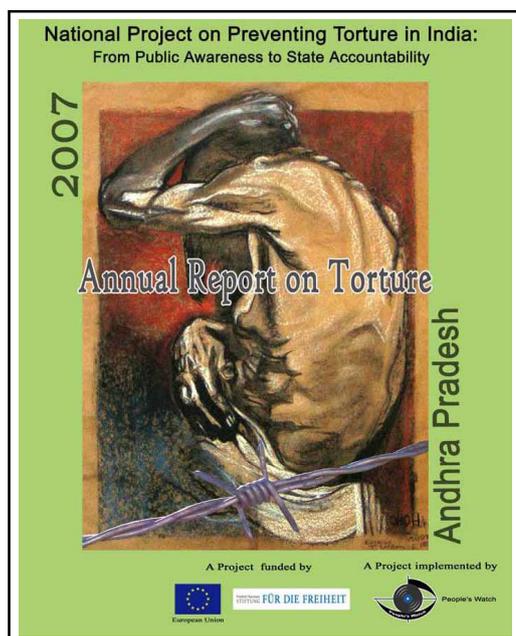


**National Project on Preventing Torture in India:
From Public Awareness to State Accountability**



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People's Watch—An Overview

People's Watch ("PW") is a human rights organisation that has been actively engaging itself in the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Tamil Nadu since 1995. After eleven years of work, PW has expanded its concerns across India.

Vision

A society free from human rights violations and discrimination to be built through cultivating a human rights culture and building a participatory democracy

Mission

- Protection of human rights through monitoring human rights violations, intervention and building solidarity with people's struggle for human rights.
- Promoting human rights culture through education and conscientising the larger community.

Brief History and Background

In 1993, Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of PW and a passionate human rights advocate since 1977, became determined to professionalise human rights responses in the state of Tamil Nadu in India. He and like-minded people such as Dr. Devasahayam, the present Director of the Institute of Human Rights Education, and Fr. Diamond Raj, a Catholic Priest with the Archdiocese of Madurai, founded PW in December 1995 along with a team of Advisory Board members. In its nascent stage, the organisation was entirely committed to monitoring the state to improve accountability for human rights violations. Over time, the organisation expanded into the fields of legal intervention, rehabilitation, and campaigning. PW now boasts a legal team committed to intervening on behalf of torture victims and a Rehabilitation Centre for victims of domestic violence and torture, where victims receive housing and support. Its Campaign Unit works to improve human rights awareness throughout the community and to engage other organisations in the struggle. It is particularly engaged in building what is known popularly as the 'Citizens for Human Rights Movement.' Its Human Rights Education program has successfully introduced the concept of human rights into school curricula in over fourteen states across the country. The program is based on the strongly held belief that the value of rights can be firmly established only when instilled in the minds of children as a social virtue, as a value to be safeguarded and protected as something stable and indestructible.

The National Project on Preventing Torture in India

People's Watch, in league with the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, began the National Project on Preventing Torture in India (NPPTI) in January 2006 with a grant from the European Union under the EIDHR. The primary aim of the action is to initiate and to model a national campaign for the prevention of torture in India, with a deliberate focus on torture practices routinely employed by police. The project focuses especially upon safeguarding groups on the margins of Indian society, such as Dalit, tribal groups, minorities, women and children.

The project consists of two major stages:

1. Formation of nine State-wide networks to monitor instances of torture and to intervene on behalf of victims.
2. A national campaign against torture that uses monitoring data to develop public awareness, to train professionals, to improve institutional responses to abuse, and to lobby for India's ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT) and its Optional Protocols.

The Project's design reflects priorities set by the European Commission's EIDHR Call for Proposals—specifically, research on torture practices, legal support for victims, awareness-raising, and legislative lobbying.

In the years 2006 and 2007, the Project has undertaken the following in the State of Karnataka:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fact-Findings	: 20	461
Legal Interventions	: 04	465
Training Programmes	: 12	05

The overall goal of the Project is the prevention and reduction of torture in India, where police abuses remain an entrenched and often routine law enforcement strategy despite India's status as the world's largest democracy. The Project confronts frequent police practices that include assault and physical abuse, custodial death,

custodial rape, threats and psychological humiliation, and deprivation of food, water, sleep, and medical attention.

The primary goals of the Project are as follows:

- Protecting potential victims of torture, particularly those belonging to vulnerable and marginalised communities.
- Highlighting individual cases of torture as they occur
- Improving institutional responses to instances of torture by demanding state accountability
- Advancing an ethic of responsibility and restraint among law-enforcement officers
- Educating and enlisting professional groups such as lawyers, social activists, doctors, psychiatrists, journalists, and teachers in the campaign to prevent and to eliminate torture
- Raising public awareness of torture as an unlawful and widespread abuse of police powers
- Promoting favourable policy outcomes in the form of new domestic anti-torture legislation and commitments to existing international treaties

Ultimately, one of the most enduring effects of the Project will be the model that it sets for addressing issues of torture nationally. Recognising that there are insufficient resources to stanch the practice of torture nationally, PW has sought to create an example for preventing torture that can be duplicated. A key aspect of this approach is the “model taluk,” in which monitoring and campaigning efforts will be intensely focussed in one “taluk” (an administrative subdivision of a district) in each State, with the goal of working towards the elimination of torture practices entirely. This model will create a paradigm for the prevention and elimination of torture on a much larger scale.

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Why This Report?

This report falls under the “Campaign Against Torture” segment of the NPPTI. It seeks to raise awareness of torture and ultimately to influence policies relating to the misuse of official power. The basic thrust of the report is to reveal the context in which PW felt compelled to undertake the NPPTI. This contextual picture is painted by examining three major categories:

1. Data on actual occurrences of torture and police misbehaviour from 2000-2006, collected through state-level organisations and secondary source research
2. An analysis of trends that emerge from the data, with special attention to the effects of torture on marginalised groups such as Dalits and women
3. Institutional responses at the state level

Ultimately, the research reveals a sad scene, in which rhetoric is abundant and action scarce. Indeed, despite its refusal to ratify the CAT or expressly to criminalise torture, India continuously pays lip service to the prevention of torture through its Parliament, Courts, and Commissions. Yet the data reveal an appalling prevalence of police misconduct, including the use of torture as a common interrogation method. Institutional responses are anaemic, in terms of both documentation and concrete preventive actions.

Aside from raising awareness, then, this report aims to combat the complacency and denial that define the Indian Government’s response to such blatant human rights transgressions. It provides irrefutable proof that invites Indian policymakers to acknowledge the extent of torture practices in the country and to take a participatory role in ensuring that basic human rights are guaranteed to all of India’s citizens. By demanding a dialogue on the issue, PW hopes to end the silence that continues to expose hundreds of thousands of Indians to the practice of torture every year.

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Secondary Source Monitoring (2000 – 2006)

Secondary Sources Monitoring Report The State of Andhra Pradesh

Table of Reported Incidents

Date of Incident	No. of Victim(s)	Name(s) of Victim(s)	Type of Incident	District
12/00	2	Two Unidentified Victims	Police Firing	Hyderabad
30/08/01	1	Pardesi Raghuram	Custodial Death	Vizianagaram
12/07/01	1	Unidentified Victim	Police Firing	Guntur
26/07/02	4	Srinu, Naveen, Jyothakka, and Two Women Cadres	Encounter Death	Warangal
31/10/02	30	Thirty Unidentified Students	Police Violence	Hyderabad
01/03/03	1	Mailapalli Satya Srinivasa Rao	Custodial Death	Srikakulam
22/02/03	1	Mallepalli Ramakrishna	Custodial Death	Cuddapah
27/02/03	1	Boya Venkatanna	Custodial Death	Mahaboobnagar
15/04/03	1	Gangappa	Custodial Death	Tumarakunte
25/05/03	1	Shameer Basha	Police Firing	Kadapa
11/11/03	1	Yadiki	Custodial Death	Anantapur
01/11/04	1	Mujahid	Police Firing	Hyderabad
18/01/04	2	Two Unidentified Victims	Police Firing	Vizianagaram
25/01/04	1	Yerra Satyam	Police Firing	Unknown
28/03/04	3	Three Unidentified Victims	Police Firing	Mahaboobnagar
05/05/04	1	Mohammed Habee	Police Violence	Humayunagar
13/05/04	2	B Raja and G Sekhar	Encounter Death	Akenapalli
28/06/04	1	Smt. Gangavalli Pushpakumari	Custodial Rape	Prakasam
28/06/04	1	Anjaiah	Police Torture	Nizamabad
11/08/04	2	P. Rambabu and V. Anjaneyulu	Custodial Death	Unknown
20/11/04	3	Venkat Reddy, B Ravi and Mohammed Yaqub	Police Torture	Warangal
24/12/04	1	Anand	Police Torture	Kurnool
14/01/05	1	Chalaphatho	Custodial Death	Madanapalle
15/01/05	1	E.Venkatachalapathy	Custodial Death	Madanapalle
20/01/05	1	Gopi	Custodial Death	Nellore

29/01/05	1	Eeswaraiah	Custodial Death	Anantapur
17/04/05	1	T. Venkataramana	Police Firing	Gopalapuram
14/07/05	1	Supriya	Police Violence	Hyderabad
18/07/05	3	Three Adivasis	Police Firing	Kadapa
15/01/06	1	Nanavath Bujji	Custodial Death	Hyderabad
03/05/06	1	Unidentified victim	Police Violence	Hyderabad
03/06/06	1	Syed Saleem	Police Torture	Hyderabad
13/03/06	1	Sheikh Mahmood	Police Torture	Amberpet
21/03/06	1	G. Srikanth	Police Torture/ Illegal Detention	Hyderabad
28/03/06	1	Chodipalli Nookaraju	Police Firing	Visakhapatnam
07/04/06	1	T. Nageshwar Rao	Extrajudicial Killing	Warangal
07/04/06	1	Marri Lavakar	Extrajudicial Killing	Medak
10/06/06	1	Manda Yadagiri	Custodial Death	Ranga Reddy
30/12/06	1	Unidentified woman	Custodial Rape	Guntur
06/12/07	8	Eight Unidentified Victims	Police Firing	Hyderabad
06/04	1	P.K.Vannamma	Police Violence	Anantapur
19/06/08	1	Mr.Qayyum	Custodial Death	Medak

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I. Custodial Deaths

Pardesi Raghuram, Vizianagaram

Died 30/08/01

- On 30 August 2001, Pardesi Raghuram, age 27, a tribal, was found dead in a police station lock-up in S. Kota Mandal, Vizianagaram District.
- According to police, Raghuram was arrested at 5:00pm on 29 August 2001 when spotted carrying 15 litres of ID arrack (country-made liquor) at Boddvara Junction in S. Kota.
- He was brought to the police station and detained in the lock-up. The police registered a case against him around 9:00pm.
- He was found dead by the sentry in the morning.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2001/08/31/stories/0431201e.htm>

Mallepalli Ramakrishna, Cuddapah

Died 22/02/03

- Mallepalli Ramakrishna, age 30, a fruit vendor, resided in Yerragudipalle, Pulivendula Mandal, Cuddapah District.
- He was arrested by excise personnel for keeping arrack (country made liquor) in a couple of places for his consumption. He had been remanded in Pulivendula jail since 20 December 2002.
- Mrs. Mallepalli Lingamma alleges that her husband complained of being tortured for three days and was treated in the Pulivendula Government Hospital when she met him in the jail on 13 February 2003.
- Ramakrishna, who was healthy earlier, developed swelling on the face and legs due to reaction caused by an injection given in the Pulivendula hospital.
- The victim's wife, Mrs. Mallepalli Lingamma believes that Mr. Ramakrishna died due to torture by excise police and sub-jail staff.

Full story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/andhra/RamakrishnaAP03.htm>

Boya Venkatanna, Mahaboobnagar

Died 27/02/03

- Boya Venkatanna was brought to the Maldakal Police Station in Mahaboobnagar District with two others, Boya Pedda Nagesh and Boya Chinna Nagesh, following an allegation of theft.
- No arrest warrant was produced for their arrest or detention
- Boya Venkatanna died on 27 February 2003.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/andhra/BoyaAP03.htm>
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Mailapalli Satya Srinivasa Rao, Srikakulam

Died 01/03/03

- Mailapalli Satya Srinivasa Rao, age 33, a lorry driver, resided in Koyvuru in West Godavari District.
- He was arrested with Ch Nageswara Rao in connection with diverting rice from a rice mill on the morning of 1 March 2003.
- Mailapalli Satya Srinivasa Rao and Nageswara Rao were then brought to the Kotabommali police station.
- Mailapalli Satya Srinivasa Rao was found dead later on 1 March 2003.
- Police claimed the victim hung himself.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/andhra/RaoAP03.htm>
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Gangappa, Tumarakunte

Died 15/04/03

- Gangappa was arrested on 13 April 2003 by Karnataka Police from Patapallya Station in Bagepalli Taluk, Karnataka in connection with a cattle theft case.
- Two days after his arrest, Gangappa's body was found near the Andhra Pradesh – Karnataka border.

- Sources state that Gangappa died in the police station on 15 April 2003, and the body was allegedly moved to the Andhra Pradesh border in the Sub-Inspector's jeep.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/karnataka/Gangappa0203.htm>
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Mr.Qayyum, Medak

Died 19/06/08

- On 19 June 2003, Mr. Qayyum was tortured and died in the custody at Sadasivapeta police station, in Sangareddy of Medak District.
- Mr. Qayyum was suspected of murdering a person named Srinivas.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/Review/2005/84-05.htm>
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Yadiki, Anantapur

Incident 11/11/03

- On 10 November, 2003 the district unit of the Communist Party of India alleged that the State Government is trying to cover up the facts in the Yadiki "custodial death" case.
- It is alleged that the probe being carried out by the CID is also trying to clear the names of the SI and other constables involved in the custodial death.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/Review/2005/84-05.htm>
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Chalaphatho, Madanapalle

Died 14/01/05

- On 12 January 2005, Chalapathi (35) was picked up by police from Basinikonda and taken to Madanapalle One-Town police station for interrogation in a murder case. Chalapathi's family witnessed him being taken into police custody.

- Later, his body was found lying in the shrubs off Horsley Hills Ghat road.
- CI, Ravikumar, and SI, Mallikharjuna Gupta were placed in suspension in relation to the suspected custodial death. Orders for suspension were given by Chittoor SP, M.V. Gopalakrishna, at the instance of the DIG, Anantapur.
- Members of the public continue picket in protest to Chalapathi's death.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/01/14/stories/2005011405920400.htm>

Gopi, Nellore

Died 20/01/05

- On 20 January 2005, S. Gopi (18) died whilst in the custody of Venkatagiri town police station, Nellore District.
- Gopi's relatives alleged that his death was a clear case of custodial death, however, the police maintained that it was suicide.
- According to the Superintendent of Police, B. Sivadhar Reddy, Gopi was expelled from college for allegedly teasing a girl studying in the same college.
- Enraged relatives of the girl thrashed Gopi and handed him over to the police. Gopi then filed a counter complaint.
- On hearing the news of Gopi's death, a large crowd gathered in front of the police station and staged a dharna, demanding action against the police. They also pelted stones on the station, resulting in injury to police. The police resorted to a lathi charge to disperse the crowd.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/01/20/stories/2005012009820400.htm>

Manda Yadagiri, Ranga Reddy

Died 10/06/06

- On 10 June 2006, Manda Yadagiri (25), a native of Kistapur Village in Medchal Mandal of Ranga Reddy District, died under suspicious circumstances in Gajwel police station.

- Yadagiri was taken into custody by the ID earlier in the day near Pragnapur. He was taken to Gajwel town police station for interrogation in connection with several burglary cases in the town. Gold ornaments weighing 3.5 tolas were recovered from Manda Yadagiri whilst he was in custody

Full story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2006/06/10/stories/2006061013760400.htm>
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E.Venkatachalapathy, Madanapalle

Died 15/01/05

- On 15 January, 2005 E.Venkatachalapathy died in police custody in Madanapalle.
- On 5 February at 11:00am, a magisterial enquiry was conducted into the custodial death in the Sub-Collector's office.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/01/27/stories/2005012710610400.htm>
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Eeswaraiah, Anantapur

Died 29/01/05

- On 29 Tadipatri Eeswaraiah, age 42, of Aakuthotapalli in Anantapur Rural Mandal, allegedly died in the custody of Itikalapalli police station, on the premises of Sri Krishnadevaraya University.
- The Superintendent of Police, R.S. Praveen Kumar, suspended the Sub-Inspector concerned, K.M. Krishna Reddy, making him responsible for the incident.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/01/29/stories/2005012910540400.htm>

P. Rambabu and V. Anjaneyulu, Unknown location

Died 11/08/04

- On 11 August 2004, remand prisoner P. Rambabu died in police custody.
- On 29 May 2004, remand prisoner V. Anjaneyulu died in police custody.
- The custodial deaths.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/03/18/stories/2005031813580300.htm>

Nanavath Bujji, Hyderabad

Died 15/01/06

- On January 15 2006, Nevavat Bujji died in the custody of Prohibition and Excise (P&E) police at Saroornagar in Hyderabad.
- She was reportedly picked up by Saroornagar excise officials on the charge of selling illicitly distilled liquor on January 14 2006.
- The P&E officials stated that she had consumed phenyl in the bathroom of Saroornagar P&E police station and was declared dead at Osmania General Hospital at about 6.30 am on 15 January 2006.
- However, Bujji's kin Nenavat Sali alleged in her police complaint that the deceased was raped and tortured to death by Inspector P. Krishna, two Sub-Inspectors and other constables in the police station.
- Based on the complaint, Saroornagar police registered a case of wrongful confinement, rape and murder against the personnel at the P&E police station. A magisterial inquiry was also ordered into the custodial death.
- Nanavath Bujji belonged to the tribal community.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2006/01/25/stories/2006012522470400.htm>
- *ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report*

II. Encounter Deaths

Srinu, Naveen, Jyothakka, and Two Women Cadres, Warangal

Died 26/07/02

- On 26 July 2002, Warangal District police killed five Naxalites: Srinu, the District Committee Member, Neveen, the Area Committee Secretary, Jyothakka, the Dharmasagar LGS Commandar, and two unknown women cadres.
- The deaths occurred on the hills near Damera and Devunuru Villages, bordering Warangal and Karimnagar districts.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2002/07/27/stories/2002072702520600.htm>

B Raja and G Sekhar, Akenapalli

Died 13/05/04

On 13 May 2004, two PWG Naxalites, B Raja alias Balanna and G Sekhar alias Raghu were reportedly killed in an encounter with police at Akenapalli in Adilabad District.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

III. Police Violence

Thirty Unidentified Students, Hyderabad

Incident 31/10/02

- On 31 October 2002, over 30 students were injured, some of them critically, when police lathi-charged their gathering near Indira Park in Hyderabad.
- The students were protesting against the Government's recent order that renders B.Com students ineligible to appear for the B.Ed entrance test.
- About four to five students collapsed on the spot from the severe beatings. Over 15 students were admitted to the Osmania General Hospital with some of them receiving severe injuries. The injured included Shravan Kumar, president, all-India AISF unit, and Eashwaraiah, AISF State secretary.
- The police then chased the agitating students until Ashoknagar Cross. The police said the students were only permitted to go up to Indira Park, but they headed towards Tank Bund thus forcing them to act. However, the agitating students said the lathi charge was unprovoked.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2002/11/01/stories/2002110106550600.htm>

Mohammed Habee, Humayunagar

Incident 05/05/04

- On 5 May 2004, Ravinder Goud and Venkateswarlu of Humayunagar police station allegedly beat Mohammed Habeeb, the watchman of the Fisheries Department office in Masab Tank after he refused to allow them to enter the premises with a prostitute.
- The alleged perpetrators were drunk at the time of the incident.
- Cases were reportedly registered against the two constables for causing injury and for criminal trespassing, but no action was taken.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

P.K.Vannamma, Anantapur

Incident 06/04

- In June 2004, a poor woman P.K.Vannamma of Penekalapadu in Kanekal Mandal, Anantapur District was allegedly beaten by the police in order to evict her from her lands.
- The police were acting at the behest of a person named Sanjiva Reddy.
- Vannamma was admitted to Anantapur General Hospital after the beating.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>
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Supriya, Hyderabad

Incident 14/07/05

- The Gopalapuram police booked a case against Sub-Inspector Vinod Kumar of the city police Task Force, on the charge of illegally confining, assaulting and intimidating his niece, who reportedly remarried against his wishes.
- SI Vinod Kumar and three of his relatives were booked under Section 384 (extortion) of the Indian Penal Code for forcibly seized Supriya's house keys and mobile phone.
- Supriya alleged that she was confined and tortured by SI Vinod Kumar.
- Supriya's husband Kaushik, lodged a complaint against SI Vinod Kumar, with the Gopalapuram police

Full story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/14/stories/2005071418800400.htm>
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Unidentified victim, Hyderabad

Died 03/05/06

- On 23 May 2006, six Hyderabad police allegedly caused the death of a man riding a motorbike, by throwing a baton at him.
- Six personnel, including sub-inspector Yadgiri Swami and police constable Muralidhar, were arrested.
- The arrest was ordered by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy.

Full story in:

- <http://www.nerve.in/andhra+pradesh+state+human+rights+commission/news:2535002325>

IV. Police Firing

Two Unidentified Victims, Hyderabad

Died 12/00

- On one day in December 2000, police fired guns at the crowd gathered outside the Andhra Pradesh State Assembly building for 45 minutes.
- Two victims died from the firing. Hundreds of others were injured.

Full story in:

- PUCL Bulletin, December 2000
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Unidentified Victim, Guntur

Died 12/07/01

- On 12 July 2001, the police in opened fire to separate two groups of clashing Telegu Desam and Congress party workers in Ravvavaram Village, Nujendla Mandal, Guntur District during the first phase of Panchayat elections.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2001/07/13/stories/04132013.htm>
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Shameer Basha, Kadapa

Incident 25/05/03

- On 25 May 2003, APCLC State Committee Leaders R. Shameer Basha, a lecturer; Kranthi Chaithanya, an advocate; Kadapa District committee activists C. Jawahar Babu, B. Bhaskar, A. Hameed, R. Ravishankar and G. Muralikrishna; RWA State General Secretary G. Pinakapani, a teacher; and Kadapa District Committee activists S. Ravikumar, Shaik Shafi and P. Varalakshmi were gathering in Rayachoti Town to protest the encounter deaths of four persons from the community.
- A Special Police party lead by Assistant Superintendent of Police of Kadapa District Mr. Narasinga Rao attacked and assaulted the APCLC gathering.
- The police lathi charged the crowd and beat the APCLC members so severely that Shameer Basha fractured his right hand and severely injured his eye. Similarly, Kranthi Chaitanya's right foot and toes were badly injured.

- The eleven activists were beaten so severely that they bore bruises even after a week.

Full story in:

- PUCL Archives
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Eight Unidentified Victims, Hyderabad

Incident 06/12/07

- On 6 December 2007, eight persons were injured when police opened fire to quell riotous mobs indulging in heavy stone-pelting, at several localities in the communally-sensitive old city of Hyderabad.
- More than six persons were injured in the stoning.
- As tension escalated in different areas, a house was set on fire in the Kabeli Kaman locality around midnight, while police patrol teams came under attack from belligerent mobs which hurled petrol bombs and stones.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2003/12/07/stories/2003120708860600.htm>
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Two Unidentified Victims, Vizianagaram

Died 18/01/04

- On 18 January 2004, Andhra Pradesh Police reportedly killed two villagers and injured three others when police opened fire to quell a rioting mob at Salur in Vizianagaram District.
- The mob was protesting against the apprehension of 15 alleged gamblers by Salur police station Sub-Inspector Venkata Appa Rao. The mob was demanding for the release of the gamblers.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>
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Yerra Satyam, Unknown location

Died 25/01/04

- On 25 January 2004, police shot dead Yerra Satyam, an alleged high-ranking member of the PWG, and his associate Sivanda alias Sankar.

- The two victims were believed to have been behind an assassination attempt on then Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu, in October 2003.
- Civil liberties activists allege that the two Naxalites were extrajudicially executed.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>
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Three Unidentified Victims, Mahaboobnagar

Died 28/03/04

- On the night of 28 March 2004, three members of PWG were reportedly killed in an exchange of fire in Nallamala forest area of Amramabad Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District.
- Another Naxalite was killed in an encounter that took place on the outskirts of Chinna Kistapur Village in Jagadevapur Mandal in Medak District on the same date.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>
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Mujahid, Hyderabad

Died 01/11/04

- On 1 November 2004, Mujahid was killed in a police firing on a crowd in front of the office of the Director-General of Police in Hyderabad.
- The crowd was trying to prevent the arrest of religious leader Moulana Nasiruddin, an accused in the murder case of former Gujarat minister Haren Pandya by the Gujarat police.
- The Home Minister reportedly ordered an inquiry into the death.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

T. Venkataramana, Gopalapuram

Incident 17/04/05

- On 17 April 2005, T. Venkataramana, a resident of Gopalapuram, suffered a bullet wound as a result of police firing on a crowd of protesting farmers at Mettupaka junction.
- T. Venkataramana was present at the protest. The police opened 15 rounds of fire and lobbed teargas shells on a crowd of approximately two thousand farmers. The farmers had been displaced by the Thotapalli barrage project, over allegations of irregularities in the tenders.
- Approximately twenty persons, including Parvathipuram Sub-Divisional police officer, K.V. Chandra Rao, and seven constables suffered head injuries as a result of stone throwing by the protestors. A retired school teacher, N. Govindapatrudu, who was passing by, was one among the injured persons

Full story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/04/17/stories/2005041706550600.htm>

Three Adivasis, Kadapa

Incident 18/07/05

- On 18 July 2005, a special police party opened fire on three tribals, mistaking them for Naxalites. The incident occurred in Galiveedu Mandal, Kadapa District.
- The special party on combing operations exchanged fire on a group of Maoists, but the latter fled, the police maintained.
- Kambhampati Reddappa (30), Lakshmaiah (50) and Jayachandra (15), of Yanadi community, were caught in the police fire.

