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Subj line: **Bhopal Survivors begin Hunger strike - URGENT HELP NEEDED!**

JOIN THE GLOBAL RELAY HUNGER STRIKE - FOR JUSTICE IN BHOPAL 10 June, 2008 to -----?

SIGN-UP NOW TO FAST FOR A DAY OR MORE – [www.bhopal.net/2008hungerstrike.html](http://www.bhopal.net/2008hungerstrike.html)

SEND A FAX TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA - [http://www.boston4bhopal.org/write\\_fax.php](http://www.boston4bhopal.org/write_fax.php)

Nine Bhopal activists, including supporters, survivors of the 1984 Union Carbide disaster and victims of water contamination, **have begun an indefinite fast in Delhi starting noon today (10 June)**. Booker Prize -shortlisted author Indra Sinha will join them and fast from his residence in France. This extreme step is being taken after numerous attempts to gain the attention of the Prime Minister to the grave situation in Bhopal failed.

**JOIN THE GLOBAL HUNGER STRIKE RELAY TODAY!**  
Register your email to make the biggest impact, we'll send you a **kit with letters for friends and family** to explain your fast, **fax action sign up sheet** and **handouts** to explain what you are doing. If at all possible plan to spend part of your fast in a public venue, where you can collect signatures and **raise awareness! Sign up at <http://www.bhopal.net/2008hungerstrike.html>**.



Since February 20, 2008 -- when 50 Bhopalis set off on foot to cover the 500 miles from Bhopal to New Delhi -- Bhopal survivor organisations have faced numerous hardships to achieve their demands for a Special Commission for rehabilitation in Bhopal and for legal action against Dow Chemical and Union Carbide. Last month, the PM conveyed his "in-principle" agreement to a commission. But neither details nor timelines were provided. And nothing was said on the matter of legal action against Dow and Carbide.

The Bhopalis have been once again pushed into a hunger strike. **In this important hour of our struggle, we need your solidarity and participation.** If you are in Delhi, please join us for a day or more at our camp near Jantar Mantar. **If you are elsewhere, please join the hunger strike by signing on the following page [www.bhopal.net/2008hungerstrike.html](http://www.bhopal.net/2008hungerstrike.html).**

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**Send this to friends and family who may not have heard about Bhopal:**



*Rupesh's mother was gas exposed and his family relied on the poisoned well water in Bhopal for several years. He was born with cerebral palsy, which is all too common in Bhopal, and died this spring just before his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

The Indian Government is denying basic human rights to the children of Bhopal, the survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster and among the worst of corporate crimes.



In Bhopal, Union Carbide began poisoning the water in **1982**, the Government looked the other way.



After gassing more than 12,000 within a few days in 1984, Carbide fled India and refused to show up in Criminal Court. The government has not reissued an extradition request for the company or its CEO in four years. Thousands continued to die in Bhopal.



Dow bought Carbide, but is avoiding the toxic waste in Bhopal and the Indian courts, preferring to talk to the Prime Minister's Office.



In 2006, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promised to meet the welfare needs of the survivors and follow all legal avenues to hold Dow Chemical accountable.



25,000 people are drinking that poisoned water today. Dow Chemical Corporation has still not shown up in court.



After walking 500 miles, and sitting on the pavement for over 70 days the Bhopali's including children as young as 6 were beaten.



Nine Bhopal survivors began an indefinite hunger fast on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**THEY NEED YOUR HELP.**



*Sarmil was born blind and growth retarded, to parents drinking Dow/Carbide's poisoned water. She is tiny for her 6 years and intelligent.*

For the child being poisoned in Bhopal today, we must stop this denial of the right to basic clean water, health care and justice.

Please forward this message to your friends and family.

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**CALL THE PRIME MINISTER and ask him to meet with the Bhopali's and give clear commitments to meet the Survivor's demands for clean water, health care and justice with deadlines, funding and legislation.**

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DEMANDS

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1. Set up a Commission to oversee economic, social and medical rehabilitation, environmental remediation and provision of clean drinking water.
  2. Take legal action against Dow Chemical and Union Carbide, including:
    - (a) Pursue the Ministry of Chemicals' application seeking money for toxic clean up in Bhopal from Dow Chemical
    - (b) Revoke approval given to Reliance for purchase of Union Carbide's Unipol technology
    - (c) Cancel registration for all four pesticides, including Dursban, obtained by bribing Agriculture Ministry officials
    - (d) Extradite Warren Anderson and produce the legal representative of Union Carbide in India to face trial.

The survivors have marched  
500 miles, for 35 days  
for basic needs and justice  
their birthrights, denied to them  
by criminals, and the silent majority

For more information, please visit [www.bhopal.net](http://www.bhopal.net)