

**Free Dr. Binayak Sen!
Stop Harassing Peace activists in the US!!
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Dissent and Repression in the US and India

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On September 24, 2010, FBI raided the homes of peace activists in Minneapolis and Chicago, seizing computers, phones and large amount of documents and personal items. Since then, 23 activists in both these cities have been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury. No one has been charged and lacking any material evidence, the United States government is clearly carrying out a campaign of intimidating people, who did little more than speak out for peace and justice.

On December 24, 2010, Dr. Binayak Sen, a renowned physician, public health and human rights activist, was sentenced to life in prison by a sessions court in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh on baseless charges of ‘sedition’ and ‘conspiracy against the state’. This extreme action comes on top of the arrest and conviction of several political and human rights activists in different parts of India in the last few years.

Come find out more about these cases and the context in which these acts of repression and silencing of dissent are occurring in the US and in India!

Panelists

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