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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Violations Of Humanity In India

Caste discrimination involves massive violations of Humanity, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. Caste-affected communities are denied dignity and equality. Thousands of Indian people in India are suffering because of this caste system and deprived of basic human rights. The Dalit community in India is most affected by the caste system.

Our organization would like to share, that in June-July 2021, four cases of Dalit assaults took place back-to-back in Uttar Pradesh. In the first two incidents reported from Kanpur Dehat and Chandauli, police reportedly sprang to action after the videos of the same went viral. In another one, people from the Dalit community had alleged that the Azamgarh Police had thrashed them in the pretext of searching their houses. In another incident, a 19-year-old man was reportedly pulled by his hair and thrashed by a group of men in public view. The action was taken only after the video went viral.

In August 2021, a priest and his assistant were arrested for allegedly stopping a Dalit girl from drinking water from a temple handpump in Gaghura village in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal after making casteist slurs. When the girl's father tried to protest, he was injured with a trident (Trishul). The incident happened after the 13-year-old girl along with her father went to collect fodder. The girl then went inside the temple to drink water.

On 7 October 2021, a Dalit man was beaten to death in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh for having a love affair with his neighbour's wife. The entire act was recorded and the body was dumped in front of the victim's house.

In October 2021, five people were arrested in Rajasthan's Jalore for mercilessly thrashing a Dalit youth and uploading the video on social media. According to the police statement, the victim was sitting in front of a shop with his friend when the group of five men came and started making casteist remarks. Afterwards, the accused brutally thrashed and assaulted the man.

We strongly urge the United Nations Human Rights Council to ask India to immediately stop caste discrimination in India. We look forward to a positive response from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Special Rapporteurs (SR) on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteurs (SR) on violence.
