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POLICE ABUSE LAW OF THE LAND IN JARAWA AREA

On 12th May, the Convoy of ATR vehicles started from Jirkatang No.2 Police Check Post about 6.30 a.m. but reached Middle Strait only about 9.30 a.m. There were two Buses of IRBn in the convoy besides several tourist vehicles and one Marriage Party. Mr. Alexander, the DFO, Mayabunder was also the party of Convoy with his Office Jeep. The dramatic Pilot show with a Motorbike took part in front of the Convoy with a speed of dead slow within first & second gears. Vehicles stopped more than 5 places between the Jarawa area for several minutes all along to allow the tourists, *baraties* and IRBn personnels to mingle with the Jarawa ladies and children standing along road side with *Khattafal*. Many of them snapped photographs and video recordings of Jarawas. The Pilot bike stopped the movement and waited for completion of these business. IRBn personnels on board of their bus purchased *Khattafal* from Jarawa ladies exchanging money.

Vehicle of the D.F.O. Mayabunder was just behind these vehicles from which business was going on. He shouted with his words towards official objection on these illegal act being a Forest Officer but the Police personnels went on doing the offences as if they are not supposed to respect the law of the land. Mr. Alexander, the D.F.O. had to face hot talk altercations also with the In-charge of Police Out Post at Middle Strait on this regard while he reported to them the matter. The Police stood on the ground that they are the masters of the area and they can do anything they want to enjoy with Jarawas or to harass the passengers to any extend misusing their Power. There was no any regret from the police about this mischief.

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THE MAY 13 MANDATE: LESSONS FOR THE LEFT

Election outcomes in India continue to surprise poll analysts. Even though most exit polls and post-poll surveys had quite accurately predicted the landslide against the CPI(M) in West Bengal, nobody had predicted that Tamil Nadu would witness an even bigger landslide against the DMK-Congress alliance or that the UDF would come to power in Kerala with the slenderest of margins, or for that matter the Congress would have such a smooth sailing in a most fragmented and diverse polity like the one in Assam.

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PROTEST

FOOTPATH IN DIGLIPUR BAZAR SOURCE OF PERIODICAL BRIBE TO TEHSILDAR

Everyone might have noticed removal of vendors stalled their shops on footpath in Diglipur Bazaar, by the Tahsildar along with Traffic Police. The next day or day after those vendors resume the place and put their stall. These are going on in front of Traffic Police and the duty staff of Police Duty Room at Diglipur Bazaar. Reportedly, the removal of such vendors from foot path is periodically done to collect the bribe to permit them again to put the stall afresh for further period. That is why the Traffic Police do not dare to interfere into this established Business of the Tahsildar though the pedestrians and vehicle traffic face trouble due to non-availability of foot path facility.

MV AUSTIN - II KEPT IDLE, MV KADAMTALA ALONE DO FERRY BETWEEN UTTARA & GANDHI GHARH

UTTARA