Mamata Banerjee – Terrorism, Human Trafficking and Ethnic Cleansing

The news of kidnapping of Tuktuki Mondal, 14 yr old daughter of Subhas Mondal a poor laborer from a non-descript village in West Bengal, for the second time by Babusona Ghazi could have gone unnoticed. It could have ended much like any of the thousands of girls who vanish from rural West Bengal every year. But destiny had it otherwise. Tuktuki's dad did not submit to the threats of her abductors and the radical Islamist gangs that they was representing. Instead he decided to risk it all and head for the capital city of Kolkata. There he met Hindu Samhati President, Tapan Ghosh who assured all help. Thus began a global movement which is today taking the world by storm. Activists have seen in Tuktuki thousands of daughters disappearing the lap of parents in West Bengal and wordwide every year and organized global solidarity rallies in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington DC and Atlanta. A hashtag #Justice4Tuktuki was trending on top in twitter India and among top 6 in the world. A civil society group Nirbhaya Kranti Dal organized a hunger strike demanding the recovery of Tuktuki while the high court passed an order asking the state government to produce Tuktuki in court by the 27th, severely reprimanding the administration and praising the Vice President of Hindu Samhati for helping out the family. The opposition BJP in the state has rallied around the cause and have termed West Bengal under Mamata Bannerjee a "Jehadi Hub". While politics is playing out in the streets, experts are looking deep to see what exactly the problem with the state of West Bengal. The current situation might have roots during earlier administration, but it became multifold full blown under Mamata regime of last 4+ years whose single minded focus of securing Muslim vote bank at any cost has created a very dangerous situation of Terrorism and intolerable situation of human trafficking and ethnic cleansing to Hindus in the state of West Bengal.

Terrorism

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ran a mouth piece for SIMI called Kalam, which he had started in 1981 and which was a monthly magazine. He ran it till 1994. By then he had established SIMI chapters all over West Bengal and became an important figure in the Islamist world. This led him to be appointed as chief official of the Saudi Arabia sponsored Islamic Development bank. The managing director of the bank, Mamul-Al-Azam is the son of Gulam Azam, former chief and founder of Bangladesh's radical Islamic organization Jamaat-E-Islami whose leaders were involved in several war crimes against the Hindus in Bangladesh and estimated to have killed 3 million people. After the appointment, SIMI mouthpiece Kalam began to be published as a weekly and in 1998 it became a daily newspaper. Also Imran was acting as the Indian representative for Naya Diganta, the mouthpiece of Bangladesh's Jamaat-E-Islami. His writing used to be published in the paper on a regular basis. He was also in touch with Jaamat -E-Islami leaders like Abdul Kader Mollah who have been sentenced to death by Bangladesh for war crimes against Bangladeshis and Hindu minority in particular. This clout of running a daily newspaper and links to terror organizations in Bangladesh helped him to get in contact with Sudipto Sen, the prime accused in the Shardha scam, a Ponzi scheme that defrauded \$4-6 billion dollars from 1.7 million investors. Imran struck a deal with Sen. According to the deal, money deposited by retail investors would be converted and smuggled to Bangladesh using the armed couriers of radical Islamist organizations from India to Bangladesh and then deposited into European banks. Sudipto Sen in turn would fund radical Islamist organization in Bangladesh. The investigation agencies in India have learnt that hundreds of crores collected from poor investors who were eventually duped were transferred through this route. According to one report, the Enforcement Directorate informed the National Intelligence Agencies on October 30th that this money might have ended up in the hand of terrorist organizations like JMB (Jamat-ul-Mujahideen), which is involved in several acts of violence, is banned in Bangladesh and has alleged links with the Islamic State. The money most likely have ended in the hands of terrorists prompting the Bangladesh Government to urge the Govt. of India to investigate links between TMC and Jamaat-E-Islami. A leading Bangla daily had alleged that Mamata Bannerjee as the Chief Minister and the home minister of the state allowed the scam to flourish at her watch, funded the extremist Jamaat-e-Islami in Bangladesh and in turn, her party received funds from the outfit during the 2011 assembly election and 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Also Mamata Bannerjee and her party members despite being in power and being aware of the scam and the links of Imran with the fundamentalists promoted him as a Rajya Sabha (Upper House) Member of Parliament in 2014 and thereby giving Imran access to sensitive documents and information. Intelligence agencies consider this to be a threat to national security and have warned of serious consequences.