Full story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/18/stories/2005071813270400.htm>

Chodipalli Nookaraju, Visakhapatnam

Died 27/03/06

- On 27 March 2006, a fisherman identified as Chodupalle Nookaraju was killed and dozens of others were injured when the police fired at a group of protestors.
- Some members of the fishing community were protesting against the construction of a port by a Dubai-based consortium at Gangavaram Village, Visakhapatnam District.
- The construction of the port would displace about 3,600 families in Gangavaram.
- The fishermen were demanding rehabilitation and jobs for their youth in the port and clashed with the police.
- Fifty other persons were also injured, including police and civilians.
- The Human Rights Forum condemned the huge police mobilisation to quash the agitation.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report
- <http://www.hindu.com/2006/03/28/stories/2006032811320300.htm>

V. Custodial Rape

Smt. Gangavalli Pushpakumari, Prakasam

Incident 28/06/04

- On 28 June 2004, Smt. Gangavalli Pushpakumari of Pullalacheruvu Village in Prakasam District committed suicide by setting herself ablaze after being raped by Sub Inspector Rameshbabu on 27 June 2004.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>
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Unidentified woman, Guntur

Incident 30/12/06

- On 30 December 2006, a woman from Guntur was allegedly raped by constable B Radha Krishna at One Town police station in Vijayawada.
- B Radha Krishna was suspended and a case was registered against him. The police stated that the woman was picked up in connection with seven cases registered against her.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report

VI. Police Torture

Anjaiah, Nizamabad

Incident 28/06/04

- On 28 June 2004, the Andhra Pradesh Police, led by Circle Inspector Venkat Reddy, raided a private stone quarry at Fakirbad, Navipet Mandal, Nizamabad District.
- The quarry was allegedly using detonators, which are also used by Naxalites. The police reportedly seized some detonators from the quarry office.
- Anjaiah, the quarry manager along with 10 other labourers were picked up by the police and brought to the police station.
- The police interrogated Anjaiah and the labourers for approximately seven hours, severely torturing them in order to extract information about the supply of blasting materials.
- Anjaiah reportedly collapsed at the police station after being tortured.
- The police then reportedly shifted him to a private hospital at Nizamabad stating that he had suffered a heart attack.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

Venkat Reddy, B Ravi and Mohammed Yaqub, Warangal

Incident 20/11/04

- On 20 November 2004, prisoners Venkat Reddy, B Ravi, and Mohammed Yaqub allegedly attempted suicide for the second time in a week to escape the atrocities of the Jail Superintendent R Narsimha Reddy at the central jail in Warangal, Andhra Pradesh
- The three men consumed an excessive quantity of sleeping pills.
- Other inmates also went on an indefinite hunger strike in solidarity with Venkat, Ravi and Mohammed.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

Anand, Kurnool

Died 24/12/04

- On 24 December 2004, Anand (23) committed suicide in Kurnool by jumping in front of a train. Anand was suffering from depression after he had been tortured by the police.
- According to a letter purportedly written by the deceased, a copy of which was sent to an English daily on 25 December 2004, Anand and his friends David, Naveen, Mujeeb and Bhaskar were brutally tortured by sub-inspector Ravi Kumar.
- The Sub-Inspector picked up Kurnool and his friends while they were loitering on the road.
- The Sub-Inspector allegedly urinated in the mouths of the victims.

Full story in:

- <http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR05/INDIA-AR2005.pdf>

G Srikanth, Hyderabad

Incident 21/03/06

- On the night of 21 March 2006, a senior journalist of Times of India, G Srikanth was manhandled and taken to the Punjagutta police station by Sub Inspector Ranga Reddy and constable Mansoor Ali.
- The police gave no reason for taking G Srikanth into custody. At the time the police picked him up, G Srikanth was having a cup of tea at a wayside stall in the heart of the city at night. Although Mr Srikanth identified himself, the police personnel did not listen to him.
- He was detained and subjected to ill-treatment by police throughout the night.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report

Sheikh Mahmood, Amberpet

Died 13/03/06

- On March 13 2006, Sheikh Mahmood was picked up by the Amberpet police from his house in Premnagar.
- Following his release on March 20 2006, Sheikh Mahmood alleged that he was subjected to third degree torture during illegal custody.
- Sheikh Mahmood filed a complaint with the Andhra Pradesh State Human Rights Commission against Inspector Shivaram Prasad.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report
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Syed Saleem, Hyderabad

Incident 03/06/06

- On 3 June 2006, Syed Saleem of Achi Reddy Nagar was picked up by the police and taken to Falaknuma police station in Hyderabad.
- Syed Saleem was interrogated in connection with the theft of Rs 1.25 lakh worth of gold. It was alleged that the victim's friend Mohammed Saleem was guilty of the theft, and the police were trying to extract information from Syed Saleem by torturous measures.
- Syed Saleem was allegedly beaten up by the police during three days of illegal detention at Falaknuma police station
- Sub-Inspector T. Nagender allegedly demanded Rs 10,000 from Syed Saleem.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report

VII. Extrajudicial Killings

T Nageshwar Rao, Warangal

Died 07/04/06

- On the night of 7 April 2006, the police killed a civilian identified as T Nageshwar Rao at Kondaparthi Village in Warangal District suspecting him to be a Maoist cadre.
- T Nageshwar Rao was a civilian but was mistaken for a Maoist by the police during anti-Maoist operations.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report
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Marri Lavakar, Medak

Died 07/04/06

- On the night of 7 April 2006, Marri Lavakar (19) was allegedly killed by the police when he was returning from the fields in Kadavalli Village, Medak District.
- Director-General of police, Swaranjit Sen reportedly admitted police responsibility for the death and promised compensation to the bereaved families.
- On 9 April 2006, the State Government ordered a high-level inquiry into the killing of these two civilians.

Full story in:

- ACHR's 2007 India Human Rights Report

Fact Finding 2007
Monitoring in Andhra Pradesh
(Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medak, Nalgonda,
Mahabubnagar)

01-Custodial Death

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/03/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Mudiraj Anjaiah; 2) Gopal
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Rama Devi, SI;
2) Sai Krishna, Inspector;
3) Unnamed Police Constables
Location : Shadnagar, Mahaboobnagar District
Date of incident : 19/1/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mudiraj Anjaiah was 55 at the time of his death. He belonged to the Mudiraj Caste (B.C.) and resided in Shadnagar, Mahaboobnagar District.

Vadde Ramulu, a neighbor, had made indecent sexual comments toward Anjaiah's sister Susheela and lured her for sex. Susheela told her husband Gopal and Anjaiah, who became enraged and went to Vadde Ramulu's house and slapped him. One week later, Vadde Ramulu died of ill health. His relatives suspected that his death was triggered by Anjaiah's beating, despite the fact that the medical report confirmed that Vadde Ramulu's death was from ill health. Vadde Ramulu's relatives lodged a criminal complaint against Gopal and Anjaiah. Gopal and Anjaiah later surrendered to police custody.

On 19 January 2007, Anjaiah was found dead in the police station. The police claimed that he accidentally fell from the terrace, but there were scratches found all over Anjaiah's body.

Gopal, said that on the night of 18 January 2007, Sub-Inspector Ms. Rama Devi and Inspector Mr. Sai Krishna beat them. SI Rama Devi then ordered the constables to give Gopal and Anjaiah the 'police treatment.' Gopal and Anjaiah's hands were tied to the window grills, and they were beaten by 10-12 constables the entire night and received death threats. Gopal stated that Anjaiah died from the beatings that night, and the police then threw his body from the terrace.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/38/2007
Victim(s) : Jijjuru Satyanarayana
Perpetrator(s) : D. Lakshman, SI
Location : Nakarekal PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 02/08/2007

Case Details:

On 01-08-2008, robbery took place in the Chandampalli village Nakrekal Mandal. Basing the complaint of the sarpanch and MPTC of Chandampalli village Police Nakreka visited the spot at about 1.30 a.m early hours and took the deceased Jijjuru Satyanarayana who was hail from Tirumakunta Khammam Dist for livelihood to P.S.Nakrekal. Next day morning SI Nakrekal inquired about case with deceased Jijjuru Satyanarayana but he did not revealed any thing. SI ordered the Head constable inquired the case with victim Satyanarayana. On 03-08-2008 victim Satyanarayana found dead in suspicion condition in the hospital Satyanaraya's family was informed at 3.00pm that day. First the police told them that he died in a road mishap while en route to the hospital. Later they told the family that he committed suicide in police station bath room. The police maintain that Satyanarayana hung himself with his pant in the police bath room. Satyanaraya had no previous record and no previous psychological problems. There were no physical injuries on his body at his time of death. The body was sent to Hyderabad for a postmordem at the request of the family, and RDO Hari Singh could not confirm reasons for Satyanaraya's death

Victim Jijjuru Satyanarayana had been married for 12 years and had two children.. He was working as an agricultural laborer in the Tirumalakunta village of Khammam district. Fifteen days before his death, he had left his village in search of work. He had sent word to his family that he had he joined in a company in Chowtappal mandalMandal.

On the 1st of August 2007, in Chandampalli village Village, of Nakarekal mandalMandal, one unidentified person entered a house and threatened the occupant, who was watching TV programmes. The Sarpanch, MPTC, and other villagers reported the incident to the Nakarekal police, and the head Head Cconstable who was on duty at the station sent two constables and two home guards. They reached the village at 1:.30am and brought the suspectSatyanarayana, who happened to be in the area, to the police station for questioning. Satyanarayana was unfortunate enough to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

SI Sub-Inspector Lakshman reached the police station next day on 2 August at about 10.00am and tried to collect details from Satyanarayanainterrogated the victim. Believing that As

Satyanarayana was not properly answering his questions, giving his details properly, he the SI sent the victim to the Head Constable was handed over to the head constable for interrogation. After some time, he Satyanarayana was again interrogated by the SI.

On the 3rd of August 2007 between 10:30 and 11:00am, Satyanarayana was found dead between 10.30am and 11.00am. in the police station.

Satyanarayana's The victim's family was informed at 3.00pm that day. The police first First the police told them that he Satyanarayana died in a road mishap while en route to the hospital. Later they They later told the family that he Satyanarayana committed suicide in a police station bath room, hanging himself with his pants. The police maintain that Satyanarayana hung himself with his pants in the police bath room.

Satyanarayana had no previous criminal record and no previous psychological problems. There were no physical injuries on his body The victim's body bore no trace of physical injuries at his time of death. The body was sent to Hyderabad for a postmordem post-mortem at the request of the family, and but RDO Hari Singh could not confirm determine the reasons for Satyanarayana's death.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/51/2007
Victim(s)	: Dubbaki Bhaskar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Haranath, Jail Officer, Cherlapalli Central Jail 2) Venkateswarlu, Jail Officer, Cherlapalli Central Jail 3) Srinivas, Jail Warden, Cherlapalli Central Jail
Location	: Cherlapalli Central Jail
Date of incident	: 31/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim, Dubbaki Bhaskar, age 26, was a sentenced to life in prison and was serving his sentence at Cherlapalli Central Jail.

On 25 July 2007, following a fight between prisoners, the victim was beaten indiscriminately by the Jail Officers on his abdomen. As a result, Dubbaki Bhaskar vomited blood. Per the advice of the Jail Medical Officer, the victim was admitted at the Emergency Ward of Osmania General Hospital. Dubbaki Bhaskar died on 31 August 2007 from severe abdominal injuries.

02-False Charge

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/03/2007
Victim(s) : Anwar
Perpetrator(s) : POs, L.B. Nagar PS
Location : L.B. Nagar PS, Hyderabad
Date of incident : 12/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Anwar, age 24, lives in Yakatpura, Hyderabad with his wife, children, and parents.

On 12 January 2007, at around 12:00am, some unidentified men abducted Anwar while he was sleeping in his house. The men informed Anwar's family that he would be returned immediately, but he did not come back.

Two days later, Anwar's family learned that L.B. Nagar PS police officers had detained Anwar. At the station, the police officers severely beat Anwar all over his body. The L.B. Nagar PS police officers demanded a Rs. 20,000 bribe from Anwar's family to secure his release. They further threatened to lodge a murder case against Anwar if they did not pay the bribe. Anwar's family was unable to pay the bribe, and so the police registered cases against Anwar.

On 16 January 2007, Anwar was produced before a court.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/46/2007;
AP/NLG/FF/48/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Thati Ramesh;
2) Ponnala Shiva Shankar
Perpetrator(s) : POs, Nalgonda PS
Location : Nalgonda PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 15/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Thati Ramesh, age 20, is a labourer in the fishing industry. Victim Ponnala Shiva Shankar, age 22, is an auto driver and cleaner. They both belong to the Veeramusti caste and live in Nalgonda District.

The victims were arrested by the Nalgonda police for allegedly stealing gold. Both deny their involvement in any thefts. At the Nalgonda PS, POs beat Thati Ramesh and Shiva Shankar and threatened them to accept responsibility for various theft cases reported in the city.

The Nalgonda police did not produce the victims before the court for 22 days. Before sending them to court, POs threatened Thati Ramesh and Shiva Shankar to state that they had only been arrested the previous day. Two days afterwards, Ramesh and Shiva Shankar were taken to the Devarakonda PS, where they were falsely charged with committing another theft.

Ramesh and Shiva Shankar have been held in the district jail for the last six months. They asked the magistrate for their case papers but have not received a proper reply. The police told Ramesh and Shiva Shankar that they have six cases registered against them but they are unwilling to produce any papers relating to any of these cases.

FF Code:	: AP/NLG/FF/62/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Boddi Narasimha; 2) Boddi Naresh
Perpetrator(s)	: Khammam Police, Nalgonda District
Location	: Khammam Rural PS, Nalgonda
Date of incident	: 25/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Boddi Narsasimha, age 55, is a driver by occupation. Victim Boddi Naresh, age 19, is his son. They live in Guninagar Village, Mallelamadugu Mandal, Khammam District.

On 25 September 2007, Boddi Naresh was arrested by Khammam Rural POs in connection to an auto theft case. When Boddi Narasimha went to the police station to ask about his son, he was detained as well. Both victims were shifted from one police station to another and were harassed over a 20 day period. They were later moved to a district jail, where they spent six months. The police dropped the auto theft charge against Boddi Naresh when they recovered the allegedly stolen auto, but the police continued to falsely charge the victims with committing different offenses. The victims then spent seven months in custody at the Nalgonda II Town Jail.

Despite getting bail, they lack the funds to post bail.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/16/2007
Victim(s)	: Guthi Narasimha
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mallamma; 2) Srinivas Reddy, CI, Maheswaram PS
Location	: Maheswaram PS
Date of incident	: 14/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Narasimha is working as a labourer, residing in Maheswaram mandal.

On 14 June 2007, Narasimha was arrested along with eighteen other villagers allegedly on a false case. Narasimha was constructing a house on Panchayat land. Sixty other people had already constructed their houses on the same land. The Panchayat leader (Sarpanch) Ms. Mallamma remained silent until the house was constructed and finally when it was near completion she made a complaint to the police stating that the victim had constructed a house on land allotted for the construction of the DWACRA building. All the villagers gathered in support of Narasimha. Maheswaram police, led by CI Srinivas Reddy, went to the village and arrested nineteen people. They were kept under illegal detention for four days and subjected to torture.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/19/2007
Victim(s)	: Komaramma
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Moinabad PS
Location	: Moinabad PS
Date of incident	: 21/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Komaramma, age 25, is a member of the Dalit community. Komaramma was arrested by the police of Moinabad PS on a false allegation. The police forced her to agree that she had encouraged her husband Hanumanthu to commit suicide. The police were acting in favour of her in-laws.

According to Komaramma's statement, her and her husband did not have any financial or family problems. She also states that she was not aware of the reasons for her husband's suicide. The police of Moinabad PS subjected her to brutal torture causing her injury.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/20/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Yedla Pandaiah; 2) Yedla Raghumaiah; 3) Yedla Venkatesh; 4) Yedla Ganesh
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Yedla Anjaneyulu 2) Police, Kandukur PS
Location	: Kandukur PS
Date of incident	: 07/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Yedla Pandaiah, aged 60 has two sons and three brothers, who are all cultivators of the land they inherited from their father.

On 7 August 2007, one of Pandaiah's relatives, Yedla Anjaneyulu abused some of Pandaiah's female relatives and claimed their house as his. Pandaiah tried to prevent him, as a result of which the perpetrator filed a false case against him at Kandukur PS, stating that his head and hands were injured.

Pandaiah explained to the police that this was a property dispute that they could sort out amongst themselves. This angered the police, who abused Pandaiah with obscene language, they also threatened to teach him a lesson. The police then filed a false case against Pandaiah.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/21/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Mohammad Masud Pasha; 2) Mohammad Hasan Pasha
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Pahadi Sharif PS
Location	: Pahadi Sharif PS
Date of incident	: 22/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Mohammed Masud Pasha, aged 50 and his son Mohammed Hasan Pasha, aged 20 were residing in Pahadi Sharif village.

On 22 July 2007, at 3.00pm both men were arrested by the police of Pahadi Sharif PS based on a complaint lodged by their neighbour Aisha Begum. Aisha stated that both the men had raped her 13 year old daughter while she was alone at home.

Police entered their house and took them to Pahadi Sharif PS. The police subjected them to torture and abuse with out following proper procedures of arrest. They were illegally confined for three days and not presented before a court. The police also tried to send the victims to the prison by filing them under a false case.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/22/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Yedaiah 2) Mahender
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sudarsan Reddy, SI, Kandukur PS;
2) Police, Kandukur PS
Location : Kandukur PS
Date of incident : 11/05/2007

Case Details:

Victims Yedaiah and Mahender belong to a poor Dalit family. They are both daily wage labourers.

On 11 May 2007, Yedaiah and his male and female, family members were arrested by the police of Kandukur PS on the allegation that they had encouraged Yedaiah's elder son to indulge in robbery. Yedaiah's younger son Mahender was dragged to the police jeep because he had questioned the police. At the station they were all detained without any food for five consecutive days. The police threatened the family members that they would only be released when they handed over the younger son. The police refused to tell them the name of the person that had lodged a complainant against the younger son.

After three days Mahender was set free, after intervention by the District Congress President. After returning home, Mahender felt insulted and attempted suicide by consuming pesticide.

The police unjustly detained an entire family, when only one family member was wanted on a theft charge. Moreover the police also failed to produce the arrested persons at the court within 24 hours of the arrest. They were detained under illegal custody and no charge was filed.

03-Encounter Death

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/08/07
Victim(s) : Raju
Perpetrator(s) : Unnamed Police
Location : Yemulapaya forest village
Date of incident : 27/02/2007

Case Details:

Ramulu, age 50, resides in Mukkidigundam Village of Kollapur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District. He is a labourer.

Ramulu sent his son Raju to look after Mucherla Chandraiah's cattle. Mucherla Chandraiah's son worked for Maoist party. Observing this, the police visited Mucherla Chandraiah's house and tortured Raju alleging that he was supplying food for the Maoist Naxalites. Ramulu's son was found missing, and a search party could not find him.

On 28 February 2007 two Police constables from Kollapur PS visited Ramulu's house and informed that his son Raju was dead. They explained that he died in a police encounter at the outskirts of Yemulapaya forest village. Ramulu went to the spot where his son was shot dead. Raju's post mortem report showed that three bullets had pierced through Raju's chest, neck and back.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/47/2007
Victim(s) : Talari Krishna, alias Sanjeev,
alias Jeevan
Perpetrator(s) : Unnamed Police
Location : Nallamala forest
Date of incident : 28/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Talari Krishna, alias Sanjeev, alias Jeevan is 30 years old. Jeevan Resided in Venkatapuram village in Koudipalli mandal of Medak district. He served as a member in the Maoist Nallamala committee.

On 28 August 2007, Jeevan was killed in a police encounter in Nallamala forest area.

The Maoist party was conducting two days of plenary meetings under the leadership of state leaders Sambasivudu and Pratap. The police arrived and opened fire on the group. The police took the Maoists by surprise, and the Maoists resorted to counter fire. Jeevan was killed in the encounter and head constable Akkaiah was severely injured. Jeevan was taken to Hyderabad for medical treatment.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/03/2007
Victim(s)	: Mr. Lavakumar
Perpetrator(s)	: Police
Location	: Boppapur Village
Date of incident	: 03/03/2006

Case Details:

Victim Mr. Lavakumar resided in Boppapur Village, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District.

On 3 March 2006, at about 8:00pm, Lavakar, Mr. Mari Suri, Mari Prasad and Sukuri Ramulu went to their agricultural motor pump sets in the fields. While they were on their way to the field, police stepped out from a jeep and asked who they were and where they were going. The group replied that they were all from Boppapur Village and were going to their fields to open the pumps, as the power supply came only by night. The police immediately began firing at the individuals, and Lavakar was shot by the police. The police took Lavakar's body to Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad.

Mari Prasad went to Chandram, Lavakar's father, crying and told him about the incident. Chandram asked the police what happened. The police officer stated that there was a Naxalites meeting. The police officer alleged that they were fired upon and in self-defense fired back. On 4 March 2006 the police informed Chandram that his son was dead.

Chandram and other villagers immediately went to Hyderabad and brought back Lavakar's body. Chandram, his wife, his brothers, as well as some villagers and Dalit Leaders brought Lavakar's body to the police station. They protested in front of the Dubbaka PS until the MLA, District Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of Police arrived. Inside the station, the SP apologized to Chandram and said they would compensate his family by providing them with one government job, 5 Lakhs in cash and a house plot in Siddipet.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/04/2007
Victim(s) : Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy
Perpetrator(s) : police
Location : Seeleru, West Godavari district,
Vishaka Patnam forest
Date of incident : 01/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy was a 26 year-old resident of Peddagundavelli village in Medak district and belonged to the forward Caste Reddy Community. There is a prevalence of Maoists in Thakkadi's village. After Thakkadi finished his 10 Standard schooling, he left home. It was rumored that Thakkadi joined the Maoist group. Dubbaka Police repeatedly visited Thakkadi's mother seeking him, and they warned her that if Thakkadi did not surrender himself he would be shot dead in an encounter.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/08/2007
Victim(s) : Takkadi Narimha Reddy
Perpetrator(s) : Police from Dubbaka PS
Location : Sileru Forest in West Godavari
and Vishaka Agency
Date of incident : 01/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy, age 26, resided in Peddagundavelli Village, Dubbka Mandal, Medak District. He belonged to Reddy Caste.

On 1 March 2007, 12 years after joining the Maoist Party, Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy was on his way home when he was caught by the police in Seeleru, West Godavari District, Vishaka Patnam forest agency. There, Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy was tortured and killed.

Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy's father, mother and bother-in-law went to the police station to identify his body. There were multiple injuries on Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy's body: his neck was slit, his fingers were severed, and his remaining fingernails had been pried off. Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy's father, could not recognize his son at first sight.

The Police from Dubbaka Police Station previously threatened Thakkadi Narsimha Reddy's mother, Takkadi Laxhamma, to make her son surrender, or else the police would kill him in an encounter.

FF Code	: AP/NLG/FF/12/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Boddy Ramalingaiah (Kranthi)
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Khammam PS
Location	: Utkura Village, Shouligouram mandal, Nalgonda District
Date of incident	: 24/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Boddu Ramalingaiah (alias Kranthi), was from Ukthur Village, Shouligouram Mandal, Nalgonda District. He belongs to the Backward Castes and resided with his parents, Boddu Somaiah (60) and Boddu Somamma (45) .

Kranthi worked underground in the Naxalite movement for 12 years and rose to the level of Polavaram Committee Secretary. As Secretary, Kranthi visited Kukkanur Mandal in Khammam District to meet people displaced by the Polavaram Irrigation Project.

Based on information from an informant, police officers approached Kranthi's team and started firing without issuing a warning. Three Naxalites, including Kranthi, died from the firing.

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FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/06/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Fareena Begum
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sattar; 2) Yousuf
Location : Nizamabad District
Date of incident : 11/09/2005

Case Details:

Victim Fareena Begum, age 4, was a student.

On September 11 2005, Begum was raped and murdered by the ward member, Sattar. He was assisted by an RMP doctor, Yousuf, in the murder.

On October 17 2005, Begum's parents lodged a complaint with the police. They submitted many subsequent memorandums to the police, but no police action followed. The police ultimately registered the case as a suicide.

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/15/2007
Victim(s) : Sathar
Perpetrator(s) : POs, Tapachabutra PS
Location : Tapachabutra
Date of incident : 07/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sathar had a dispute with Althamash regarding his house. Althamash harassed the victim several times. Although Sathar complained to the police several times, the police took no action.

On 7 April 2007, Althamash beat Sathar until he rendered Althamash unconscious.

Sathar lodged a complaint with the Tapachabutra PS, but the police never registered a case. Althamash then attacked Sathar for a second time. Only then the police registered a case.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/02/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Venkatesh;
2) Umamaheswari
Perpetrator(s) : Mohan Reddy, PO
Location : Mahaboobnagar
Date of incident : 16/01/2007

Case details:

Victim Venkatesh, age 40, is a criminal lawyer who resides in Mahabubnagar District.

After a murder in Yellareddypalli Village, the police detained Bal Singh Naik's wife, Umamaheswari to the police station for two days, threatening not to release her until her husband surrendered.

Venkatesh filed a petition against the illegal detention of the accused's wife at the High Court. He also filed a petition for the accused. He brought some of the accused individuals to court and presented them to the media

The police got upset with Venkatesh and alleged that he was co-operating with the accused. The DSP of police, Mohan Reddy maintained that Venkatesh gave Bal Singh Naik shelter and co-operated with him by promising him legal services after he had committed a crime. The police threatened to register a First Incident Report against him, which made Venkatesh panic, and he stopped moving bail petitions on behalf of the accused.

Venkatesh challenged the case against him in the High Court.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/34/2007
Victim(s) : Yellama
Perpetrator(s) : POs, Dharur PS
Location : Bhepuram Village, Mahaboobnagar
Date of incident : 01/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Yellama, age 13, is a Dalit and lives in the village of Bhemuram in Mahaboobnagar district.

On 1 July 2007, at around 11.00pm, two upper caste PJP project employees, Chand and B Narsimhulu, entered Yellama's house and tried to rape her. Yellama's father prevented the rape, and Chand and B Narsimulu beat Yellama and her father before they escaped.

On 2 July 2007, Yellama's father complained to the police at the Dharur PS. However, due to pressure from political

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/37/2007
Victim(s)	: Ventakappa
Perpetrator(s)	: Police
Location	: Ayyavaripalli, Damaragidda mandal, Mahaboobnagar district
Date of incident	: 12/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ventakappa, age 25, belongs to the Dalit caste and resides in Ayyavaripalli, Damaragidda Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District.

On 12 July 2007, Ventakappa went to take part in the Shravan Masam Jathara function in her village. There, she and other villagers found Backward Caste members from two different villages, Pediripadu and Sakalonipalli, quarrelling. The Dalits tried to separate the individuals to calm the situation. Thereupon, the individuals from both villages became angry and insulted the Dalits with caste-related terms, and beat them up.

Ventkappa went with Lalappa to complain to the police. However, the police refused to investigate the matter unless they were paid Rs. 50,000.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/40/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Peddintamma; 2) Mahalakshi
Perpetrator(s)	: Malla Reddy, SI
Location	: Kothur, Mahaboobnagar district
Date of incident	: 12/08/2007

Case Details:

Peddintamma is 45 years of age and works in a hotel canteen in Kothur village, Mahaboobnagar district. She has a 17 year-old son, Ramesh and a 19 year-old daughter Mahalakshi.

On 12 August 2007, Ramesh went to a movie with his friends. All of his friends returned to their houses, but Ramesh did not return home. He was missing from that day onwards. Peddintamma and Mahalakshi went to the police and made a complaint, but they did not receive any response.

Later, the case was published in the Eenadu daily newspaper. The police remained inactive and have not conducted any further investigations into the case.

SI Malla Reddy from Kothur stated that he did not receive any complaint relating to this case.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/44 /2007
Victim(s) : Narasimhulu
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Narayana Reddy;
2) Pedda Narasimhulu; 3) Raju;
4) Rama Krishna
Location : Ija village,
Mahaboobnagar district
Date of incident : 22/07/2007

Case Details

The victim Narasimhulu, age 35, is a resident of Ija village, Mahaboobnagar district. He belongs to the Backward Caste and works as a labourer.

On 22 July 2007, Narasimhulu was sitting in front of his house, Pedda Narasimhulu and seven others attacked him and damaged his house. Narasimhulu made a complaint against the attackers in Ija police station.

ASI Narayana Reddy, without registering the case against the attackers, registered a case against Narasimhulu. Narasimhulu failed to pay the Rs 3,000 bribe demanded by the ASI. As a result the ASI diverted his investigation and registered cases against Narasimhulu and one other person.

