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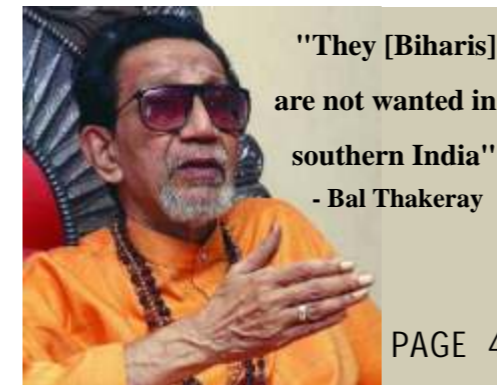
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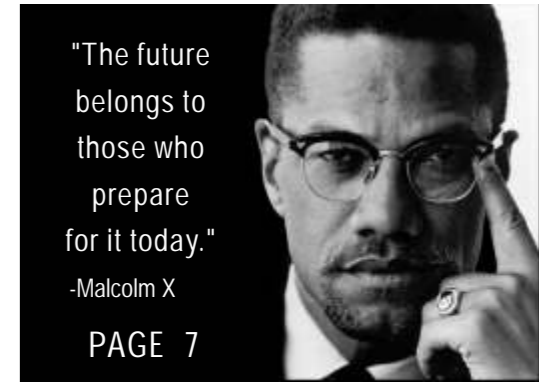
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**IS OUR WORLD INFESTED WITH RACISM?
Attacks against Indian students in Australia**

"I think that some of the attacks are racially motivated" - Simon Overland, Victorian Police Commissioner

On 30 May 2009, Indian students protested against what they claimed were racist attacks, blocking streets in central Melbourne. Australian High Commissioner to India John McCarthy said that there was an element of racism involved in the attacks on Indians. The episode had an unintended side effect of bringing international attention towards ongoing caste-related violence in India.



Indians living in Australia take out rally against recent attacks

UN's Caste Declaration Riles India



The United Nations Head Quarters

DELHI – The United Nations Human Rights Council's (UNHRC) recent decision to declare discrimination based on the caste system a "human-rights abuse" – thereby acknowledging centuries of bias against the world's estimated 200 million

Dalits (untouchables) – has evoked a sharp reaction from India.

The UN decision came about despite robust opposition from the Indian government and its aggressive lobbying to get the council to delete the word "caste" from its draft. Instead, the UNHRC is now set to ratify draft principles that recognize persecution of Dalits worldwide.

No other country has opposed the move as vehemently as India. This is because the UNHRC declaration has a special relevance to India and its 65 million Dalits – the largest for any single country. This sizeable demographic is considered "unclean" in India by the upper castes who regard their presence, and sometimes even their shadow, as polluting. It is in this regard that the UN draft pledges to work for the "effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent". This is indeed ironic as one of this century's most recognizable global icons – Mahatma Gandhi – was an Indian who crusaded tirelessly against discrimination based on caste or gender. He ensured that the founding fathers of

the Indian constitution made special provisions to grant India's Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Castes special privileges like reservations (up to 33%) in jobs and educational institutes.

(<http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South-Asia/KJ20Df02.html>)

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Caste-related violence and hate crimes in India

According to a report by Human Rights Watch, "Dalits and indigenous peoples (known as Scheduled Tribes or adivasis) continue to face discrimination, exclusion, and acts of communal violence. Laws and policies adopted by the Indian government provide a strong basis for protection, but are not being faithfully implemented by local authorities."

Phoolan Devi - A Victim of Caste system

Phoolan Devi (1963 – 2001) was an Indian dacoit (bandit), who later turned politician. Born in a lower-caste Mallah family, she was kidnapped by the upper caste Thakur men who locked her up in the Behmai village. Phoolan was raped in the village by Thakur men, until she managed to escape after three weeks. She then formed a gang of Mallahs, which carried out a series of violent robberies in north and central India, mainly targeting upper-caste people. Seventeen months after her escape from Behmai, Phoolan returned to the village, to take her revenge. On February 14, 1981, her gang massacred twenty-two Thakur men in the village, only two of which were involved in her kidnapping or rape. Phoolan Devi later surrendered and served eleven years in prison, after which she became a politician. She was criticized by the women widowed in the Behmai massacre. Kshatriya



