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ON MURDEROUS ATTACK ON PRISONERS IN ALIPUR JAIL

Comrades Monoranjan Roy M.P. and M.K. Pandhe Secretaries of CITU have issued the following statement to the press:

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly condemns the brutal attack on undertrials and detainees in Alipur Jail ~~yest~~ yesterday resulting in ghastly killing of 11 and wounding of 237 persons. 15 persons have been admitted to S.S.K.M. Hospital, three of them in unconscious condition. Even the relatives of the woulded were not allowed to meet them and dead bodies are not handed over to the relatives.

The people of India have justly shocked by this dastardly attack. This unprovoked incident only reminds the people of India of the Hitlerite killings of defenceless persons inside jail.

The harrowing conditions in jail are deliberately maintained with vindictiveness by the Congress Government. Even if anyone dares to raise a finger against this, the police authorities pounce upon the prisoners.

More than 50 persons have thus been murdered in broad daylight inside jails since the imposition of Presidents rule in West Bengal.

When the entire people of India are justly supporting the glorious freedom struggle in Bangladesh, it looks ridiculous that the Government should have throttled democracy inside jail in this manner.

The CITU demands impartial public enquiry to be conducted by Members of Parliament belonging all the political Parties pending which suspension of all the officials and workers involved in this crime. The CITU further demands immediate end to such senseless killings which is shame to democratic consciousness.