

“Mob Rule & The Myth of Cow Protection A Human Rights Crisis in Aligarh”



A Fact-Finding Report



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Acknowledgment

The INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOUNDATION (IDRF) would like to acknowledge the contribution of all and thank them sincerely who have significantly contributed for this fact finding visit to ascertain the true facts of recent Mob lynching in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh on four innocent traders on the basis of their identity and its impact on prevailing harmony of the country . We would like to extend sincere gratitude to all the family members of victims who have contributed greatly. We would like to thank Staff members at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College(JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University for their continued guidance in JNMC compound. We would like to thank each and all who have contributed to this report in any manner.

Introduction

On May 24 a violent mob attacked on meat traders in Aligarh suspecting them of transporting meat of prohibited cattle. The case now known as The Aligarh Lynching incident took place at Sadhu Ashram road, near Panaithi Pul, police station Harduaganj, District Aligarh of Uttar Pradesh whereas all the victims were residents of nearby town Atrauli, Aligarh . The victims are meat traders for generations and used to purchase meat from Al-Ambar meat factory, Aligarh and sell it in the town of Atrauli in order to earn their living. The route they take for has been in use for decades by these traders for generations for transportation of meat. However, from last few years a team of few individuals started questioning their fundamental right to practice the profession of their own choice by stopping their goods and vehicles on many occasions and have been extorting money from them.

The incident highlights the growing concern of mob violence and lynching in India, and the need for swift action against the perpetrators. This incident is a stark reminder of the importance of maintaining law and order, protecting vulnerable communities, and ensuring justice for victims of violence.

On visit to JNMC AMU IDRF fact finding team found that Aqeel s/o Ibrahim khan was admitted in emergency block and other victims were shifted to ward after treatment. Thereafter the team started its work to find out the actual facts of the case.



File Photo of the Victims



DRF team met with the victims admitted in JNMC, AMU

IDRF Team Visit to JNMC

The IDRF team visited JNMC and met with the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to inquire about the current condition of the victims admitted. During the meeting, the CMO provided an update on their medical status, treatment progress, and the support being extended by the hospital. The team expressed their concern and assured continued support wherever necessary.

Brief fact of the case

The incident occurred on May 24, 2025, at approximately 8:30 AM, near Panaithi Pul, Sadhu Ashram Road, Aligarh. Four Muslim meat traders, Aqeel S/O Saleem, Arbaz S/O Islam, Aqeel S/O Ibrahim Khan, and Kadeem S/O Munna Khan, were transporting meat from Al-Ambar Meat Factory, Aligarh to Atrauli when they were stopped by 8-9 individuals on bikes.

AL AMMAR FROZEN FOODS EXPORTS PVT. LTD.
AMARPUR KONDLA, MATHURA BY PASS ROAD, ALIGARH
LOCAL SHOPKEEPER GATE PASS

No. 093
MS. Moin Taleem / Aqeel Saleem
ADDRESS: Atrauli, Aligarh
FSSAI NO. 22218131000 PLS
DATE: 24/5/25
TIME: 2.12
VEHICLE NO. UP 21FT 1133

SL.No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	WEIGHT	REMARKS
1.	BUFFALO BONE IN MEAT	Peace (11)	585	
2.				
3.				
4.				आधान
5.				
		Total = (11)	Total = 585	

Image of Bill of meat purchased from factory

Uploaded by :- Aadhan hindi facebook channel

The perpetrators demanded to know what was inside the vehicle and forced them to show the documents. After the victims presented the bill from the factory, the perpetrators tore it and demanded ₹50,000. When the victims refused, the perpetrators messaged more people to rush and after some time a larger mob arrived scene and started beating the victims and shouting accusations of carrying cow meat.

The mob looted phones, cash (approximately ₹80,000-1 lakh), and burned the vehicle with meat of worth ₹5-6 lakh. The victims were severely injured and taken to Malkhan Singh Hospital, later referred to JNMC AMU, where they are undergoing treatment.