Committee (KSASC), a Kshatriya organization, held a statewide campaign to protest against her. She was elected a Member of Parliament twice. On July 25, 2001, Phoolan Devi was shot dead by unknown assassins. Later, a man called Sher Singh Rana confessed to the murder, saying he was avenging the deaths of 22 Kshatriyas at Behmai. In 2006, KSASC decided to honor Rana for "upholding the dignity of the Thakur community" and "drying the tears of the widows of Behmai." (Source: "Phoolan Devi: Champion of the poor". 2001-07-25. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/1456441.stm. Retrieved 2006-12-11)

In BIHAR: Ranvir Sena



Ranvir Sena is an caste-supremacist fringe paramilitary group based in Bihar. The group is based amongst the forward-caste landlord, and carries out actions against the outlawed naxals in rural areas. It has committed violent acts against Dalits and other members of the scheduled caste community in an effort to scuttle reform movements aimed at their emancipation.

Chaos in TAMIL NADU

The state of Tamil Nadu has witnessed several caste-based incidents both against Dalits and Brahmins. In 2000, three young men belonging to the Dalit undercaste were killed in the Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu. This fuelled some localized violence in the caste-sensitive region, which has seen numerous caste-related incidents in which the majority of the victims have been Dalits. Six of the killings have been registered as murders under the Indian Penal Code and others as "Deaths under suspicious circumstances". No arrests have been made in these cases. (source: Victims of bias, The Hindu)

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"WHATSOEVER YOU SPEND IN THE WAY OF ALLAH WILL BE REPAYED TO YOU IN FULL AND YOU SHALL NOT BE TREATED UNJUSTLY" AL-QUR'AN (8:60)

THE REAL HERO - MALCOLM X

Many people in the world are just amazed to see a black man to be the President of America. In the land of the White man, how did this happen?...they exclaim. America's policies have changed over years. Late in the 60's the things were very different. The blacks were fighting for freedom against racial discrimination. The then forerunner for this movement was none other than Malcolm X. Most of the people today might be familiar with his name, not to forget the movie made on his life story. The Movie MALCOLM X would reveal it all. The Movie produced in 1992, starring Denzel Washington as

Malcolm X is truly worth watching.

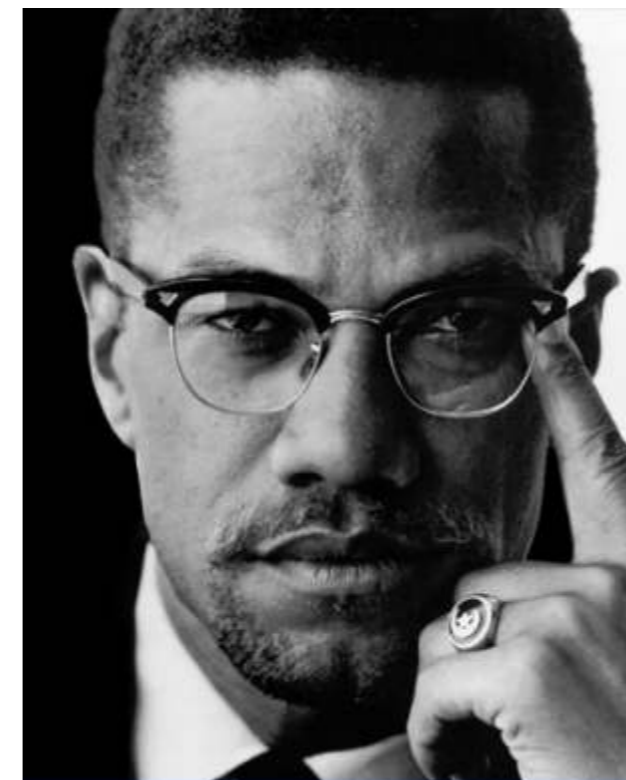
He was a man who fought against racial discrimination. America was filled with groups like Klu Klux Klan and Black Legions, which were boasting of white supremacy and which didn't consider the black men to be equal to them. Many houses of the black men were brought down and the Black freedom fighters were assassinated.

Malcolm X was a leader who advocated the black community in America. He was known to articulate well and was a great orator. He became a Muslim, and was called El Hajj Malik El Shabazz. He

found that Islam was a system by which all racism would end. It is truly interesting to read his views on Islam. Many Muslims who make Hajj, often speak about their Hajj experience as a life changing experience. Malcolm X is one such Muslim who saw the light of Islam through his Hajj in April 1964. Here is an excerpt of a letter El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (his Muslim name) wrote to his loyal assistants in Harlem from his heart, when he was in Makkah, about his Hajj

experience.

