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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU CONDEMNS POLICE FIRING
IN MAHARASHTRA

Com. Niren Ghosh, M.P., and Com. M. K. Pandhe, Secretaries, CITU have issued the following statement to the Press:

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions congratulates the working class and the people of Maharashtra for the magnificent Bundh they organised on January 2 in protest against rising prices of essential commodities. The CITU is confident that the unity achieved in this struggle will be further strengthened in still bigger struggles against the policies of the Government which are primarily responsible for the price rise.

The CITU condemns the Maharashtra Government for resorting to indiscriminate lathi charge and police firing leading to killing of 6 persons and injuring several others. The CITU demands judicial enquiry into the firing and stern action against those responsible for killing innocent persons.

The CITU also congratulates the workers and people of Patna for observing Bundh on the same day and protesting against the menace of price rise.

The CITU appeals to all sections of the people in the country to rally together for concerted action throughout the country against the alarming price rise and scarcity which is causing heavy inroads in the standard of living of the people".

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