The police registered an FIR against 13 named and 20-25 unknown individuals under serious charges, including attempt to murder, dacoity, and extortion. The investigation is ongoing, with concerns raised about the pattern of targeting Muslims under the pretext of cow protection.

The Police had also sent sample of meat in Veterinary lab in Mathura, and the report has confirmed that it was buffalo meat and not cow meat as reported by Hindustan times.

Methodology

The report is a result of quantitative data collected through fact finding team comprising of Advocates, Social workers and journalists. They visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital and met the victims and their families and recorded their statements. They recorded the testimonials of the victims and tried to find out the exact facts of the incident.

In addition to Primary sources, secondary sources from media reports had also been incorporated.

The International Democratic Rights Foundation (IDRF) is a non-governmental human rights organisation working for the marginalized sections of the community established in 2021 to provide pro-bono legal assistance has conducted the fact finding visit in Aligarh Lynching case to ascertain the present condition of human rights violations after the identity based mob lynching in Aligarh.



Testimonials

Anjum wife of Aqeel S/o Ibrahim Khan

Aqeel was the driver of vehicle UP 81 FT 0173 that was carrying meat from Al-Ambar meat factory, Aligarh. During the visit of the IDRF fact-finding team, we discovered that victim Aqeel was gravely injured, lying on a bed unconscious and unable to speak. Therefore we took the testimony of his wife Anjum.

She began by stating that Aqeel has received serious injuries on his head and all over the body. There is a nexus of criminals who regularly extort money from meat traders and make false complaints in police station to harass them.

She stated that “inke sir pe 57 taanke lage hain aur khoon bhot jyada beh gya hai , inki halat bhot buri ho gyi thi aur inhi mara hua smajh krr chod diye fir police wale inhe malkhan singh hospital lekr gye lekin whase inhe medical bhej diya gya”.

On visit the fact finding team found that victim was lying on bed after treatment in great pain. He had stitches all over his head and rashes on complete body. However he explained us the entire incident.

He gave us a detailed account of how everything started. He said as usual he along with Aqeel S/o Saleem, Arbaz s/o Islam and Aqeel S/o Ibrahim was returning from meat factory Al-Ambar Aligarh after loading goods of worth 5-6 lakh rupees in their pick up vehicle. When they reached near Panaithi pul, on Sadhu Ashram road, around 8-9 persons on 3 bikes came and stopped them. They started questioning them what is inside and from where they are bringing it. They replied “isme maans hai hum factory se laa rhe hain”. He further went on explaining that those peoples asked them bill and when they produced they torn it and started asking for 50,000 rupees. On denial they called for backup . Thereafter again 8-9 persons came and immediately they started beating them till they assumed them to be dead and set their vehicle on fire along with their goods. He also said that he had around 20 thousand rupees and mobile phone which was looted by them.



Aqeel S/O Ibrahim Khan (driver)

Thereafter fact finding team after assuring them that they are with them in their legal battle went to other victim Arbaz who was lying on bed next to kadeem.



Kadeem S/O Munna Khan



Arbaz s/o Islam

Arbaz, aged 20 years is youngest of all the victims and was lying on bed in bad condition moaning in pain. He had stitches on all over his head and rashes on whole body, particularly in shoulder and, chest and back and there was dressing in his feet. There was also red blood clot in his right eye and stitching mark near his eye.

When we tried to talk him he said he is suffering from great pain and has partially lost his vision. He also said that his mobile was looted by the people who initially attacked them.

He also alleged that he was not well treated by doctors and stated that his dressings were not changed from last 3 days and raised allegations that they were discharged on the day of their admission after initial treatment which was cancelled and they were re-admitted after intervention of AMU Student leaders.

Aqeel s/o Saleem

Aqeel s/o Saleem was admitted on the next floor. When we reached we prima facie found that Aqeel had Leg and nose fracture and stitches all over his head along with dark rashes all over his body. He tried to talk us and after a little discussion he stopped due to pain.

When we asked him to explain the entire situation he said “ jb sabhi log hame maarne lage the to hum kood kar police ki jeep me baith gye the lekin police walo ne hme gali dete hue jeep se utar diya tha aur fir bheed ne hme bhot mara aur mara hua smjh krr chod diya. He told the IDRF team that the SHO of the concerned Police Station brought him his car and admitted him to the hospital.