Narasimhulu complained to the SP about ASI's behavior. The SP immediately directed the CI to conduct an investigation into the episode. Narasimhulu now hopes that the CI will do him justice by registering a case against the eight people who attacked him.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/49/2007
Victim(s) : Gokari Ramudu and his son
(Deceased)
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sake Prabhudas, police,
2) Unnamed police
Location : Macharla village, Gattu mandal,
Mahabubnagar district.
Date of incident : 06/01/2005

Case Details:

Gokari Ramudu belongs to the Scheduled caste. He is a resident of Macharla village in Gattu mandal of Mahabubnagar district. His five-year-old son Gnaneswar has been missing since 4 January 2005. He was said to be kidnapped while playing near Anganwadi School. After two days, on 6 January 2007, his dead body was found behind the SC community hall.

Gokari Ramudu lodged a complaint at the police station. He suspected that policeman Sake Prabhudas and other unnamed police had kidnapped his son and killed him owing to a quarrel that persisted over a road contract. Gokari Ramudu alleged that same suspected people had earlier killed his father-in-law.

As local police failed to respond, Gokari Ramudu met the SP and the Collector several times seeking their intervention. Later, Collector P Usha Rani handed the case over to CID. Although CID officials visited Gokari Ramudu's village on 20 June 2007 no progress was shown in the case. Despairing, at the lack of action Gokari Ramudu attempted to commit suicide at Delhi Red Fort on August 15.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/51/2007
Victim(s)	: Pulusu Kanthamma,
Perpetrator(s)	: 1)Mondi Venkataiah2)Sale Satish
Location	: Kanmanur village located at Narva mandal in Mahabubnagar
Date of incident	: 09/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim Pulusu Kanthamma is a 15-year-old Dalit girl. She is the only daughter of Chandrappa and Chandamma, the family reside in Kanmanur village located at Narva mandal in Mahabubnagar district.

Pulusu Kanthamma worked selling beedi. A land lord Sale Satish developed sexual relations with Pulusu Kanthamma , although she was a minor girl. For nearly one year this continued; as a result she became pregnant. Village elders and land lords were determined to keep the pregnancy quiet and a sum of Rs 14,000 was paid to conceal the matter and a marriage was conducted. On 9 January 2007 at a Anjaneya temple, near Jannaram village the village elders gave Pulusu Kanthamma in marriage to 60-year-old Mondy Venkataiah . This event caused a sensation and received much media attention. Mass organizations started agitations against the marriage, but to no result. The village elders and landlords managed to conceal the issue.

On 11 January 2007 some Dalit Organizations (including Dalit Bahujan Shramika Union) made a complaint to Sathish, but the Police refused to register a case

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/53/2007
Victim(s) : Vallavat Naik
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Deputy Sarpanch Rajavardhan Reddy; 2) A.E. Raman Goud, police
Location : Village Gangaram Thanda, Bijnapalli mandal, Mahabubnagar district.
Date of incident : 29/01/2007

Case Details:

Vallavat Naik, aged 35, was elected as MPTC for the village of Gangaram Thanda, located at Bijnapalli mandal in Mahabubnagar district. He is a Dalit activist.

On 29 January 2007, when he was traveling to Pallagadda Thanda during night, he found Deputy Sarpanch Rajavardhan Reddy and Raman Goud measuring the water pump. Wondering what they were doing, Vallavat approached to question them. Rajavardhan Reddy became angry and beat Vallavat. The two perpetrators also verbally abused Vallavat, calling him by his caste name.

Vallavat felt insulted and made a complaint at the police station. To date the police have failed to register the case.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/54/2007
Victim(s) : Karigalla Kotaiah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ranjith Kumar; 2) Jitender Reddy; 3) Rama Reddy; 4) Unnamed police.
Location : Bijinepalli village, Mahabubnagar district
Date of incident : 06/07/2007

Case Details:

Karigalla Kotaiah, aged 26 resides in Bijinepalli village in Mahabubnagar district. He works as a labour in Hyderabad.

On 6 July 2007 Karigalla purchased a bottle of liquor and began drinking it in front of the shop. Meanwhile, Ranjith Kumar asked Karigalla to fetch him a matchbox, but he refused to do so. This enraged Ranjith Kumar. Along with his two friends, Jitender Reddy and Rama Reddy Ranjith, Kumar stabbed Karigalla in his stomach with a broken beer bottle. When they saw Karigalla was bleeding, they ran away. With the help of villagers Karigalla went to the police station, to file a complaint. He also went to the hospital for treatment.

The police have shown considerable negligence and did not register a case until some Dalit organizations insisted they did so.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/58/2007
Victim(s)	: Madas Manemma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramalu; 2) Balappa; 3) Narayan; 4) CI Venkat Reddy
Location	: Yelkicharla village, Bhuthpur mandal, Mahabubnagar district
Date of incident	: 14/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Madas Manemma, aged 25 is married to her mother's brother Balaiah. Five months ago they moved to Yelkicharla village located at Bhuthpur mandal in Mahabubnagar. Balaiah works at Hyderabad and visits his family once a week.

Meanwhile Madas Manemma developed an illicit relationship with her neighbour Ramulu. Soon after Ramulu married. On 14 September 2007, Ramulu visited Madas Manemma, and forced her to have sex with him, when she refused he raped her. Ramulu's father was aware of what happened and also made unsavory advances towards Madas Manemma and abused her with obscene language.

Later Ramulu's brother Narayana also raped Madas Manemma. At the time of the incident she fell down unconscious. After regaining consciousness, Ramulu, Balappa and Narayan attempted to kill her by pouring kerosene over her body and igniting her. Later they called the police stating that they had found a woman who had ignited herself in their village.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/58/2007
Victim(s) : Madas Manemma
Perpetrator(s) : Venkat Reddy, Chief Inspector,
Mahabubnagar
Location : Mahabubnagar
Date of incident : 14/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Madas Manemma, age 25, is a SC member residing in Yelkicharla, Bhuthpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar since April 2007.

Madas Manemma's husband worked in Hyderabad and returned home once a week. Taking advantage of her loneliness, her neighbor Ramulu began a relationship with her. Following Ramulu's marriage, however, Madas Manemma stopped allowing Ramulu into her home.

On 14 September 2007, Ramulu entered Madas Manemma's home and raped her. Seeing him leaving her home, Ramulu's father Balappa approached her, abused her, and also raped her. After his return Ramulu's brother Narayana also raped her. Madas Manemma lost consciousness. After regaining consciousness, Madas Manemma went inside. However, Ramulu, Balappa, and Narayana attacked her and attempted to murder her by pouring kerosene on her and setting her on fire. They then removed her burned saree, covered her in a blanket, and made a phone call to the police stating that a woman had set fire to herself in the village.

Meanwhile, some villagers took Madas Manemma to the Mahabubnagar hospital. Her condition was very serious. The police did not file a complaint u/s 376G IPC or under the SC/ST Prevention Act. Chief Inspector Venkat Reddy has made no arrests.

Madas Manemma has since been diagnosed as HIV-positive. The CI stated that this is a false case and that he is planning to close the investigation.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/63/2007
Victim(s)	: Kavitha
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Venkata Reddy; 2) Appala Naidu, SI, TelkaPalli PS
Location	: Government High School, Mandal headquarter, Telkapalli
Date of incident	: 20/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Kavitha, is a 12-year-old girl studying in seventh grade at Government High School in mandal headquarter Telkapalli. Venkata Reddy is teacher at the school. Venkata Reddy handles Kavitha's tuition fees.

On 20 August 2007, at 8 pm Venkata Reddy asked Kavitha to come to the school. When she arrived he attempted to rape her. When she cried out for help, many students and people near by rushed to help her. Then Venkata Reddy immediately absconded from the school. Although a complaint was given at TelkaPalli PS no action was taken.

Students from various schools protested for about two hours at the police station demanding action. SFI leaders alleged that no case was registered even after 24 hours of the incident and the accused was not arrested. CI Venkateswarlu told the protestors that a case was registered under IPC 324 section and assured them that he would arrest the accused.

Later on 21 August 2007 at about 11:00 p.m. the students protested near Nehru Chourasta at Telkapally Mandal Head Quarter, demanding immediate suspension of Venkata Reddy from his teaching position. The police under the leadership of SI Appala Naidu charged the students with lathis. No prior discussions occurred with the Student Union leaders. As a result of the charge six students incurred injuries to their head and legs. School Committee members and Mandal Parishad president Pandu Narasimhulu assured them that a report would be submitted to the education department for immediate action and assured them suitable action would be taken.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/63/2007
Victim(s) : Kavitha
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Kothapalli Venkata Reddy;
2) Chief Inspector, Telkapalli PS
Location : Telkapalli Village,
Mahaboobnagar District
Date of incident : 20/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kavitha, age 12, is studying in the seventh standard in a government school in Telkapalli Village, Mahaboobnagar District.

Kothapalli Venkata Reddy is a teacher in Kavitha's school and gave tuition classes for the victim. On 20 August 2007, Kothapalli Venkata Reddy asked Kavitha to come to the school in the evening. When she went, he attempted to rape her, but she resisted and shouted. People gathered at the spot, and Kothapalli Venkata Reddy ran away.

Following the incident, Kavitha registered a complaint with the police, but the police did not take any action against Kothapalli Venkata Reddy. Students from various schools conducted dharna (protests) demanding police action and immediate suspension of teachers from their duties. During the dharna, Telkapalli police lathi charged the protesters, injuring several of them severely.

Finally, the Chief Inspector of Telkapalli PS promised to take action against the accused Kothapalli Venkata Reddy, but to date, no action has been taken against the accused.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/80/2007
Victim(s) : Lakshminarayana,
SI, Peddamandadi PS
Perpetrator(s) : Yadamma
Location : Vellatur, Peddamandadi
Date of incident : 23/08/2007

Case Details:

In Vellatur village, Peddamandadi mandal, victim Yadamma, aged 13, was raped by Srinivasulu. This occurred when she went to the field to tend her goats.

The next day Yadamma made a complaint about the incident at the local PS. As a result the police arrested Srinivasulu; however they did not press charges, but instead released him and closed the case.

The police stated that their investigation revealed that the complaint was false. SI Lakshminarayana, of Peddamandadi PS claimed that he investigated the case, but because there were no witnesses he closed it.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/82/2007
Victim(s) : Manemma
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Venkataiah; 2) Bal Raju;
3) B. Kishan; 4) Mallaji; 5) Muthaiah
Location : Khilla Ghanapur
Date of incident : 11/10/2007

Case Details:

On 11 October 2007 in Khilli Ghanapur village, Manemma hosted a feast at her home for the occasion of her father in laws funeral. Manemma's husband Chennaiah wept during the dinner party due to the recent passing of his father who had died in an auto accident.

Venkataiah was driving the car that caused the fatal accident. Venkataiah came to the house for the feast; he was not welcome and a quarrel broke out. Venkataiah abused both Manemma and Chennaiah and broke Manemma's leg.

Witness Narasimhulu states that he went to Chennaiah's house to take part in the feast and their neighbour Venkataiah entered the house and beat Chennaiah and Manemma.

Manemma lodged a complaint to the police, but received no response. She has subsequently made frequent requests to have her case looked into, but is still waiting for a response. K J Devadanam, head constable at Ghanapur PS, states that he recalls Manemma coming to the police station. He has assured Manemma that the ASI will look into the case. However, he cannot look into the case at present due to the Dasara festival, but will arrest the accused after his return.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/83/2007
Victim(s) : S. Prabhakar
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Besta Narayana, 2) Besta Bichappulu
Location : Parsapur, Mahabubnagar
Date of incident : 23/05/2007

Case Details:

On 23 May 2006, at about 8 pm, Prabhakar was on his way home and stopped in Kodangal village. Narayana and Bichappalu attacked Prabhakar with wooden sticks. Prabhakar was assaulted because he had been taking an active role in Dalit awareness programmes in the village. The perpetrators, Narayana and Bichappalu, are landlords in the village. They developed a grudge against Prabhakar because of his work, and so planned to kill him.

Prabhakar made a complaint to the police about the attack, but the police only registered the case only under IPC 324. The police also took Rs 30,000 as a bribe from Prabhakar in order to register the case under the provisions of SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act, but they still have not done this.

SI Venkat Reddy of Kodangal police station verified the truth of Prabhakar's claim, but states that the attack was instigated by a private matter and was not due to caste. He stated that if it is demonstrated that the attack was due to caste, then he will register the case under the Atrocities Prevention Act.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/84/2007
Victim(s) : Puthlawat Nakshmi
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Katikala Ramulu; 2) Anjaneyulu;
3) Lakshmaiah; 4) Dasaratham;
5) Narla Krishnaiah; 6) Parvathalu
Location : Pulsingh Thanda, Mahabubnagar
Date of incident : 12/03/2006

Case Details:

The victim Puthlawat Thuria is a farmer from Pulsingh Thanda in Chaddraden village of Talakondapalli mandal. The perpetrators Katikala Ramulu, Anjaiah, Lakshmaiah, Dasaratham, Narla Krishnaiah and Parvathalu accused Thuria of stealing coconuts from their farm bore wells; so they assaulted him with wooden rods. Thuria died as a result of the beating.

On 15 March, 2006 Thurai's wife Lakshmi made a complaint about her husband's murder at Talakondapalli police station. The police registered a case under IPC 302 and after a month the case was registered under the provisions of SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act and the accused was sent for remand.

The police only acted on this case after Lakshmi complained to higher officials about the inaction of the local police. SI Srinivas Reddy, working at Talakondapalli police station states that he received a complaint from Lakshmi that her husband Thurya was murdered, and after completing the investigation he sent the accused for remand.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/85/2007
Victim(s)	: Chinthala Jayamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Naka Moham Babu; 2) Karan Kumar Singh; 3) Srinivas Reddy
Location	: Gattuppalapalli, Mahababnagar
Date of incident	: 08/01/2007

Case Details:

On 8 January 2007, at about 7 pm, Nakka Mohan Babu raped Chinthala Jayamma while she was returning home after completing her work in the fields in Gattuppalapalli.

Chinthala Jayamma reported this to the police, however the complaint was ignored, and the investigation was delayed after the police took a bribe of Rs 25,000 from the accused. After Chinthala Jayamma took her complaint to higher officials the accused was sent for remand. SI Srinivas Reddy of Talakondapalli PS and CI Karan Kumar Singh of Amangallu PS, made the remand order.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/89/2007
Victim(s)	: Savithramma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Narasappa; 2) Najamuddin; 3) Lakshmi Narasimham
Location	: Bitchala
Date of incident	: 24/02/2006

Case Details:

On 24 February, 2006 at 11.00pm in the Bitchala village of Doulatabad mandal, Savithramma, a Dalit woman, went to wash her cloths. The perpetrator Narsamma, belonging to the upper caste in the village, attempted to rape her. When she resisted he assaulted her before leaving.

Savithamma lodged a complaint at the police station, however the police took it lightly and ignored her. The police proceeded to insult her stating that, “you are so beautiful, how can he [Narasappa] keep silent.”

Narasimhulu, working as ‘Prajasakthi’ correspondent in the local newspaper, published the details of the case. In response to these reports higher-ranking police officials sent memos to the local police directing them to register the case. Narasappa was eventually sent for remand.

SI Nizamuddin, working in Doulatabad, claims that after Savithamma lodged the complaint about attempted rape and assault, he took suitable action against the accused.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/92/2007
Victim(s)	: Yaddama
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Saidulu; 2) Yerrappa
Location	: Kalwakurthy, Mahaboobnagar
Date of incident	: 13/04/2007

Case Details:

The victim Yaddamma worked as a maid in Subash Nagar, Kalwakurthy mandal. Yaddamma was kidnapped, raped and later murdered by Saidulu and Yerrappa from the same village.

After some days, a news item was published in the local newspaper about the location of an unidentified dead body. Police investigated the scene and registered the details about the case. Yaddamma’s employers identified her dead body.

Yaddamma’s parents made a complaint at Kalwakurthy PS, but the police failed to apprehend the perpetrators. The villagers identified the culprits and informed the police, however the police have delayed arresting them.

SI Lachiram, working at Kalwakurthy police station states that the police are investigating the kidnap, rape and murder case.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/100/2007
Victim(s)	: Bayikadi Lakshmi
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Telugu Gopal; 2) Buchaiah, C.I, Mukthal PS
Location	: Mukthal PS
Date of incident	: 08/06/2007

Case Details:

Bayikadi Lakshmi, aged 25, resides in Yedavalli village of Utnoor mandal in Mahabubnagar district. She belongs to the Scheduled Caste, Madiga. She works as an agricultural labourer.

On 08 June 2007 Lakshmi was going to her field along with her brother Narayana. Narayana returned home to collect some drinking water and Lakshmi proceeded alone. On the way to the field Mr. Telugu Gopal stopped Lakshmi and asked her to have sexual intercourse with him, she refused and told him that she was a pregnant. Immediately Gopal forced Lakshmi into the bushes and raped her. Narayana arrived to see Gopal running away.

Lakshmi made a complaint at Mukthal PS on the same day at about 6:00 p.m. However, CI Buchaiah took a bribe from the accused, and no action has been taken.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/109/2007
Victim(s)	: D. Parvathamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) P. Nalla Swamy 2) T. Danaiah, 3) Ramulu, 4) J. Kurumaiah 5) J. Chandraiah 6) T. Danaiah, SI, Veepangandla PS
Location	: Veepangandla village
Date of incident	: 28/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim D. Parvathamma resides in Veepangandla village, Mahabubnagar District.

D. Parvathamma was returning home from her fields on 28 August 2007, where she was gang raped by five Backward Caste people: Nalla Swamy, Danaiah, Karumaiah, Chandraiah and Ramulu. The victim lodged a complaint at Veepangandla Police Station. Sub-Inspector T. Danaiah arrested all the accused but released them after three days.

Veepangandla police have not pursued the case further, and none of the five men have been charged.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/113/2007
Victim(s) : Madiga Venkatanna
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sakali Nagaraju; 2) Sakali Venkatanna;
3) Jyosna; 4) Shyam Sundar;
5) Gadwal, DSP, PS
Location : Mulkalapalli Village,
Gadwal Mandal, Gadwal PS
Date of incident : 17/02/2006

Case Details:

Madiga Venkatanna, aged 28, is a member of the Scheduled Caste, Madiga. He is a resident of Mulkalapalli village of Gadwal mandal and works as a driver.

Madiga Venkatanna took a hand loan of Rs 200 from another villager named Sakali Nagaraju.

On 17 February 2006, about 9.00 am, three or four days after the receipt of the loan, Venkatanna was confronted by Sakali Nagaraju and his brother. Venkatanna told the brothers that he was expecting some money and that he would pay them immediately after he received that money. The brothers got angry and beat Venkatanna. Some passing villagers intervened to help Venkatanna.

Venkatanna went to Gadwal PS to file a complaint. He had to wait at the police station for three days to meet SI Jyostna; and when he did, no action was taken. Later, Venkatanna approached DSP Gadwal, who became irritated with Venkatanna for approaching him. The DSP did not intervene in the case. After Venkatanna's repeated requests, the SI filed the FIR and arrested the accused.

Witnesses, Guvva Devadasu and Sakali Karrenna testified that the police refused to acknowledge the claim for an extended period of time.

The SI of Gadwal PS, stated that he received the complaint from Venkatanna about the abuse and beating, but did not register the complaint because the accused told him that the situation had been settled in the village. The SI stated that on 4 March 2006, when he discovered that the case had not been dealt with in the village, he registered the case and the accused were arrested. The DSP stated that he directed the SI to register the case.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/115/2007
Victim(s)	: Ch Sugunamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Gollapolamoni Mallaiah; 2) Bajjinna, ASI, Vangara PS; 3) Narayana, DSP, Shadnagar PS; 4) Bajjina, ASI, Vangara PS
Location	: 1) Gajara village, Vangur Mandal; 2) Vangara PS; 3) Shadnagar
Date of incident	: 10/01/2007

Case Details:

Chintakunta Suguna, age 12, is the third daughter of Chandraiah. She resides in Gajara village of Vangur Mandal, where she studies in sixth grade.

On 10 January 2007, Chandraiah and his wife went to their relatives' village to attend a family function, while Suguna and her younger brother stayed at home. At about 7.30 pm, Suguna's brother left the house to watch TV. Sunguna went to the neighbour's house, thinking that her brother was there. When Sunguna realized that he was not there, she returned home. On the way home, Mallaiah, who is from the same village, grabbed hold of Sunguna's hands, stuffed a cloth into her mouth and raped her.

Suguna managed to shout loudly and Mallaiah ran away. Sunguna's neighbours came to her rescue and she told them what had happened.

On 12 January, Sunguna's parents returned home. Sunguna told them what had happened and they went to Vangara PS to file a complaint. The police failed to file the complaint. ASI Bajjina, told them to come back the next day.

On 13 January, when they returned, ASI Bajjina abused them for trying to dictate how to proceed in the case. He told them to go and meet the DSP.

On 14 January, they went to the DSP Narayana in Shadnagar. DSP Narayana, got very angry because they approached him to complain about the incident. The DSP did not respond to their complaint and no action was taken by the police.

ASI Bajjina stated that he received Sunguna's complaint but alleged that they could not register the case because the SI was not on duty. The DSP stated that the rape was brought to his attention and he referred the case back to the SI at Vangara PS.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/02/2007
Victim(s)	: Akkaram Shyamala
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) GaddamSwamy, 2) Yadavva, 3) Yadavva, 4) Narsaiah, 5) GaddamYadagiri, 6) Ramachandram, 7) Shataham Mallesham
Location	: Komatibanda Village, Gajwel Mandal
Date of incident	: 08/09/2006

Case Details:

Akkaram Shyamala, age 19, belongs to the SC Madiga caste. She resides in Komatibanda Village, Gajwel Mandal, Medak District, and works as a nurse trainee in a hospital in Gajwel.

Akkaram Shyamala made an arrangement with auto driver Gaddam Swamy to travel to work daily in his auto. On 8 September 2006 around 8:00pm, Akkaram Shyamala got into Gaddam Swamy's auto with her cousin and six other passengers. When they reached Komatibanda Village, all the passengers got down from the auto. As Akkaram Shyamala was getting down, Gaddam Swamy asked her to wait. He then turned on the auto and drove away at a high speed.

Gaddam Swamy took Akkaram Shyamala to a bushy area near the village's crossroads. Gaddam Swamy took her into the forest and threatened to kill her. Gaddam Swamy then raped Akkaram Shyamala. When they returned to the village, several villagers were waiting for the victim at the road side. Gaddam Swamy turned off the auto's lights and drove past them. He kicked the people who tried to stop his auto, injuring one person's elbow. Gaddam Swamy left Akkaram Shyamala at the Pregnapur crossroads.

Akkaram Shyamala took another auto home and then told her family about the incident. Gaddam Swamy's family also learnt about the incident. At 10.00 pm, approximately 70 people belonging to the Mudiraj caste arrived at Akkaram Shyamala's house to protest. The protesters beat everyone in the house, including the women.

The next day, the village organized a Panchayat meeting. The Panchayat decided that Akkaram Shyamala's family was at fault and demanded Rs. 5,000. Akkaram Shyamala's family told them they did not have that much of money, and the Panchayat instead told the family to pay the equivalent amount in eggs.

Akkaram Shyamala's family did not agree with the Panchayat's ruling and filed a complaint at the Gajwel PS. The Gajwel police only attended to the complaint when the fact-finding team intervened on Akkaram Shyamala's behalf.

Sub-Inspector Kumarof then went to Komatibanda Village and enquired about the incident. He took the victim to the District Superintendent of Police to report the complaint. SI Kumarof then sent the victim to the hospital for medical testing.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/52/2007
 Victim(s) : Sri Ram Srinivas @ Amar
 Perpetrator(s) : Bhaskara Rao, CI, Cherlapalli Jail
 Location : Cherlapalli Jail
 Date of incident : 08/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sri Ram Srinivas (alias Amar), age 28, is a Maoist Orissa-Andhra Board Committee member.

Amar is originally from Thimmapur, Nalgonda District. After college, he joined the People's War. From 1990 to 2001, Amar took an active part in their activities in Medak District and rose to the level of Board Committee Member. He escaped from the police several times.

Amar was arrested by Orissa police for allegedly transporting a large quantity of weapons from Maharashtra and Gujarat. While in custody in Orissa, Amar received multiple injuries, and his two hands and his backbone were fractured while the police interrogated him for information.

In August 2007, the victim was transferred to Hyderabad and imprisoned in the Cherlapalli jail. The Superintendent of Police sent Circle Inspector Bhaskara Rao to investigate on Amar's treatment. CI Bhaskara Rao admitted that Amar's hand injuries were caused by police beatings, but declared that hurting Amar was not a crime, as Amar was suspected of killing many people.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/64/2007
 Victim(s) : Rami Reddy
 Perpetrator(s) : CI, Siddipet Rural PS
 Location : Ravurukula Village,
 Siddipet mandal
 Date of incident : 02/11/2007

Case Details

Rami Reddy is a resident of Ravurukula Village in Siddipet Mandal. He had a daughter named Sumalatha who was a college student.

On 23 October 2007, Kondi Tirupati Reddy kidnapped Sumalatha.

On 2 November 2007, Rami lodged a complaint with the Siddipet Rural PS. The police did not take any action, and, in fact, did not even register the case until Rami went back to the Siddipet PS to question the CI about the progress of the investigation. However, even after registering the case, the Siddipet PS CI demanded a bribe from Rami to initiate an investigation.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/66/2007
Victim(s) : Asa Ratnavva
Perpetrator(s) : POs Dubakka PS
Location : Chellapur Village, Dubbaka mandal
Date of incident : 26/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Asa Ratnavva, age 50, lived in the village of Chellapur in Dubbaka mandal. She serves as the village servant. Ratnavva's relative was jealous of her role as the village servant.

Consequently, on 26 September 2007, Ratnavva's relative and the village sarpanch severely beat Ratnavva, causing her to bleed profusely. Ratnavva later filed a complaint with the Dubbaka PS. However, no police action was taken. Ratnavva ultimately filed five separate complaints with the Dubbaka PS, but no police action was ever taken.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/09/2007
Victim(s) : Nirasanametla Keerthi
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Vedasu Venkaiah, MLA;
2) G. Ravi, SI;
3) M. Thirupathanna, CI
Location : Suryapeta, Nalgonda
Date of incident : 07/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Nirasanametla Keerthi, age 17 at the time of her death, was a first year university student. At the time of Keerthi's death, her mother had been standing for election.

Before Keerthi's death, the former MLA had come to Keerthi's home to propose a marriage between his son and Keerthi. Keerthi's parents rejected the proposal as she was still a minor.

On 7 February 2007, Keerthi was found dead in her home. Between four and five former MLA persons were seen running from Keerthi's home on that day. Keerthi's father found Keerthi's body with injuries to her neck, hands, back, and organs.

Keerthi's father lodged a complaint against MLA Vedasu Venkaiah, CI M. Thirupathanna and SI Ravi with the police regarding his daughter's death. However, the investigating officer did not pursue the case. The perpetrators have since threatened Keerthi's family to withdraw the case.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/40/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Peddintamma; 2) Mahalakshi;
3) Ramesh
Perpetrator(s) : Malla Reddy, SI
Location : Kothur, Mahaboobnagar District
Date of incident : 12/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Peddintamma is a widow who migrated from Krishna district with her two children, Mahalakshi and Ramesh. They now reside in Kothur where Peddintamma and Ramesh work in separate hotels.

On 12 August 2007, Ramesh went to Shadnagar to see a movie with his friends. He has not returned.