"Never have I witnessed such sincere hospitality and overwhelming spirit of true brotherhood as is practiced by people of all colours and races here in this ancient Holy Land, the home of Abraham, Muhammad and all the other Prophets of the Holy Scriptures. For the past week, I have been utterly speechless and spellbound by the graciousness I see displayed all around me by people of all colours.... There were tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colours, from blue-eyed blondes to black-skinned Africans. But we were all participating in



the religion of Islam. I have never before seen sincere and true brotherhood practiced by all colours together, irrespective of their colour... During the past eleven days here in the Muslim world, I have eaten from the same plate, drunk from the same glass, and slept on the same rug - while praying to the same God - with fellow Muslims, whose eyes were the bluest of blue, whose hair was the blondest of blond, and whose skin was the whitest of white. And in the words and in the deeds of the white Muslims, I felt the same sincerity that I felt among the black African Muslims of Nigeria, Sudan and Ghana." "We were truly all the same



(brothers) - because their belief in one God had removed the white from their minds, the white from their behaviour, and the white from their attitude."

"I could see from this, that perhaps if white Americans could accept the Oneness of God, then perhaps, too, they could accept in reality the Oneness of Man - and cease to measure, and hinder, and harm others in terms of their 'differences' in colour." "With racism plaguing America

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

-Malcolm X

like an incurable cancer, the so-called 'Christian' white American heart should be more receptive to a proven solution to such a destructive problem. Perhaps it could be in time to save America from imminent disaster - the same destruction brought upon Germany by racism that eventually destroyed the Germans themselves."

"Each hour here in the Holy Land enables me to have greater spiritual insights into what is happening in America between black and white. The American Negro never can be blamed for his racial animosities - he is only reacting to four hundred years of the conscious racism of the American whites. But as racism leads America up the suicide path, I do believe, from the experiences that I have had with them, that the whites of the younger generation, in the colleges and universities, will see the handwriting on the walls and many of them will turn to the spiritual path of truth - the only way left to America to ward off the disaster that racism inevitably must lead to." "Never have I been so highly honoured. Never have I been made to feel more humble and unworthy. Who would believe the blessings that have been heaped upon an American Negro? A few nights ago, a man who would be called in America a white man, a United Nations diplomat, an ambassador, a companion of kings, gave me his hotel suite, his bed. Never would I have even thought of dreaming that I would ever be a recipient of such honours - honours that in America would be bestowed upon a King - not a Negro."

"All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds." Sincerely, Al-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X)

(Source: From the AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X with assistance from Alex Haley, the author of ROOTS), TheRevivalEditor Issue 10, quoted in an article written by the Institute for Islamic Education.) To Malcolm X, Islam was a solution for all racism.

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THE LEADERS AGAINST RACISM

BASAVANNA

In honour of Basava, President of India Abdul Kalam inaugurated Basaveshwar's statue on April 28, 2003 in the Parliament of India in New Delhi.

Basaveshwara is the first Kannadiga in whose honour a commemorative coin has been minted in recognition of his social reforms. The Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh was in Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka to release the coins.

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BASAVANNA A REFORMER AGAINST CASTEISM

In India: Basava also known as Basavanna or Basaveshwara was a philosopher and a social reformer. He was a great humanitarian. He was born in the year 1134 into a Shaivite Kamme Brahmin family residing in the small town of Ingaleswar, Bagewadi in the Bijapur district of northern Karnataka. He fought against practice of caste system and rituals in Hinduism. He grew up in a strict, religious household where he was made to wear a sacred thread known as the Janivara. He did not accept the Janivara. He rejected the religion based on agamas, shastras, and puranas which were written in Sanskrit and were not reachable to

common people. He did not accept the ritual rites. His views included believing there is only one true, perfect God; additionally, he created people who perform social



services like removal of untouchability, superstitions, confusions, temple culture, and priesthoodness. He believed people who were in

search of a false god needed to be shown the right way. He preached equality among humankind and condemned all barriers of caste, creed and sex, fighting against the caste system. He is also known as Krantikari (revolutionary) Basavanna for his revolution in the social system of the 12th century. He created much controversy by actively ignoring the societal rules associated with the caste system, which he wished to abolish. By allowing untouchables to have lunch at his residence and praising the historic marriage of a Brahmin woman and an untouchable man. He believed that man becomes great not by his birth but by his worth to the society.

