

## Secondary Sources Monitoring Report (2000-2006)

### Table of Reported Incidents

Date	No Victim(s)	Name of Victim(s)	Type of Incident	District
29/05/2000	1	Sudath Kumar Jain	Custodial Death	Mangalore
20/05/2001	1	Narayana K. V.	Custodial Death	Udupi
07/11/2001	1	Ramu	Custodial Death	Mandya
23/08/2001	?	Residents of Katipalla town	Police Violence (Lathi-Charge)	Bangalore
16/09/2001	1	One Casualty	Police Firing	Hubli
01/10/2002	1	Earamma	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
18/02/2002	2	Chandrashekar and Arul	Police Violence	Bangalore
18/03/2002	2	Smita & Tejasvi	Police Torture / Violence Against Women	Bangalore
13/04/2002	1	Hanumantha	Custodial Death	Raichur
06/11/2002	?	Dalit Community	Police Violence	Tumkur
08/07/2003	1	Kamalabai	Police Torture	Bulbarga
10/01/2003	1	Gangappa	Custodial Death	Kolar
10/01/2003	1	Ramesh	Custodial Death	Bangalore
17/11/2003	3	Parvathi, Haajima & Yashoda	Encounter Death	Udupi
16/03/2004	1	Mehboob Pasha	Custodial Death	Tumkur
19/06/2004	1	Kokila (transsexual rape victim)	Police Torture / Violence Against Women	Bangalore
20/07/2004	1	Dhananjaya	Custodial Death	Bangalore
08/01/2004	1	Nagaraj Ganiger	Police Torture	Belgaum
30/08/2004	5	4 Torture Victims, 1 Illegal Detention	Police Torture / Illegal Detention	Bijapur
18/10/2004	4	Vreerapan & 3 assoc.	Encounter Death	Dharmapuri
03/08/2005	1	B Sreepathi Rao	Police Torture / Illegal Detention	Bangalore
13/03/2005	2	Hasanabba and Hajabba	Violence Against Women	Udupi
26/04/2005	1	Yesu	Custodial Death	Chikkappaya

06/01/2005	1	Tauseef Nayeem	Police Violence	Hassan
06/02/2005	2	Rajan & Shivalingu (Naxalites)	Encounter Death	Mysore
16/07/2005	1	Raju Kanbarkar	Encounter Death	Belgaum
08/05/2005	1	Abdul Khader	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
25/08/2005	1	Abdul Hammed	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/05/2005	1	Abdul Rauf	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/08/2005	1	Jakir Hussein (Muslim Youth League)	Police Violence	Mangalore
15/10/2005	1	Hanumanth	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
11/02/2005	1	Erbasaiah Mahalingaiah	Custodial Death	Belgaum
12/07/2005	2	Hosmani & Bandivaddar	Encounter Death	Bijapur
25/12/2006	1	Vikram Gowda (Naxalite)	Encounter Death	Chikmalagur
14/01/2007	1	Mulki Rafique	Encounter Death	Udupi
24/01/2007	1	Prasad Konsapalli	Custodial Death	Bellary
07/01/2007	1	Srihari Babu	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/03/2007	1	Jalhali	Police Torture	Gulbarga

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## I.Custodial Deaths

### **Narayana K.V, Udupi**

Died 20/05/2001

- On 20 May 2001, after a brutal attack by a group of policemen, Narayana died in police custody, in Kota.
- According to a PUCL investigation, police burst into Narayana's family function around 8:00pm on 19 May, and took Narayan away in the presence of the entire family.
- He was taken to Kota PS by Circle Inspector Vishwanath Pandit, and assaulted with a belt in the presence of his brothers.
- Later, two constables dragged Narayana as he was unable to walk, his neck and back bone were twisted, his legs and feet were twisted and his face was swollen.
- The police started assaulting him with their hands and boots. They continuously banged his head against the wall. After this attack, which continued for about an hour, Narayan collapsed and died.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact-finding report
- <http://www.pucl.org/reports/Karnataka/2001/narayana.htm>

