



# DR BINAYAK SEN

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER IN INDIA

**“The misinformation campaign that was spread about Binayak was a shock.”**

Ilina Sen, wife of Dr Binayak Sen

**Dr Binayak Sen has been in prison since May 2007, accused of links with armed Maoist groups in Chhattisgarh state, India. He has been denied bail and his trial has been delayed repeatedly. The charges are believed to be politically motivated.**

Dr Sen is a human rights defender and a medical doctor, providing health care for marginalized communities in Chhattisgarh. As General Secretary of the state branch of the People's Union of Civil Liberties, Dr Sen has publicly criticized the violent activities of the Salwa Judum, a civil militia believed by human rights activists and others to be state-sponsored. The state government claim that the violence is a spontaneous response by the *adivasis* (Indigenous people) of Chhattisgarh against armed Maoists.

## ACT NOW

- Express concern that Dr Binayak Sen has spent more than a year in detention on charges which appear to be politically motivated and urge that he receives a fair and prompt trial in accordance with international standards;
- Call for an end to the harassment of human rights defenders in Chhattisgarh state for carrying out their legitimate work.

### WRITE TO:

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Chief Minister  
CM Secretariat  
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Chhattisgarh, India

Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

Dr Charan Das Mahant  
Chhattisgarh State Acting Congress President  
Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee  
Congress Bhawan  
Gandhi Chowk, Raipur  
Chhattisgarh, India

Salutation: Dear Congress President

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