

Reverses to RSS Continues! JNU Community Emerges Victorious Once Again! Comrades Umar and Anirban in Interim Bail!

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The SFI salutes the student community in JNU on the occasion of the grant of interim bail for Com. Umar Khalid and Com. Anirban who were imprisoned after having been slapped with the notorious sedition charges following the turn of events on the 9th of February, 2016. The current development along with the release of Com. Kanhaiya on the 3rd of March, 2016 is a tight slap in the face of the RSS, the Delhi Police and sections of corporate media who left no stone unturned to paint the students as "terrorists" and "anti-national" and unduly targeted Com. Umar on the basis of his religious identity.

This juncture marks a high watermark in the struggle against the fascist onslaught on JNU which was unleashed following the 9th of February, 2016 incidents. Ever since the 9th of February, 2016 the RSS and its cohorts with the full support of the Delhi Police had imposed an undeclared emergency in the JNU campus. Parallel to this was a vicious campaign with the open support of sections of the corporate media against JNU, its students and teachers, which branded anyone who disagreed with the Sangh Parivar on any issue as 'anti-national'. Mob violence was unleashed against Com. Kanhaiya, his lawyers, JNU students and teachers in the Patiala house court complex and mobs were let loose outside the gates of JNU to create a terror-filled atmosphere within the campus. The JNU administration headed by the Vice-chancellor and Registrar played their part in this campaign by giving blanket permission to the Delhi Police to arrest any student in any manner they please. Furthermore, the Delhi Police harassed owners of Xerox shops who print the pamphlets and posters of political organizations in JNU and had issued verbal orders to the shops in JNU not to print any political material. Fascist threats were issued to JNU faculty members and student activists to prevent them from openly voicing their disagreement with the current ruling dispensation at the center. The ABVP in the campus for its part joined the chorus of voices that were calling JNU an 'anti-national' campus with the JNUSU Joint Secretary belonging to the ABVP slandering JNU students and teachers in TV channel after TV channel.

Notwithstanding these terror-tactics of the RSS and the NDA government at the center, the students and teachers of JNU showed remarkable unity in the face of these adversities and came together united in their resolve to prevent the attack on democratic rights that the Narendra Modi led NDA

had unleashed on the campus. The resistance mounted by the students of the university had evoked solidarities from different sections of the society from public intellectuals, artists, writers, eminent academicians to political parties and thereby brought about a broad based unity against fascism. This unity in struggle needs to be taken forward to resist and defeat the fascist mechanizations of the RSS within the campuses across the country.

The SFI believes that the release of Com. Umar and Com. Anirban is an important advance in the struggle against fascist onslaughts in JNU. But this is only a partial victory. In the upcoming days, the struggle should be directed towards defeating the nefarious designs that the RSS captive JNU administration is planning with its "high-level enquiry committee" constituted to "probe" the incidents of 9th February. Furthermore, the recent attack on the students of JNU might be giving the administration and its allies the ABVP an illusion that they have managed to reduce the space for dissent, debate and discussion within the campus. The SFI appeals to the student community in JNU to remain vigilant and come together to not only defend our spaces of debate and discussion but also to advance these spaces and hold high the progressive legacy of the JNU student movement. The SFI appeals to the student community in JNU to participate in the victory march commencing at Ganga Dhabha at 9 PM tonight.

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UNITY MARCH**

**Tonight 9 PM
Assemble @ Ganga Dhabha**