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### **Ramu, Mandya**

Died 07/11/2001

- Ramu was allegedly caught red-handed at Balamuri the night of 1 August 2001 while breaking into a shop and was handed over by villagers the next morning to the K. R. Sagar police.
- On 7 August 2001, he was admitted to Srirangapattana General Hospital and he died there of severe ulcers.
- The morning after the death, Ramakumar A Naik, Additional Police Inspector lodged a complaint against 9 policemen of K. R. Sagar PS. The 9 policemen were suspended.

- One of the elders of the village disclosed that a sum of Rs.5, 000 was given to the victim's family by a prominent politician of the village and the family was also promised a further payment of Rs. 2 lakhs from the government.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact finding report
  - <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/ramu.htm>
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### **Hanumantha, Raichur**

Reported 13/04/2002

- On 12 April 2002, Hanumantha died in police custody
- It was alleged by the wife of the deceased, the Dalit Sangharsh Samithi, and the Bahujan Samaj Party that Hanumantha had been arrested by police in his house in Gonal village in connection with a case of theft, and then was brutally assaulted while in custody, leading to his death at the civil hospital.
- These parties alleged that the police, with the intention of hushing up the case, concocted a story that Hanumantha was admitted to the hospital with pain in his legs and arms, and that he had died of cardiac arrest.
- The Government has ordered a Corps of Detectives (CoD) inquiry into the custodial death.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 13 April 2002
  - <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2002/04/13/stories/2002041301960300.htm>
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### **Earamma Siddappa, Gulbarga**

Died 01/10/2002

- On 1 October 2002 Earamma, age 45, died in custody at Jewargi Police Station.
- The investigation by the Corps of Detectives (CoD) into the alleged custodial death of this middle-aged woman is at an advanced stage.

- Based on the findings of the CoD, the State Government is expected to initiate action against the police personnel against whom the allegations were made.
- The police claimed that Eamma committed suicide by strangling herself with the string in her petticoat, but human right activists and others, including the former Minister S. K. Kanta, believe Eamma and others were brutally tortured in the Jewargi and University police stations and she died of internal injuries.
- The National Human Rights Commission, took very serious note of the failure of the State police to report to the commission about the custodial death.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 20 October 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/20/stories/2005102009790300.htm>

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**Ramesh, Bangalore**  
Died 10/01/2003

- On 10 January 2003, Ramesh allegedly died in custody at Doddaballapur Town Police Station.
- A case has been registered against the Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), Thammaiah, and Police Constable Nagaraj, and they have been placed under suspension.
- Ramesh was taken into custody by ASI Thammaiah and PC Nagaraj at around 12.30 p.m. in connection with the kidnap of a woman.
- Half an hour after arrest he was taken to the Government Hospital, and the doctors declared that he was "brought dead."
- The case has been handed over to the Corps of Detectives (CoD).
- The police stated that Ramesh swallowed some powder kept in his pocket when he was being questioned about the whereabouts of the woman who he had allegedly kidnapped. Soon, he collapsed, and was taken to hospital.
- The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, stated that compensation of about Rs. 10,000 could be provided under the NSIP scheme, as Ramesh was the breadwinner of his family. He added that the payment would be made within four days.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 12 January 2003
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2003/01/12/stories/2003011200960300.htm>

**Gangappa, Kolar**  
Died 10/01/2003

- On 13 April 2003, Gangappa Kolar was picked up by the Karnataka police from Patapallya PS in the Bagepalli Taluk of Karnataka for questioning on a cattle theft case.
- His body was allegedly found near the AP border two days after his arrest.
- Gangappa's wife and members of the Dalit Sangarsh Samithi staged a dharna in front of the police station alleging that Gangappa died because of police torture.
- Sources state that Gangappa died in Patapallya PS on 15 April 2003 and the body was allegedly shifted to Andhra Pradesh border in the Sub-Inspector's jeep.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights
  - <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/karnataka/Gangappa0203.htm>
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**Mehboob Pasha, Tumkur**  
Died 16/03/2004

