



# HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS' ALERT - INDIA

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To  
Justice V. Ramasubramanian (Retd),  
Chairperson,  
National Human Rights Commission,  
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,  
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Respected Sir,

**Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of detention of 11 activists from a peaceful rally organised People's Anti-War Front on 21 May 2025 - Reg**

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that on 21.05.2025, K. Sahadeavan members of People's Anti War Front organised a protest rally outside Kerala Sathiya Akademi, Thrissur. They were condemning war and raised slogans stating 'War is a crime against Humanity'. Thrissur police took 11 activist including organiser K. Sahadeavan, Pramod Puzhangara, Jayaprakash Olari, I Gopinath and Suji into preventive custody.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [Police action against anti-war rally in Thrissur sparks outrage - The Hindu](#)

We urgently appeal to you to exercise Section 12 (a) of the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019, and take *suo moto* cognizance of this incident and initiate an independent inquiry through NHRC's investigation wing. We hope and expect that the NHRC will intervene in this case impartially and in a time bound manner.

Yours Sincerely,

(Henri Tiphagne)  
National Working Secretary