Peddintamma asked Ramesh's friends of his whereabouts, but they maintained that everyone returned to Kothur after the movie. Peddintamma and Mahalakshi went to the police for help. They refused to investigate the case, saying that Ramesh would show up eventually. For the next three days Peddintamma and her daughter returned to the police station daily to try to get help. The police consistently refused to help them and they have done nothing since to help find Ramesh.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/53/2007
Victim(s) : Kallem Narasimha
Perpetrator(s) : Sridhar Reddy, SI
Location : Shivaji Nagar, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 25/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kallem Narasimha is a businessman from Shivaji Nagar. The colony had been experiencing repeated thefts over the few days prior to this incident.

On the 25 September 2007, while Narasimha and his family were asleep in their house, two thieves broke in. Narasimha woke up and realised there were intruders in his house. He cried out loudly and the thieves escaped.

Narasimha and some other residents went to the Town Police Station and reported the incident to the head constable and night duty constable. The head constable and other police assured Narasimha that SI Sridhar Reddy would visit his house in the morning to investigate the theft. But no one visited Narasimha house. The police have not taken any action to investigate the complaint.

FF Code: : AP/NLG/FF/73/2007
Victim(s): : Pappula Ramulamma
Perpetrator(s): : 1) Bandari Chandramohan, SI,
Chundur Mandal PS;
2) CI, Chundur Mandal PS
Location: : Bangarugadda Village, Chundur
Mandal, Nalgonda District
Date of incident: : 16/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Pappula Ramulamma, age 45, belongs to the Scheduled Castes and resides in Bangarugadda Village, Chundur Mandal, Nalgonda District. The RDO allotted her 4.19 cents of land under Survey Number 424, and she cultivates this land with her husband and children for their livelihood.

Some villagers tried to encroach on her land by force. On 16 January 2007, Teegala Bhagyamma, Yadamma and others looted the victim's motor from her fields and demolished 60 mousambi trees. Pappula Ramulamma immediately complained at the Chundur PS, naming the persons who damaged her property. Sub-Inspector Bandari Chandramohan promised to investigate her case and take action against the perpetrators. Though she went to the police station several times, SI Bandari Chandramohan did not take any action.

Pappula Ramulamma then complained to the Circle Inspector. The CI visited her land with SI Bandari Chandramohan and promised to register a case. However, the CI accepted bribes from the accused and started leveling charges against the victim. He warned Pappula Ramulamma that he would kill her if she dared return to the police station.

Pappula Ramulamma approached the District Legal Service Authority seeking legal assistance, but was again unable to get a response. As a last resort, she met the collector to discuss her plight.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/32/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Thota Venkateswara Rao
2) Annapurna
Perpetrator(s) : 1) K. Satyanarayan; 2) Police
Location : L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District
Date of incident : 30/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Thota Venkateswara Rao and his wife Annapurna reside in L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.

On 30 August 2007, victim Venkateswara Rao and his wife were detained in their house for two days. K. Satyanarayanan, a chit fund company owner, and a few goondas (rowdies), purportedly visited to collect on the victim's debt. While there, the group abused the couple and forced them to sign blank papers. The goondas also carried away the couple's gold jewelry, refrigerator, colour TV, washing machine, cooler, tables, and sofa set in their van.

Venteswara lodged complaints with the police, but the police did not arrest the perpetrators.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/45/2007
Victim(s)	: Neelam Shankar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Keesara Narasimha Reddy 2) Raghavendra Reddy 3) Javeed Ali, PC
Location	: Goundavalli village, Ranga Reddy
Date of incident	: 01/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Neelam Shankar works as a truck driver in Goundavelli village.

A landlord in that village named Narasimha Reddy requested the victim to find him another driver. Accordingly Neelam introduced Parashuram to him. After few days Parashuram borrowed Rs.5000 from Narasimha Reddy with Neelam as his witness. Due to some family problems, Parashuram left the village without repaying the money.

From that point, Narasimha Reddy and his son Raghavendra Reddy started harassing Neelam for the money. On 1 August 2007, they carried Neelam to their new house and tortured him from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The victim's boss filed a complaint at the Medchal Police Station after hearing of the incident. However, the police officers received money from Narasimha and Raghavendra Reddy and left the house without helping the victim. Police Constable Javeed Ali threatened Neelam that he would be killed if he mentioned the bribe to anyone.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/52/2007
Victim(s) : Balaiah
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Mandal PS
Location : Gattepalli Village
Date of incident : 04/06/2007

Case Details:

The victim Balaiah was a Dalit.

He was elected as Village Head. On 4 June 2007, members of the dominant caste became very upset, and a fight erupted between the supporters of each party. Balaiah went to pacify the situation when one of the protesters struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Balaiah was admitted to the hospital. His friends informed the Mandal police about the incident, but they took no action and ignored the complaint.

05-Police Intimidation

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/06/2007;
AP/MBN/FF/07/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Eswamma; 2) Raju
Perpetrator(s) : 1) K.V.P Raju, SI, Vanaparthy PS;
2) PC, Vanaparthy PS.
Location : Vanaparthy PS, Mahabubnagar District
Date of incident : 22/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Eswamma lived with her husband and two sons Raju and Ravi in Kalvai Village, Kadapa District. The family is from Vanaparthy Village in Mahabubnagar District, but they moved due to financial troubles. Both Eswamma and her husband were employed as labourers.

People from Vanaparthy Village alleged that Ravi's friend Ashok eloped with a girl to Kalvai. The girl's family lodged a complaint with the police that Ravi provided shelter and assisted Ashok. The police charged Ravi with abduction.

On 21 February 2007, Eswamma and her elder son Raju arrived at the Vanaparthy PS. Sub-Inspector K.V.P. Raju instructed four constables to beat them severely. The constables kicked Eswamma on the stomach and back and beat Raju with lathis. Eswamma fell from the severe beating, and Raju incurred severe bruises on his legs and back. Around 7.30pm, SI K.V.P Raju told Eswamma and Raju that they had five days to produce Ravi, or the police would find him and shoot him to death. Eswamma and Raju pleaded with the SI and told him that they would try to produce Ravi within 5 days.

On 22 February 2007 at 6.00 am, Eswamma ignited herself. She was rushed to the hospital. On 4 March 2007 doctors declared Eswamma dead. Raju stated that in her dying declaration, his mother said that the police had tortured her brutally and she was frightened that they might kill her sons.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/86/2007
Victim(s)	: Sayamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Kadlamala Ramaiah; 2) Kadlamala Yadaiah; 3) Jyotsna; 4) Munirajulu; 5) Madhava Reddy
Location	: Ippatur, Mahabubnagar
Date of incident	: 23/09/2007

Case Details:

In 2003 in the Ippatur village of Nawabpet mandal, Sivaiah purchased four acres of land in survey numbers 297 and 298 from BCs Kadalakala, Ramaiah and Kadalakala Yadaiah, for Rs 1.40 lakh. Sivaiah paid Rs 1.14 lakh to them as the first instalment, and stated that he would pay the remaining Rs 26,000 at the time of land registration. However, the land was never registered and he died in 2006.

After Sivaiah's death, his wife Sayamma wanted to cremate his body on the purchased land. Ramaiah and Yadaiah tried to prevent the cremation, but the Dalits in the village put pressure on them to allow the cremation to go ahead. This provoked Ramaiah and Yadaiah to file a complaint at the police station against the Sayamma.

SI Jyotsna came to the village and threatened Sayamma. He warned her that he would register a case against her. SI Jyotsna also demolished the cremation pit; then he insisted that Sayamma should come to the police station. Whilst at the police station, Sayamma was also threatened by the CI and DSP, they claimed that the land did not belong to her and demanded that she leave the land.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/07/2007
Victim(s)	: Thukuta Malla Reddy
Perpetrator(s)	: Penchalaiah, CI
Location	: Varlal Village of Medak
Date of incident	: 17/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sarpanch Thakuta Malla Reddy purchased ten acres of land on the outskirts of Pamulaparathi Pathuru in Varlal Village, Medak District.

He and other village elders tried to build a road that would enable other farmers to go through the fields under the food for work programme. Thakuta Malla Reddy had the support of the District Cooperative Bank, Chairman Narsa Reddy and Minister Geetha Reddy.

Aryama Lakshmi objected to the road, alleging that it would cut through her fields. Soon, other farmers began protesting the road, leading to a land dispute. Aryama Lakshmi started constructing a wall and warned the Sarpanch and informed Circle Inspector Penchalaiah of the dispute.

On 17 February 2007, the CI became involved in the land dispute. In the presence of others, CI Penchalaiah threatened to kill Thukuta Malla Reddy if he took Aryama Lakshmi's land by force. Thukuta Malla Reddy appealed to the Superintendent of Police and the District Superintendent of Police for protection.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/23/2007
Victim(s)	: Ch Swamy
Perpetrator(s)	: Saidaiah, SI, Pothareddypet Village
Location	: Pothareddypet Village, Dubbaka Mandal
Date of incident	: 02/09/2007

Case Details:

Ch Swamy resides in Pothareddypet Village in Dubbaka Mandal. He is physically disabled and works as a field assistant for Employment Guarantee Scheme.

On 2 September 2007, Ch Swamy was on his way to the headquarters in Dubbaka Mandal. When he passed by the police station, Head Constable Mahesh Naidu stopped him and asked him to go in to meet the Sub-Inspector.

Inside, Sub-Inspector Saidaiah questioned Ch Swamy for three hours about the people involved in putting up an activist's wall posters. SI Saidaiah threatened to register a case against Ch Swamy or kill him if he did not reveal the names of those involved. Ch Swamy panicked. He informed the MPDO of the situation, who in turn talked with SI Saidaiah over the telephone and vouched for Ch Swamy's character. The village Sarpanch, Anja Goud, and Vice-Sarpanch, Nagaram Kishan, also went to the PS to vouch for Ch Swamy.

Ch Swamy remains fearful. SI Saidaiah stated that the police interrogated Ch Swamy but then released him after questioning.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/55/2007
Victim(s)	: Bakka Lakshmi
Perpetrator(s)	: J. Venkateswara Rao, SI, Hatnam PS
Location	: Hatnam PS
Date of incident	: 30/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bakka Lakshmi, age 40, was a labourer in Kasala village, Medak District. She worked in Venkatesham Gupta's house whenever she was needed.

On 22 October 2007, there was a theft in Venkatesham Gupta's home. Lakshmi learned of it the next day and, in the afternoon, two constables of Hatnam PS came to her house and told her that Venkatesham Gupta had named her as a potential suspect for the theft. Sub-Inspector J. Venkateswara Rao and other officers took the victim into custody and mentally harassed her to accept responsibility for the theft. They threatened to beat her to get the truth out of her. Bakka Lakshmi repeatedly pled her innocence, and the police finally released her.

Over the next four days, Bukka Lakshmi was ordered to return to the PS every day. On 30 October 2007, out of fear, the victim went to the PS with pesticide tablets and consumed them in front of SI J. Venkateswara Rao. The police immediately sent her to the hospital.

FF Code	: AP/NLG/FF/05/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Bandameedi Kondaiah; 2) Malogu Srisailam
Perpetrator(s)	: K. Chandra Sekhar, SI, Chanduri, Naloga
Location	: Theratapalli Village, Chandur Mandal
Date of incident	: 03/11/2006

Case Details:

Victims Bandameedi Kondaiah, age 49, and Malogu Srisailam, age 22, both belonging to the Backward Castes, are agricultural workers in Theratapalli Village, Chandur Mandal.

On 3 November 2006, Chandur Mandal Sub-Inspector K. Chandra Sekhar arrested Kondaiah and Srisailam, alleging they were assisting CPM outlaws (Maoists) by giving them food and hanging their posters in the village.

The victims were kept in jail, and tortured. The police threatened to kill them in an encounter if they provided help to the Maoists. Later they were charged under the Public Security Act.

Kondaiah and Srisailam assert that they are not connected with the Maoists in any way and were improperly detained and falsely charged. In contrast, the police assert that the victims confirmed that they assisted the Maoists and were properly charged under the Public Security Act.

FF Code	:	AP/NLG/FF/51/2007
Victim(s)	:	M Alender
Perpetrator(s)	:	1) G Raju, SI, Atmakur PS; 2) Lakshman, PC, Atmakur PS; 3) Yadagiri, PC, Atmakur PS; Two Police Constables, Atmakur PS
Location	:	Atmakur PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident	:	20/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim M Alender worked for CITU, a CPM-affiliated trade union in Atmakur Mandal, Nalgonda District.

On 20 July 2007, Alender went to the Atmakur PS in relation to a recent bus-auto accident. After speaking with the Assistant Sub-Inspector, Alender turned to leave the station. At that moment, Sub-Inspector G Raju entered. SI Raju raised his voice and ordered Police Constables Lakshman, Yadagiri and two others to beat Alender severely only on his hands, to mask any signs of beating. SI Raju forced Alender to sign papers stating that he would not participate in CITU Trade activities any longer or issue a press statement, threatening to kill him in an encounter if he refused to sign.

CITU staged a dharna at the police station demanding action against SI Raju.

FF Code	: AP/NLG/FF/55/2007
Victim(s)	: Gandamalla Chandraiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Sattenna, SI, Ramannapet PS; 2) Police, Ramannapet PS
Location	: Ramannapet PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident	: 30/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Gandamalla Chandraiah is a farmer from Namcharipet Village, Atmakur Mandal, Nalgonda District.

After Maoists attacked the Atmakur Mandal police station a year ago, Atmakur police have monitored all suspects in the village. The police suspected Chandraiah of helping Maoists by posting party posters. They brought Chandraiah to the Ramannapet PS where they detained him for a week and beat him, threatening to kill him in an encounter if he did not provide them with information about the Maoists.

One week after his release, Sub-Inspector Sattena took Chandraiah to the Ramannapet office. There, SI Sattena told Chandraiah that he knew Chandraiah had aided the Maoists. SI Sattena warned Chandraiah that he would be killed if he did not help the police. Chandraiah was then beaten severely. After the beatings, Chandraiah admitted to having posted posters in his village. SI Sattena told Chandraiah to report to the police station daily and that he would be killed if he talked to anyone about it.

Chandraiah lives in constant fear because of this incident.

FF Code:	: AP/NLG/FF/67/2007
Victim(s):	: Thirupari Ramachandran
Perpetrator(s):	: 1) Mr. Das, Police Constable, Munugodu PS; 2) Mr. David Raju, PC, Munugodu PS
Location:	: Yelugulagudem Village, Munugodu Mandal, Nalgonda District
Date of incident:	: 04/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Thirupari Ramachandran, age 28, is a quarry trader residing in Yelugulagudem Village, Munugodu Mandal, Nalgonda District.

On 28-06-4 October 2007, Police cConstables Das and David Raju were on sentry duty at Manugodu police station PS. But with out attending duty Instead of sitting on duty, they went to the sand quarries in Yelugulagudem village Village sand quarries to collect bribes from quarry traders.

It has been very much became a practice to the police to go frequently to sand quarry traders to collect bribes. They Constables Das and David Raju demanded a bribe from victim Thirupari Ramachadnram Ramachandran. hHe expressed his inability to pay them, but. Though he has been giving them bribes several times, this time he expressed his helplessness as he did not have money. But the perpetrators verbally does not hear his words and abused in a filthy language him and demanded payment. Repeatedly The victim repeatedly expressed his in ability to satisfy pay them. Finally, the constables they bet beat the victim's legsm with their latheis,. fearing their harassment Afraid, the victim took hand load of Rs 2000/- from his neighbor Venkanna and given them.

But the police abused them, threatened them to arrest and seize their lorry and stop quarrying. They also had beaten him. Fearing to their harassment he took a loan of Rs 2,000 from another villager Venkanna and paid to them. borrowed Rs. 2,000 from his neighbor and gave it to them.

Afterwards, Thirupari Ramachandran limmediately he telephoned to the SP Superintendent of Police and complained about the two constables. Earlier, in the media SP asked the people to call him over telephone if they face any problem from the police. Immediately The SP directed the SI Sub-Inspector N Chandra Babu to probe investigate into the matter further.

SI N Chandra Babu , who was at his quarters at that time went to the police station immediately and found that the two constables who were on sentry duty were not present at the police station. He also visited the village and probed into the allegations of bribery/bribes allegation. But However, no action has been taken against the perpetrators till today.to this date.

FF Code:	:	AP/NLG/FF/71/2007
Victim(s):	:	1) M. Siddeshwar; 2) A. Bal Reddy
Perpetrator(s):	:	Aleru Police
Location:	:	Aleru, Nalgonda District
Date of incident:	:	03/10/2007

Case Details:

Victims M. Siddeshwar and A. Bal Reddy, both age 22, are Arunodaya artists, who spread awareness of repressive government policies through cultural programmes.

As a part of their activities, the victims sang songs in several villages in the Aleru area with artists Sreenu, Sahadev, and Siddu. On 2 October 2007, Aleru police came to their performance and took victims Siddeshwar and Bal Reddy into custody without revealing the reason. The next day, the victims came to learn that the police charged them with false cases. After detaining Siddeshwar and Bal Reddy for two days, POs warned them not to conduct any more cultural activities around Aleru, stating that they would be killed in an encounter if they performed again.

06-Police Torture - No Death

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/01/2007
Victim(s)	: A. Shiva Prasad
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Vinod Kumar, CI, Chilkaiguda PS ; 2) POs Chilkaiguda PS
Location	: Chilkaiguda PS, Hyderabad
Date of incident	: 09/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim A. Shiva Prasad, age 42, is a government employee living in the district of Hyderabad.

On 27 August 2006, Chilkaiguda PS police officers police booked a false case against Ravipal, a social worker who had previously complained to the government about corruption in government organizations, private banks and other public interest organizations. The Chilkaiguda PS police officers took Ravipal to the police station and beat him.

Prasad learned of the Chilkaiguda PS police officers' treatment of Ravipal, and he protested.

In response, on 9 January 2007, between 10.00am and 10.30am, two armed Chilkaiguda PS constables came to Prasad's house and arrested him. They forcefully took him to the police station and verbally abused him.

At the station, Chilkaiguda PS CI Vinod Kumar beat Prasad on his hands and feet with a stick. The CI also threatened to kill Prasad, explaining that no one could stop him from doing it. The police detained Prasad for the entire night in jail without providing him food and water, and not allowing him to urinate. The next day, Prasad was too weak to stand or walk.

After 48 hours in detention, Prasad was produced before a court. The Chilkaiguda PS police officers explained to the judge that Prasad had been brought to the station for questioning regarding a pending case and that he would be released once the interrogation was over.

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/04/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Sabhavath Thukkaiah; 2) Sabavath Krishna; 3) Sabhavath Shankar; 4) Sabhavath Gopal; 5) Kedulakanti Mahesh Kumar; 6) Rathode Kishan; 7) Varukuppuala Raju; 8) Sabhavath Hanmanth
Perpetrator(s)	: POs Jadcharla PS
Location	: Jadcharla PS
Date of incident	: 15/01/2007

Case Details:

Victims Sabhavath Thukkaiah, age 70, Sabavath Krishna, age 28, Sabhavath Shankar, age 32, Sabhavath Gopal, age 50, Kedulakanti Mahesh Kumar, age 25, Rathode Kishan, age 34, Varukuppuala Raju, age 25, and Sabhavath Hanmanth, age 40, are all retired, and are all from the scheduled tribe communities.

On January 15, 2007, there was a clash between the Congress Party and the Telugu Desham Party in the district of Mahabubnagar. Two Congress Party activists died.

On the same day, at around midnight, Jadcharla PS police officers arrested the victims in their respective homes, in the district of Hyberada. The police alleged the victims' were involved in the murder of the two activists.

The victims were beaten and taken away to the Jadcharla PS without any explanation. At the police station, the victims were beaten again, and not provided any food, and not allowed to use the bathroom. They were all kept in dark rooms and beaten two or three times a day. They were detained for six days and only released after a relative filed a complaint with the State Human Rights Commission.

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/24/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Golla Kistappa; 2) Kistappa's daughter
Perpetrator(s) : POs Narayanpet PS
Location : Narayanpet PS
Date of incident: 17/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Golla Kistappa's brother was killed.

Narayanpet PS police officers took Kistappa to the police station regarding the killing about which Kistappa had no knowledge.

For two months, the Narayanpet PS police officers beat Kistappa and his daughter. The police officers also sexually abused Kistappa's daughter.

Later, with the help of the SHRC, Kistappa and his daughter were released.

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/25/2007
Victim(s) : Mohd. Zafar
Perpetrator(s) : Pos, Dabeerpura PS
Location : Dabeerpura PS
Date of incident: 31/05/2007

Case Details:

On 31 May 2007, victim Mohd. Zafar went to his sister-in-laws house to invite her to his house. They had a quarrel. In response, Zafar's sister-in-law lodged a complaint with the Dabeerpura PS alleging that Zafar had created a nuisance at her house.

Subsequently, Dabeerpura PS police officers took Zafar to the police station and had beat him with lathis on his back and shoulders. The police also warned Zafar not to bother his sister-in-law. The officers also made derogatory comments about Zafar's religion.

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/35/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Mr. Aijaz Khan; 2) Mr. Khan's parents
Perpetrator(s)	: POs, Aman Nagar, Hyderabad
Location	: Aman Nagar, Hyderabad
Date of incident	: 01/09/2007

Case Details:

Victims Mr. Aijaz Khan and Mr. Khan's parents reside in Aman Nagar, Hyderabad.

The victims have beaten Aijaz Khan's wife Rasheeda Begum from the very first week of the five-month marriage. The Khans demanded additional dowry from her family, but Begum's parents were unable to fulfil their demands. On 1 September 2007, Begum's husband, mother-in-law and brother-in-law beat her and applied chilli powder on her genitals. She approached the police for justice.

The police arrested the victims and detained them in the station for two days without producing them in court. Aijaz Khan reported that the police beat him indiscriminately, making him unable to walk and talk. Khan's parents were similarly injured by the police, and his father lost consciousness for about an hour due to the police treatment..

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/39/2007
Victim(s)	: Syed Kareem
Perpetrator(s)	: POs, Yakuthpura, Hyderabad
Location	: Yakuthpura, Hyderabad
Date of incident	: 03/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Syed Kareem resides in Yakuthpura, Hyderabad.

On 3 April 2007, Syed Kareem physically assaulted his neighbour, Mohd. Mudasar (17 years old, a student) when Mudasar parked his scooter in front of Kareem's house. Mudasar sustained a blunt injury to his neck, scratches on his left forearm, and a fracture to his right forearm from the beatings. Following the incident, Mudasar complained to the police.

The police arrested Kareem and allegedly beat him in the lock-up for two days. During his detention, the police did not produce Kareem before the court; nor did they feed him. Following his release, Kareem remains unable to walk, and Kareem's father Syed Mahboob Ali asserts that his is no longer able to work to sustain himself.

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/40/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Yerukali Mallesh; 2) Yerukali Santhamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Venkat Reddy, Circle Inspector, Dindigal PS; 2) POs, Dindigal PS
Location	: Dindigal
Date of incident	: 20/06/2007

Case Details:

Victims Yerukali Mallesh and his wife Santhamma reside in Dindigal.

Mallesh and Santhamma own a tea shop near Gandhi Mysamma temple. Mallesh had been accused of stealing rice in Sadasivapet twenty years ago. Although this case has been dismissed in court, the Dindigal police cited this as an excuse to call Mallesh to the police station frequently.

Several years ago, the Dindigal police started harassing Mallesh for monthly bribes. Mallesh started paying Rs 500 per month, but this increased every time a new Sub-Inspector took charge of the police station. Five years ago, the police demanded Rs 2,000 per month. On 20 June 2007, Mallesh expressed his inability to pay as the higher bribes, police officers arrived to his house in three jeeps and beat Mallesh's 9-month pregnant wife, his sisters, and his children. Shanthamma's baby was later born stillborn as a result of the beatings.

The AP State Human Rights Commission investigated the matter and forced the police to pay the victims Rs 50,000 in compensation. Mallesh and Santhamma were left alone for a year, but thereafter, Dindigal police again started harassing them and told Mallesh to vacate his tea shop.

Santhamma once came to the police station to get Mallesh after he was again illegally detained. The police verbally abused her and warned her to remember what happened to her previous pregnancy.

Circle Inspector Venkat Reddy denied all harassment and accused Mallesh of running a prostitution ring in his home.

FF Code	: AP/HYD/FF/50/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Kalyan Naik, 2) B. Suman
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Narshimulu, CI, Osmania University PS; 2) POs
Location	: Telangana, Hyderabad
Date of incident	: 15/09/2006

Case Details:

Victim J.Kalyan Naik and victim B. Suman, along with other Osmania University students, staged a dharna in front of the chief warden's office protesting the lack of electricity and water at the Science College Hostel. The students moved the protest to the main road.

Osmania University CI Narshimulu and some police officers conducted a lathi charge against the students. Naik and Suman were taken to the Osmania PS. At the police station, Naik and Suman were severely beaten and verbally abused. The police officers specifically made caste-based insults against the two. The officers beat Naik on his back and legs, and threw him against a wall. The police officers also kicked Naik until he was unconscious. The police officers beat Suman on the back and hands, and they issued threats against him.

FF Code:	: AP/HYD/FF/59/2007
Victim(s):	: 1) Krupadanam; 2) Prabhavati; 3) Emmanuel Raju; 4) Sulochana; 5) Yadayya Raju
Perpetrator(s):	: Police, Hyderabad
Location:	: Rajendra Nagar
Date of incident:	: 03/12/2007

Case Details:

Victims Krupadanam, age 69, Prabhavati, age 60, Emmanuel Raju, age 35, Sulochana, age 30, and Yadayya Raju, age 35, all work in agriculture and reside in Yallendu Village, Khammam District.

G Esther Arumah, resident of Rajendra Nagar complained to the police that her husband, K Joseph Raju and his parents, Krupadanam and Prabhavati, were harassing her for additional

dowry. She also alleged that they questioned her fidelity because she works as an Associate Analyst in a software company. K Joseph Raju used to lock his wife in a room after returning from the office and would not allow her to speak with her parents and sister over the telephone. He would also take her salary, and he continuously demanded that she quit her job.

The Hyderabad police registered a case, and on 3 December 2007 they went to Krupadanam's house in search of K Joseph Raju. The police beat all ten members of the household and interrogated them of the whereabouts of K Joseph Raju. They did not listen when the family told the police that K Joseph Raju resides with Esther in Hyderabad.

Due to the beatings, victim Sulochana remains unable to walk, and victim Prabhavati suffers from paralysis. Police also beat Raju's father, Krupadanam, when he tried to take away the officer's lathi. They then forcibly took Krupadanam to the police station.

FF Code	:	AP/HYD/FF/61/2007
Victim(s)	:	M. D. Ghouse
Perpetrator(s)	:	Police, Santoshnagar PS
Location	:	Santoshnagar PS
Date of incident	:	16/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim M D Ghouse is from Hyderabad.

D Indra Devi, resident of Rakshapuram in Hyderabad, complained at the Santoshnagar Police Station that her eldest daughter Neethu, age 14, had been missing from her house since the evening of 16 September 2007. Neethu allegedly ran off with M D Ghouse and married him.

The police took M D Ghouse to the Santoshnagar PS. They beat the victim continuously for three days and warned him to leave Neethu. The police threatened to kill him if he continued seeing Neethu. M D Ghouse started bleeding and is still unable to walk because of the beatings.

The police did not inform M D Ghouse's parents of his arrest. When the victim's mother came to the police station, the police did not allow her to see her son and threatened to kill her and the victim's father if M D Ghouse did not leave Neethu.

FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/62/2007
Victim(s) : Balamani
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Shamshabad Village,
Ranga Reddy District
Location : PS, Shamshabad Village,
Ranga Reddy District
Date of incident : 31/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Balamani is a daily wage worker residing in Shamshabad Village, Ranga Reddy District. She migrated from Mahaboobnagar in search of work.

On 31 July 2007, while washing her clothes in a tank near Shamshabad, Balamani and two other women found a girl's dead body in the tank. They informed the police of this.

The police then came to Balamani's house and took her to the police station, alleging she had murdered the girl. The police also took Balamani's eight-year-old son to the station. The police beat Balamani and kept her away from her son. The beatings continued for three days, and the officers repeatedly told the victim that they would only release her if she produced the other two women who were with her at the water tank.

Balamani said she was not aware of their whereabouts, but the police did not believe her. Balamani was saved by the fact-finding team and was subsequently released.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/01/2007
Victim(s) : Sabhavath Anasuya
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Mr. Munirajulu, SI, arayanapeta PS;
2) Mr. Venkateswarlu, NarayanapetaPS;
3) Unnamed Lady Constables,
Narayanapeta PS
Location : Narayanapeta PS
Date of incident : 16/01/2007

Case Details

The victim Sabhavath Anasuya is the wife of Bal Singh Naik. She is 28 years old and is a member of the Scheduled Tribes Community (Lambada). She resides in Venkateshwara Colony, Mahabubnagar District.

The police suspected Sabhavath Anasuya's husband in connection with the murder of two people. On 16 January 2007 around 10:00 pm, twenty policemen of Mahabubnagar and Narayanapeta police stations, led by Mr. Venkateswarlu and Sub-Inspector Munirajulu, came to her home. They asked Sabhavath Anasuya the whereabouts of her husband, and she told them what she knew. The police were not satisfied with the victim's responses and verbally abused her. They then took the victim to the police station. When Sabhavath Anasuya refused to enter the jeep, Mr. Munirajulu slapped her.

The victim was kept in custody for four days. At roughly 11:00pm the last night, Mr. Venkateswarlu again interrogated the victim of her husband's whereabouts. When she responded again that she did not know his whereabouts, Mr. Venkateswarlu beat her with his lathi and called two lady Police Constables and asked them to force Sabhavath Anasuya to tell the truth. These PCs severely beat Sabhavath Anasuya with their lathis for 30 full minutes and slapped her several times. They asked for a bribe and did not cease the beating until the victim agreed to get the money the next morning.

The police took some of Sabhavath Anasuya's relatives into custody for enquiry and similarly beat them. The police seized certain valuables from Sabhavath Anasuya's house including her mobile phone and have not returned them. The victim filed a complaint before the State Human Rights Commission requesting them to investigate the matter.

FF Code	: FF/AP/MBN/10/2007
Victim(s)	: chandraiha
Perpetrator(s)	: police
Location	: MahabubNagar
Date of incident	: 19/04/2007

Case Details:

The victim Chandraiah, age 60 at the time of death, belonged to the Dalit Madiga caste.

Chandraih had taken city cable wire from the top of his brother's house. Upon seeing this, his sister in law reported him to the police, alleging that Chandraiah was causing nuisance to her family.

On 19 April 2007, a police constable went to Chandraiha's house and took him into custody. The police beat the victim severely with lathis until he became bruised all over. Chandraiah sustained severe injuries on his knees and foot. His back turned blue and his nervous system became impaired.

The police released the victim and asked him to return the following day. Afraid, Chandraiah consumed pesticide and committed suicide. The victim was immediately taken to the Shadnagar government hospital, where he was declared dead.

FF Code	: FF/AP/MBN/10/2007
Victim(s)	: Chandraiha
Perpetrator(s)	: POs
Location	: MahabubNagar
Date of incident	: 19/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chandraiah, age 60, is a Dalit.

One day, Chandraiah's sister-in-law lodged a complaint with the police alleging that Chandraiah was bothering her family.

In response, a police constable took Chandraiha into custody. At the police station, the police officers beat Chandraiha with a lathi. Chandraiha sustained serious injuries to his knees and feet. His nervous system was also damaged.

On 19 April 2007, the police officers demanded that Chandraiha come back to the police station. Because he was afraid of being tortured again, Chandraiha instead ingested pesticide and committed suicide.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/11/2007; AP/MBN/12/2007
Victim(s)	: Kistappa
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramaro, PI; 2) Venkateswarlu, SI; 3) Mahankali Rammurthy, SI; 4) Unnamed PCs
Location	: 1) Marical PS; 2) Narayanpet PS
Date of incident	: 19/03/2007 – 21/03/2007; 13/05/2007 – 15/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kistappa, age 48, resides in Kistapur, a small village in the Danwada Mandal, Mahabubnagar District. He belongs to the Golla caste (Backward Caste).

Kistappa and his brother Thuppalaiah lived in adjacent homes and shared the same veranda. On 17 March 2007 in the early morning, Thuppalaiah's 24 year-old son Keshavulu, was found murdered in the house by his mother. He had been stabbed in the neck with a sharp knife. On 18 March 2007, Thuppalaiah lodged a complaint at the Marical PS.

On 19 March 2007 at around 6:00am, two PCs came to Kistappa's house interrogated him. At 12:00pm, they took him to the Narayanpet PS. At around 4:00pm, Police Inspector Ramaro and Sub-Inspector Mahankali Rammurthy told Kistappa that they suspected him for the murder, and they would let him go if he confessed. Kistappa refused to confess, stating his innocence.

The police handcuffed Kistappa, handcuffed him to the window and beat him with a lathi on his knees, thighs, buttocks, and back. He remained handcuffed to the window the whole night, and the beating continued for two days. Kistappa was also deprived of sleep and was not allowed to sit. He still did not confess. On 21 March 2007 at around 6.30pm, the police released Kistappa. The PI threatened him to kill him if he told anyone about the torture.

On 12 April 2007, Kistappa was again called to the Marical PS. There, SI Venkateswarlu tried to force Kistappa to confess to the murder. Kistappa did not confess, and his brother Thuppalaiah issued a statement saying he bore no link to the murder. Kistappa was released, but was told that he could be called in by the police again.

On 13 May 2007, two PCs from the Narayanapet PS came to Kistappa's house and took him to the station, where he was tortured the same way as before. They handcuffed his hands, tied him to the window, and beat him.

On 15 May 2007 at around 11.30am, Kistappa's son-in-law Venkataih came to see him at the station. Kispatta vomited blood while trying to speak and appeared to be in a poor state.

On 16 May 2007, Venkataih met with a District Human Rights Manager (DHRM) from People's Watch. Following the DHRM's advice, Venkataih went to Hyderabad and lodged a complaint at the State Human Rights Commission. The Commission's Chairman directed the police in Mahabubnagar to release Kispatta and to ensure he receive treatment at the Mahabubnagar Hospital.

Kispatta can still not walk and even standing is very difficult and painful for him. Furthermore, his 11 year-old daughter has been interrogated about the murder and beaten by the police officers at the Narayanapet PS.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/29/2007
Victim(s)	: Srinivasulu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Raghava Rao, SI, Lingala PS; 2) PC, Lingala PS
Location	: Lingala Mandal PS, Mahabubnagar district
Date of incident	06/12/2004

Case Details:

Victim R. Srinivasulu, age 30, is a tribal resident of Lingala Mandal, Mahabubnagar District. He is the secretary of the watershed committee, and he used to monitor public works.

After a work-related disagreement, the Watershed Committee Chairman Kondal Rao developed a grudge against Srinivasulu. He persuaded a landlord Satyanarayana to make a false complaint of theft to the police, alleging that Srinivasulu had stolen pipes from his field.

Early on 6 December 2004, Srinivasulu was arrested by Lingala SI Raghava Rao in his home. They also arrested Venkataiah, a resident of Surapuram Village and took them both to the police station. Both of them were beaten severely at the police station. SI Raghava Rao abused Srinivasulu on the basis of his caste and forced him to sign a confession for the theft. Srinivasulu was made to lie on his back and a constable stepped on his back and beat him severely with a lathi. He was released at 5:00pm, subject to the condition that he returned to police station for three days.

Srinivasulu registered a private complaint in Atchampet court for the beatings and caste abuse. Six months after the First Incident Report, no actions have been taken against SI Raghava Rao.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/31/2007
Victim(s)	: Zaheera Begum
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Abdulla, PC, Shadnagar PS; 2) Srinivasa Rao, PC, Shadnagar PS; 3) Tuljaram, PC, Shadnagar PS; 4) Srinivas Yadav, SI, Shadnagar PS
Location	: Shadnagar PS, Mahabubnagar District
Date of incident	: 17/07/2007

Case Details:

On 17 July 2007, Parveena and victim Zaheera Begum were apprehended by the Shadnagar police for allegedly stealing Rs. 50,000/- in a crowded bus station in Shadnagar, Mahabubnagar District.

Police Constables Abdulla, Srinivasa Rao, and Tuljaram and Sub-Inspector Srinivas Yadav arrived to the bus station and brought the two women to the Shadnagar PS at roughly 4:00pm. The police officers alleged that the women had given the stolen money to their husband, who had then fled. The officers asked Parveena to bring her husband and kept Zaheera Begum in custody until she returned. After Parveena left, the officers threw Zaheera Begum into a cell, fully removed her Burkah, and proceeded to hit her with their lathis. Victim Zaheera Begum sustained injuries on her legs and hands due to the assault.

After being released from custody, Zaheera Begum met the district higher officials and filed a written complaint against the SI and the three PCs. An official investigation confirmed that the four police officers had misbehaved with her, and the officers were thereby suspended.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/31/2007
Victim(s)	: Zaheera
Perpetrator(s)	: Pos, Shad Nagar PS
Location	: Shadnagar PS, Mahabubnagar
Date of incident	: 17/07/2007

Case Details:

On July 17 2007, Shad Nagar PS SI Srinivas Yadav, SK Abdulla, and Constables Thuljaram and Srinivasa Rao brought victims Zaheera and Parveena to the police station to interrogate them about a theft.

Zaheera and Parveena denied being involved in the theft and explained that they had simply witnessed it.

The police let Parveena go, and told her that they would keep Zaheera in custody until she produced the real thief. After Parveena left, the police officers stripped Zaheera's clothes and beat her all over her body with lathis.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/48/2007
Victim(s)	: Venkat Ramulu and others
Perpetrator(s)	: R. Rehman, SI
Location	: Maddur village, Manavapadu mandal, Mahabubnagar district.
Date of incident	: 27/05/2007

Case Details

On 27 May 2009, members belonging to two rival factions, the SC group led by Muddu Rajasekhar and the BC (Dalit) group led by Venkat Ramulu, had a dispute which resulted in a clash. The incident occurred at Maddur village located in Manavapadu Mandal, Mahabubnagar district.

Hearing news of the clash on the telephone, police reached the village and arrested 20 members belonging to BC community. The police instead of taking them to the concerned Santhi Nagar PS detained them in Kodandapuram PS.

Venkata Ramulu and N.Srinivasulu, were among the people detained. The police held them in custody from 27 to 29 May 2007, with out permitting their families to meet them. Sub Inspector Mr.Rahaman and two unnamed PCs beat Venkata Ramulu and N.Srinivasulu with lathis and the butts of their guns. Ramulu and N.Srinivasulu were either produced in the court or sent to the concerned police station.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/67/2007
Victim(s)	: K. Madanna
Perpetrator(s)	: Subbaiah, ASI
Location	: Rajoli village, Vaddepalli mandal, Mahabubnagar
Date of incident	: 05/10/2007

Case Details:

Nadipi Narayana and K Madanna are brothers. They belong to Rajoli village located at Vaddepalli mandal in Mahabubnagar. A dispute persisted between the two brothers regarding drawing water from a water channel to their fields.

On 5 August 2007 both the brothers resorted to a feud. Narayana asked the police to help him. As the SI was not in the police station at that time, ASI Subbaiah went with Narayana to fetch Madanna. Madanna was taken to the police station in an auto. On the way to the police station ASI Subbaiah battered him severely with lathi. Madanna was then subjected to physical assault at the police station.

During the evening Madana's second son Mallikarjun went to police station to rescue his father. The police detained Mallikarjun and subjected him to physical abuse. He was slapped several times and was beaten black and blue with a lathi.

The next day Madanna was released due to the intervention of the village elders. Mallikarjun was admitted to Kurnool Government Hospital for treatment. Whilst in hospital, Mallikarjun received threatening calls from ASI Subbaiah demanding

Rs.20,000 to close the case. ASI Subbaiah also threatened Mallikarjun that his life would be in peril if he revealed the police torture he had endured.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/69/2007
Victim(s)	: Meeninti Pentamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Edgi Krishnaiah Goud; 2) Narasimhulu Goud; 3) Balaiah, SI
Location	: Kadmankalva village
Date of incident	: 15/03/2007

Case Details:

Meeninti Pentamma, aged 45, is a resident of Kadamankalva village in Kulakcharla Mandal. She belongs to the Scheduled Caste.

She purchased three acres of land in survey number 245 from Srinivas Reddy and got a patta for the land after registration. The property is situated at Kadmankalva village in Mahabubnagar district.

On 15 March 2007. Edgi Krishnaiah Goud and Narshimhulu Goud went to Ms. Pentamma's land to collect tamarinds and mangoes from the trees. Ms.Pentamma objected to them picking the fruit, as it was her land. Mr.Krishnaiah Goud and Narsimhulu Goud then proceeded to abuse Ms.Pentamma. When her son Venkataiah tried to prevent them from doing so, they beat too.

On 16 March 2007 at 11:00 am Ms. Pentamma and her son Venkataiah lodged a complaint at Kulkcharla PS. The police took on action against the accused, but instead SI Balaiah took the complaint and detained Mr.Venkataiah for the night. In custody the SI Balaiah threatened Mr.Venkataiah and asked him to drop the complaint. When Mr.Venkataiah refused to do so SI Balaiah beat him with a lathi on his back, thighs and legs. Severed injuries were incurred.

On 17 March 2007, Ms. Pentamma filed a private complaint in Parigi court. The perpetrators have still not been arrested.

This case displays acquiescence on the part of the police and illegal detention resulting in police torture.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/73/2007
Victim(s)	: Jagath Reddy
Perpetrator(s)	: Venkat Reddy, Inspector, Zadcherla PS
Location	: Zadcherla PS
Date of incident	: 05/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Jagath Reddy, resides in Peddapalli village of Zadcherla mandal. Sruthi, resides in Yenugonda village of Mahabubnagar mandal. They jointly purchased four acres of land on the outskirts of Zadcherla. Six months ago they sold that land to Ravinder Reddy and nine others for an amount of Rs 7 lakh. The purchasers started their construction work on the land.

Meanwhile, a person by the name Khamoddin claimed that he is the real owner of the land. This baffled Ravinder Reddy and the others. On 4 July 2007 they made a complaint at Zadcherla PS and a case was registered against Jagat Reddy and Sruthi, but the police took no action for three months. Suddenly on 5 October 2007, the police brought Jagat Reddy to Zadcherla. PS and kept him in illegal detention for three days, no charge was filed.

In the police station Inspector Venkat Reddy beat Jagat Redd indiscriminately with a lathi on his hands and legs. The beating took place in a public part of the police station, hence Jagat Reddy was humiliated in front of many people. The Inspector did not heed to Jagat Reddy when he explained that he purchased the land three years ago with valid documents.

Finally, Jagat Reddy was released on 7 October 2007. No charge was filed, but the police released him on the condition that he attend the police station everyday at 6:00 p.m.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/74/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Chandramma; 2) Asamma
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Rajitha, SI;
Location : Amisthapur village,
Bhuthpur mandal
Date of incident : 22/09/2007

Case Details:

Chandramma, aged 32 is a resident of Amisthapur village at Bhuthpur mandal in Mahabubnagar district. She belongs to the Scheduled Caste community.

On 22 September, 2007 Chandramma and her friend Asamma went to Tashildar's office seeking a pattadar pass books for her land. Tashildar asked them to meet him in the evening at his home. That evening at 7:30 they went to Tashildar's house, accompanied by their husband. On arrival they were stopped by Tashildar's servant. Observing their arrival Tahasildar telephoned the police.

At 8:00 pm SI Rajitha and five other policemen arrived at Tashildar's house. The SI started verbally abusing them with obscene language. When Chandramma objected to the insults, SI Rajitha started beating her back with a lathi. The other policemen began to beat Chandramma's husband with lathis, on his shoulders, hands, legs and back.

Immediately a crowd gathered to see what was happening and then the policemen took Chandramma, Asamma and their husbands into custody. Chandramma and Asamma was severely battered with lathis whilst in custody. Chandramma incurred injuries all over her body, especially on her back, shoulders. Asamma sustained injury to her legs and palms. The police also verbally abused them, making derogatory comments about their caste

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/76/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Venkataiah; 2) Kavali Chandraiah
Perpetrator(s)	: Police
Location	: Kollur village, Nawabpet mandal
Date of incident	: 04/04/2007

Case Details:

The victim Kavali Chandraiah owned some land, which had been donated by Sivamma. Chandraiah looked after Sivamma's grandson Venkataiah.

Some people belonging to the backward class encroached on Chandraiah's land.

On 4 April 2007, Chandraiah made a complaint to the police station about the trespassing. The police did not respond to her complaint, instead they detained Venkataiah in police custody stating that they had received a complaint of attempted rape against him. The SI kept Venkataiah in the police station for two days and tortured him by beating him severely all over his body. Later he was released on the condition that he should present himself in the police station on every alternate day. Later he was arrested and produced before the court.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/88/2007
Victim(s)	: Siva Prasad
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Atchampet PS
Location	: Atchampet
Date of incident	: 14/04/2007

Case Details:

Siva Prasad is studying as an intermediate first year student. He resides at a Social Welfare Hostel in Atchampet. A complaint was made against him at Atchampet PS alleging he was guilty of theft. Siva believes that the complaint was a result of another student's jealousy towards him for scoring top marks in school.

Based on this complaint, the police took Prasad to Atchampet PS where he was severely beaten until he was unable to walk. The interrogation began at 7.00pm and lasted until 8:00 am. It was

eventually determined that no theft had taken place. When he tried to inform his brother over the telephone about what had occurred at the police station, the police threatened to burn him alive with kerosene.

SI Giri Babu of Atchampet PS states that after he received the complaint alleging Siva Prasad had committed a theft, he brought him to the police station and interrogated him.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/91/2007
Victim(s)	: Rama Swamy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Bucha Reddy; 2) Ram Reddy; 3) Santhaiah
Location	: Malliyapalli
Date of incident	: 25/11/2006

Case Details:

Rama Swamy coordinated young people in Malliyapalli village of Panugallu mandal to protest against social injustice. On 25 November 2006 landlords Buchi Reddy and Rajeswar Reddy attacked Rama Swamy. There were no witnesses to the attack, and so Swamy decided not to lodge a complaint.

After some days, Buchi Reddy and Rajeswar Reddy lodged a complaint against Swamy, alleging that he had threatened to kill them. The police took the Swamy to the police station, kept him in illegal detention for two days and beat him severely without informing Swamy as to the reason for his detention.

Swamy then decided to inform the police about the assault perpetrated against him, however, the police did not respond to his complaint. SI Santhaiah, of Panugallu PS claims that the police are investigating the complaint, and after completion of their investigation they will take action against the accused.

FF Code	:	AP/MBN/FF/101/2007
Victim(s)	:	Yellamma
Perpetrator(s)	:	1) Madhusudana Reddy; 2) Venkateswaralu, SI, Marikal PS
Location	:	Marikal PS
Date of incident	:	26/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim Yellamma, aged 23, belongs to the Scheduled Caste, Madiga. She is a resident of Kistampally village in Danwada Mandal of Mahabubnagar district, and she works as a labourer.

On 26 January 2007 Yellamma went to the forest to collect fire wood. The land lord Mr. Madhusudhan Reddy, aged 30, grabbed Yellamma as she entered the forest. He dragged her into the bushes and raped her. Yellamma tried to resist, but Madhusudhan beat her and silenced her, by closing her mouth.

Yellamma immediately informed her husband Venkataiah of the rape, and with advice from their caste elder they went to Marikal PS to make a complaint. At 4:00pm, SI Venkateswrlu heard her appeal and started laughing. He asked if there were any witnesses to the rape and then sent them home, assuring them that justice would be done.

On 28 January 2007, Venkataiah went to the Police Station at 10:30 a.m and met SI Venkateswarlu to ask him about the status of the case. When questioned, the SI got angry and asked him why he had returned to the police station. Later, the SI told Venkataiah that his wife had given a false complaint and the rape had not occurred. Venkataiah replied that he would make a complaint to the SP. At this, the SI called two PCs, who proceeded to take Venkataiah into a room, adjacent to the SI's room, where they beat his legs, shoulders, hands and thighs. While the PC's beat Venkataiah, the SI also entered the room and beat him with a lathi.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/102/2007
Victim(s)	: Seetha Ramulu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Pendyala Sayulu; 2) Satyanarayana, ASI, Madugula PS
Location	: Madugula PS
Date of incident	: 18/03/2007

Case Details:

Seetha Ramulu, aged about 45, is a resident of Nagilli Siroja Nagra village in Madgula Mandal of Mahabubnagar district. Ramulu belongs to the Scheduled Caste, Madiga. He works as farmer.

On 18 March, 2007 Ramulu went to the arrack shop, which is illegally run in his village. Pendyala Sailu, aged about 45, of the BC, MunnurKapu, was present at the shop. Ramulu accidentally bumped into Pendyala Sailu, whilst in the shop.

Meanwhile the excise police arrived and arrested Ramulu and Pendyala Sailu. Both men were taken to Madgula PS. At the police station, ASI Sthyanarayan questioned Ramulu about the arrack shop owners, but he refused to give their names. ASI Sthyanarayan became angry and beat Ramulu with a lathi for half an hour. Ramulu incurred injuries to his back and legs. ASI Sathyanarayana did not touch Pendyala Sailu, because the ASI and Sailu both belong to the same caste.

On 19 March, Ramulu met DSP Suragaiah at ShadNagar and lodged a complaint against ASI Sathyanarayana and Pendyala Sailu, but he also refused to register a case against them.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/116/2007
Victim(s)	: Chandraiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Rajender Reddy; 2) Krishnaiah; 3) Narayana; 4) D.V Papi Raju, SI
Location	: Papireddiguda Village, Keshampet Mandal
Date of incident	: 05/10/2007

Case Details:

Chandraiah, age 32, belongs to the Scheduled Caste, Madiga. Chandraiah is a farmer and a resident of Papireddiguda Village, Keshampet Mandal.

There are many Reddys families in Papireddiguda Village, whereas there are only five or six SC families. The Reddys have been demanding that the SC families sell them their land. The Reddys expect the SCs to work as waged-laborers and not to own land. Chandraiah did not agree with this, so he refused to work on land belonging to the Reddy's.

Seeking vengeance against Chandraiah, the Reddys spread rumors that Chandraiah was performing "chetabadi" [voodoo] in the village.

On 4 October 2007, at 8.00 pm, members of the Backward Castes and the Reddys attacked Chandraiah while he was asleep in his house. They beat Chandraiah indiscriminately; he incurred injuries on his back, face and fingers. The attack was led by Rajendra Reddy, Krishnaiah and Narayana.

On 5 October 2007, at 9.00 am, Chandraiah, and his family, went to PS to file a complaint about the attack. Before Chandraiah arrived at the police station, the BCs and Reddys had already talked to SI D.V Papi Raju and alleged that Chandraiah had beaten them. SI D.V Papi Raju detained Chandraiah and beat him with a lathi.

On 7 October 2007, after two days of illegal detention, a false case was registered against Chandraiah and he was produced before the court.

SI D.V Papi Raju, admitted that he had threatened Chandraiah at Keshampet PS, but he did not admit that he had beaten Chandraiah. The SI stated that he had registered cases according to complaints made by both parties involved.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/10/2007
Victim(s)	: Alakunta Rajaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Veera Reddy, ASI, Siddapeta PS; 2) Mr. Nagaiah, SI, Siddapeta PS; 3) Police, Siddapeta PS
Location	: Siddipeta PS, Medak District
Date of incident	: 26/04/2007

Case Details

The victim, Alankunta Rajaiah resides at Vaddera Colony of Prashant Nagar, Siddipeta town, Medak District.

Mr. Pathuri KrishnaReddy, age 35 and of the same town, had gone missing on 24 April 2007. On 26 April 2007, Pathuri KrishnaReddy's wife filed a complaint at Siddipeta PS. Later that day, police from the Siddipeta PS arrested Rajaiah in connection with Pathuri KrishnaReddy's absence. Pathuri KrishnaReddy and Rajaiah were partners in a real estate business, and the police alleged that they were not on good terms.

Sub-Inspector Mr. Nagaiah ordered Assistant Sub-Inspector Mr. Veera Reddy and two other constables to give victim Rajaiah the 'police treatment.' Together, Mr. Reddy and the constables stripped Rajaiah naked and propped up his neck with a stick. They then vigorously beat the victim's back with their lathis, hit him with the butts of their guns, and slapped his cheeks. ASI Mr. Reddy verbally abused Rajaiah on the basis of his caste.

The police tortured the victim from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, trying to make him confess. Rajaiah was released at about 7:15 pm. Rajaiah received treatment from 27 April to 30 April to treat his injuries. On 1 May 2007, Rajaiah was asked to return to the police station. The victim attempted suicide by swallowing poison, and he died on his way to Hyderabad Gandhi General Hospital.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/12/2007
Victim(s)	: Ramavarapu Sanjeeva Reddy and Narsi Reddy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mr. Sathaiah, PC, Dubbaka PS; 2) Sanjay Kumar, SI, Dubbaka PS; 3) PCs, Dubbaka PS
Location	: Dubbaka PS, Medak district.
Date of incident	: 24/04/2007

Case Details:

The victim Ramavarapu SanjeevaReddy belongs to the Forward Community and resides at Thimmapur village in Dubbak Mandal, Medak District.

Ramavarapu's neighbour's house was looted by thieves. On 24 April 2007 at about 6:30pm, Police Constable Mr. Sathaiah from the Dubbaka PS took Ramavarapu into custody in relation to the theft. Mr. Sathiah threatened that a false case would be registered against him if he refused to come.

Ramavarapu was taken to the Dubbakka Police station around 7:30pm and taken to a cell around 11:00pm. Sub-Inspector Sanjay Kumar, PC Sathaiah, and other constables made

Ramavarapu strip naked and lie on a bench. They interrogated him about the theft. When Ramavarapu refused to plead guilty, the police pierced two electrical wires into his fingers and administered electric shocks for over an hour. The victim still did not confess. Another person, Mr. Narsi Reddy of the same village, was also brought to the Dubbaka PS for enquiry in relation to the same theft case. He was also brutally beaten by the police.

At 1:00pm on 26 April 2007, the SI ordered PC Sathaiah to release Ramavarapu and Narsi Reddy. The media reported the incident, after which the SI sent some constables to get Ramavarapu's signatures on blank papers. The victim has not signed any papers. Ramavarapu sustained serious injuries from the beatings; to-date he remains bed-ridden

FF Code	:	AP/MDK/FF/14/2007
Victim(s)	:	1) Alakunta Rajaiah, 2) Alakunta Narsamma
Perpetrator(s)	:	1) Gangadhar, PI, 2) Nagaiah, SI
Location	:	Siddipeta
Date of incident	:	01/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Alakunta Rajaiah, age 50, belonged to the Vaddera caste and was married to Alakunta Narsamma. He lived in Vaddera Colony, Prashanth Nagar, Siddipeta Town, Medak District.

