

## **URGENTLY CALL / WRITE THE AUTHORITIES TO STOP VIOLENCE AT GOVINDPUR VILLAGE -1ST JULY 2013**

Dear Friends,

From 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 onwards, the government of Odisha again started the forceful destruction of our beetle vineyards in Govindpur village of Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha. At least 20 persons including Mr. Tuna Baral, Mr. Tofan Mohanty, Ms. Shantilata Swain were injured in a police lathi-charge who are opposing the forceful land acquisition for POSCO. The police has taken one of PPSS leader Mr. Kalpataru Mantri of Govindpur village.

The Jagatsinghpur Superintendent of Police P. Satyabrata Bhoi and his 10 platoons (300 personnel) of police force beaten up elder persons, women and children who opposed betel vine demolition. They acquired land without consent of the farmers. Some of the protesters attempted suicide by consuming poison at the land acquisition spot, police took them into custody for some hours. As you know the state government earlier took our president Mr. Abhya Sahoo into the custody in order to use force for acquiring our land.

This is how the chief minister of Odisha defines the peaceful land acquisition process.

**Today, the police operation may resume any time. The representatives of political parties and social movements have already reached at the Govindpur village to support the people.**

At this juncture, we urge you to start writing and calling the following authorities to stop this forceful land acquisition.

Meanwhile attaching herewith the press release and link of a report produced by the International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) of the New York University School of Law and International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net). The report appeal to Government of India and POSCO to suspend the project and end to abuses "before they become even more catastrophic in scale. We are conveying our gratitude to these institutions for highlighting the truth and demanding the suspension of the project.

Kindly circulate this mail widely.

In Solidarity,

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2. Dr. S.C. Jamir, Governor of Odisha, Fax No- (91)6742536582

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5. P. Satyabrata Bhoi, Superintendent of Police, Mobile no-09437094678,[dmjisp@ori.nic.in](mailto:dmjisp@ori.nic.in)

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