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<http://www.asianage.com/india/bhatt-s-wife-says-her-husband-treated-terrorist-018>

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<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/196182/order-bhatts-remand-revision-plea.html>

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Citizen groups support Bhatt

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Ahmedabad, Oct. 5: Citizen groups have decided to launch protests against the Narendra Modi government's "vindictive action" against IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt, who claimed the chief minister was responsible for police action during the 2002 riots.

The demonstrations by the over two-dozen groups will begin with a "black day" on Saturday, when the ruling BJP has lined up celebrations to mark 10 years of Modi's rule in Gujarat.

"While the legal fight will go on, we will go to the streets to mobilise support for the arrested IPS officer who dared to speak the truth," said Sofia Khan, an activist.

A veteran Gandhian, Chuni Vaidya, said he felt "duty-bound" to come out in Bhatt's support. "There is undeclared emergency in Gujarat. As long as Modi is in power, it is not good for the country."

Saturday, when the protests have been lined up, is also the day a local court will hear Bhatt's bail plea. This was decided today despite objections from the government, which had pointed out that an application for the officer's further remand was pending in another court.

A lawyer, S.V. Raju, who represented slain state BJP leader Haren Pandya's widow in her case against the government, has been appointed special public prosecutor in the Bhatt case. The officer had once claimed clues to the 2003 murder.

<http://epaper.hindustantimes.com/PUBLICATIONS/HT/HM/2011/10/07/ArticleHtmls/ARRESTED-GUJ-COPSS-WIFE-WRITES-TO-PC-AGAIN-07102011001027.shtml?Mode=1>

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Three days before his arrest, Bhatt had filed another affidavit in the Gujarat high court, claiming he had documentary evidence regarding the role of some politicians and police officers in the murder of former state minister Haren Pandya.

In her letter, written on Wednesday, Shweta Bhatt also claimed that the authorities were tapping her phones. The state government is using all possible ways to deny bail to her husband, she said.

On October 3, she had written to Chidambaram, alleging that the “vindictive“ administration was out to finish Bhatt and expressed apprehensions about the safety of the family. Chidambaram had asked the state to provide “adequate security“ to the family.

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Sanjiv Bhatt's wife complains to Chidambaram again

Manas Dasgupta

Reiterating her apprehension about the safety of her husband in the lockup of the Gujarat Police, Shweta Bhatt, wife of the arrested IPS officer, Sanjiv Bhatt, on Thursday dashed off another letter to Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram, complaining that the police officer was treated like a terrorist while in the custody of the Ahmedabad Crime Branch Police.

Levelling a series of complaints against the State police, Ms. Bhatt in her letter claimed that she and other family members of Mr. Bhatt were also being harassed and ill-treated by the police apparently to send a message to all that anyone who dared to stand up against Chief Minister Narendra Modi would be subjected to such suffering.

Ms. Bhatt detailed the insulting treatment meted out to her by the police during the search operations conducted at her place last Friday and the way Mr. Bhatt was treated in the Crime Branch lock-up underscoring her fear for her husband's safety.

“Policemen were behaving like criminals not observing any lawful procedures, searching personal effects in a bid to terrorise and humiliate me and my family,” she wrote. “This was clearly intended as a message to my husband that this is what your family will go through for the stand you have taken,” she added. Ms. Bhatt also claimed that her ailing mother-in-law fainted because of the ill-treatment in the name of the “search operation.”

She said about 35 men landed at her house without any warrant and carried out a search which yielded nothing. The policemen told her that they had many orders against Mr. Bhatt but were carrying out only a few. “If we have followed all, imagine what would have happened,” the police claimed to have told Ms Bhatt.

She also stated that Mr. Bhatt was kept in a “dingy, filthy, stinking room” in the custody of the Ahmedabad Crime Branch in Gaekwad Haveli police station, and appended a compact disc with images of Mr. Bhatt in the lock-up provided to her by some ‘insider’. “My husband is not a criminal or a serial offender, why is he being treated like a terrorist?,” she asked. Ms. Bhatt had earlier written another letter to Mr. Chidambaram expressing serious concern over her husband's safety in police custody and had requested the Centre's intervention. Following her letter, the Centre had directed the State government to ensure security for Mr. Bhatt and his family and the Union Home Ministry also decided to carry out an independent survey to assess the threat perception on Mr. Bhatt. The decision was taken even after State Director General of Police Chittaranjan Singh had ruled out any threat to his life.