- On 16 March 2004 Police Sub-Inspector Balakrishna and his colleagues arrested six persons, including Mehboob Pasha, after raiding a house and took them to the police station
- Mehboob Pasha alleges that he experienced pain following mental and physical torture at the police station.
- His accomplices, after obtaining permission from the police, took him to the government hospital. The doctors asked them to take him to Bangalore for further treatment. He died following a heart attack en route to Bangalore.

Full story in:

- The Deccan Herald, 18 March 2004
- <http://www.deccanherald.com/Archives/mar182004/s10.asp>

**Dhananjaya, Bangalore**  
Died 20/07/2004

- On 20 July 2005, Dhananjaya, age 21, died in custody at the Jnanabharati police station in Bangalore.
- Dhananjaya and another man, named Prakash, were chased and caught by a Hoysala patrol team before being brought into custody.
- The police claimed that Prakash had suggested to Dhananjaya that the police would let them go if they were injured. Then the two men allegedly decided to break the glass panes of a computer enclosure in the station and use the sharp pieces of glass to inflict injuries on themselves. Dhananjaya allegedly stabbed himself on his abdomen twice using a piece of glass.
- Assistant Sub-Inspector Chennarayappa and Police Constable Chandrarao were suspended, and a departmental inquiry into the custodial death was ordered.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 22 and 23 July 2004
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/07/23/stories/2004072310550400.htm>
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/07/22/stories/2004072214830300.htm>

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**Erbasaiah Mahalingaiah, Belgaum**  
Reported 11/02/2005

- On 10 February 2005, Erbasaiiah Mahalingaiah, age 60 died in custody at Ramdurg Town PS.
- Workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party, led by Mahadevappa Yadwad, MLA, and Suresh C. Angadi, MP, staged protests against this alleged police atrocity. They demanded action against Mr. Yadwad and others who, they believe were responsible for Erbasaiiah's death.
- The Ramdurg Town Police have registered a case against Mr. Yadwad and others on the basis of a complaint from Erbasaiiah's brother.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 11 February 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/11/stories/2005021103740400.htm>

**Yesu, Bangalore**

Died 26/04/2005

- On 26 April 2005, Yesu died in police custody at Ashoknagar PS, Bangalore.
- The Assistant Sub Inspector Chikkappayya and the Head Constable Chikkappayya, were suspended on the charge of dereliction of duty.
- Yesu is said to have committed suicide in the police station.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 27 and 28 April 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/04/28/stories/2005042817650300.htm>
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/04/27/stories/2005042719080300.htm>

**Abdul Khader, Gulbarga**

Died 08/05/2005

- On 8 May 2005, Abdul Khader died in police custody.
- According to a statement by the deceased's wife, Inspector James of Chowk PS had arrested her husband Abdul Khader on a complaint filed by Abdul Farooq.
- She said she witnessed police personnel picking up her husband from her house and assaulting him in the police station.
- The next day Khader was produced before the 3rd Additional JMFC in Gulbarga city. However, he was not fit to speak. The judge remanded him to police custody and directed the police to take him to the district hospital for treatment, and produce him before the court on May 10.
- The police did not produce Khader in court on May 10 and reported to the court that the accused died on the way to the hospital.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 October 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/09/stories/2005100902480300.htm>

**Abdul Rauf, Bangalore**

Died 09/05/2005

- On 9 May 2005, Abdul Rauf, age 26, died while in the custody of the Jayanagar police.
- Following the death, Inspector Shankaraiah, Police Constable Venkatesh and Police Constable Venkateshaiah were booked for culpable homicide and suspended.
- The Additional Commissioner of Police, H.C. Kishorechandra, informed the press that on the afternoon of Rauf's death the police arrested him in connection with a murder investigation.
- According to the police, following the arrest Rauf struggled and was injured. He was taken for treatment and then brought back to the police station.
- The next morning, Rauf complained of uneasiness again, he was taken to Victoria Hospital where they declared him to be brought dead.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 10 May 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/05/10/stories/2005051019870300.htm>

