



Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 1919

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Rt. Honourable Jeremy Corbyn
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Dear Sir,

The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 13 April 1919 has been condemned all over the world. At his visit to India and the Golden Temple Amritsar in February 2013, former British Prime Minister, David Camron, made a specific gesture to visit Jallianwala Bagh. Here he paid respect to all unarmed Indian civilians from all backgrounds including Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims gathered for a peaceful rally and were brutally murdered. 1200 people lost their lives and thousands more were wounded on orders from General Dyer and the British Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab, Michael O'Dwyer. Mr. David Camron's testimony reads, "This was a deeply shameful act in British History, one that Winston Churchill rightly described at the time as "Monstrous". We must never forget what happened here and we must ensure that the UK stands up for the right of peaceful protests." Michael O'Dwyer's brutality did not end with cold blooded murder of non-violent protestors against Rowlett Act. In order to teach them a lesson he humiliated Indian residents in Amritsar with "**Crawling Order**" that lasted for nine days indiscriminating pregnant women, disabled, elderly and children. Moreover, he **ordered two months' Curfew and Martial Law** in five District of Punjab including Amritsar.

The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 1919, is a wound still very raw and is embedded in the psyche of Indian people. This Brutal Act by British Imperialist Raj inspired Indian youth to seek complete Independence. As we approach the Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, it will be appropriate for the British Government to formally acknowledge this act of brutality and request that the former prime minister Mr. David Camron's remarks to be formally recorded in Parliament. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 1919 Centenary Committee seeks your commitment to saying sorry for the loss of life and silencing of a public protest at your success in becoming Prime Minister after the General elections on 8th June 2017. This single action will cost nothing but the effect on the people of India and the Indian diaspora will be of historic magnitude. This may encourage other contemporary politicians in India and abroad to admit mistakes and errors of judgement for the event of 1984 in Delhi and 2002 in Gujrat and for us in Britain the Iraq war.

Yours sincerely

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