Both Mr. Bhatt's bail application and the State government's revision petition for his police remand are scheduled to be heard by the trial court on Friday.

<http://epaper.dnaindia.com/dnaahmedabad/epapermain.aspx?queryed=5&username=&useremailid=&parenteditioncode=5&eddate=10%2f7%2f2011>

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Keshubhai meets Jagruti, discusses Pandya case

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Former chief minister and veteran BJP leader Keshubhai Patel met slain BJP leader Haren Pandya's wife, Jagruti Pandya, on Wednesday evening. He discussed with her the recent developments in Pandya murder case.

The meeting assumes significance as Jagruti, seeking justice to nail the real culprits in her husband's murder, has sought help from chief minister Narendra Modi and veteran BJP leader LK Advani.

Keshubhai returned recently from the USA and met Jagruti at her residence in Paldi. Jagruti said, "Keshubhai had come to meet me and we discussed the latest developments in Pandya case following the high court order acquitting all the accused in the case."

Haren Pandya was junior home minister in the Keshubhai government and shared excellent rapport with Keshubhai. Modi became chief minister in 2001 replacing Keshubhai. At that time, Modi and Keshubhai were not on good terms.

Jagruti had tried to meet Modi during his Sadbhavna Mission but police officials stopped her. After that, she met Advani in New Delhi. The Modi government also protested Jagruti's petition before high court seeking a re-probe into the case.

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Activists hold candlelight vigil to support Bhatt's family, demand release

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Ahmedabad: Activists of Anhad, a city-based NGO, and college students held a candlelight vigil outside the residence of suspended IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt, on Thursday evening. They demanded to drop charges against him and said they will continue to hold the vigil for the days to come.

A group of around 100 activists visited Bhatt's residence on Drive-In road and held a vigil. Bhatt's wife Shweta and other family members also joined the activists.

"First of all, we wanted to show solidarity with the members of the family. We got good support from the activists and students who joined us in the vigil. We demanded that Bhatt be released from jail and charges against him dropped. We are seeing how he and his family members are being ill-treated by the police just because he raised his voice against the current state government," said Shabnam Hashmi of Anhad.

RTI activists arrested

A group of RTI activists who wanted to start fast at Income-Tax circle were detained by the Naranpura police. Police said the group did not have permission to hold the protest. The group of eight was being led by Bharat Zala and Bhupendra Patel, who were rounded up on Thursday morning. The activists had on Monday asked the police for permission to hold the protest, but when they received no reply, they decided to continue with their plan and go on an indefinite fast against the state government. When they started preparing for the fast, the Naranpura police arrested them.

<http://www.rediff.com/news/slide-show/slide-show-1-will-anti-modi-cop-sanjeev-bhatt-get-bail-today/20111007.htm>

Will anti-Modi cop Sanjeev Bhatt get bail today?

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A court in Ahmedabad will decide on Indian Police Service officer Sanjeev Bhatt's bail plea on Friday.

The court had on Wednesday rejected the Gujarat government's application opposing bail to Bhatt and begun hearing his bail plea.

Sessions court Judge V K Vyas had adjourned the hearing on Bhatt's bail till October 7 after partly hearing arguments of Bhatt's lawyer I H Sayed.

The Gujarat government had on Tuesday moved an application opposing the hearing of Bhatt's bail plea on the grounds that his revision remand application was pending.

Sessions Judge V K Vyas said he was of the opinion that Bhatt's bail application should be heard, even if the remand application was pending in another court.

Opposing the government's argument, Bhatt's counsel I H Sayed had said that since the complainant K D Pant had changed his statements many times, he was unreliable.

Meanwhile, activists across Gujarat have threatened to hold protests on Friday against Bhatt's arrest.

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"I cannot compromise with those goons. Whatever wrong the government wants to do I do not care. I will tolerate it," Bhatt had said in the open court.

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Bhatt had accused Modi of complicity in the 2002 post-Godhra riots.