



## DR. URMILABEN PATEL

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Ex. Member of Parliament - (Rajya Sabha)  
Ex. Union Minister of States for Power - (Govt. of India)

Date: 01/10/2007

To,  
Shri Pranab Mukherjee Ji  
Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi

Subject: Hard evidence - Medha Patkar's NBA influencing Supreme Court.

Respected *Shri Pranab Mukherjee Ji,*

You are kindly aware, that Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) headed by Medha Patkar is actively involved in opposing all hydro projects in India specially the SSP.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> this year the Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissed a PIL filed by Ahmedabad based NGO - National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) - against NBA / Medha Patkar.

Very disturbing evidence of NBA's nefarious collusion with foreign elements has emerged. This is in the form of an exchange of confidential emails between Ms. Patkar and by Mr. Patrick McCully, Ex. Director, International Rivers Network (IRN) based at Berkeley (United States) immediate after the SC Judgement.

The material received by me is quiet disturbing. Printouts of emails exchanged between Ms. Patkar and Mr. Patrick McCully are attached herewith. Few details are given below.

- 1) The Honourable Supreme Court pronounced its verdict, dismissing NCCL's PIL on July 10, 2007 around 11.00 am.
- 2) The news is posted on The Times of India's website at 11.26 am.
- 3) The information along with the news item is sent to Mr. Patrick McCully from Ms. Patkar's email address ([nba.medha@gmail.com](mailto:nba.medha@gmail.com)) at 12.03 pm on July 10. i.e. within 36 minutes:
- 4) Mr. Patrick writes back to Ms. Patkar on July 12: "How did you manage this? Who was the second judge?"

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- 5) Ms. Patkar replies the next day i.e. on 13<sup>th</sup> July, at 10:13 AM saying "many eminent persons wrote to the UPA government...we dealt with the press selectively and ensured that pressure was kept all through." She also sends a soft copy of the judgment and the profiles of Justice C K Thakker and Justice Altamas Kabir.
- 6) Mr. Patrick reverts on July 17 congratulating Ms. Patkar, and suggesting that five or six people associated with managing "this verdict" be honoured at a function in London (UK). The mail says: "...We must honour Judge Kabir for supporting you. Please explore the possibility. He will retire in 2013 - a very useful man for your future battles." It might be mentioned that the verdict was written by hon'ble Justice Kabir.
- 7) On July 19, Mr. Patrick writes again suggesting that apart from advocates, individuals who supported in NBA's defence also be included in the felicitation programme in London. To this Ms. Medha responds on July 22 "apart from advocates no one would like to be acknowledged for writing to pressurize the government. That might boomerang".

As you can see the exchange is explosive and dangerous to the extent that it shows a foreign interest and support to a group that is indulging in obstruction to Country's development.

I specifically draw your attention into the message of Ms. Patkar using the words of "pressurizing the UPA government", and "honouring" a Supreme Court Judge for a favourable verdict, as is explicit in the emails. It seems it is a deliberate act on the part of Ms Patkar to defame UPA Govt. I humbly suggest that Govt. should immediately enquire how Medha Patkar managed favourable verdict and take appropriate action against Ms. Patkar for bringing disrepute to the Govt. and to the Hon'ble Supreme Court and halting the progress of the nation.

I feel this issue is of national importance and deserves your personal attention, as well as action.

With Regards,

Yours truly,

*Urmilaben Patel*

URMILABEN PATEL



**From:** Medha Patkar (nba.medha@gmail.com)  
**To:** Patrick McCully  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2007 12:03:17 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Confidential

Dear Patrick,

See the news below. Let us see what NCCL will come up with next,

love,

Philip  
 (for Medha Patkar)

[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/SC\\_dismiss\\_PIL\\_seeking\\_CBI\\_probe\\_into\\_NBA\\_activities/articleshow/2190773.cms](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/SC_dismiss_PIL_seeking_CBI_probe_into_NBA_activities/articleshow/2190773.cms)

## **SC dismiss PIL seeking CBI probe into NBA activities**

10 Jul 2007, 1126 hrs IST, PTI

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a PIL filed by a Gujarat based NGO seeking CBI probe into the alleged illegal activities and receiving of foreign funds by Medha Patkar-led Narmada Bachao Andolan and its support group.

A Bench comprising Justice C K Thakker and Justice Altamas Kabir said that no case was made out for CBI probe.

The Bench said the allegations in the PIL are vague and without proper foundation. The court also imposed a cost of Rs 5,000 on the petitioner, National Council of Civil Liberties (NCCL).

On 7/7/07, **Patrick McCully** <[patrick\\_mccully@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick_mccully@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Medha,

Saxena of NCCL has approached US Govt. through Indian Govt. about support to you by US based institutions including IRN. It is understood that US Govt. has assured Indian Govt. to help in the matter.

Some one from India has also approached Goldman Prize to enquire about the prize money given to you. I have sounded Goldman Prize about Saxena and his court case against NBA in the Indian Supreme Court.

When is Court likely to pronounce judgement and what are the chances?

Reply on my personal e-mail only.

Patrick

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**From:** Medha Patkar (nba.medha@gmail.com)  
**To:** Patrick McCully  
**Date:** Friday, July 13, 2007 10:13:29 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Confidential

Dear Patrick,

Many eminent persons wrote to the UPA government. Our advocates, Indira Jaisingh and Sanjay Parikh were very forceful. Many prominent advocates supported them and wrote separately on the case. We dealt with the press very selectively and ensured that pressure was kept up all through.

