

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Condemn and Protest against Modi Government's fascist act of banning two Malayalam TV channels, Rally for Freedom of Press.

The Modi Government has prohibited the transmission or re-transmission of Asianet News and Media One, two Malayalam TV news channels, for 48 hours on any platform throughout India with effect from 19:30:00 hrs. on 05th March, 2020 till 19:30:00 hrs. On 08th March, 2020 charging these channels to have carried reports during the riots in northeast Delhi that 'could enhance the communal disharmony across the country when the situation is highly volatile'. This is an utter distortion of facts and clear fascist attempt to stifle freedom of the press. In fact, these channels had been covering factual footage along with objective verbal reporting from the actual ground of riot while it was taking place. This had exposed the connivance from the part of Delhi Police and higher governmental authorities of Modi Government during the riots.

It is glaring and violative trampling upon freedom of the press with the vehemence of vendetta and determined repression of the media with imprint fascist characteristic by Modi Raj.

We condemn this fascist repression of freedom of the press and stand for the said banned news channels' rights to exercise the duty of free press. We demand to union government the immediate repealing of the said ban. We also call upon the Let, democratic and Secular forces to rally and raise strong protest and resistance against this dastardly action of fascist repression.

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