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**Abdul Hameed, Shamapur**

Died 26/8/2005

- On 25 August 2005, Abdul Hameed, age 32, died in the custody of Jnana Bharathi police.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/08/26/stories/2005082619280300.htm>

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**Hanumanth, Gulbarga**

Died 15/10/2005

- On 15 October 2005 Hanumanth, age 20, died in the custody of police from Shahapur PS.

- Following the death, a crowd gathered in Shahapur village and demanded immediate suspension of the police personnel allegedly involved in the death and payment of compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs to the victim's family.
- According to the police, the youth was not arrested by them or brought to the police station on the night of death. The police said he had come to the police station in an inebriated state at around 7.30 p.m. and had drunk pesticide.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 17 October 2005
  - <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/17/stories/2005101703280300.htm>
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#### **Shankara Mallikarjun, Hulasur**

Died 04/05/2006

- The security forces were responsible for human rights violations including extrajudicial killing of civilians.
- On 4 May 2006, Shankara Mallikarjun from Alawayi village allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself on the bars of the jail at Hulasur Police Station.
- He had been arrested on charges of stealing cows.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
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#### **Ahmed Khan, Parappana Agrahara**

07/2006

- In July 2006, the National Human Rights Commission issued a notice to the Inspector General of Prisons, S T Ramesh asking for an explanation of the death of a convict Ahmed Khan lodged in the Parappana Agrahara jail.
- In a complaint, the deceased's brother Ibrahim Khan stated that Ahmed Khan had been complaining about his breathing problem to the jail authorities but the authorities took him to the hospital only when his condition worsened and he died on the way to the hospital.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007

**Srihari Babu, Bangalore**

Reported 07/01/2007

- On 7 January 2007 at 10:00pm, police of Rajajinagar PS, picked up 19-year-old Srihari in a patrol vehicle. They released him in an unconscious state after the victim's father paid a bribe of Rs. 3,000.
- Srihari was then taken by his father to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, where he died on January 10.
- A case was filed against sub-inspectors Harish Kumar and Venkatesh and constables Nagaraj and Ramanjaneya.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 18 March 2007
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2007/03/18/stories/2007031822630500.htm>

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**Prasad Kondapalli, Bellary**

Died 24/01/2007

- On 24 January 2007, Prasad Kondapalli died in custody at the Cowl Bazaar Police Station.
- Based on a report submitted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and the post-mortem report, the cause of death was shock and clotting of blood as a result of multiple blunt force injuries.
- B.S. Talwar, Police Inspector, has been placed under suspension for dereliction of duty.
- Ramachanra Nayak, Police Sub-Inspector, was also suspended.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 28 January 2007
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2007/01/28/stories/2007012802600300.htm>

## II. Encounter Deaths

### **Parvathi, Haajima and Yashoda, Udupi**

Died 17/11/2003

- On 17 November 2003, Parvathi and Haajima, two activists of People's War Group, died during an encounter with the police at Edu village in Karkala, Udupi district
- Fellow activist Yashoda was injured in the shooting, and was hospitalized.
- A group of ten policemen raided the house where the victims slept on the night of 16 November.
- As Parvathi ran inside, she was shot and collapsed in the main hall of the house.
- Hajeema and Yashoda were both unarmed. The police shot Hajeema in the stomach, and she died instantaneously. Yashoda tried to escape but she was brought down by police fire and injured.
- This police action was unwarranted and disproportionate to the nature of provocation/ resistance offered.
- No charges were filed against Yashoda, for a week. She was kept in illegal detention by the police until she filed a complaint on 21 November.