A Roaring Lion in India: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



"The Romans had their slaves, the Spartans their helots, the Britishers their Villains, the Americans their Negroes, the Germans their Jews; so the Hindus their Untouchables. But none of these can be said to have called upon to face a fate which is worse than the fate which pursues the Untouchables. Slavery, Serfdom, Villeinage, all have vanished, but Untouchability still exists." **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**

(Source: http://www.dalitnetwork.org/go/?dfn/who_are_the_dalit/C157/)

In AFRICA: Nelson Mandela against Apartheid

Nelson Mandela, a baptised christian from a methodist church, born 18 July 1918 is a former President of South Africa, the first to be elected in a fully



representative democratic election, who held office from 1994-99. Before his presidency, Mandela was an anti-apartheid activist, and the leader of the African National Congress's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe. He was fighting against the White Christians who considered themselves to be superior than the Black Christians. The South African courts convicted him on charges of sabotage, as well as other crimes committed while he led the movement against apartheid. In accordance with his conviction, Mandela served 27 years in prison, spending many of these years on Robben Island. Following his

release from prison on 11 February 1990, Mandela supported reconciliation and negotiation, and helped lead the transition towards multi-racial democracy in South Africa.

Since the end of apartheid, many have frequently praised Mandela, including former opponents. In South Africa he is often known as Madiba, an honorary title adopted by elders of Mandela's clan. Mandela is currently a celebrated elder statesman who continues to voice his opinion on topical issues. He has received more than 250 awards over four decades, most notably the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize.

In PUNJAB - Bant Singh Case



On the evening of January 5, 2006 Bant Singh, a poor Sikh Dalit, was attacked by unknown assailants. His injuries necessitated medical amputation. He alleges that this was in retaliation for actively working to secure justice for his daughter, who was gang raped by upper caste members of his village in Punjab five years earlier.

(source: "Paying a price for securing justice for his daughter, The Hindu", "Bant Singh can still sing, Tehalka Magazine")

Dalit Preacher Sant Ramanand's Case

On 25 May 2009, violence and rioting broke out when thousands of protesters took to the streets in almost all major



towns and cities in the Indian state of Punjab after a dalit preacher, Sant Ramanand, was attacked in a temple in Vienna, Austria. He was among 16 people injured, including another preacher Sant Nirajnan Dass, and later died in hospital. Both the preachers were from a low-caste Sikh sect which has a large following in parts of Punjab and had travelled to Vienna to conduct a special service. Several high-caste Sikh groups had apparently opposed his presence and threatened violence.

(Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/8066783.stm)

DALIT WOMEN STRIPPED NAKED BY THE UPPER CASTE MEN

A 55-year-old Dalit Sikh woman, Sawinder Kaur has been tortured, stripped and tied to a tree in Ram Duali village of Punjab because her nephew eloped with a girl from the same community. The police arrested four persons for allegedly committing the crime on 9 September 2007.



In January, 1999 four members of the village panchayat of Bhungar Kher village in Abohar paraded a handicapped Dalit woman naked through the village. No action was taken by the police, after the State Home Department was compelled to order an inquiry

to the incident. (Source: Down and out in Punjab By Praveen Swami)

In Amritsar, a Sikh mother of four children, Gurmeet Kaur was allegedly paraded naked by a father and son duo at the bus station of Jhamaka village falling under Chabhal police station.

(Source: Dalit woman paraded naked in Punjab village 23 Dec 2002, Yudhvira Rana, TNN)

A Dalit Sikh woman, Sukhwinder Kaur of Sumel Kheri village was molested and beaten up by an octroi contractor of Malaudh when she resisted his attempt to sexually exploit her.

RAJASTHAN Fuming!

In the Indian province of Rajasthan, between the years 1999 and 2002, crimes against Dalits average at about 5024 a year, with 46 killings and 138 cases of rape. In January 2007, a Jat girl was thrown into a canal near the border with Haryana for marrying a Dalit boy, although she swam to shore and was rescued by strangers.

(Sources: 2008 caste violence in Rajasthan, <http://www.indiatogether.org/dalit/articles/bidwai1002.htm>, BBC NEWS | South Asia | Dalits in conversion ceremony, (Hindi)CNN/IBN Video)

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DALIT PROTESTS IN MAHARASHTRA

On September 29, 2006, four members of the Bhotmange family belonging to the Dalit underclass were slaughtered in Kherlanji, a small village in Bhandara district of Maharashtra. The women of the family, Surekha and Priyanka, were paraded naked in public, then allegedly gang-raped before being murdered.