He also claimed that he had sum of around 60,000 rupees which was looted along with the mobile phone



Reena Sister of Aqeel s/o Saleem

She is the sister of victim Aqeel and daughter of complainant. She explained us that there is a group of few people who regularly use to extort money from them and on denial they make false complain in police station. She further went on explaining that some around 15 days ago, victims of this incident were caught by the same people on allegations of trading cow meat. However due to intervention of police which examined the sample of meat through expert and on discovery that it was buffalo meat, they were set free.

She said “hum logo ko bhot pareshan krte hain, har hafte paisa mangte hai aur jhuti complaint krr dete hain aur 90 hazaar rupay le lekr 2-3 bar phle choda hai inhe police ne.

She also explained that victim took loan from his friends and other knowns to settle the claim and this has affected their life badly. Due to this incident their family earning is totally stopped and also they suffered a loss of around 5-6 lakh rupees worth of goods that they were transporting. She also said that this was their family business that they were carry from generations.

IDRF Team met with SSP Shri Sanjeev Suman



SSP Aligarh has said that their target is to end the nexus that is prevailing in the area to maintain harmony in the city. He further added that Police knows it's duty, they have done it and the FIR that has been registered on victims for allegations of carrying cow meat will collapse since the FSL Lab report has clarified that meat was of buffalo and not cow.

Periodic Violation of Human Rights

| On observation the case The entire incident can be divided in three parts:-

- I) Pre Incident period
- II) During incident period
- III) Post incident period

| Pre-Incident period

After meeting with the victims and their families the fact finding team of IDRF has observed that the incident has its link rooted in previous incidents. As found by IDRF from statement of victim Aqeel's sister and also from statement of SP Grameen Shri Amrit Jain uploaded on media channel of News Tree on Instagram that similar incident was about to take place 15 days ago which was prevented by timely action from police.

| Incident period

The incident when took place victim Aqeel s/o Saleem has himself alleged that when people started beating them they in order to save their lives jumped in police jeep but were thrown out by police after abusing them.

Post incident period

Almost all the victims and their families have accepted that police have taken them to Malkhan singh hospital for initial treatment.

Victims while in hospital have alleged that they were not receiving proper treatment and were discharged on the same day of admission and were re-admitted after intervention of AMU Student leaders.

Key Observation

- | Identity based attack : the fact finding team has observed that the incident highlights the pattern of attacking Muslims on pretext of Cow Protection, particularly on meat traders.
- | Police Inaction – The fact finding team observed that the incident could have been prevented if timely action would have been taken against the perpetrators who had created chaos illegally some 15 days ago and on the same day when the victims jumped into police jeep in order to save their lives.
- | Existence of Money extortion Group/Racket: The fact finding team observed that there is existence of a Violent group which continuously used to extort money on the pretext of Gao Raksha (Cow Protection).
- | Inadequate treatment: The fact finding team is greatly shocked at the inhumane behaviour of the doctors who discharged them on the same day of treatment despite of victims being in pathetic condition.
- | Loss suffered: the fact finding team observed that the victims suffered loss of goods of around 5-6 lakh rupees, around 1 lakh rupees cash (collectively) along with 4 mobile phones and vehicle which they used to carry their business along with loss of physical health and mental condition which cannot be valued in money.
- | Lab Report: the fact finding team observed that the veterinary lab Report has confirmed that the meat that was being carried by victims was of buffalo and not cow.

Conclusion

The Aligarh lynching case is a disturbing incident that highlights the growing concern of mob violence and identity-based attacks in India, particularly on meat traders and dealers. A group of Muslim meat traders were brutally attacked by a mob under the pretext of cow protection, resulting in severe injuries and significant financial losses. The victims were targeted for their Muslim identity and profession, and the incident reveals a pattern of violence against Muslims in the name of cow protection.