Full story in:

- <http://nuke.humanrightskerala.com/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2172>

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### **Veerapan and three associates, Dharmapuri**

Died 18/10/2004

- Mr. Veerapan (61) and his three associates were killed by members of the Joint Special Task Force (STF) of Tamil Nadu state and Karnataka state, allegedly while being taken into custody on the night of 18 October 2004.
- According to the account of the Chief of the STF, when the STF officers asked the men to surrender, they opened fire. The officers responded with stun grenades and gun fire in a confrontation that lasted approximately 20 minutes.

- Mr. Veerapan died during the shoot out and the other three men died en route to hospital.
- The STF officers numbered 35 to the gang's four.
- Doctors were forced to conduct their post-mortem examinations in the presence of the STF officers. Mr Veerapan's body was buried before an independent medical examination could be conducted.

Full story in:

- The Asian Human Rights Commission
- <http://www.ahrchk.net/ua/mainfile.php/2004/858/>

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**Saketh Rajan and Shivalinga**, Mysore

Died 06/02/2005

- On 6 February 2005, the Naxalites Saketh Rajan and Shivalinga died in a police encounter, in the Kallugudde forest area in Koppa taluk of Chikmagalur district
- Many progressive organisations stated that the two men had done a great deal to fight for social justice. They state that the Government has failed to address the social inequality that prevails in the State, instead it denies the legitimate and peaceful struggle launched by various groups.
- The manner in which the police disposed of the bodies of the two Naxalites indicated constitutional impropriety.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 and 11 February 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/09/stories/2005020905570400.htm>
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/11/stories/2005021109770300.htm>
- The Deccan Herald, on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005
- <http://www.deccanherald.com/Archives/feb092005/s21.asp>
- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
- [http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#\\_ftn10](http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn10)

**Khajappa Namdev Hosmani & Yalgurappa Thimmanna Bandivaddar** Bijapur

Died 12/07/2005

- On 12 July 2005, the alleged Supari contract killers, Khajappa Namdev Hosmani and Yalgurappa Thimmanna Bandivaddar, of Gulburga district, were shot dead by the police near Minchinal Railway Station.
- Three policemen suffered injuries in the three hour operation that culminated in an encounter at around 3:00am. Two country-made pistols and four live bullets have been recovered from the encounter site.
- The Bijapur Superintendent of Police, who supervised the operation, said the operation was conducted by six teams of policemen. The wanted men were traced at Minchinal Railway Station.
- On seeing the police, they allegedly fired at the policemen, who returned the fire, killing them instantly.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 13 July 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/13/stories/2005071307300600.htm>

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**Raju Kanbarkar**, Belgaum

Died 16/07/2005

- On 16 July 2005, Raju Kanbarkar, died in a police encounter.
- Kanbarkar was wanted by the police in connection with many cases.
- A special police team consisting of Inspectors N.V. Bharmani, Mahanteshwar and Shankar Marihal was formed by the Superintendent of Police to apprehend Kanbarkar.
- Kanbarkar had previously been arrested and had escaped from police custody.
- The police received information that Kanbarkar was hiding near Gangwadi, behind the district police headquarters.
- The police stated that when they went to apprehend him, Kanbarkar ignored their warning to surrender and opened fire with a pistol.

- The police opened fire in retaliation and killed him on the spot.
- Later, the Additional Superintendent of Police, S.K. Hegde, told presspersons that Raju had not been handcuffed after he was initially arrested.
- There were three bullet wounds on Kanbarkar's body: one on the leg, two on the left arm and one in the forehead.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 17 July 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/17/stories/2005071707250400.htm>

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**Vikram Gowda**, Chikmalagur  
Died 25/12/2006

- On 25 December 2006, a Naxalite was killed in a shootout in Kesuvadi village in Chikmagalur District. The shootout occurred around 9:00-10:00pm between a group of rebels and the anti-Naxalite force.
- Although the dead Naxalite called himself Dinesh, his face resembled that of rebel leader Vikram Gowda. The man's identity is being verified.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 26 December 2006
- <http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/004200612261758.htm>

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**Mulki Rafique**, Udupi  
Died 14/01/2007

- On 14 January 2007, Mulki Rafique was killed in an encounter with police near Udupi Railway Station.
- Rafique was wanted by police in conjunction with a recent murder.
- He was said to have been dropped by an accomplice at the station and was allegedly planning to catch a train to escape. But a team of police from Dakshina Kannada district were waiting for him, after a tip-off.

