

FREE DR. BINAYAK SEN CAMPAIGN

Asha Cornell invites you to join the awareness/signature campaign against the drastic verdict given to noted human rights activist Dr. Binayak Sen

Where - Mann Library lobby
When - 4th Feb, 2011 from 12-4PM

Who is Dr. Binayak Sen?

After graduating in medicine and paediatrics from the prestigious Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, in the 1970's, Dr. Sen devoted his life to community health, providing medical care to the poor in rural and remote parts of India. Dr Sen's work in the area of community health and human rights has been nationally and internationally recognized. He was awarded the Paul Harrison Award by CMC Vellore in 2004, the RR Keithan Gold medal by the Indian Academy of Social Sciences in 2007, and the Jonathan Mann award for Health and Human rights by the US-based Global Health Council in 2008.

As part of his human rights work, Dr Sen was instrumental in exposing the atrocities committed against the native tribals by the state police and the state-sponsored *Salwa Judum*, a private militia. His work invited the wrath of the police and the state government, who then foisted false charges under draconian laws.

On December 24, 2010, the renowned doctor and human rights activist Dr. Binayak Sen was sentenced to life in prison by a trial court in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh. He was accused of carrying 3 letters from an alleged Maoist ideologue Narayan Sanyal to Piyush Guha, a businessman from Kolkata. Dr Sen has been convicted of 'sedition and conspiracy against the state,' among other charges. Of the more than 80 witnesses produced by the prosecution, no one could withstand the cross-examination and give credible testimony. The prosecution evidence presented in the court had all the hallmarks of a mischief. Prominent journalists and defenders of civil liberties have decried this injustice while Amnesty International has termed the verdict a mockery of justice. Dr. Sen has been challenging human rights abuses by all sides of the conflict including the state-sponsored vigilante group - Salwa Judum. He was arrested in 2007 and granted bail after two years in 2009, and is now again in prison.

OUR DEMANDS AT THE CAMPAIGN

Release Dr. Binayak Sen, other human rights activists and political prisoners

Repeal the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), the Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act (CSPSA), Sedition laws, and other draconian legislation such as the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE
LET'S PROTECT OUR RIGHTS

For more information: www.binayaksen.net/faq

Sign the petition to the President of India: <http://www.petitiononline.com/sen2010/>

A Video Summary of the Case against Dr. Binayak Sen: <http://tinyurl.com/drbinayaksenvideo>

Disband private militias like "*Ma Danteshwari Swabhiman Manch*" and "*Salwa Judum*"