Alakunta Rajaiah was a partner in the real estate business with Pathuri Kista Reddy and Metla Sanjeeva Reddy. On 24 April 2007 around 11:30pm, Kista Reddy called Alakunta Rajaiah to a nearby hotel to try to settle a dispute that arose between them. Sanjeeva Reddy also joined them at the hotel. Alankunta Rajaiah returned home at 3:00am and went to sleep. Pathuri Kista Reddy did not return home. Radha went to the Siddipeta I-Town PS and filed a complaint about her missing husband.

On 26 April 2007 around 12:00 pm, the police arrested Alakunta Rajaiah in connection with Kista Reddy's disappearance. Between 5:00 and 7:00pm, the police interrogated, threatened and tortured Alakunta Rajaiah. Two Constables stripped Alakunta Rajaiaj, placed a stick under his neck and started beating him with their lathis. The police also assaulted Alakunta Rajaiaj with the butts of their guns and insulted his caste. Alakunta Rajaiah's wife and sister-in-law also went to the PS and witnessed the police abuse.

At 7:15pm, the police released the victim and told him to return to the PS on 1 May 2007. The Police threatened to kill him if he disclosed the torture to anyone. On 27 April, 2007 at 8:00am, Alakunta Rajaiah was admitted to the Area Hospital in Siddipeta for treatment. He was discharged from the hospital on 30 April 2007.

At 2:00pm on 1 May 2007, Alakunta Rajaiah was found unconscious in his fields. His wife and neighbor suspect that he ingested pesticides and committed suicide rather than return to the police. The victim's wife and brother took him to the Siddipeta Area Hospital, where the doctors advised them to take him to the Hyderabad Hospital. Alakunta Rajaiah died on the way to Hyderabad, around 6:30pm.

District Superintendent of Police Mr. Venkateswarlu assured villagers that he would make inquiries and take appropriate action. Sub-Inspector Nagaiah stated that the police never beat the victim.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/18/2007
Victim(s)	: Pullapu Swamy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Sanjay Kumar, SI, Mustabad PS; 2) PCs, Mustabad PS
Location	: Mustabad PS
Date of incident	: 24/07/2007

Case Details:

The victim Pullapu Swamy is a farmer in Akaram village, Dubbaka Mandal.

Police alleged that Pullapu's sister-in-law Yashoda belonged to the Naxal party. On 24 July 2007 when he was working in his field, six police officers came, stuffed cloth in his mouth, and took him to the police van. In the van, a police constable slapped him, and another kicked him on his chest. When they reached the outskirts of the Rajakkapeta and Moinkunta Villages the Police stopped the vehicle, put a gun to the victim's head, and threatened him to disclose the whereabouts of Yashoda.

When they reached the Mustabad PS, Sub-Inspector Sanjay Kumar asked him to sit on the floor. At 10:30pm, two constables started pulling his arms in opposite directions and then beat him severely. Thirty minutes later, they tied a rope to the large toe of each foot and pulled. Two constables stood on Pullapu's thighs, two constables pulled apart his buttocks, and two other

constables beat the victim with their lathis on his legs, back, soles of his feet. This treatment lasted for over half an hour. After the beatings, the officers released the victim, and SI Sanjay Kumar told Pullapu to run here and there in the police station, but he was unable to even stand.

On 25 July 2007 at 7:30am, the police again called the victim for interrogation. Sub-Inspector Vijay Raju said that he would provide Pullapu with a lot of money and a job in the Gulf if he revealed Yashoda's whereabouts. Pullapu again stated that he did not know her whereabouts, and the Sub-Inspector became angry and ordered the constables to give him the 'second police treatment.' Constables stripped Pullapu, slapped him, and made him lay down facing the floor. One constable pulled up the victim's head and made him stretch out his arms. Then one constable stood on each hand with their boots. Another constable pushed a wooden rod between Pullapu's knees, and two constables pulled his legs. This treatment lasted for more than 15 minutes, and the officers did not heed Pullapu's cries to stop.

The victim was detained for four days, during which he was continuously kicked and slapped. The police threatened to kill him if he disclosed the incident. Pullapu was not able to walk for several days following his release.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/43/2007
Victim(s)	: Siddam Rajamani
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Narender Reddy, SI
Location	: Siddipet Mandal PS, Medak District
Date of incident	: 26/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Siddam Rajamani, age 23, works in a hotel in Siddipet Mandal, Medak District.

Gazwal Bhagya from Bada village was said to be dead some years ago in the hotel where Siddam Rajamani worked. However, the police suspected that she was still alive and was living in Hyderabad. The police alleged that a person named Venkata Swamy visited Gazwal Bhagya often, and that Siddam Rajamani knew Venkata Swamy well.

On 26 June 2007, Sub-Inspector Narender Reddy took Siddam Rajamani, into custody around 6:00pm for interrogation. At the station, two male constables yanked her hair, one constable pushed his Lathi into her mouth, another constable beat her thighs and legs with a lathi, and another constable hit her breasts.

Siddam Rajamani pleaded that she did not even know who Gazwal Bhagya was, but police continued beating the victim for two days before releasing her. The police threatened Siddam Rajamani that they would not leave her in peace until she divulged the whereabouts of Gazwal Bhagya.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/50/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Kistaiah; 3) Scheduled Caste land sellers of Mirudoddi Village
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Prabhakar, SI; 2) POs
Location	: Mirudoddi Village, Medak District.
Date of incident	: 28/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kistaiah is a member of a Scheduled Caste and lives in Mirudoddi Village in the district of Medak. Kistaiah and other members of his Scheduled Caste sold their property, which had been distributed to them by the government, to Karadi Siva Kumar.

On 28 June 2007, a complaint was filed with the police alleging that the land sale was illegal.

SI Prabhakar summoned Kistaiah and the other Scheduled Caste sellers to the police station and held them in custody for one day. At the station, SI Prabhakar and three other constables beat Kistaiah and the other Scheduled Caste sellers with lathis and the butts of their guns. When Kistaiah asked the police officers why they were being beaten, the police officers transferred Kistaiah to another cell. In the new cell, two constables beat Kistaiah for half an hour on his legs, back, and hands. The constables threatened to register a false case against Kistaiah if he told anyone about his treatment.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/52/2007
Victim(s)	: Sri Ram Srinivas
Perpetrator(s)	: POs
Location	: Cherlapalli Jail
Date of incident	: August 2007

Case Details:

Victim Sri Ram Srinivas lives in the village of Thimmapur in Nalgonda district. He is a member of the Maoist party.

In August 2007, police officers arrested Srinivas. In an attempt to extract information from Srinivas regarding the Maoist party, the police officers beat Srinivas all over his body with lathis, slapped him several times, and kicked him hard on his back. As a result of the beatings, Srinivas sustained multiple injuries, including a fractured back bone.

Srinivas was transferred to Cherlapalli Jail in Hyderabad. There, he was detained for 4 days, and the police severely beat him, alleging that he was involved in the smuggling of weapons between Maharashtra and Gujarat.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/59/2007; AP/MDK/FF/63/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Bogi Somla; 2) Pottolla Ramesh
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Yeranna, SI, Kukunurupalli PS; 2) Pos, Kukunurupalli PS
Location	: 30/10/2007
Date of incident	: Thipparam Village, Kondapaka mandal

Case Details:

Victim Bogi Somla and victim Potolla Ramesh live in the village of Thipparam in Kondapaka mandal.

On 30 October 2007, late at night, while Somla and Ramesh were working at their respective jobs, a theft took place in the Kirana shop. The shop owner accused Somla of stealing from his shop because Somla's stick was found near the shop. The shop owner also accused Ramesh of the theft. The shop owner subsequently filed a complaint against Somla and Ramesh with the Kukunurupalli PS.

The same day, Kukunurupalli PS police officers took Somla to the police station. At the Kukunurupalli PS, SI Yeranna and two constables demanded that Somla return the stolen items in question, but Somla insisted that she did not commit the theft. In response, SI Yerrana ordered the constables to extract the truth from Somla. The two constables then pulled Somla's hair and banged her head against the police station wall. The two constables also beat Somla with lathis on her back, legs, and hands, and they slapped her several times. Somla sustained serious injuries to her head and body as a result of the beatings.

The Kukunurupalli PS police officers then told Somla that, if she did not accept responsibility for the theft, they would attribute every theft case in her village to her.

At around 3:00pm, Kukunurupalli PS police officers brought Ramesh to the police station. SI Yeranna attempted to extract a confession from Ramesh by slapping him and by ordering two constables to beat him. The constables tied Ramesh's hands with a towel and beat him with lathis for 30 minutes on his legs and back. The officers also kicked Ramesh several times. Ramesh was unable to walk after the beatings. The Kukunurupalli PS police officers ultimately forced Ramesh to accept responsibility for the theft. The police officers also attributed two earlier theft cases to Ramesh.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/60/2007
Victim(s)	: Bollamalla Yadagiri
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Yerrana, SI, Kukunurupalli PS; 2) ASI, Kukunurupalli PS; 3) Pos, Kukunurupalli PS.
Location	: Thipparam village, Kondapaka mandal.
Date of incident	: 31/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bollamalla Yadagiri, age 28, is a tractor driver in the village of Thipparam in Kondapaka mandal. Yadagiri was hired by Voddera for one day to plough Voderra's fields.

The next day, Voderra found that his tractor battery was missing and suspected Yadagiri as the thief. Voderra filed a complaint against Yadagiri to that effect with the Kukunurupalli PS.

On October 31 2007, at around 11:30am, Kukunurupalli PS police officers took Yadagiri into custody. The Kukunurupalli PS ASI and Constable Sathaiah and Constable Ravinder Reddy threw Yadagiri into a cell where two other constables beat him with a lathi in an attempt to extract a confession. However, Yadagiri refused to confess to the crime. In response, SI Yeranna entered the cell and kicked Yadagiri in the stomach, slapped him, and beat him on the hands, legs and back with a lathi for 45 minutes. The Kukunurupalli PS police officers ultimately forced Yadagiri to accept responsibility for the theft. They also tried to compel him to accept responsibility for other thefts which has occurred earlier in the village.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/65/2007
Victim(s) : Ponnamyna Raju
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ashok, SI; 2) POs
Location : Rampur Village, Medak district
Date of incident : 30/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ponnamyna Raju, age 22, works as labourer and lived in the village of Rampur village in Medak.

On 30 September 2007, Raju and a mess owner got into a verbal fight over the fact that Raju was not being served his food. The mess employees beat Raju, and the mess owner called the police. The police arrived and took Raju into custody.

At around 9:15pm, SI Ashok and two constables use abusive language towards Raju and slapped him. When Raju objected to his treatment, Constable Rao kicked Raju on the buttocks, tied his hands to the window grill of SI Ashok's office, and beat him all over his body. Raju sustained serious injuries and is now unable to walk.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/37/2007
Victim(s) : Rushipaka Yadaiah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sivarama Reddy, SI;
2) Sandhya, Home Guard; 3) PCs
Location : Nampalli, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 13/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rushipaka Yadaiah, age 32, is an artist working as a CPI Town Secretary in Chittimpahad Village.

On 12 August 2007, the village conducted a Panchayat meeting regarding a land dispute between Yadaiah and his uncle Muthaiah, whose daughter Sandhya works as a Home Guard in the Nampalli PS.

At 5:30am the next morning, Yadaiah was forcefully taken to the Nampalli PS, where POs beat him repeatedly on his legs and hands with lathis until 8:30am. The officers crushed Yadaiah's right kneecap, making lose consciousness. Afterwards, the victim was unable to walk.

Hearing of Yadaiah's condition, BSP leader Pudari Narasimha reached the police station at 8.30am. He questioned the Sub-Inspector why Yadaiah was taken to the PS. The Home Guard intejected, verbally abusing Pudari Narasimha. Pudari Narasimha then informed the leaders of all the political parties that the police were beating Yadaiah. Immedaitely the MRPS, BJP and CPI resorted to a dharna at the mandal headquarters in Nampalli, protesting against Yadaiah's arrest, detention and beatings. Seeing this, the Sub-Inspector apologised to Yadaiah and released him.

Yadaiah explained the incident to Superintendent of Police Vijay Kumar and demanded action against the responsible SI and constables. Thus far Yadaiah has had to spend Rs 20,000 in medical expenses, and his leg has still not completely healed. The doctors advised him that he will require two months of bed rest. However, his family is poor, and his parents depend on his earnings for sustenance.

FF Code	: AP/NLG/FF/45/2007; AP/NLG/FF/44/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Banala Ramulu; 2) Karne Yakaiah
Perpetrator(s)	:
Location	: Choutappal PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident	: 15/05/2007

Case Details:

The victims Banala Ramulu and Karne Yakaiah, belong to the Dakkali caste and are from Nalgonda and Warangal district, respectively. Presently they were residing in Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad. They work as daily wage labourers.

On 15 May 2005, Banal Ramulu and Kare Yakaiah were arrested by police from Choutuppal PS on a complaint lodged by Mr Kommu Somaiah of Pedakaparthi village. According to the complaint on 4 May 2005, some intruders entered the complainant's house during the night and stole gold ornaments worth of Rs 20,000. Ramulu and Kare Yakaiah were arrested without proper investigation, they were not sent to judicial custody within twenty four hours but shifted between various police stations. The police beat Ramulu and Kare Yakaiah severely, demanding that they accept responsibility for the theft cases.

Finally after ten days Ramulu and Kare Yakaiah were sent to judicial custody. The police reported before the court that Ramulu and Yakaiah were arrested at Choutappal bus stand on the same day. They reported that Ramulu and Yakaiah had confessed their guilt in the theft cases. Prior to Ramulu and Kare Yakaiah being produced before the court, the police warned them not to tell the magistrate that they had been beaten. Due to fear, Ramulu and Yakaiah, did not relate their maltreatment to the magistrate.

FFCode	: AP/NLG/FF/59/2007
Victim(s)	: Eduru Murali
Perpetrator(s)	: Rama Krishna, SI, Kodandapur
Location	: Mahabubnagar Dist
Date of incident	: 16/07/2007

Case Details:

On 16 July 2007, the victim Eduru Murali was at Bongir bus stand when Sub Inspector Rama Krishna placed a revolver to his forehead, threatened to kill him and dragged him out of a bus. SI Rama Krishna then took him to Bongir P.S. When they arrived at the police station, SI Rama Krishna asked SI Prabhakar and some other constables to beat Eduru Murali.

After some of Eduru Murali's friends telephoned the police station, he was taken to DSP

FF Code:	: AP/NLG/FF/74/2007
Victim(s):	: Anneboina Narasimha
Perpetrator(s):	: 1) Hanumatha Reddy, SI; 2) Police, Nalgonda PS; 3) Police, Konagal PS
Location:	: Nalgonda PS; Konagal PS
Date of incident:	: October 2007

Case Details:

Victim Aneboyina Narasimha, age 21, is a farmer residing in Mupparam Village, Kanagal Mandal.

In the first week of October 2007, police came to his house in civilian clothes and took him to the Nalgonda PS, where they detained the victim for three days. During his detention, the police beat

Aneboyina Narasimha and forced him to accept responsibility for recent theft cases in his community. When the victim pled his innocence, each officer in the station beat him one after another.

Aneboyina Narasimha was later moved to Tripuram PS and Konagal PS. The police falsely charged Aneboyina Narasimha for committing two thefts. On 17 October 2007, Sub-Inspector Hanumatha Reddy warned the victim not to discuss his detention with the judge, and then sent the victim to court.

FF Code:	: AP/NLG/FF/75/2007
Victim(s):	: Dosapati Venkateswarlu
Perpetrator(s):	: Police, Miryalaguda and Nidamanur PS
Location:	: Miryalaguda, Nidamanur PS
Date of incident:	: October 2007

Case Details:

Victim Dosapati Venkateswarlu, age 29, resides in Shakapuram Village, Kanagal Mandal.

During first week of October 2007, Miryalaguda ID party police and Nidamanur police arrived at the victim's house in civilian clothes and took him to the Miryalaguda police. At the station, police undressed Dosapati Venkateswarlu and beat him, ordering him to admit to committing several robberies, including one in Telikantigudem Village. The victim proclaimed his innocence, but the police continued beating him all over with their lathis.

After detaining Dosapati Venkateswarlu for two days in Miryalaguda, he was moved to the Nidamanur police station where he was again beaten. There, the victim learned that the police had falsely charged him with 10-15 false cases of theft.

Finally, ten days after being arrested, Dosapati Venkateswarlu was produced in Kanagal Court. Police threatened me not to reveal before the judge about police torture.

FF Code: : AP/NLG/FF/78/2007
Victim(s): : 1) Md Jhani (alias Jani Pasha); 2) Md Jhani Pasha; 3) Md Gouse; 4) Sk Parvez
Perpetrator(s): : Police, Vemulapalli PS
Location: : Miryalaguda ID, and Vemulapalli PS
Date of incident : 19/10/2007

Case Details:

Victims Md Jhani alias Jani Pasha, Md Jhani Pasha, Md Gouse and Sk Parvez reside in Seetharampuram Village, Nalgonda District.

On 16 October 2007 in Miryalaguda Town, Vishwanathula Ravindrachari was kidnapped and found murdered beside a canal. On 19 October 2007, Miryalaguda ID police and Vemulapalli police took victims Md Jhani alias Jani Pasha, Md Jhani Pasha, Md Gouse and Sk Parvez into custody.

The victims were shifted between police stations. At each, they were detained in a dark room in the back of the station, beaten, and forced to admit responsibility for the murder. Miryalaguda police beat the four victims continuously from 10:00am to 7:00pm, ordering them to admit their role in the murder. After several days of beatings, the victims signed the pape

On 23 October 2007, the victims were produced before the court. The victims showed their injuries to the judge, who sent the three for medical treatment at the Miryalaguda Government Hospital.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/06/2007
Victim(s) : Maunyam Kathalappa
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Anji Reddy, SI 2) Yehiya, HC
Location : L.B. Nagar PS
Date of incident : 25/02/2007

Case Details:

The victim Maunyam Kathalappa resides in Ranga Reddy District. He worked as a construction labourer.

On 25 February 2007, four police constables from L.B. Nagar PS arrested Maunyam and threw him into a police jeep, while he was on his way home. All the police were wearing uniform. At L.B. Nagar PS he was accused of throwing stones at another man, verbally abusing him and generally of making a nuisance of himself whilst drunk. They also questioned him about where he got the money for buying alcohol and also accused him of theft.

SI Anji Reddy and HC Yehiya beat Maunyam on his legs, back and hands with a lathi and slapped his cheeks. He was detained in police custody for three days without food and water. Despite requesting medicine for his stomach ache, the police refused.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/08/2007
Victim(s)	: Mohammed Zaveed
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Falaknama PS
Location	: Falaknama PS
Date of incident	: 12/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Mohammed Zaveed runs a CD shop for the past six years. He resides in his house behind the shop.

On 12 May 2007, his shop was attacked by fifteen policemen of Falaknama PS, who demolished compact discs worth Rs.10,000. The police were dressed in civilian attire. Mohammed was also assaulted by the policemen, who accused him of selling blue films. Mohammed was taken by the police to Falaknama PS, where the police kicked him with boot clad feet. The policemen forced him to sit on the floor with his legs folded and then they beat him with lathis.

Afterwards, the police demanded a bribe from Mohammed in return for his release. They also threatened him, stating that if a case was registered against him he would spend his entire life in prison.

DK Basu guidelines were not followed while the victim was in police custody. The victim was beaten indiscriminately and the rights of the arrested person were violated. Many false cases were fabricated against him.

FF Code	: FF/AP/RRD/09/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Kamati Ravi; 2) Mekala Ashok Reddy; 3) Manney Narsimha Reddy; 4) Reddy Malla Krishna Murthy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Md. Haneez Fakeer; 2) C.H.S.S Prasad; 3) SI , UppalPS; 4) CI, Uppal PS
Location	: Kapra Municipality
Date of incident	: 01/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kamati Devi, aged 39 is the General Secretary of CPM party in Uppal division of Ranga Reddy District.

On 1 May 2007, on the occasion of May Day, the State Committee decided to start an agitation in which they occupied land in the name of landless Dalits. Kamati Devi initiated an agitation near Kapra Municipality in order to occupy 446 acres of land. This land belonged to the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation.

At the time of the protest, the SI and CI of Uppal PS and many other constables, attacked the protestors with lathis. The police beat the Dalit's present and chased the CPM party members away. Kamati Ravi was arrested and detained in the lock up for four days

The above mentioned victims, were dragged to the police jeep and taken to Uppal PS where they were subjected to brutal beatings. The victims requested a doctor for the injuries they incurred, but the police did not comply. The victims were arrested, however they were not produced before the court within 24 hours of arrest.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/10/2007
Victim(s)	: K. Mohan Rao
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramakrishnan, SI, Marpally PS; 2) Police, Marpally PS
Location	: Marpally PS
Date of incident	: 19/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Mohan, resides in Marpally mandal (zone). This zone is a remote area in Ranga Reddy District. There are 7000 Scheduled Castes in the mandal, who constitute the majority. The mandal comes under the Vikarabad Assembly Constituency and this is a reserved constituency.

For the last fourteen years there has been a movement urging for the categorization of these people in the Scheduled Caste list. Mohan is the District Secretary of Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS) led an

On 19 May 2007, Mohan led a dharna in the village before the Mandal Revenue Office. Prior to the agitation, permission had been secured from the government. Many members of the Madiga community (SC) attended the protest. Forty activists went to the main road of Marpally and planned to picket for an hour. Within half an hour police of Marpally PS rushed to the scene and called for a lathi charge.

Mohan was arrested and the police filed a false case, alleging that Mohan had been involved in a bus burning incident. He was detained at Marpally PS from 19 May 2007 to 21 May 2007. Whilst in custody, SI Ramakrishna beat Mohan with a lathi on his legs, back, hands and buttocks. The police would not allowed him to urinate.

Although the protest had taken place with permission from the government, the police of Marpally PS took matters into their own hands. The mandated rules of arrest were violated, the victims were subjected to illegal detention, as well as severe beatings.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/12/2007
Victim(s)	: Akkinapalli Jangaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Hayath Nagar PS
Location	: Hayath Nagar PS
Date of incident	: 04/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Akkinapally Jangaiah is a lorry driver. On 4 May 2007, he loaded his lorry with palm oil which was destined to reach Vishakapatnam. On the way he crashed into Kona Narayana's lorry. The latter made a complaint at Hayath Nagar PS. When Akkinapally Jangaiah refused to pay Kona Narayana compensation of Rs.50,000, he was subjected to torture for two hours by police of Hayath Nagar PS. The police detained him in the lock up for two days. They beat him with lathis on four occasions.

On 6 May 2007, an FIR was booked against Jangaiah, the contents of which remains unknown to him. The accusation made by the complainant was that his lorry was damaged and his left leg was fractured. He also states that the victim was driving his vehicle after having consumed alcohol.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/13/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Kethavath Heerya;
2) Kethavath Saroja
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Shamshabad PS
Location : Shamshabad PS
Date of incident : 04/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kethavath Heerya is a member of a Scheduled tribe and works as a driver. He was married to Kethavath Saroja and they had an eight year old son.

On 4 March 200, Saroja and Heerya had a quarrel concerning a domestic issue. It is alleged that after the argument, Saroja committed suicide by hanging herself. Her father Ram Singh had suspicions that Saroja had been murdered. As a result, Ram Singh made a complaint at Shamshabad Police Station; he accused Heerya and his brother of murder. The postmortem report stated that Saroja had been strangled to death. Thus the police arrested Heerya and his brother.

The police detained Heerya at Shamshabad PS, but no arrest was made. The police tortured Heerya every day whilst forcing him to confess to Saroja's murder. Heerya would not give in to the police demands. This maltreatment continued for approximately 22 days. The police beat Heerya with every object they could lay their hands on, they beat him brutally and relentlessly all over his body. During his time in custody, Heerya was not provided with sufficient food and water, or allowed to clean his cloths for the whole period of his detention.

On 25 March 2007, Heerya was exhausted from the beatings and confessed to the offence to escape further torture.

On 27 March 2007, the police produced Heerya before the court. At court the police provided evidence that they had arrested him only on the previous day, in case Crime No.82 of 2007. The police had threatened Heerya before producing him in court, that he should not reveal the police torture to the judge or he would be implicated in several other cases.

Thus, the police of Shamshabad PS illegally detained Heerya without arrest for 22 days, subjecting him to severe beatings in order to extract a confession. As a result of this maltreatment Heerya is in very poor health; he is not in position to continue working because of the injuries he sustained. Complaints have been made against the police of Shamshabad PS to the National and State Human Right Commissions and Higher Police Authorities. However, no progress has been made in this case.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/57/2007
 Victim(s) : Molla Masiyuddin
 Perpetrator(s) : 1)Chandrasekhar,CI, Vanasthalipuram PS
 2) Linga Reddy, S.I, Vanasthalipuram
 3) Khaja Shahabazdeem,
 C.I, Vanasthalipuram PS
 Location : Vanasthalipuram PS
 Date of incident: 15/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Molla Masiyuddin is 14 years old.

A garment shop in Vanasthalipuram was looted. The police alleged that the victim Molla Masiyuddin had committed the theft. The police went to the victim's house and beat him in the presence of his parents. They then took him to the police station.

The police beat Molla Masiyuddin continuously over the course of two days, ordering him to accept responsibility for the theft. For that period, he was made to sit with his legs folded and was denied food. Unable to tolerate the pain, the victim accepted responsibility for the theft. On the third day, Molla Masiyuddin was produced before the court.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/ 65 /2007
 Victim(s) : 1) Bala Lingam (a) Praveen Raj;
 2) Lakshmi
 Perpetrator(s) : Police, Kushaiguda PS
 Location : Kushaiguda PS
 Date of incident: 13/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bala Lingam is 13 years old.

On 13 October 2007, Bala Lingam was standing near the Sarada Theatre. The police on patrol took the victim to the Kushaiguda PS. At the station, the police alleged that Bala Lingam had committed several thefts and had stolen Rs 70,000 and other valuable ornaments.

The police beat Bala Lingam and ordered the victim to confess to the thefts. The police brought his mother Lakshmi to the police station and abused her for three days, depriving her of food. The victim was not able to tolerate the pain, and with his parents' urging, he admitted to committing the thefts.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/66/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Mohammad Raffiq 2) M D Chand 3) Nadeen 4) Mohammad Afsar
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Subba Rao, S.I, Moinabad PS
2) Ramgopal, C.I, Narsingi circle
3) Chennaiah, HC, Moinabad PS
Location : Moinabad PS
Date of incident : 10/07/2007

Case Details:

On 10 July 2007, the victims Mohammad Raffiq, M D Chand, Nadeen and Mohammad Afsar were taken by the police from their houses.

Alleging that they were involved in several theft cases, the police beat the victims and took them forcefully to the Moinabad Police Station. At the station, the police made Mohammad Raffiq, M D Chand, Nadeen and Mohammad Afsar stand and beat each other. The police yelled at the victims when they tried to speak among themselves. The victims were detained for eight days and were deprived of food.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/73/2007
Victim(s) : Prakash
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Hayat Nagar PS
Location : Hayat Nagar PS
Date of incident : 23/11/2007

Case Details:

On 23 November, 2007, the police of Hayat Nagar PS caught the victim, Prakash and his friend who were selling plastics. The police beat them and took them to Hayat Nagar PS. At the police station, the police continued to beat them with lathis, asking them to confess to a crime. Prakash's family enquired at the local police stations, but the police said that they had not heard anything about the two victims. So the parents of the victims had found it difficult to locate them

Prakash and his friend were detained for six days. Later, they were produced at the court and then remanded at Cherlapalli Jail.

