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Dear Ma'am,

Sub: *HRD Alert - India - Urgent Appeal for Action - Kerala/ Kannur District: Attack and threats faced by three activists of Social Democratic Party of India - Reg*

Greetings from Human Rights Defenders Alert - India!

HRD Alert - India is a Forum of Human Rights Defenders for Human Rights Defenders. It endeavours to initiate actions on behalf of Human Rights Defenders under threat or with security concerns.

We are now writing to express our grave concern regarding the brutal attack and the threats faced by Mr. P T P Shamseer (35), Mr. K Sadath (31) and Mr. Nazeer (31), the three activists working for the [Social Democratic Party](#) of India (SDPI). They were attacked by an unidentified gang of people in Mammakunnu near Melur under the Dharmadom police station limits, Kannur District of Kerala.

Name of the perpetrators: Unidentified gang of eight people

Date & time of incident: August 19, 2012 at 10:00 pm

Place of incident: Mammakunnu near Melur under the Dharmadom police station limits, Kannur District of Kerala.

Incident:

According to the information received, three activists belonging to the [Social Democratic Party](#) of India (SDPI) suffered stab injuries. Two of them are in a serious condition and admitted at the Mangalore Hospital. The attack was made by a gang of eight people at Mammakunnu near Melur under the Dharmadom police station limits on Sunday night (August 19, 2012).

The three injured activists are identified as Mr. P T P Shamseer (35) - Dharmadom constituency unit president, Mr. K Sadath (31) - [Social Democratic Party](#) of India activist both of whom sustained serious injuries and have been admitted at the Mangalore Hospital, and third person Nazeer (31) who has been admitted to a Private Hospital.

Case Narrative:

According to the received information Mr. Nazeer one of the injured activists stated that they were attacked by a gang of eight people around 10pm on Sunday (August 19, 2012).

He added that when he was returning home from the Thalassery Cooperative Hospital after visiting his friend, a gang intercepted him near the Che Guevara Club at Mammakunnu and threatened him. As the gang threatened Nazeer, he immediately informed his brother Shamseer (SDPI - Dharmadom constituency unit president), who reached the aforesaid place along with Sadath (Activist - SDPI). The gang then brutally attacked and stabbed all the three activists with their swords and iron rods.

The [Social Democratic Party](#) of India (SDPI) has alleged that the Communist Party of India (Marxist) was behind the attack. However, no one has been arrested so far.

Appeal:

We, therefore, urge you to immediately take necessary steps:

1. To guarantee physical and psychological safety and integrity of the injured activists of the Social Democratic Party of India;
2. To provide adequate medical treatment in a Government Hospital or in a private hospital at the cost of the State;

3. To conduct a prompt, transparent, thorough and impartial investigation into the afore said incident;
4. To identify and secure the unidentified gang of eight people and book the perpetrators under the appropriate provisions of law ;
5. To initiate departmental action against the police perpetrators (Dharmadom Police) under the appropriate provisions of law for not registering a case against the perpetrators and for not taking legal action against the attackers;
6. To ensure in all circumstances, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with international human rights standards and international instruments ratified by India.

Looking forward to your immediate action in this regard,

Yours sincerely,

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