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Declaration of solidarity from the association of Courage

We, the women from the association of Courage have learned, that Sharmistha Choudhury, one of the coordinators from Asia for the World Women's Conference of Grassroots Women, was punished from thugs of the governing party of India. Together with other activists of the environmental and popular movement "For land, livelihoods, ecology and environment" she was brutally beaten up with clubs and than kidnapped along with two other women candidates for the Panchayat elections in West Bengal.

We are outraged by this targeted and brutal attack!

It happened beyond the eyes of the police and government officials in an attempt to file documents for candidacy to the Panchayat elections in West Bengal. The election documents of Sharmistha and her combatants were torn.

We strongly protest against this criminal act!

We fear for the health and life of Sharmistha and the other kidnapped candidates. We call on the government of Bengal to ensure the immediate release of Sharmistha Choudhury and her fellow combatants and to find and punish the criminal thugs and kidnapers.

Espacially we call all women and women's organizations to protest and show solidarity - who attacks one of us, attacks all of us!

Our solidarity belongs to Sharmistha Choudhury, her fellow combatants and all forces in India, who take to the streets for democratic rights and against the promotion and spread of such fascist activities!

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