FF Code	:	AP/RRD/FF/74/2007; AP/RRD/FF/76 /2007; AP/RRD/FF/78/2007; AP/RRD/FF/79/2007
Victim(s)	:	1) Anil Dinakar Rathod; 2) Pimtu (a)Bikku Parthi; 3) Surju; 4) Aman (a) Subash
Perpetrator(s)	:	1) Police, Hayatnagar PS; 2) Radesh Murali, Inspector, Kukatpalli PS
Location	:	1) Hayatnagar PS; 2) Kukatpalli PS
Date of incident	:	02/11/2007 ; 04/11/2007

Case Details:

The victim's Anil Dinakar Rathod, Pimtu, Surju and Aman had migrated to Hyderabad; they stayed in small huts on the out skirts of the city.

Late at night on 4 November 2007, police of Hayatnagar PS arrived at Anil's hut. The police took Anil to Hayatnagar PS. The police then stripped him naked and beat him with lathis. Anil was deprived of food for four days and then produced before the court.

On 4 November 2007, the police threatened Pimtu and Aman with lathis and guns and took them to Hayatnagar PS, where they was detained. The men were was not given a reason for their detention. The police stripped Pimtu naked and removed his gold jewellery. Pimtu was then beaten indiscriminately with a lathi. After six days of detention, he was produced before the court and then remanded. The police shifted Aman from one police station to another and also to different courts. Later he was imprisoned.

On 2 November 2007 Surju was beaten by the police of Hayatnagar PS and was forced to reveal the places where he had allegedly committed thefts. Fearing that he would be beaten to death, Surju was forced to confess to a crime that he did not commit. He was stripped naked and kept in illegal detention for six days. He was then produced before the court and sent to Cherlapalli Jail.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/75/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Md Owaiz; 2) Md Ahmed;
3) Md Azahar; 4) Ganesh
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Chandrasekhar, Inspector,
Vanasthalipuram PS 2) Linga
Reddy, SI, Vanasthalipuram PS
Location : Vanasthalipuram PS
Date of incident : 30/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Md Owaiz, was a welder. On 30 October, 2007, the police entered Md Owaiz's house in civil dress. The police alleged that he had committed a theft and took him to Vanasthalipuram PS, along with his friends Md Ahmed, Md Azahar and Ganesh.

The police, including Inspector Chandrasekhar and SI Linga Reddy, beat them brutally until they had confessed to the theft. Md Owaiz and his friends were detained at the police station until 5 November 2007. The police had foisted five false cases on Md Owaiz and deprived him of food. The police had not allowed him to take the food brought by his parents.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/80/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Narsi
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Radesh Murali, Inspector,
Kukatpalli PS; 2) Sanjeeva Rao,
S.I, Kukatpalli PS
Location : Kukatpalli PS
Date of incident : 07/11/2007

Case Details:

The victim Narsi had migrated to Hyderabad 11 years back and was working as a labourer.

On 7 November 2007, at 10.00pm, the police entered Narsi's house and took him to Kukatpalli PS in handcuffs.

The police alleged that Narsi had committed a theft. The police, including Inspector Radesh Murali and SI Sanjeeva Rao assaulted Narsi brutally so that he was unable to walk properly. He was detained for four days and then he was produced before the court. The police warned Narsi not to speak to the Judge about the treatment he had received whilst in custody. Later, he was sent to Cherlapalli Jail.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/81 /2007
Victim(s) : Doddi Srikanth
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Pravinder Rao, S.I, L B Nagar PS; 2) Surender Reddy, Inspector, L B Nagar PS
Location : L B Nagar PS
Date of incident : 16/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Doddi Srikanth is 13 years old. He worked as a car mechanic.

On 16 September, 2007 SI Pravinder Rao and Inspector Surender Reddy of L B Nagar PS took Doddi Srikanth to the police station. The police alleged that he had stolen a DVD player. The policemen beat Doddi Srikanth with lathis while he was in custody. They demanded that he reveal the names of his friends who had assisted him in the theft and demanded that he confess to the crime. After being questioned by a Judge, he was sent to jail.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/82/07
Victim(s) : Janga Reddy
Perpetrator(s) : Ananthaiah, S.I
Location : L. B Nagar PS
Date of incident : 22/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Janga Reddy married Suda Rani in 1988. Both of them lived happily for 10 years and later they had a dispute. As a result of these quarells, Suda Rani had gone to her parent's house several times.

On 23 October 2007, Suda Rani lodged a complaint against her husband at L B Nagar PS. She alleged that he had harassed her and that he had married another lady. Janga Reddy refused the allegations. But the police detained him for three days. He was beaten by the police and deprived of food and water.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/84/2007
Victim(s)	: Chitti Babu
Perpetrator(s)	: PC, Narsing PS
Location	: Narsing PS
Date of incident	: 25/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Chitti Babu is a Dalit. He earns his living by making public announcements whilst beating his drum. He worked for both the TDP and Congress parties.

On 25 October, 2007, the TDP party asked him to call the public to participate in a protest. The Congress party also asked him to announce the arrival of a Minister. Later, a clash occurred between the two parties. An unnamed PC from Narsing PS, abused Chitti Babu with obscene language and accused him of provoking the clash. Then the PC took him in a jeep to Narsing PS.

Despite denying the allegations, Chitti Babu was detained for two days and beaten with lathis at regular intervals. After he paid some money, he was taken to the court and released.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/86 /2007
Victim(s)	: Shiv Kumar
Perpetrator(s)	: Unnamed police, Dharur PS
Location	: Dharur PS
Date of incident	: 24/11/2007

Case Details:

On 24 November, 2007 the victim Shiv Kumar had gone to collect his wife from her parent's house. However his wife refused to leave. Shiv Kumar was annoyed and beat her in the presence of her parents.

Shiv Kumar wife and her parents made a complaint to the police. That night, the police arrived at Shiv Kumar's house and took him to Dharur PS. The police tied his hands up and beat him brutally without carrying out any investigations or producing an arrest warrant. Shiv Kumar was kept under illegal detention for two days. The police did not provide his parents with any information about what was happening.

After the incident Shiv Kumar felt insulted and decided to commit suicide. However, he was saved by his family.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/87/2007
Victim(s)	: Pedda Prabhu
Perpetrator(s)	: Lingaiah, S.I
Location	: Bhatvaram PS
Date of incident	: 19/11/2007

Case Details:

The victim Pedda Prabhu had a previous grudge against his cousins. On 19 November, 2007, Pedda Prabhu was dragged out of his house by his cousin's brother Gopal and was beaten by him. Gopal's wife also tried to beat Pedda Prabhu with shoes. To defend himself Pedda Prabhu pushed her aside.

Later Gopal made a complaint against Pedda Prabhu, alleging that he had tried to rape his wife. The police went to Pedda Prabhu's house and took him to Bhatvaram PS with handcuffs. At the police station, the police stripped him naked, abused him with obscene language and beat him brutally with lathis.

The police kept him under illegal detention for five days and deprived him of food. As a result of the beatings Pedda Prabhu was not able to walk properly and found it difficult to continue work.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/88/2007
Victim(s)	: Yedula Prabhakar Reddy
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, L. B Nagar PS
Location	: L. B Nagar PS
Date of incident	: 03/12/2007

Case Details:

On 3 December, 2007 the victim Yedula Prabhakar Reddy had boarded a bus. He had stood on the foot-board. Chenniah, who was traveling in the same bus abused Yedula Prabhakar Reddy with obscene language and alleged that he had tried to snatch his cell phone. Both the men retorted to a clash inside the bus.

After the quarrel, they both went to L B Nagar PS. Yedula Prabhakar Reddy told the police what had happened. The police officer did not listen to him, but instead accused him of trying to snatch Chenniah's phone.

The police then stripped Yedula Prabhakar Reddy naked and beat him brutally. Later the police booked him under a theft case and then produced him before the court.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/62/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Nizamuddin; 2) Kuru Murthy; 3) Ramamohan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Narasimhulu, SI; 2) Bal Raju, HC.
Location	: Yerra Gutta, Bandameeda Palli village, Mahabubnagar mandal
Date of incident	: 05/09/2007

Case Details:

On 5 September 2007 about 300 poor people built huts near Yerra Gutta at Bandameeda Palli village in Mahabubnagar mandal as part of CPM party's land struggle.

Nizamuddin, Kuru Murthy and Rammohan were among those building huts in solidarity with the protest. Nizamuddin was very active in participating in protests. The police had warned him not to take part in the protest organized by CPM. Despite the threat from the police Nizamuddin participated in the protest along with his two friends.

Sub Inspector Narasimhulu and Head Constable Bal Raju were present at the protest and subjected the above protestors to severe beatings. Nizamuddin was forced to come to the police station on a daily basis. Whilst at the police station, PC Balraju kicked Nizamuddin in the back and threw him into the investigation cell.

At 7pm, Sub Inspector Narasimhulu and Head Constable Bal Raju and two unnamed PCs entered the cell and beat Nizamuddin with Lathis for 15 minutes. At 7:30 p.m. two PCs ordered Nizamuddin to sit on the floor and they tied his legs and hands together with rope. SI Narsimhulu continued to beat Nizamuddin with a lathi. The SI then ordered the other PCs to beat Nizamuddin until 8:00 p.m.

Nizamuddin incurred severe injuries to his back, legs and hands and after he was dismissed from the investigation cell, he was unable to walk.

At about 8:30 p.m some CPM Party leaders came to the police station, and after discussion with SI Narasimhulu, Nizamuddin was allowed to leave the police station.

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FF Code : AP/HYD/FF/37/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Nagu Rao;
2) Nagu Rao's wife
Perpetrator(s) : Police Officers
Location : Unknown
Date of incident : 01/07/2007

Case Details:

Nagu Rao's daughter died in hospital while giving birth to a female child due to complications arising from beatings by her husband and in-laws.

Nagu Rao did not complain to the police about the circumstances of his daughter's death. The village elders decided that the mother-in-law would look after the newborn baby. Nagu Rao's daughter's husband and in-laws did not agree with the decision taken by the village elders.

Shortly afterwards, the police appeared and beat Nagu Rao and his wife and dragged them to the police station. At the station, Nagu Rao and his wife were beaten mercilessly. Nagu Rao and his wife were told that their son-in-law had complained about them, but the police did not provide the victims with any other reasons for their detention.

FF Code : AP/MBN/FF/15/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Sujatha and her husband Bonasi Laxmaiah ; 2) Mr. Balaswamy Goud; 3) Banasi Maisanna; 4) Bonasi Anandam; 5) Bonasi Krishnaiah; 6) Letla Sriram; 7) Bonasi Ramulu; 8) Bonasi Shankar; 9) Bonasi Venkatesh; 10) Bonasi Shivudu; 11) Bonasi Ramulu; 12) Bonasi Rama Laxmaiah; 13) Vanga Laxmaiah; 14) Bonasi Ramaswamy
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Kistaiah, SI, Thimmapur PS; 2) PC, Thimmapur PS
Location : Charla Thimmapuram, Mahabubnagar.
Date of incident : 06/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sarpanch Sujatha belongs to the Dalit caste and resides in Charla Thimmapuram village in Mahabubnagar District.

The village's electricity supply was cut due to technical problems, but the Assistant Engineer did not make alternate arrangements. The villagers did not have drinking water or water for their crops, and 65 villagers decided to protest to the AE to demand electricity.

The AE reported this to the police. At about 12:00pm, roughly 20 police officers charged the crowd with their lathis. The police sent 14 farmers, including Sujatha's husband Laxmaiah to the sub-jail at the Thimmapur PS. The farmers remained in custody for five days, where Sub-Inspector Kistaiah and several Police Constables removed their clothes, denied them any food, and beat them continuously. The police even beat victim Maisanna's two year old son, hitting him and leaving a black mark that was still visible two weeks later.

When Sarpanch Sujatha asked the reason for arrest, a lady PC beat her. The farmers were not produced before the Magistrate, and there were no charges brought against them.

Villagers staged a dharna (protest before the Collector's office. Collector Mrs. Usha Rani ordered the Superintendent of Police Mrs. Charu Sinha to look into the matter; SP Charu Sinha subsequently ordered the Sub-Inspector to release the farmers.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/21/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Manemma; 2) Lamma; 3) Surthy; 4) Latchanna; 4) Deva; 5) Sevy Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: Laxmi Narayana Reddy, SI, Pedamandadi PS
Location	: Gatla Ghanapur Thanda
Date of incident	: 29/03/2007

Case Details:

Victims Manemma, Lamma, Spurthy, Latchanna, Deva, and Sevy Naik reside in Gatla Ghanapur Thanda village, Mahabubnagar District.

On 29 March 07 a clash for water occurred between the two factions of tribal people near the hand pump. Both parties filed a complaint in the police station. Police from Pedamandadi Police Station came to the village at about 5:00pm. Sub-Inspector Laxmi Narayana Reddy arrived with 12-15 Police Constables and ordered them to charge the mob with their lathis. The constables and the SI beat several people, and Manemma, Lamma, Spurthy, Latchanna, Deva, Sevy Naik incurred severe injuries. The following day they were admitted in Area Hospital at Mahabubnagar District. A few political leaders have condemned the police activity.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/21/2007
Victim(s)	: Manemma;
Perpetrator(s)	: Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, SI, Gatla Ghanapur Thanda, Pedamandadi Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District.
Location	: Gatla Ghanapur Thanda, PedamandadiMandal, Mahaboobnagar District
Date of incident:	29/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Manemma belongs to the Manemma tribal group and resides in Gatla Ghanapur Thanda, Pedamandadi Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District.

In Gatla Ghanapur Thanda, the Manemma and Civili groups frequently fought over access to the public water tap. In the past, someone in the Thanda was murdered over this issue. On 29 March 2007, victim Manemma came to collect water from the public water tap. A Civili woman approached her and threw her vessel away from that public tap. A dispute started, and the two women tore off each other's Thali Bottu (marriage pendants). Manemma and the Civili woman each complained at the police station, but Sub-Inspector Lakshmi Narayana Reddy said the police would only come to the Thanda the next day.

In the evening, the dispute between the Manemma and Civili groups recommenced and became a major clash. The Police arrived and lathi charged the crowd without warning. The police beat Manemma and others on their hands, legs and back; several people were injured. The police then registered cases against Manemma and the Civili woman.

Several people were admitted to the hospital. Some could not get up because of their injuries. MPTC Jgadeswar Reddy and ZPTC Kommu Venkata Swamy visited the victims. They stated that the clash could have been avoided if the police had acted in a timely manner after receiving the complaints, particularly in light of the fact that a murder had already occurred over this issue.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/24/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) A. Ramulu; 2) Srinivasulu; 3) Narasimha Rao; 4) Narmada; 5) Narasamma; 6) Ramohan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Charu Sinha, SI; 2) Madhava Reddy, DSP
Location	: Mahaboobnagar Collectorate
Date of incident	: 26/07/2007

Case Details:

On 26 July 2007, people protested outside the Mahaboobnagar Collectorate in support of hunger strikes demanding housing sites and cultivable lands for the poor. The agitators raised slogans against the district collector and demanded to see him.

Superintendent of Police Charu Sinha and District Superintendent of Police Madhava Reddy came to the picketing place and requested the protestors to cease their picketing. When they refused, the police charged the crowd with lathis, injuring 12 students, elderly people and women. They were beaten up severely. Out of the twelve, six incurred severe injuries: A. Ramulu, Srinivasulu, Narasimha Rao, Narmada, Narasamma, and Ramohan.

The police arrested 14 people, and the injured victims were shifted to the hospital.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/28/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Mrs. Yellamma; 2) Mr. Ramulu; 3) Mr. Raghu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Muthaiah, Chief Inspector; 2) PC
Location	: Mahaboobnagar Collectorate
Date of incident	: 04/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Mrs. Yellamma resides in Achamepeta Village, Mahabubnagar District.

On 4 June 2007, about 1,000 people gathered outside the Mahabubnagar Collectorate as a part of their land struggle. They protestors demanded housing sites and cultivable lands for poor farmers.

Police surrounded the crowd. At 2:30pm when people tried to enter the collectorate premises, the District Superintendent of Police Mr. Madhava Reddy ordered Chief Inspector Muthaiah to control the crowd. Several police constables lathi charged upon the mob and continued beating people while they tried to escape. Mrs. Yellamma fell down, and a PC beat her head forcefully, until blood poured from her head. Another participant came to see her status and was beaten by the same constable on his back and buttocks.

The police also severely beat victims Mr. Ramulu and Mr. Raghu with lathis, the leaders of the CPM party who were organizing the protest. Ramulu and Raghu sustained injuries on their hands, legs, and back from the beatings.

Many others were severely injured, including Erla Narasimha, Killi Gopal, Venkatram Reddy, and Chennamma.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/39/2007
Victim(s)	: Satyanarayana
Perpetrator(s)	: Immanual, SI, Kondurg PS
Location	: Mahaboobnagar.
Date of incident	: 31/07/2007

Case Details:

The victim Satyanarayana is a member of the Dalit community.

On 31 June 2007 Dalits of Kondurgurd Mandal headquarters decided to clean Pochamma temple premises on the eve of Pochamma bonala festival. When they were clearing a riot broke out between two factions; the Dalits and the Muslims. As a result the Muslim communities filed a case at the police station. The youngsters belonging to the Dalit community also advanced towards the police station to file a complaint against the Muslims. With out verifying any facts SI Immanual slapped Satyanarayana. This enraged the Dalits and they resorted to a dharna. Later SI Immanual made an investigation into the case and confirmed that the Dalits did not cause any hindrance to the Muslims. The Dalits did not give up the protest. The problem was solved with the intervention of the RDO.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/60/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Chinna Maraiah; 2) Chinna Mutyalu; 3) Parvathalu
Perpetrator(s)	: MLA Krishna Reddy and police
Location	: Kalvakurthy
Date of incident	: 29/08/2007

Case Details:

On 29 August around 50 poor people occupied government land located in Kalvakurthy in MahabubNagar district in survey number 99 and constructed huts. The huts were constructed to demonstrate to the state government that they should provide the protestors with houses and patta for it. They had resided at Kalvakurthy for more than twenty years but could not get either permanent dwellings or patta. MLA Krishna Reddy arrived and ordered the police to remove the huts. Then a large group of police arrived, including Inspector Ravinder Reddy and Mr. Lachiram Naik. They asked the protestors to vacate the area, after they refused a lathi charge was ordered by Inspector Ravinder Reddy, the SI and Mr. Lachi Ram Naik. The charge lasted for about 45 minutes and the police beat people indiscriminately. After the crowd had disbursed the police burnt all the huts. Chinna Maraiah, Chinna Mutyalu, Parvathalu and Parvathamma, were subjected to severe beatings by the police during the lathi charge.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/75/2007
Victim(s)	: Chandi
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Raghava Rao, SI
Location	: Palugulagadda Thanda
Date of incident	: 05/10/2007

Case Details:

Chandi aged 38- belongs to the tribal community. She is a resident of Palugulagadda Thanda located at Balanagar Mandal in Mahabubnagar district.

On 5 October 2007, groups of tribal women arrived in autos at Palugulagadda Thanda for a festival. SI Raghava Rao was watching and fined the auto drivers for carrying too many women. After the festival Chandi, boarded an auto to travel home. She was pulled out of the auto by SI

Raghava Rao and beaten indiscriminately with a lathi. He then slapped Chandi in the face, beat her back with a lathi and shouted derogatory remarks about her caste.

The next day, some tribal women took Chandi to Thimmajipet ZPTC Dasram Naik's house and related to him what had happened the previous day. The women initiated a protest against SI Raghava Rao in front of the police station. Some village elders pacified the situation by assuring that action would be taken against SI Raghava Rao.

FF Code	: AP/MBN/FF/87/2007
Victim(s)	: Ramulu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Veeresh; 2) Silpa Narayana; 3) Jyotsna
Location	: Nawabpet, Mahaboobnagar
Date of incident	: 12/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Ramulu, is a member of a Schedule Tribe. He works as a teacher in Ajilapur Thanda of Nawabpet mandal. He purchased a house in Nawabpet, which is situated in between the houses of Andhra Jyothi and Veeresh.

Ramulu decided to demolish his house so that he could use the land for other purposes. As he was transporting the waste soil of the demolished house to a near-by field Silpa Narayana requested Ramulu to give the waste soil to him, but Ramulu refused. This angered caused Narayana and Veeresh; a result they abused the victim referring to his caste name.

Ramulu lodged a complained against the perpetrators at Nawabpet PS. SI Jyostna received the complaint, however after three days no action was taken. When Ramulu questioned the police about their inaction, he was put in jail and beaten with lathis. He was told that the police would not register a case based on Ramulu's complaint.

SI Jyotsna working at Nawabpet Police station claims that due to, "some reasons we were unable to take up investigation on [Ramulu's] complaint." The SI states that Ramulu "abused him, so he taught [Ramulu] a lesson, but he was not beaten wantonly."

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/02/2007
Victim(s)	: Putta Balamallu
Perpetrator(s)	: Medak POs
Location	: Dharmaram crossroads, Medak
Date of incident	: 07/01/2007

Case Details:

Putta Balamallu is a 45 year-old resident of Mirdoddi village in Medak. On 7 January 2007, Putta was transporting a passenger and some luggage from Siddipet to Mirdoddi. When he reached the "Dharmaram" crossroads, Putta saw that POs were checking vehicles for documents. APO asked Putta to stop his vehicle. Complying, Putta stopped near the sidewalk. Two PCs questioned Putta about his passenger and the contents of the luggage. Putta told the PCs that he helping a government teacher move his house from to Mirdoddi.

The PC slapped Putta on the cheek and tightly caught hold of his neck. The PC's beat Putta with a lathi on his back. The PCs then sent Putta to the PI. Fearing that the PI would torture him, Putta fled in his auto. The police chased Putta and yelled that if he tried to escape, they would shoot him. Putta continued to Laxminagar, stopped his auto and jumped in a well.

A PC jumped into the well and rescued Putta. When the POs questioned Putta about why he jumped into the well, he replied that he was scared that the police might kill him. The police admitted Putta to the Thirumala Nursing Home in Dubbaka. Putta sustained injuries to his legs, hands and head; he was discharged a day later.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/03/2007
Victim(s)	: Bathini Nithyanandam
Perpetrator(s)	: Penchalaiah, PI
Location	: Pragnapur Cross Roads, Medak District
Date of incident	: 26/01/2007

Case Details:

Bathini Nityanandam is a 30 year-old auto rickshaw driver from Medak district. On 26 January 2007, Bathini took passengers from Rimmanaguda to Pragnapur Cross-Roads. Bathini parked his auto beside the Hyderabad Highway Road, and went to have tea in a tea-stall. A police jeep stopped near his auto and PI Penchalaiah went into the tea shop to ascertain the owner of the

auto. Bathini said he owned the auto. PI Penchalaiah told Bathini that he parked in the parking zone and had to move. Bathini asked the PI for a few minutes to finish his tea.

PI Penchalaiah yelled at Bathini. Bathini left and tried to start his auto, but PI Penchalaiah stopped Bathini and beat him with his lathi. Bathini sustained bleeding injuries to his legs. Two PCs told Bathini that they would take him to the hospital, but instead took him to the PS. The police threatened Bathini, telling him that if he disclosed the beating, the police would kill him.

Bathini's legs and hands were severely injured. As a result of his injuries he is unable to work and cannot earn money for his family.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/06/2007
Victim(s)	: Bathini Nithyanandam
Perpetrator(s)	: Penchalaiah, Circle Inspector
Location	: Near Hyderabad Highway, Gajwel Mandal, Medak District
Date of incident	: 30/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bathini Nithyanandam, age 30, is a taxi driver and resides in Akkaram village, Gajwel Mandal, Medak District.

On 26 January 2007 around 8:30am, Bathini Nithyanandam parked his car beside the Hyderabad Highway and went inside a tea stall. Circle Inspector Penchalaiah approached the auto and started shouting for it to be moved. The auto could only be started by pushing, so the victim rushed out to push it. CI Penchalaiah came to Bathini Nithyanandam and started abusing and beating him. The CI beat Bathini Nithyanandam with his baton until the baton broke. Bathini Nithyanandam's right leg and hands were severely injured.

The CI sent two constables to Bathini Nithyanandam, purportedly to take the victim to the hospital. The constables instead took Bathini Nithyanandam to the PS, where they threatened him with dire consequences should he discuss the incident with Auto Driver Union members or the press.

Once Bathini Nithyanandam was released, he immediately went to the hospital for treatment. The victim had to undergo surgery as a result of the beatings. The CI admitted that he beat Bathini Nithyanandam. He said that he only beat Bathini Nithyanandam "two times mildly."

Bathini Nithyanandam's family is poor, and they depend entirely on Bathini Nithyanandam's salary for their survival.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/06/2007
Victim(s)	: Lakshman's wife
Perpetrator(s)	: SI
Location	: Mirjapalli Thanda, Chinna Sankarampet Mandal
Date of incident	: 09/09/2007

Case Details:

On 9 September 2007, police arrested tribal youths Sarvan and Lakshman on allegations of theft of money and electricity. They were arrested at Mirjapalli Thanda in the late hours of the night.

When Lakshman's pregnant wife pleaded with the police to release her husband, the PO kicked her in the abdomen.

Lakshman's wife and her friends filed a complaint to the SP against the SI. The tribal women and Mandal Congress leaders protested before the collectorate. Ramayampet CI Ambati Yadagiri Rao assured Congress leaders that he would conduct an inquiry into the SI's behavior.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/09/2007
Victim(s)	: Bindla Srisailam
Perpetrator(s)	: Police
Location	: Veldurthy Mandal in Medak district
Date of incident	: 11/02/2007

Case Details:

Bindla Srisailam, is a 32 year-old agriculture labouror and resident of Veldurthy Mandal in Medak district. He belongs to a Scheduled Caste. On 3 February 2007, Yellamma was murdered. Yellamma's brother Seshaiiah lodged a complaint to the Veldurthy Police.

On 11 February 2007, Veldurthy POs arrested Bindla and took him into custody on suspicion of murder. He was beaten and slapped in the face by the police. Though Bindla maintained his innocence, police detained him for a few days before releasing him. When he was released, Bindla had several wounds on the soles of his feet and thighs.

People's Watch (DHRM) and CHATRI requested that jail authorities send Bindla for medical treatment, but the Superintendent of Medak jail refused.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/11/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Sarvan, 2) Asli
3) Kodavat Lakshman
Perpetrator(s) : Police
Location : Mirjapalli Thanda, Chinna
Sankarampet Mandal
Date of incident : 05/02/2007

Case Details:

Victims Sarvan and Lakshman are brothers, residing in the tribal village Mirjapalli Thanda in Chinna Sankarampet Mandal. Victim Asli is married to Sarvan.

On 5 February 2007, police went to Mirjapalli Thanda to arrest Sarvan (“Parvan”) and his brother Lakshman. Davat Kishan filed a complaint alleging that Sarvan and Lakshman stole money and electricity from an agricultural bore well. Between 11:00pm and midnight, the police interrogated Sarvan about the whereabouts of Lakshman. The police threatened to take both Sarvan and Lakshman to the police station unless they paid Rs. 10, 000.

The police then began to verbally abuse the victims. They denigrated the victims’ caste and beat them. The police dragged Sarvan and Lakshman to the police car. They beat Asli, Sarvan’s wife, on the shoulder and kicked her stomach with their boots. Asli was seven months pregnant at the time of the incident; the beatings caused her continuous pain throughout the remainder of her pregnancy.