- Confronted by police at the station, Raifque fired two rounds of bullets from his revolver. The police then fired ten rounds, which resulted in the killing of Rafique.
- Mr. Sathyanarayana Rao said action had been initiated against an Assistant Sub Inspector, one Head Constable and two Police Constables in connection with Rafique's previous escape from custody.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 15 January 2007
- <http://www.hindu.com/2007/01/15/stories/2007011503250500.htm>

### III. Custodial Rape & Sexual Harassment

**Smita & Tejasvi, Bangalore**

Incident 18/03/2002

- Smita was stripped, beaten and sexually abused in the custody of Cubbon Park Police Constables.
- On the night of 18 March 2002, Smita was forced into a police van by four policemen. They dragged her by her hair and pushed her into the van by force, snatching away her mobile phone. They took her to Cubbon Park PS. On the way they sexually harassed her by fondling her breasts.
- One policeman sat on Tejasvi's scooter and forced him to drive the vehicle to the Cubbon Park Police Station.
- In the police station, Smita was pushed into a room with her husband. Fifteen to twenty policemen stripped her naked in the presence of a senior Police Constable, Circle Inspector Munirathnam Naidu.
- The policemen stood around her, sexually abusing her by touching her all over her naked body. They humiliated her further by forcing her to spread her thighs and touching her sexual organs.
- Many of them hit her with lathis on her head, hands, thighs and shoulders. They also attempted to shave off her hair. She continuously begged them to let her go and even fell at their feet.
- They also stripped Tejasvi and physically attacked him. They slapped him, beat him with their lathis and kicked him with their shoes.

Full story in:

- PUCL report on HR violations against sexual minorities
- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Gender/2004/transgender-excerpts.htm>

**Kokila, Bangalore**  
Incident 19/06/2004

- Kokila was stripped naked, sexually abused and brutally tortured in police custody, at Byappanahalli PS by many policemen, including high ranking officials.
- Kokila is a 21 year old hijra (member of a traditional male-to-female transsexual community in South Asia).
- On 18 June 2004 she was raped by ten men who forced her to have oral and anal sex with all of them.
- While she was being raped, two policemen arrived. Two of the perpetrators were caught, the rest escaped.
- Kokila told the policemen about the sexual assault. Instead of registering a case against them and sending her for medical examination, they took her along with the two captured perpetrators to Byappanahalli PS. Kokila was stripped naked for the next 7 hours.
- All of the policemen were under the influence of alcohol.
- They handcuffed her to a window, beat her with lathis, their hands and kicked her.
- She sustained severe injuries to her hands, palms, buttocks, shoulder and legs.
- They also tortured her sexually by burning her nipples and chapdi (vaginal portion of hijras) with a burning coir rope. The Sub Inspector of Police positioned his rifle on her chapdi and threatened to shoot her. He also tried to push the rifle butt and lathi into the chapdi.
- At around 11 p.m. the Inspector of Police arrived. He directed the policemen to continue the torture. The torture continued till 1:00am at night.

