to lay siege to the venue of the workshop but were prevented by the police. The workshop had been jointly organized by the Mangaluru University, ABVP and Centre for Social and Educational Studies of Bengaluru. – *Vijaya Karnataka*, September 1.

## **Allegedly by Islamists**

### **9.1.2020. Mangaluru.**

In a complaint filed at the Suratkal police station, it is alleged that a group of youth playing cricket at the Muddana maidan in Katipalla attacked two local persons Raksh and Kartik Raj. It is learnt that Badru Mangalpete, a player, stopped Rakesh and stared menacingly at him. When Rakesh objected to this Baruddin, Addu Mangalpet and others assaulted him with wickets. When Kartik Raj tried to save Rakesh he too was assaulted. The injured have been admitted to hospital and are said to be recovering. – *Karavali Ale*, 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **17.1.2020. Puttur.**

The Kulala Samaja Seva Sangha (KSSS), an association of potters, has submitted a memorandum to the Assistant Police Commissioner Puttur asking for suitable legal action against the individual and the organizers of the anti-CAA protest meet held at Mangaluru on January 15. It has alleged that a placard held up during the protest insulted the entire potters' community. The said placard had the following words: "The potter takes one year, Harsha takes one minute, our anger will not subside." The KSSS said the protesters had no right to twist the original proverb that says "It takes but one minute for the club to undo what the potter takes one year to make." The organizers have defended their action saying such adaptation of proverbs was quite common. They accused that bias against Muslims was the sole reason behind the submission of the memorandum. – *Karavali Ale*, 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **4.3.2020. Puttur.**

According to a complaint filed by Ranjit, *sapthahik pramukh* of the Puttur branch of Bajrang Dal, he was attacked by four masked men at Sarve on the Puttur Kaniyur road tonight. According to him the incident happened while he was going on his bike to his grandmother's place at Savanur. The attackers had come in two two-wheelers and kicked at his bike from behind. When he fell on the road he was attacked with swords.

He managed to escape in an autorickshaw that happened to pass by and got admitted to a hospital in Puttur. – *Karavali Ale*, 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Puttur and a team from the Sampya Rural police station have traced two of the culprits, Shamir alias Chammi (29) and Zainul Abid (27) to a place near Panaje. The scooter used for the crime has also been taken into custody. The two accused were produced before the court which remanded them to judicial custody. – *Vartha Bharati*, 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **27.11.2020. Mangaluru.**

A provocative writing on a compound wall of a residential complex in Bejai in the central part of the city caused concern among residents. The writing, in English, “Do not force us to invite Laskhar-e-Taiba and Taliban to deal with Sanghis and Manvedis # Lashkar Zindabad”, was found on the compound wall of the residential apartment on the road connecting the Circuit House and the KSRTC Bus Stand here. After getting to know about it, the police took action to get the writing erased. Meanwhile, activists from the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Bajrang Dal staged a protest demanding action against the perpetrators. Activists from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad too organised a demonstration near the War Memorial here in the evening. – *The Hindu*, November 28.

### **29.11.2020. Mangaluru.**

Two days after a message that threatened to invite Laskhar-e-Taiba and Taliban to fight Sangh Parivar was found on the compound wall of an residential apartment in the city, another provocative message was found written on the wall of an abandoned police outpost building on the District Court premises here today. The latest message, which said, “Gustak e rasool ki ek hi saza sar tan se juda” (for those who insult Prophet Muhammad the only punishment is beheading), was written in English. Soon after it was noticed, the police registered a case under the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act and erased it from the wall. Police Commissioner Vikash Kumar Vikash said that the message on the police outpost appears to have come up at the same time as had the earlier one. “The new message in Urdu but written in English is of religious content. It is a mischievous act. A search is on to find the perpetrators,” he said. – *The Hindu*, 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is learnt that the mastermind behind these wall-writings is one Abdul Matin Ahmed Taha from Tirthahali. A suspected terrorist for information about whom NIA has declared a reward of Rs 3 Lakh, he is believed to be in hiding in Saudi Arabia. The police seem to have obtained this important clue from the three suspects Muhammed Shariq, Maz Munir and Sadik who have already been arrested and are in judicial custody. All three of them hail from Tirthahalli. – *Karavali Ale*, December 28.

## **Allegedly by Police & Security Personnel**

### **10.1.2020. Bantwal.**

The Bantwal police have registered a case against Abdul Majid Darimi the Nandavara mosque Khatib, the mosque president Bashir and several others for having conducted an anti-CAA protest inside the mosque premises. According to members of the mosque’s administrative board, due permission had been obtained for

the aforesaid protest meet and the meeting was concluded five minutes before the stipulated time of fifteen minutes and that too in the presence of the police. Despite this the police in a sudden move booked cases against several people. The board members have complained to the district Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bantwal against this highhanded action of the local police. – *Karavali Ale*, 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Police and the Government have Twisted the Facts Says HD Kumaraswamy**

*Releasing a CD containing 35 CCTV footages related to the anti-CAA protests in Mangaluru on December 19, 2019, the former CM Kumaraswamy alleged that the footages are proof of the fact that it was the police who lathi-charged and fired at people protesting peacefully. He accused the police and the government of twisting the facts. Referring to the police denying permission to former judge Gopala Gowda to conduct a people's court and to journalist Sugata Srinivasaraju to hold a press meet he asked if there was democracy in the state of Karnataka. – Vartha Bharati, January 11.*

