

STATEMENT By Health Networks, Health Activists, Health Professionals, Women's Rights Activists and Concerned Individuals against Indiscriminate Use of Force At Jamia Milia Islamia University and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)

We, the health networks, health activists, health professionals, Women's Rights Activists and concerned activists strongly condemn this abhorrent act by the police force on the students of Jamia Milia Islamia University, Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University, Uttar Pradesh on 15th - 16th December 2019.

Following the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), violence was unleashed and Jamia and AMU were particularly targeted. According to the reports from Jamia Milia Islamia on Sunday, the police force entered the premises, targeted individuals indiscriminately, used tear-gas shells and lathi charge against the students, along with the forceful entry in their university premises.

Students were dragged out of the reading rooms and library and there were reports that the girl students faced verbal and physical violence and communal taunts.

More than 52 students (boys) were detained from Jamia at two police stations during the night of 15th December till about 3.30 AM. Even some of the critically injured, who were sent for treatment to the nearby hospital were brought back to be detained, completely ignoring their serious injuries and deteriorating condition. Students admitted to the Holy Family Hospital ICU were also brought to the police station.

Violence by police forces against the students of AMU has resulted in serious injuries for many students, including serious head injuries, amputations, fractures being reported.

The police violence and intimidation have created immense fear and mental trauma amongst students, who concerned about any further repercussions, have been unable to ensure that the documentation and medical records of their injuries caused by the police, are available to them. These are in complete violation of the constitutional and democratic principles that are core to India.

We unequivocally condemn the violence as well as the impunity being granted to the police aggression and atrocities. We condemn these violations of the right to immediate medical treatment/ health care that was critical for all those who sustained injuries.

We stand wholeheartedly in solidarity with all the students and people across the country who are resisting the unconstitutional Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

We, health care organisations, networks, doctors, nurses and other health care providers raise our voices against the excesses of the State and commit/ extend all support for the health care of all those who have suffered consequences to their physical and psychological health in our collective resistance against such tyranny.

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