

I am writing to express my grave concern on Amnesty India and Greenpeace India have been targeted by the Government of India in a series of 'raids', which appear to be politically motivated. The bank accounts of both organisations have been frozen, effectively stopping their work. This is the latest in the clampdown by Indian authorities to crush civil society in India.

Both organisations are now challenging this action in the Karnataka High Court. Intimidation and harassment of organisations working on human rights and environmental issues is stopped immediately and non-governmental organisations, like Amnesty India and Greenpeace India, are able to continue their operations unhindered by politically motivated restrictions on their bank accounts.

In addition, the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act should be repealed, or amended in line with international human rights standards.

I should last ask you that human rights defenders and activists, who have been arrested using repressive laws are accorded fair trials, including release on bail pending trials.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,