The role of Bangladesh based organizations working under the patronage of the ruling TMC in the state is very significant here. The National Intelligence Agency investigation in India has revealed that by using money laundering generated through various scams in West Bengal, Rs 15-16 crore (around 2.5 million USD) has been transferred to Bengal and Assam to fund several Jihadi modules. Out of an annual budget of Rs 1

crore (around \$1,50,000) earmarked for Bengal by JMB for purchasing of weapons, explosives, network expansion, cadre recruitment and training, Rs 40 lakh (around \$70,000) was set aside to give salaries to Jihadis. These Jihadis many of them are TMC workers as the Burdwan Blasts revealed. In this incident an explosion occurred in a house in the Khagragarh locality of Burdwan. Two suspected Indian Mujahideen terrorists were killed and a third injured. The police seized 55 improvised explosive devices, RDX, wrist watch dials and SIM cards. The house where the explosion occurred was owned by Nurul Hasan Chowdhury who used to stay in another house across the road. Hasan Chowdhury was a leader of the Trinamool Congress and the ground floor of the building was used as Trinamool Congress party office. According to NIA investigations, Indian Mujahidden's Al Jihad module operating from the house had planned a series of ten blasts in Kolkata during the Durga Puja, the local Hindu festival which if succeeded would have caused an enormous carnage.

Human Trafficking

The tentacles of the Jihadi units spread to kidnapping, human trafficking, and sexslavery of girls from rural Bengal where local thugs that enjoy patronage due to their ability to bring in votes run the virtual administration of the state. This helps them to raise funds for the Jihadist activities by running the kidnapping industry, to intimidate Hindus causing exodus from their ancestral lands and convert Hindu girls to be used as sex-slaves and baby producing factories for the future. According to UN report, West Bengal tops the list of missing children and women. Per UN report, in one year 28,000 women and children went missing in West Bengal. These girls, many of them minors are brought to places like Sonagachi, the largest red light district in Asia. Sonagachi is located in Kolkata, the capital city of the West Bengal state where more than 11,000 women are cramped up forced into prostitution. These women are trafficked by international trafficking gangs across different cities in India, into Bangladesh and other places including the middle east. There is a village in West Bengal called Sandeshkhali run by a radical Islamist ganglord, Shahjahan Seikh. He also belongs to the ruling TMC. Women are bought and sold everyday in Sandeshkhali like cattles. At the same time Hindus are subjected to inhuman torture and murders. As a mark of protest when Hindus decided to vote for Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and celebrate his victory, Shahjahan Seikh unleashed a reign of terror on the Hindus. According to an article in 'Daily Mail, UK, dated 21st Jan 2014, 20,000 girls per year are kidnapped and forced into sex trade from West Bengal alone by human trafficking gangs in India. Times of India article dated July 15, 2013 quoted, '13,000 women and children in West Bengal were untraceable in just 2011 alone, with highest prevalence in three districts of West Bengal, Murshidabad, North and South 24-Parganas 'all areas suffering from daily riots, looting by radical Islamists. According to media reports, West Bengal refuse to give reports of annual human trafficked children to National agencies. The Telegraph, UK in 27th May 2014 article by Ross Kemp, a well known investigative journalist from UK,

quotes, "This guy - who I'll call Mr. Khan - was trafficking thousands of girls a year. He said he had lost count of how many he'd killed, but estimated it was around 400 and was helped by authorities'. India Facts, dated July 31, 2014 accounts of how a kidnapper Babu Mondal (son of Ali Mondal) of a 14 year old girl even wrote a note (reproduced in the article) to the mother of the girl that he has kidnapped her daughter as part of a bet with his friends and even married her. On May 26, 2015, Delhi police busted a human trafficking ring involving Shahjahan Molliya and Nafees from North 24 Parganas in West Bengal who lures young girls with promise of marriage and forces them into prostitution. According to another Delhi Police report on June 9, 2015 which busted a West Bengal Sex trafficking gangs. these gangs entice, lure and induce minor and poor girls on pretext of love marriage, job and other temptations and once they fall prey, they are sold to brothels around the country for Rs 60,000 to Rs 1,00,00/-.