Full story in:

- <http://nuke.humanrightskerala.com/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=3093>

**Hasanabba and Hajabba, Udupi**

Incident 13/03/2005

- On the night of March 13, 2005 Hasanabba and Hajabba were stripped naked and assaulted by members of the Sangh Parivar organisation.
- Organisations have demanded the dismissal of the Superintendent of Police, S. Murugan, and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, U.R. Pangam, for “supporting communal forces” and not preventing this incident occurring.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 20 March 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/20/stories/2005032010590300.htm>

## IV. Assault & Torture

### **Katipalla Police Brutality, Bangalore**

Incident 23/08/2001

- On 23 August 2001, about one hundred men in uniform stormed the town of Katipalla with lathis, tear gas cells and guns to the shock of the unsuspecting citizens present.
- Police personnel beat every person they could. They forcibly entered at least a hundred houses. In some houses they forcibly broke open the doors and damaged household articles. They dragged out every man they found in the houses or in streets and brutally assaulted them before thrusting them into waiting police vehicles.
- There was no provocation from the inhabitants of the area.
- Out of the sixty nine persons arrested, forty two were released on the same day, late at night. The other twenty seven were released on 29 August.
- Those released have complained that they were subjected to severe physical assault and torture by the police at Panambur PS. Many had marks on their bodies as a result of the police beatings.
- Eight of them were admitted to hospital for treatment of their wounds. One man had a fractured wrist.

Full story in:

- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/katipalla.htm>

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### **Chandrashekar, Bangalore**

Incident 18/02/2002; 20/02/2002

- On 20 February 2002, Mr. Chandrashekar was brutally abused by Sub-Inspector Nagaraj, at Bowring and Lady Curson Hospital in Bangalore. The attack was unprovoked.
- The victim was left with a broken right leg, a sprained left hand and some bruises to his body.
- The victim has said that he is an alcoholic and consumes alcohol regularly. However, he said that on the day of the incident he was not drunk.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact-finding report; or at
- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/chandrashekar.htm>

### **Police-supported Dalit Raid, Tumkur**

Incident 06/11/2002

- On 6 November 2002, 94 Dalit homes in Ujjani village, Tumkur district, were damaged, irrigation destroyed, cattle stolen and the few goods of this impoverished community looted in an attack by a dominant caste group.
- The local police sub-inspector Mr. Mallash, who is himself from the dominant caste group (Vokkaliga) has been implicated as guiding the attack for the purpose of preventing the Dalits from claiming their legal land rights.
- When one of the Dalits went to register a complaint about the attack, the Sub-Inspector beat him and detained him in the station until evening.
- After complaints from the Rural Education for Development Society (REDS), the Superintendent of Police and Inspector General visited the area on the following two days. They spoke to the Dalit people, assessed the damages and ordered for compensation to be paid.

Full story in:

- The Asian Human Rights Commission
- <http://www.ahrchk.net/ua/mainfile.php/2002/378/>

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### **Kamalabai, Gulbarga**

Incident 08/07/2003

- On 8 and 9 July 2003, Mrs Kamalabai, age 45, was tortured in the custody of the Chitapur police, Gulbarga district.
- Mrs Kamalabai, a resident of Hebbal village of Gulbarga district, alleged that the Circle Inspector of Chitapur PS, the Sub-Inspector and three male PCs had illegally detained and tortured her for two days, in connection with a murder case.
- The male constables first tied her hands and legs. Then they placed an iron rod on her hip. Two constables stood on the rod and rolled it up and down her legs.
- She was tortured in front of her husband and other relatives.

- Although she was detained there was no record of a formal arrest. Additionally, Kamalabai was never brought before a magistrate. She was released without any case being filed against her.
- Mrs Kamalabai, who belongs to the Oddar community, a Scheduled Caste, said that not a single woman constable was present during her interrogation.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights
  - <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/karnataka/Kamalabai0303.htm>
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**Nagaraj C. Ganiger**, Belgaum

Reported 08/01/2004

- Editors of 10 Kannada weeklies, journalists, and representatives of various organisations in the district have urged the State Government to provide security to Mr Nagaraj C. Ganiger, Editor of Nagaraj Patrike.
- In a memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Nagaraj said he faced threats to his life. He named a district Congress legislator, one of his supporters, and a Police Sub-Inspector as the three that should be held responsible if anything happened to him.
- He said the police had “picked him up for questioning, tortured him, and booked false cases following his articles on the police-politician-criminal nexus leading to an alleged custodial death of a illicit liquor manufacturer in Raibag taluk about two months ago”