(Source: "India Events of 2007". Human Rights Watch. <http://www.hrw.org/legacy/englishwr/2k8/docs/2008/01/31/india17605.htm>)



On November 23, 2006, several members of the Dalit community in the nearby district of Chandrapur staged a protest regarding this incident. The protesters allegedly turned violent and pelted stones. The police had to resort to baton charging to control the situation. Dalit leaders, however, denied that they had sparked the violence and that they were "protesting in peace".

(Sources: "Khairlanji to Kanpur". The Indian Express. 2006-12-02. <http://www.indianexpress.com/story/17707.html>. Retrieved 2006-12-02)

Mumbai Chauvinist - Bal Thakeray

On March 6, 2008, Bal Thakeray issued an editorial titled Ek Bihari, Sau Bimari (One Bihari, Hundred maladies) in Saamna, Shiv Sena's political mouthpiece, saying Biharis were "an unwanted lot" in the Maharashtra. He wrote about Biharis that - "They [Biharis] are not wanted in southern India, Assam and also Punjab and Chandigarh....."

He also denounced Bihar MPs, saying they were "spitting in the same plate from which they ate" by criticising Mumbaikars and Maharashtrians. Additionally, he criticized a major holiday celebrated by people from Bihar, UP, and MP which happens six days after the Hindu New Year (Diwali) known as Chath Pooja. He said that it wasn't a real holiday. The outburst was apparently in response to MPs from Bihar who had disrupted the proceedings of the Lok Sabha in protest against the attacks on North Indians. Bihar chief minister, Nitish Kumar, upset with the remarks, demanded that the Prime Minister and the Centre intervene in the matter immediately. (Source: Ganesh Kanate; Shubhangi Khapre. "Now, it's Bal Thakeray's turn to rail against Biharis". Daily News &

Analysis. <http://www.dnaindia.com/report.asp?newsid=131414> "Biharis an unwanted lot: Bal Thakeray". The Times of India. <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/2839844.cms>)



The Shiv Sena chief Bal Thakeray also criticised Sachin Tendulkar when he said "Mumbai for all....Mumbai belongs to India. And I am a Maharashtrian and I am extremely proud of that but, I am an Indian first." Bal Thakeray expressed displeasure over Sachin and was quoted in Saamna as saying - "By making these remarks, you have got run-out on the pitch of Marathi psyche.."

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Even low alcohol intake is bad for health

To reach the conclusion, researchers writing in BioMed Central's open access journal Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation studied the relationship between alcohol consumption and health. Johan Jarl, from Lund University, Sweden, worked with a team of researchers to determine the effect of low alcohol consumption on health by measuring alcohol-related medical care costs and episodes collected during the Swedish Cost of Alcohol Project in 2002. They found that, with the

exception of people more than 80 years old, men who consumed up to five units a day and women who consumed up to 2.5 units a day spend the health service more than those who do not drink. Their finding calls into question the previous assumption that low alcohol consumption is good for your health.

(http://www.firstscience.com/home/news/breaking-news-all-topics/even-low-alcohol-consumption-has-a-negative-impact-on-overall-health_72924.html)



WORLD RACISM

IN AFRICA:

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Apartheid was a system of legal racial segregation enforced by the National Party government in South Africa between 1948 and early 1994. Racial segregation in South Africa began in colonial times, but apartheid as an official policy was introduced following the general election of 1948. New legislation classified inhabitants into racial groups ("black", "white", "coloured", and "Indian"), and residential areas were segregated by means of forced removals. From 1958, Blacks were deprived of their citizenship. The government segregated education, medical care, and other public services, and provided black people with services inferior to those of whites.



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AMERICA IN THE 1950s

Supremacist, separatist, racist, and hate groups still operate in the United States. The Ku Klux Klan, the National Alliance, National Socialist Movement (United States), Aryan Nations, Westboro Baptist Church, Nation of Islam, League of the South, New Black Panther Party, Nation of Aztlán, Nation of Yahweh, Jewish Task Force, and the White Order of Thule are among the institutions most commonly identified in this way.

Major racially structured institutions include slavery, Indian reservations, segregation, residential schools (for Native Americans), camps, and affirmative internment



"Get out you black man, this place is only for white man"

action. Racial stratification has occurred in employment, housing, education and government. Formal racial discrimination was largely banned in the mid-20th century, and it came to be perceived as socially unacceptable and/or morally repugnant as well, yet racial

politics remain a major phenomenon. (Source: "Brescia, William (Bill). "Chapter 2, French-Choctaw Contact, 1680s-1763". Tribal Government, A New Era. Philadelphia, Mississippi: Choctaw Heritage Press. p. 8.)



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