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Statement in support of Teesta Setalvad by Trustees of Citizens for Justice and Peace

We, the trustees of Citizens for Justice and Peace (CJP), are dismayed and shocked by the recent FIR lodged against Teesta Setalvad and others, as also her consequent arrest.

We have been part of CJP for a long time and have known Teesta even longer. We have complete confidence in her integrity, and whole heartedly support the litigation concerning the Gujarat Carnage of 2002, including the Zakia Jafri Case. It is unfortunate that the Supreme Court ignored her commitment, as also the CJP's support for a just cause, and made observations which have led her to arrest.

Teesta is an activist who always believed in the rule of law and our Constitution, and has boldly carried out her activities in compliance with these. Even in the past when she was hounded, we have stood by her and we continue to do so today. We therefore hope and trust that she will be soon released on bail and the FIR will be withdrawn.

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