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 8 January 2004
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2004/01/08/stories/2004010802610300.htm>

### **Four torture victims & One illegal detention, Bijapur**

Incident 30/08/2004

- The Bagalkot district police may face legal action over the illegal detention of a villager for 18 days and reported custodial torture of those arrested in relation to the violence in Ilkal.
- On August 30 2004, widespread violence occurred in Ilkal over the selection of a senior pontiff of the Chittargi-Ilkal Vijayamahantha Math.
- 180 people were arrested in conjunction with the violence.
- The JMFC called for medical reports from the Bellary District Hospital, where 35 of the 180 detainees were treated after they were shifted to the Central Jail there.
- Lawyer, B.V. Deshpande, told The Hindu newspaper that four private complaints would be filed against the police officers 'who tortured the detainees in custody and conspired to foist false cases against them.' The victims had also decided to approach the National Human Rights Commission, he said.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 21 September 2004
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/09/21/stories/2004092103400300.htm>

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### **Tauseef Nayeem, Hassan**

Incident 06/01/2005

- On 6 January 2005, the police allegedly assaulted Tauseef Nayeem, a student of NDRK College, Hassan district, whilst he was detained on charges of theft.
- The victim was admitted to hospital in a critical condition.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
- [http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#\\_ftn21](http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn21)
- The Deccan Herald, 12 January 2005

**B Sreepathi Rao**, Bangalore

Incident 03/08/2005

- On 3 August 2005, the Director General of Police, B N P Albuquerque directed the Corps of Detectives to inquire into the alleged police atrocity on Janata Dal (U) National General Secretary, B Sreepathi Rao in Bangalore, who was allegedly illegally detained and assaulted by the Sampangiramnagar police, Bangalore.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
  - [http://www.achnweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#\\_ftn21](http://www.achnweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn21)
  - The Deccan Herald, 4 August 2005
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**Jakir Hussein**, Mangalore

Reported 09/08/2005

- The Dakshina Kannada District Committee of the Muslim Youth League has urged Chief Minister N. Dharam Singh to initiate action against policemen attached to Mangalore North PS for allegedly assaulting and abusing Jakir Hussain, a resident of Bunder.
- He suffers from ill effects of torture, said to have been inflicted on him by the police for no apparent reason.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 August 2005; or at
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/08/09/stories/2005080912590300.htm>

**Sunil and Nagaraj, Subramany**

Incident 11/01/2006

- On 11 January 2006, Sunil and Nagaraj, residents of Kethamaranahall, were beaten up by three constables identified as Ramanna, Chandrashekar and Ishwar Rangachar attached to the Subramanya Nagar police.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
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**Adam, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore**

Incident 19/10/2006

- On the night of 19 October 2006, 19-year-old Adam, son of Prasad Bidapa, was allegedly beaten with lathis by the police at the Ashok Nagar police station in Bangalore.
- The victim was severely injured on his head, back and leg.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
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**Jalhali, Gulbarga**

Incident 09/03/2007

- On 9 March 2007, Yamanappa Devappa Jalhali was reportedly tortured by policemen at Surpur town, in Gulbarga District.
- The National Human Rights Commission has sought a factual report into this incident.
- The report was published under the heading "Cops 'heat' below the belt" in the Deccan Herald on 9 March 2007. The report stated that on receiving a phone call from an unidentified man, the police of Surpur town took Jalhali into custody. The caller said that Jalhali was in a drunken state and was causing trouble.
- The police brutally injured Jalhali's private parts, backside and chest. The report stated that police also battered his hands, legs and thighs.

Full story in:

- National Human Rights Commission Archives; or at
- <http://nhrc.nic.in/dispArchive.asp?fno=1395>