To give more ammunition to the Jihadis the support to rape and rapists has been periodically been provided by the ruling TMC members to legitimize rape as a culture in the state. The Chief Minister herself being the home minister of the state has dismissed rape cases as "Staged incidents" ("Shajano Ghotona") particularly when Muslim community members have been involved. To hush up rape cases, she has transferred honest police officers who have dared to investigate these cases. IPS officer Damayanti Sen who had cracked the Park Street rape case being the prime example where a prominent womens-rights activist was targeted and gang raped. When victim reported her crime, Mamata called her a liar. She has transferred such officers repeatedly to set a precedent so that no one dares to take the side of the survivors and the truth again. Instead of giving justice to the rape victims Mamata Banneriee has offered money to the relatives of the victims. Anti-rape protestors have been branded Naxalite and for being members of the opposition party and that by seeking justice they are trying to malign her image. The police department headed by none other than the Chief Minister often have purposefully delayed the cases pertaining to rape and particularly when the Hindu girls have been the victims and Muslim men the perpetrators of the crime. In the case of Kamduni rape case, the HC court has even questioned if the charge sheet filed by Mamata Bannerjee's administration is at all worth calling it one. Nine men gang raped her, tore apart the victim legs up to the navel, slit her throat and dumped the body into a nearby field. With the incessant cases of rape being reported almost daily, those who have taken on the rapists and have sacrificed their lives have been described as gang members by none other than Mamata herself. Even TMC Members of Parliament, Tapas Pal has openly threatened the opposition in the State to send his boys to rape them. Mamata's relatives and TMC functionaries have threatened to gouge out eyes of opponents. No wonder the incidents of rapes has increased substantially under Mamata Bannerjee's administration. West Bengal which once prided itself as a safe state for women became the most dangerous state for women to live in under Mamata Bannerjee's administration.

In the midst of all the gloom an organization called <u>Hindu Samhati</u> is trying to help the victims of kidnapping. In recent days it has successfully helped to bring back Tuktuki

Mondal, Rumeli Kar and other girls from the clutches of radical Islamist gangs. Its founder and President, Tapan Ghosh says, "Around 100 daughters are disappearing from their mother's lap being kidnapped by the Islamic fundamentalists". This is an unimaginable human tragedy in rural West Bengal unfolding right before our eyes, aided and assisted by the ruling TMC and under the watch of the chief minister and the state's home minister Mamata Bannerjee.

Ethnic Cleansing of Hindus

Not only is Imran who is a TMC Member of Parliament chosen by Mamata Banerjee in 2014, involved in money laundering to radical Islamist organizations, but also involved in deadly riots targeted against the Hindus of West Bengal. According to police reports, Imran Hassan Khan is accused of being involved in the riots of 21st February, 2013 in which 200 Hindu homes were burnt in Naliakhali, Herobhanga, Gopalpur and Goladogra villages in the Canning police station limits and wo dozen Hindu-owned shops were looted in the Jaynagar police limits under Baruipur subdivision. Repeated violence against the Hindus in West Bengal particularly in the rural countryside has become commonplace in the last few years with immense devastation. Recent large scale organized violence targeted against the Hindu community has been reported from Usti in South 24 Paraganas. Totally 34 large and small known incidents of organized violence has been reported in the state in recent times. All these incidents of ethnic cleansing have resulted in exodus of Hindus, which they were designed to cause, from their ancestral land resulting in the further depletion of Hindu population from these Just few weeks ago there were 4 riots reported in a matter of 3 weeks. media goal of not reporting violence against Hindus particularly when committed by Muslims it has been left to organizations like Hindu Samhati to report at a great risk to their lives. Per Tapan Ghosh, there are about 32,000 villages in West Bengal where active ethnic cleansing going on and there are multiple riots in many places daily and only some get noticed. Many villages and towns have Hindu percentage dropped below 50% because of exodus of middle class Hindus with only poor backward Hindu classes bearing the brunt of Islamic ethnic cleansing.

Muslim vote bank politics and winning elections seems to her only goal even if it requires taking help of radical Islamic fundamentalists, thereby making many wonder if Mamata Bannerjee is running West Bengal as a terrorist state.