On 6 February 2007, the victims went to the PS and reported the incident. Circle Inspector Ramayampet Ambati Yadagiri Rao assured the Congress leaders at the “rasta roko” that he would make inquiries and take proper action.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/13/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) N. Karnarar, S/o Mallaiah, 2) N. Bhaskar S/o Narsimulu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) SI Balaji and Constables
Location	: Sri Sai Ram Dhaba, Hotel Ponnala
Date of incident	: 01/03/2007

Case Details:

Victims N. Karnakar and N. Bhaskar are cousins and belong to the BC Mudiraj caste. They reside in Siddipet Village, Medak District.

The victims run a shop where they sell small provisions and video cassettes. On 1 March 2007, villagers told the police that N. Bhaskar had stolen a video cassette from his shop..

The police took N. Karnakar and N. Bhaskar to the Siddipet II Town PS. N. Karnakar apologized to the police and said that it was a mistake. Sub-Inspector Balaji and some constables beat N. Karnakar and N. Bhaskar until they were bruised all over their bodies.

N. Karnakar and N. Bhaskar were detained at the police station for one day. Afterwards, the police registered the arrest and informed the J.F.C.M, Siddipet, Medak District for Judicial Custody.

SI Balaji alleged that he did not beat N. Karnakar and N. Bhaskar but admitted that police constables beat them while they were in custody.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/16/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Bukka Ramesh; 2) Bukka Venkatesam
Perpetrator(s)	: Penchalaiah, Circle Inspector of Police, Gajwel PS
Location	: Gajwel PS, Medak district
Date of incident	: 03/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Bukka Ramesh and Bukka Venkatesam are brothers and reside in Gajwel Town in Medak District.

Chandramouli and Sayed Asad lodged a complaint with the Gajwel police over a land dispute, and a case was registered. On 3 July 2007, Circle Inspector Penchalaiah detained Bukka Ramesh and Bukka Venkatesam in the Gajwel PS. He tied the hands of the victims to the window grills with a plastic wire, and severely beat their knees, backs, and shoulders with his lathi.

CI Penchalaiah threatened to book them for false cases unless they compromised with Chandramouli and Sayed Asad unless the victims paid a bribe. The victims refused to pay the bribe, and on the following day, they were falsely charged in a case. Bukka Ramesh and Bukka Venkatesam went to court, and the Magistrate directed the District Superintendent of Police of Siddipet to investigate their complaint.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/24/2007
Victim(s)	: Md Nusthat Isaack Ahmad
Perpetrator(s)	: Sudhakar, Traffic Constable
Location	: Old bus stand, Siddipet
Date of incident	: 17/06/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Md Nusthat Isaack Ahmad, age 25, is an auto driver.

In the afternoon on 17 June 2007, Md Nusthat Isaack had dropped some people near the old bus stand at Siddipet. The Traffic Constable Sudhakar hit Md Nusthat Isaack hard on his back and broke the mirror of the auto with immense force. The broken mirror pieces pierced Md Nusthat Isaack's eye and blood oozed from his eye. Doctors have stated that the victim would lose his eye if he did not have surgery immediately, but the victim could not afford the surgery.

Several auto workers met with the District Superintendent of Police seeking action against Traffic Constable Sudhakar for injuring Md Nusthat Isaack with out any valid reason. DSP assured them that he would take action.

FF Code: : AP/MDK/FF/31/2007
Victim(s): : Satyanarayana
Perpetrator(s): : Saidulu, SI,
Location: : Yellammajalu village,
Chinnakondur mandal,
Medak
Date of incident: : 04/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Satyanarayana, deceased, resided in Yellammajalu Village, Chinnakondur Mandal, Medak District. Desetty Rajavva, Desetty Yellevva and Desetty Saravva are respectively the grandfather, the father and the wife of the deceased Satyanarayana.

The victim and his wife used to quarrel often, and lived separately despite having three daughters. On 4 August 2007, Saravva took her husband to the police station and complained of harassment. At the station, Sub-Inspector Saidulu and other officers beat Satyanarayana. The next morning, Satyanarayana was found dead by his family members. They learned that he died due to a head fracture, a consequence of his beatings the previous night. Satyanarayana's family brought his body to the police station and conducted a dharna (protest).

After the dharna, police officials convinced Satyanarayana's family to register the case as a suicide provoked by indebtedness. Satyanarayana had a loan of Rs 3 lakhs he could hardly pay, as his bore wells had failed to irrigate his lands. The police promised his family compensation, but they have received none.

Police maintain that they are only aware that the deceased committed suicide over his indebtedness.

FF Code : AP/MDK/FF/51/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Bhimli Bhai; 2) Ramlu Naik ;
3) Vamsi Bhai; 4) Unnamed People
who cultivated the land in question
Police torture not amounting to
death.
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ashok Kumar, SI, Alladurgam PS;
2) Pos, Alladurgam PS
Location : IB Thanda in Alladugam mandal
Date of incident : 07/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bhimli Bhai, age 68, victim Ramlu Naik and victim Vamsi Bhai (hereinafter, “the three women”) all live in Alladugam mandal. For a number of years, they have been cultivating government land for work. In recent years, the value of the land has greatly increased.

On 7 July 2007, Alladurgam Tahashildhar trespassed onto the land and attempted to post a board which explained that nobody could enter the land. The three women objected, but Tashildhar warned them that severe actions would be taken against them if they entered the land again. Ultimately, the three women succeeded in preventing Tahashildhar from posting the board.

Tahashildhar called Alladurgam PS SI Ashok Kumar and asked him to remove all people, including the three women, from the land. Consequently, SI Kumar charged the people on the land with his lathi and demanded them to leave. SI Kumar and other police officers beat Bilma Bhai Vamshi Bhai on their heads, and hit Naik with a lathi on both her hands. The three women all sustained serious injuries.

SI Kumar sent the injured people, including the three women, to Sanga Reddy hospital for treatment. However, the hospital officials refused to provide any treatment. The three women were then taken to a private nursing home – the Shubhodaya Nursing Home – for treatment, but the doctor their refused to provide medical certificates to the three women.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/51/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Bhimli Bhai ; 2) Ramla Naik; 3) Vamsi Bhai
Perpetrator(s)	: Ashok Kumar, SI, Alladurgam
Location	: Government Land 757, IB Thanda, Alladurgam
Date of incident	: 07/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Bhimli Bhai, 68, Ramla Naik, 75, and Vamsi Bhai, 40 belong to a Scheduled Caste and cultivate Government Land 757 in Allagurdam with many other families from the same caste.

On 7 July 2007, the Alladurgam Tahasildar posted a board on the property stating that the land belonged to the government and that trespassing was prohibited. The victims protested along with other farmers and entered Government Land 757. The Tahasildhar then called Sub-Inspector Ashok Kumar to the site. Ashok Kumar asked the farmers to vacate the land, and without warning, he lathi charged the crowd with other police officers. Victims Bhimli Bhai, Ramla Naik, and Vamsi Bhai were beaten severely until they bled. Many others were also injured.

The SI sent the victims to the Sanga Reddy Hospital, but the staff there refused to treat them. The victims then returned to the police station and complained. The SI suggested that they go to a private hospital, promising to pay for their medical expenses.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/56/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Voddera Anjaiah; 2) Voddera Srinivas
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Head Constable, Sadasivapet PS; 2) PC, Sadasivapet PS
Location	: Sadasivapet PS
Date of incident	: 28/10/2007

Case Details:

Victims Voddera Anjaiah and Voddera Srinivas are brothers and quarry workers in Aruru Village, Medak District.

On 28 October 2007, the victims were called from their work to their house. Upon arriving home, two police constables told the victims that the Sub-Inspector wanted to speak with them. Anjaiah and Srinivas were then taken to the Sadasivapet PS.

At the station, Sub-Inspector G. Venkateswarlu told Anjaiah and Srinivas that they had received a theft complaint from Komari Vasantha and his wife Bayamma. Anjaiah and Srinivas told the police that they had a rivalry with that family and were innocent, but the police threatened them to accept the theft charges. When the SI left for lunch, the Head Constable and another constable verbally abused the victims and beat them with their lathis.

The police said that a case was registered against the brothers for theft, but that they were neither beaten nor abused while in custody.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/56/2007; AP/MDK/FF/57/2007; AP/MDK/FF/62/2007; AP/MDK/FF/61/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Vodde Durga; 2) Vodde Anjaiah; 3) Vodde Srinivas
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Venkateswarlu, SI, Sadasivapet PS; 2) Lakshmi, Head Constable, Sadasivapet PS; 3) Pos, Sadasivapet PS
Location	: Aruru Village, Sadasivapet mandal
Date of incident:	29/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Vodde Durga, age 16, lived in the village of Aruru in Sadasivapet mandal with her two brothers, Vodde Anjaiah and Vodde Srinivas. Anjaiah and Srinivas work in a quarry.

On 28 October 2007, Sadasivapet PS police officers arrested Anjaiah and Srinivas on a false theft case registered by an uncle with whom they were feuding. At the Sadasivapet PS, SI Venkateswarlu and three constables beat Anjaiah and Srinivas with lathis and kicked them on their backs in an attempt to force the two to accept the theft charge. When SI Venkateswarlu went to lunch, the Head Constable demanded a bribe in order to release the brothers. When the brothers explained that they could not afford the bribe, other constables threw them into a dark room and beat them with lathis and ropes for 20 minutes, and punched them in their stomachs. The police officers also forced the brothers to lie down on the floor while one constables stood on their backs while another beat their buttocks for 5 minutes.

At around 4:30pm, SI Venkateswarlu returned to the station and abused the brothers with caste-based insults. He then registered a case against the brothers and they were sent to Sanga Reddy District Jail.

Durga attempted to visit the jail several times to visit Anjaiah and Srinivas but the jail authorities did not allow her to see them. On 29 October 2007, Sadasivapeta PS SI Venkateswarlu used abusive language against Durga and warned her not to come back to the jail to visit her brothers.

On 30 October 2007, Durga attempted to lodge a complaint with the Sadasivapeta PS against her uncle who was harassing her every day on the way to school. Head Constable Lakshmi used abusive language against Durga and beat her with a lathi on the thighs and legs and threatened her not to come back to the police station.

Due to the humiliation caused by the Sadasivapeta PS police officers, Durga unsuccessfully attempted to commit suicide. Since then, she has filed several complaints with the police against her uncle, but no police action has been taken.

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/58/2007
Victim(s)	: Latchamgari Malla Reddy
Perpetrator(s)	: Head Constable
Location	: Kammarpalli Village, Dubbaka mandal
Date of incident	: 30/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Latchamgari Malla Reddy lives in the village of Kummarapalli in Dabbaka mandal. He works as a correspondent for the Rakshana newspaper.

On 30 August 2007, Reddy was standing in front of a Head Constable and smoking a cigarette near a pan shop. The Head Constable reprimanded Reddy for smoking, and the two engaged in a verbal fight. The Head Constable slapped Reddy and took him to the police station. The Head Constable registered a case against Reddy for smoking in front of him. Reddy was subsequently imprisoned for one month.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/13/2007
Victim(s) : Kancherla Bhupal Reddy
Perpetrator(s) : Jayapal, CI , Nalonga Village
Location : Nalgonda Village, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 13/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kancherla Bhupal Reddy, age 38, belongs to the OC (Caste). He is the president of the District Telegu Yuvatha Party and resides in Nalgonda Village, Nalgonda District.

About 70 per cent of villages in Nalgonda District have fluorine-polluted water, which has resulted in severe deformities and birth defects. The High Court issued an order for the government to provide potable drinking water to fluorine-infected communities. Three years after the order, however, the government failed to act.

In response, on 13 February 2007 at 9:00am, the District Telegu Desam Party held a dharna (protest) at the collectorate's office. Circle Inspector Jayapal arrived on the scene with several police constables and charged the crowd. CI Jayapal beat victim Kancherla Bhupal Reddy with the butt of his gun. As a result, the victim lost consciousness. He was first admitted in Nalgonda Government Hospital and later shifted to Kamineni Hospital in Hyderabad. He was discharged on the third day, but still cannot move his hand properly.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/49/2007
Victim(s) : 1) V. Kiran Kumar; 2) T. Venkanna
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Venkat Reddy, PC, Nakarekal PS;
2) Two Unnamed Home Guards,
Nakarekal PS
Location : Nakarekal PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 20/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims V. Kiran Kumar and T. Venkanna, both age 22, are students who work for the SFI. They had complained to the District and Mandal Educational Officers that a talent school in Nakarekal was operating against government regulations. They demanded that the officers take action against the school's management.

When the officers did nothing, the SFI leaders decided to take direct action. On 20 July 2007, SFI members demanded for the school to be closed and pelted stones at the building, damaging school windows. The school called the police. The police arrived and took Kumar and Venkanna to the Nakarekal PS.

At the police station, Police Constable Venkat Reddy beat Kumar and Venkanna severely and insulted them by their caste name. Kumar and Vankanna were then forced to stand half-naked for eight hours without food or water. They were kept in the police station overnight.

The next day, after providing Kumar and Venkanna with medical treatment for their injuries, the Nakarekal police sent the victims to court.

FF Code	: AP/NLG/FF/52/2007
Victim(s)	: Nallaganthula Rama Prasad
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Nalgonda II Town PS
Location	: Nalgonda II Town PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident	: 24/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Nallaganthula Rama Prasad belongs to the Rajaka caste and owns a laundry shop in Miryalaguda. He has been married to Settypalli Yellamma for fourteen years.

The victim borrowed money, and was unable to repay his debt. Nallaganthula Rama Prasad and his wife Settypalli Yellamma had a fight, and Settypalli Yellamma left for her parent's house. While there, Settypalli Yellamma lodged a complaint at the Mahila PS alleging that Nallaganthula Rama Prasad was demanding more dowry. The police arrived at the victim's house demanding that he come with them to the Nalgonda II Town PS and that he pay their travel expenses. Bowing to the pressure, Nallaganthula Rama Prasad borrowed money to pay the officers.

The Nalgonda police then took the victim to Nalgonda II Town PS and detained him for two days, demanding a bribe for his release. Ten days later, the police again detained Nallaganthula Rama Prasad and repeatedly beat him over a two-day period. On 24 August 2007, Nalgonda POs again detained the victim at the police station and beat him.

After 24 hours, the police sent the victim to court. One week later, he was released on bail.

FF Code : AP/NLG/FF/ 54/2007
Victim(s) : 1) K Sanjeva Reddy; 2) Goda Atchaiah; 3) Dayyala Parvalu
Perpetrator(s) : Arjunaiah, SI
Location : Valigonda PS and Ramannapet PS, Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 01/06/2007

Case Details:

Victims K Sanjeva Reddy, Goda Atchaiah, and Dayyala Parvalu are farmers in Dasireddygudem Village, Nalgonda District.

The victims were arrested for allegedly aiding Maoists and were detained for a week at the Valigonda and Ramannapet police stations. Sub-Inspector Arjunaiah threatened to kill them if they did not provide information leading to the capture of the Maoists. The police also offered the victims money in exchange for information. When Reddy, Atchaiah and Parvalu pled that they had no connection to the Maoists, the police became angry and beat them severely.

Police officers consistently harass and detain members of the village because a prominent Maoist leader comes from the village.

FF Code: : AP/NLG/FF/60/2007
Victim(s): : 1) Bejjam Sayamma; 2) Ch Yadagirih; 3) D Kalavathi; 4) Peddi Srinivas
Perpetrator(s): : Police, Miryalaguda PS
Location: : Miryalaguda Town, Nalgonda District
Date of incident: : 28/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Bejjam Sayamma, Ch Yadagirih, D Kalavathi, and Peddi Srinivas, all women, reside in Miryalaguda Town, Nalgonda District. They all belong to the CPM party.

On 28 July 2007, the victims engaged in a dharna (protest) with other CPM activists. The CPM Party and other leftist parties (including CPI, CPM, TDP, and MRPS) had called for a state-wide

bandh (strike). The activists mobilized outside the RTC bus station to prevent buses from operating. Ignoring the call for bandh, RTC authorities tried operating buses. The left parties prevented their attempt by closing shops, educational institutions, and cinema theatres. They then organized rasta roko (roadblocks) near the RDO office.

While the activists engaged in their protest, police from Miryalaguda PS arrived to the scene and beat members of the crowd with lathis and drew out their guns. Female Home Guards were present at the scene, but they stood by as male police officers dragged the victims and other women by their limbs and beat them with lathis. The police then brought the female victims and other activists to the Miryalaguda PS, where many received injuries from continued beatings.

Protesting against police highhandedness, several men engaged in dharna outside the police station. MLA Julakanti Nagi Reddy, Municipal Vice Chairperson D Mallesh, and leaders of all opposition parties were present.

FF Code:	:	AP/NLG/FF/61/2007
Victim(s):	:	Sharif Mohinuddin
Perpetrator(s):	:	Police, Miryalaguda PS
Location:	:	Miryalaguda PS
Date of incident:	:	15/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sharif Mohinuddin, age 28, works in the fruit business.

Sharif Mohinuddin went to Miryalaguda Town with his friend Mr. Ramana Reddy to purchase Ganesh Idols before returning to their village, Thopuchara, in Vemulapalli Mandal, Nalgonda District. Mr. Ramana Reddy and others returned to Thopuchara Village after buying the idols, but Sharif Mohinuddin stayed back to withdraw money from his bank. Suddenly, Miryalaguda police arrived and dragged the victim to their van. They verbally abused him and beat him indiscriminately, alleging that he was an ISI (terrorist) agent. The police beat Sharif Mohinuddin solely on the basis that a Muslim would not be purchasing Ganesh Idols; they had no material information that the victim was an ISI agent.

During interrogation, the police asked the victim where he kept his bombs, and asked of his connection to recent bomb blasts in Hyderabad City. The POs did not believe Sharif Mohinuddin when he proclaimed his innocence and searched the victim's home in Thopucharla Village for bombs.

The next day, the victim was taken to Suryapet. Mr. Ramana Reddy arrived to Suryapet and confirmed that the victim was his friend. Only then did the police release him.

FF Code: : AP/NLG/FF/70/2007
Victim(s): : 1) Ravindra Kumar;
2) Other CPI workers
Perpetrator(s): : Police, Devarakonda
Location: : Devarakonda,
Nalgonda District
Date of incident : 28/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ravindra Kumar is an MLA and a leader of the CPI party.

As part of state-wide land struggle, leftist parties gave a state-wide bandh call on 28 July 2007, protesting against the government's lack of response to their demands. As part of the bandh in Devarakonda, Nalgonda District, CPI workers began a hunger strike under the leadership of Ravindra Kumar.

Seeing the large numbers of protesters gathered, the police arrested Ravindra Kumar. Following the arrest, CPI activists intensified their protests. Without any warning, the police charged the crowd with their lathis and drew their guns. The police arrested many individuals.

MLA Ravindra Kumar was later released on bail.

FF Code : AP/RRD/FF/05/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Md. Zaheed Hussain;
2) Rashidunsiya Begum
Perpetrator(s) : Md. Ghouse Pasha, SI
Location : Rajendra Nagar PS,
Date of incident : 14/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Md. Zaheed Hussain, aged 45 was working as a clerk in a private firm. His elder sister Rashidunsiya Begum lost her husband and resides with Zaheed.

On 14 March 2007, at 2pm both were arrested by the police of Rajendranagar Police Station in connection with a complaint lodged by Zaheed Hussain's wife. She had previously stated that her husband and sister-in-law were harassing her for more dowry, thereby accusing them of domestic violence.

The police beat Rashidunsiya with lathis and then detained her and Zaheed Hussain for one week, i.e. from 14 March 2007 to 22 March 2007. They were not provided with food, and no female police officers were present for the entire night.

Finally on 22 March 2007, they were produced before L.B. Nagar Metropolitan Magistrate and released on bail.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/15/2007
Victim(s)	: 1) Vinodha 2) Dattatreya
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Nagabushanam Swamy 2) Chandrasekhar 3) Veeraiah, SI, Thandur PS 4) Veeranna, Constable, Thandur PS
Location	: Thandur
Date of incident	: 08/01/2006

Case Details:

Victims Vinodha and her brother Dattatreya were residing in the house of Nagabushanam Swamy in NTR Colony of Thandur. The house owner, his son Chandrasekhar and his wife were pressurising Vinodha's family to vacate the house. SI Veeraiah and PC Veeranna of Thandur PS were also harassing Vinodha's family to the same effect.

On 8 January 2006, Vinodha and Dattatreya were attacked and beaten by the police, and their things were thrown out of their house. Vinodha and Dattatreya lodged complaints at the police station the next day, but the police did not respond. The police continued to harass the family and demanded money from them. The police also stole a diary which contained details of the family's rent payments.

The behaviour of the police was brought to the notice of the SP but the police continued to act in favour of the perpetrators. Later Vinodha and Dattatreya approached Thandur Munsif Court and directed the police to register a case against the house owner. Their complaint was lodged in January but the case was not filed until February.

FF Code	: AP/RRD/FF/37/2007
Victim(s)	: C. Maruthi
Perpetrator(s)	: PO, Basheerbagh PS
Location	: Damarchedu Village, Ranga Reddy district
Date of incident	: 10/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Maruthi, age 22, is a student.

On 10 September 2007, Maruthi used a different route to offer coconuts at the temple, as the usual route was too crowded. A police officer from the Basheerbagh Police Station was stationed there for security purposes and attacked Maruthi with his lathi without explaining the reason. The officer then dragged the victim to the side of the road and beat him until he fell unconscious.

After administering first aid in a local hospital he was shifted to the OGH.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/54/2007
Victim(s) : Kasani Kasi (alias)Kasanna
Perpetrator(s) : Linga Reddy, S.I, Vanasthalipuram PS
Location : Vanasthalipuram PS
Date of incident : 30/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kasani Kasi (alias Kasanna), age 15, resided in Vanasthalipuram.

On 30 September 2007, Sub-Inspector Linga Reddy from the Vanasthalipuram PS went to the victim's house and alleged that he stole a motor bike. SI Reddy beat him in presence of his parents and had verbally abused him. He then took Kasanna to the police station, where he was detained for two days. The police refused to release him until he confessed the crime.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/55/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Lakshmi Narayana
2) Ranga Reddy
Perpetrator(s) : SI
Location : Keesar Mandal
Date of incident : 15/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Lakshmi Narayana was a State Executive Member of the CPI Party. He resides in Keesar Mandal.

On 15 September 2007, Lakshmi Narayana went to help occupy and build huts for the poor on Government lands with the help of other members of his party. Suddenly, about 400 policemen arrived at the spot and began beating the crowd.

The police then grabbed hold of Lakshmi Narayana and tore his clothes. The Sub-Inspector threatened to strip him naked. The other members of the CPI were similarly harassed.

FF Code : AP/RR/FF/60/2007
Victim(s) : 1) Nunemunthala Srinivas
2) U. Krishna 3) Muthyalu
Perpetrator(s) : Muthaiah, C.I, Malkajiri PS
Location : Malkajiri PS
Date of incident : 02/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Nunemunthala Srinivas, U Krishna, and Muthyalu were eminent members of the CPM and CITU Parties and resided in the Malkajiri area.

On 2 July 2007, the victims went with 1000 poor people to built huts on Government lands. The police arrived at the site and charged the crowd with their lathis and demolished the huts. Many were injured, and several fell unconscious.

The police took all the leading party members, including Nunemunthala Srinivas, U Krishna, and Muthyalu to the Malkajiri PS. The police beat them with their lathis and tore their shirts.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/61/2007
Victim(s)	: Chitikal Sekhar
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Shamshabad PS
Location	: Shamshabad PS
Date of incident	: 29/08/2007

Case Details:

On 29 August 2007, victim Chitikal Sekhar went to Nanazpur in an auto with other passengers, including a girl named Madhavi.

Madhavi's parents made a complaint that the victim had compromised their daughter's reputation. The villagers held onto Chitikal Sekhar's hands and beat him. About ten police officers arrived at the scene and joined in beating the victim. The POs took Chitikal Shekhar to the Shamshabad PS, where they stripped him naked and beat him all over.

The police did not allow the victim to meet his parents. They detained Chitikal Shekhar for three days.

FF Code	: AP/RR/FF/62/2007
Victim(s)	: Chandra Kala
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Rajendra Nagar PS
Location	: Rajendra Nagar PS
Date of incident	: 30/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chandra Kala had taken part in the CPM Party's land struggle.

On 30 August 2007, Chandra Kala was engaged in efforts to build huts for the poor. The police went to the spot and verbally abused her and beat people in the crowd. The police arrested 37 people, 16 of whom were women. The police assaulted the detainees on their legs and backs. When victim Chandra Kala tried to run away, she fell down and injured her leg. The police then dragged the victim to the police station.

Later the detainees were produced before the court, where the judge sent them all to jail.

08-Extra Judicial Killing

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/05/2007
Victim(s)	: Nagabushanam
Perpetrator(s)	: Police
Location	: Bonala forest, Medak District.
Date of incident	: 10/10/2007

Case Details:

Nagabushanam served in the Jana Shakthi party for 12 years. He previously was arrested two times in connection with his work with the poor and the down trodden. Nagabushanam's brother Kanakaiah was killed in an encounter.

In August 2006, Nagabushanam's wife learned that his health was poor. On 10 October 2006 Nagabushanam spoke to his wife and told her that he was concerned about the police finding him. He told her he was hiding from the police and said he was going to hide in the forest. On 11 October 2006, Nagabushanam was killed by police in an alleged encounter in Bonala forest.

Police left Nagabushanam's body near Bonala Forest. Later police took the body for a postmortem examination at Medak Government Hospital. According to eyewitnesses, Nagabushanam had a broken neck, and both hands and both legs were broken. Nagabushanam's body showed injury marks all over and his fingernails had been removed.

09-Police Firing

FF Code	: AP/MDK/FF/03/2006
Victim(s)	: Lavakumar
Perpetrator(s)	: Medak POs
Location	: Boppapur, Medak district
Date of incident	: 03/03/2006

Case Details:

Victim Lavakumar resided at Boppapur in Medak district. On 3 March 2006 around 8.00pm, Lavakumar, his father and some other farmers went to water his fields. At around 9.00pm, Lavakumar and the others heard guns firing from a long distance away. Lavakumar was hit by a stray bullet. Lavakumar was taken to the Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad where he died.

Lavakumar's father and villagers went to the PS to inquire why Lavakumar was shot. POs said there was an encounter with Naxalites that were holding a meeting in the field. The Naxalites started shooting at the police, and the police returned fire. Lavakumar was an innocent victim.

Lavakumar's family members and Dalit leaders protested in front of the PS. The SP promised a government job to one of Lavakumar's family members and said the police would compensate Lavakumar's family with Rs. 5 lakhs and a house plot in Siddipet.

10- Police Rape(Violence Against Women)



FF Code : AP/RR/FF/85/2007
Victim(s) : Bhagya
Perpetrator(s) : L. C. Nayak, Inspector,
Special Branch, Vikarabad PS
Location : Vikarabad PS
Date of incident : 30/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Bhagya was working as a maid for Inspector Nayak. She had not received her salary for sometime. When she asked Inspector Nayak for the payment, he was angry and replied using obscene language. From then Bhagya stopped going to work and sent her sister instead.

On 30 October, 2007 Inspector Nayak called Bhagya to come and collect her salary. When she arrived at his house, the Inspector grabbed her by the hand and tried to rape her. Inspector Nayak had made several previous attempts to rape her.

With the help of her relatives, Bhagya made a complaint to the Superintendent of Police. He assured her that action would be taken.