

**HRDA - Urgent Action - Bangalore - Detention of
activists from SICHREM and other organizations
during a protest - June 18, 2012**

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To
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Dear Sir,

Greetings from HRDA Alert India!

We wish to bring to immediate attention that the "Activists from SICHREM and other organizations organized a protest in front of the French Consulate in Bangalore today, the 18th of June, 2012 at about 11.00 a.m. in protest of the lack of action against Pascal Mazurier, the French consulate official accused of raping his four-year-old daughter. The protest had been conducted without obtaining prior permission because the activists wanted to react immediately given the gravity of the issue and the impunity the perpetrator enjoyed. At about 12.00 in the noon the police arrested about 30 of the activists without following the Supreme Court's guidelines on arrest based on the DK Basu Judgement and they are currently detained in the Police Training Camp at Adugodi in Bangalore. Mr. Ashok Mathews, the Executive Director of SICHREM and the Special Representative of NCPCR on implementation of RTE in Karnataka and the member of National Human Rights Commission Core Group is one of the arrestees. The activists are as of now not informed about the sections under which they have been detained and how long they will be detained".

Thanks and Regards,

Secretariat - HRDA India