

Contempt of Court Order & Verbal Violence against Children

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To

Karuppasamy R IPS & Team,
Superintendent of Police & District Police Chief,
Idukki

Honourable Officers,

I would like to report the following possible violations for your immediate attention and kind verification:

- 1. Children were stopped while travelling in their private cars and were threatened to be burned alive**
- 2. Court order has been violated while police were mere spectators**
- 3. Panchayath leaders collected possible unlawful funds from a senior citizen who was forced to pay around 3,000/- Rupees. This has been paid to lay certain road on his registered land property, against his will.**

Course of Recent Incidents:

1) Date of the incident - 12th April 2022

The Victim Mathew Joseph aged 73 and his 3 sons approached the Hon Circle Inspector at Rajakkadu to report unlawful deposit of **multiple loads of gravel and coarse aggregates on the said property. The officer has looked into the court order stopping all kinds of construction activities on the said property, and educated the accused Stephen Koithara, that he can not distort the law that CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN THE SAID PROPERTY.**

Date of the incident 20th April 2022

Towards the afternoon Mr. Satheesh Mathew and his father Mathew Joseph along with few policemen from Rajakkadu station reached the site with necessary machinery to remove the construction materials unlawfully deposited in the said property.

As they started removing the gravel from the disputed property, a large mob gathered there and forced the victim to re deposit the construction materials back to the disputed land. In addition to that an extra load of coarse aggregates were deposited by the mob under the leadership of Stephen Koithara. According to the witness Sumesh Mathew another son of the victim, Mr. Stephen has retaliated to the verbal warning he has received from the CI on the 12th., **he has repeatedly insulted the policemen and educated them that the court order from 2018 is outdated and not in force any more.** This needs to be taken as a willful violation of the law of the land with help of a mob. Unfortunately, the policemen were less in numbers and could not protect the court order.

Also while the police officers including a Sub Inspector were present when the mob stopped two cars near this location and stopped the motorists including the children and threatened them that they will be burned alive. **I suppose this can attract criminal intimidation plus verbal violence against children.** If such incident is true, may I expect legal action and arrests under the most appropriate clauses of our law. **I was shocked to hear that one of the teachers from the Anganwadi or primary school has threatened the children that they will be burned!**

May I also humbly seek counselling for all affected children. The depth of the emotional damage happened to Niya 6 years old girl who is also called as Kunju can be gathered from a telephonic statement by my daughter Sandra Joseph Saultbrook. Ms.Sautbrook is a member of SPC and a student of GHSS Rajakkadu. I have already organized to give her statement to the child line based on the real time interaction with the victim.

I hope you will investigate on the above concerns and will take action categorically and separately on any violations against the court order, on violations against children and also on violations against the victim 73-year-old Mathew Joseph who has always been a righteous man.

Sincerely yours,

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cc : to Hon High Court of Kerala
to National Human Rights Commission