The incident raises serious concerns about the safety and security of vulnerable communities and highlights the need for swift action, accountability, and support for victims of identity-based violence. A thorough investigation is necessary to identify and prosecute the perpetrators, and the victims should receive adequate compensation and support to rebuild their lives. The incident underscores the importance of promoting inclusivity and tolerance to prevent such incidents and ensure safety for all communities.

Recommendation

Issuance of Official Identification Marks:

Government or regulatory agencies should develop a standardized identification system (such as a sticker, digital QR code, or RFID tag) to be displayed on vehicles transporting legitimate goods like meat. This will help authorities easily identify compliant transporters.

Centralized Registration System:

A centralized database should be maintained where all authorized meat transporters are registered. The identification mark should be linked to this database for quick verification by enforcement personnel.

Mandatory Use of Identification for Transport:

It should be made mandatory for all vehicles carrying perishable goods, especially meat, to display the official identification mark during transit. This will help prevent unnecessary delays, harassment, or confiscation of goods.

Training and Awareness for Enforcement Agencies:

Law enforcement and inspection agencies should be trained to recognize and respect the official identification marks. Awareness programs can ensure smoother checks and reduce the risk of abuse or misunderstanding.

Penalties for Misuse or Forgery:

Strict penalties should be enforced against individuals or businesses that misuse or forge identification marks. This will help maintain the credibility and effectiveness of the system.

Periodic Review and Update of Identification Protocols:

Regulatory bodies should periodically review the effectiveness of the identification system and update protocols to incorporate technological advancements or respond to emerging challenges.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

A mechanism should be established for transporters to report any issues or instances of harassment despite having valid identification, ensuring accountability and continuous improvement.

IDRF के एक डेलिगेशन ने अलीगढ़ में हुई माँब लिचिंग की घटना के संबंध में एसएसपी से की भेंट

नई दिल्ली। IDRF की ओर से चार सूत्रीय मांगों को लेकर आज दोपहर 1 बजे एक डेलिगेशन ने अलीगढ़ में हुई माँब लिचिंग की घटना के संबंध में एसएसपी संजीव सुमन से मुलाकात की। इस दौरान कई महत्वपूर्ण बिंदुओं पर गंभीर चर्चा हुई। इस मौके पर एसएसपी साहब ने आश्वासन दिया कि: दूसरे पक्ष द्वारा दर्ज कराई गई FIR को



समाप्त किया जाएगा, क्योंकि एफएसएल रिपोर्ट में गोमांस की पुष्टि नहीं हुई है। घटना में शामिल सभी आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया जाएगा और इस प्रकार के गुंडों का आतंक खत्म किया जाएगा। आरोपियों के खिलाफ रासुका (राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा कानून) के तहत सख्त कार्रवाई की जाएगी। इस घटना के पीछे जो भी षड्यंत्रकारी हैं, उन्हें भी चिन्हित कर कानूनी प्रक्रिया के तहत जेल भेजा जाएगा। डेलिगेशन ने पीड़ितों के लिए न्याय की मांग की है और उम्मीद की है कि प्रशासन तत्पक्ष और कठोर कार्रवाई करेगा।



अलीगढ़ के पुलिस अधीक्षक संजीव सुमन

पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश के अलीगढ़ में गोमांस ले जाने के शक में चार मीट कारोबारियों को पीटने के आरोप में पुलिस ने अब तक चार लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है।

पुलिस के मुताबिक, एफएसएल की जांच रिपोर्ट में भैंस का मांस होने की पुष्टि हुई है।

अलीगढ़ के पुलिस अधीक्षक संजीव सुमन ने बीबीसी से बातचीत में कहा, "मांस को जांच के लिए एफएसएल लैब भेजा गया था। जांच में ये भैंस का मांस पाया गया है।"

शनिवार को कथित गौरक्षकों के एक समूह ने चार मीट कारोबारियों को पीटा था। इस घटना के वीडियो भी सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल हुए हैं।

घायल मीट कारोबारियों का इस समय अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम यूनिवर्सिटी के जवाहर लाल नेहरू मेडिकल कॉलेज में इलाज

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