Along with this, the petitioner's case was so weak. Its triviality was obvious. Legally it was non-maintainable. Justice Altamas Kabir is sensitive and democratic in his approach. The petition was understood clearly as a case of personal vendetta.

Altogether, it was a good legal battle and we are glad that we won the case. This judgment is important for all people's struggles in India and elsewhere, as it affirms the right to agitate against injustice.

Attached is a full copy of the July 10th SC judgment.

Philip made a mistake in quoting Thakkar as the ex-chief Justice of Gujarat. He was initially a Judge there. For his details see <http://www.supremecourtofindia.nic.in/judges/bio/sitting/ckthakkar.htm>

Justice Altamas Kabir (see link <http://supremecourtofindia.nic.in/judges/bio/sitting/akabir.htm>) wrote the judgment.

regards,

Medha

On 7/12/07, **Patrick McCully** <[patrick\\_mccully@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick_mccully@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Dear Ms Medha

Please send soft copy of the judgement. I will circulate it in the home office, which is investigating your matter. Although judgements of Indian Courts are not at all respected in US, I will still try to impress upon the authorities.

You have mentioned in your message that judge Thakkar is ex-chief justice of Gujarat and anything can happen. How did you manage this? Who was the second judge?

Patrick

----- Original Message -----

From: Medha Patkar <[nba.medha@gmail.com](mailto:nba.medha@gmail.com)>  
To: Patrick McCully <[patrick\\_mccully@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick_mccully@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 7:17:44 PM  
Subject: Re: Confidential

Dear Patrick,

Thanks a lot. Medha is in the valley as Satyagraha begins in Badwani tomorrow.

regards,

Philip  
(for Medha Patkar)



**Date:** Tue, 17 Jul 2007 22:34:46 +0530

**From:** "Medha Patkar" <nba.medha@gmail.com> [View Contact Details](#) [Add Mobile Alert](#)  
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**To:** "Patrick McCully" <patrick\_mccully@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Re: Confidential

Dear Patrick,

Since Medha cannot access mails, I have talked to her over phone. She said thanks for the mail and remarked that it is a good idea to invite advocates who have voluntarily stood by NBA in many cases, not just the sedition case.

A few names are given below for your thought.

Indira Jaisingh - New Delhi - [indirajaisingh@gmail.com](mailto:indirajaisingh@gmail.com)  
Sanjay Parikh - New Delhi - [sanjayparikh.advocate@gmail.com](mailto:sanjayparikh.advocate@gmail.com)  
Prashant Bhushan - New Delhi - [sbhushan@vsnl.com](mailto:sbhushan@vsnl.com)  
Girish Patel - Ahmedabad - [girishpatel1@icenet.net](mailto:girishpatel1@icenet.net)  
N D Suryavanshi - Shahada (Maharashtra) - [lexnirmal@gmail.com](mailto:lexnirmal@gmail.com)  
Upendra Baxi - London - [baxiupendra@aol.com](mailto:baxiupendra@aol.com)  
Kamal Patidar - Near Badwani (M.P.) - via Medha

The first two pleaded in this case and the others have been integral part of NBA's legal activism.

regards,

Philip  
(for Medha Patkar)

On 7/17/07, **Medha Patkar** <[nba.medha@gmail.com](mailto:nba.medha@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Dear Patrick,

I acknowledge your mail. Medha may delay a bit in accessing mails as she is in the open grounds, staying in tents at the lands they have occupied.

love,

Philip  
(for Medha Patkar)

On 7/17/07, **Patrick McCully** <[patrick\\_mccully@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick_mccully@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Dear Medha,

I really appreciate your efforts. I have circulated copy of judgement to the concerned persons. Please wait and watch.

I was keeping a constant watch on this case. I was actually disturbed after reading written submission of Saxena, which he has posted on his website. Not a shred of its reference in the judgement. You have really managed it very efficiently.

How about honoring those who have sincerely supported you in this case? You can send a list of 5-6 people with their very brief background in 2-3 lines. This function can be organized in London instead of US through other groups. With this strategy, these people will be more committed to your cause.



I saw profile of both the Judges. Judge Thakkar is from Gujarat. He is basically a teacher not a Judge. You are certainly very lucky to have this man in the bench. We must honour Judge Kabir for supporting you. Please explore the possibility. He will retire in 2013 – a very useful man for your future battles.

Regards,

Patrick



**Date:** Fri, 20 Jul 2007 07:15:01 +0530

**From:** "Medha Patkar" <nba.medha@gmail.com>  [View Contact Details](#)  [Add Mobile Alert](#)  
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**To:** "Patrick McCully" <patrick\_mcclly@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Re: Confidential

Dear Patrick,

Medha is still in Taloon, the land occupation site. When I communicated your message over phone, these are the names she suggested.

Who else do you have in mind? Selecting a two or three from scores of eminent persons who have supported may not sound good.

Please clarify.

regards,

Philip  
(for Medha Patkar)

On 7/19/07, **Patrick McCully** <[patrick\\_mcclly@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick_mcclly@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Dear Medha,

I think honouring only advocates will not be a good idea.

Regards,

Patrick