### **12.2.2020. Mangaluru.**

Anas, a 17 year old boy has told this paper that when he was taking pictures of his brother Haris, on his way to Dubai, entering the Mangaluru International Airport at around 10 p.m., 4-5 security personnel came and assaulted him. They took away his mobile and deleted the pictures. When he objected they caught hold of his shirt collar and beat him in front of his mother and three sisters. They even assaulted his brother Arshad. Later he was handed over to the Bajpe police. The latter released him after obtaining a confession. The entire incident has been captured on a mobile phone and the video has gone viral. In response several allegations are surfacing about the ill-treatment being meted out to Muslim passengers as well as their relatives at Mangaluru International Airport. When this paper tried to contact the airport manager, there was no response. – *Vartha Bharati*, 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **25.3.2020. Mangaluru.**

Three teachers of the Darunoor Islamic Academy have complained to this paper on March 27 that they were assaulted by the Venur police on the 25<sup>th</sup>. At about 6 that evening a goat belonging to the Academy had wandered out of the campus. While the three teachers Wasim (20) of Uttar Pradesh, Shamim Hudavi (26) of Thumbe and Moinuddin Hudavi (28) of Kasargod were searching for the goat they were accosted by the police who beat them up for no reason. Later the three of them were taken to the police station and there too they were assaulted. The teachers said out of fear they did not lodge any complaint at that time. But when the body pain became unbearable they had to come to Mangaluru on the 27<sup>th</sup> in order to seek medical help. – *Vartha Bharati*, 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Minority Community Students Wait for Renewal of Education Loans**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/minority-community-students-wait-for-renewal-of-education-loans/article31791642.ece>

*Despite paying two installments of margin money, students from the minority community studying professional courses in the State are waiting for the Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation to renew their education loan under Arivu scheme and release fees for the second and subsequent years of their courses. Around 2,000 students from Dakshina Kannada and 300 from Udupi districts alone are among those who are waiting for release of fees for the 2019-20 academic year.*

*Under the scheme, students from religious minority groups, who want to pursue professional courses, masters degree, nursing, B.Ed, and other courses are provided loans ranging between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 75,000 per year till completion of the course. The loan is released if the student pays "margin money", which is 10% of the loan amount and 2% service charge, in installments spread over the term of course. For engineering course, the margin amount comes to around Rs. 6,000 per year.*

*Activist Umar U.H. said till last year, the loan amount was being renewed for the second and subsequent years of the course once the candidate pays the margin amount related to earlier year. "Now, the corporation is asking payment of marginal amount for earlier year and that of present year. Despite parents complying with this new norm, the corporation is yet to release the amount," he said.*

*Among the affected include Abdul Hameed, who works in a shop in Mangaluru. He pledged gold ornaments to take loan and pay the Rs. 1.5 lakh as fees in July last year for his daughter who is in third year BDS. "The delay in releasing the amount is really hurting," he said and added that he had paid Rs. 11,700 as margin money.*

*Director of the corporation Sayeeda Aysha told The Hindu the corporation needs around Rs. 30 crore to clear pending applications. "We are working out ways to clear it. It will be done in the next few days," she said. She said that margin money is being collected as per norms of the scheme, which is clearly mentioned in the indemnity bond signed by the parent and the student. Collection of this margin amount, she said, helped the corporation pay Rs. 155 crore to students for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. This is against the total budget of Rs. 149 crore for Arivu and 13 other schemes of the corporation. As much as Rs. 16.13 crore is for students of Dakshina Kannada from where a majority of applications for Arivu scheme are filed. – The Hindu, June 10.*

## **BYARI ACADEMY: CONTROVERSIAL APPOINTMENTS**

*The appointment of Radhakrishna Navada of Kasargod and Roopashri Varkadi of Manjeshwar to the Byari Academy by the Department of Kannada and Culture has become a controversial issue because the two of them have not done anything for the promotion of Byari language. The other two appointees are Nazir Polya from Udupi and Samshir Budoli from Bantwal.*

*The Department's move has caused resentment among Byari language speakers. They are unhappy about the Department appointing these two non-Byari speaking persons despite the availability of a number of talented youth in the Byari literary and cultural spheres.*

*According to an opinion that is making rounds 'It is not unusual to appoint non - Byari speakers to the Academy. Literary figure Sushila Upadhyaya had been made a member during the Academy's first term itself.*

*She has made enormous contributions to both the Byari language and Byari culture. But this time around there is opposition to these appointments because of the political reasons behind the move'. – Karavali Ale, July 21.*

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## Summary

Total number of communal incidents in 2020:	<b>110</b>
Out of these,	
Incidents of moral policing allegedly by Hindu vigilantes:	<b>8</b>
Incidents of moral policing allegedly by Muslim vigilantes:	<b>0</b>
Incidents of moral policing allegedly by Police?:	<b>1</b>
Incidents related to allegations of religious conversion:	<b>1</b>
Incidents of cattle vigilantism:	<b>25</b>
Incidents of hate speech:	<b>47</b>
Incidents of Attacks/Desecration of Places of Worship:	<b>3</b>
Other communal incidents:	<b>25</b>

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**Note:** 1) All data are based on available local media reports. It is likely that there could be quite a number of unreported cases too.

2) **Highlighted** reports are not counted since they just contain relevant information.