

INDIA

Protestants

Munda BADMAJHI

Date and place of arrest: In October 2008

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, Munda BADMAJHI was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Sanatana BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Budhadeb NAYAK, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, Durjo SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Sanatana BADMAJHI

Date and place of arrest: On 4th October 2008

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Budhadeb NAYAK, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, Durjo SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Gornath CHALANSETH

Date and place of arrest: On 13th December 2008

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Sanatana BADMAJHI, Budhadeb NAYAK, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, Durjo SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Budhadeb NAYAK

Date and place of arrest: According to his wife, police took him away in the middle of the night when he was asleep.

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Sanatana BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, Durjo SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI

Date and place of arrest: In Mid-December 2008, Sunamajhi was playing cards with friends when police told him to take money and clothing and go with them.

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Sanatana BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Budhadeb NAYAK, Durjo SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Durjo SUNAMAJHI

Date and place of arrest: In October 2008

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Sanatana BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Budhadeb NAYAK, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, and Bijay Kr SUNSETH.

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Bijay Kr SUNSETH

Date and place of arrest: On 13th December 2008

Charges: Murder of the Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges, and Maoists have always claimed the responsibility of the murder.

Last court decision: On 1st October 2013, he was sentenced to life in prison by the district court of Phulbani in Orissa.

Other information: He was charged alongside Munda BADMAJHI, Sanatana BADMAJHI, Gornath CHALANSETH, Budhadeb NAYAK, Bhaskar SUNAMAJHI, and Durjo SUNAMAJHI. After two weeks of parole, Bijay was sent back to prison on 6th January 2018.

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa:-seven-innocent-Christians-still-in-prison-after-four-years-26673.html> , <https://cruxnow.com/church/2016/03/06/remembering-indias-christian-martyrs-should-be-a-church-priority/> , <https://www.portesouvertes.ch/pdf/prisonnier-e.pdf> , <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/Life-term-for-8-in-Lakshmanananda-murder-case/article11789067.ece> , <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa-pogroms:-Catholics-in-prayer-ahead-of-final-hearing-for-7-innocent-Christians-36317.html>