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# JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TOXIC GAS LEAK

COMMUNITIES OF BHOPAL  
INDIA

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Thirty years ago, between 7,000 and 10,000 people died within three days of a toxic gas leak at a pesticide factory in Bhopal, central India. Many survivors still suffer serious long-term health problems due to the effects of gas exposure – particularly women. What's more, contamination from chemicals left at the abandoned factory site continues to pose a serious health risk for the local community.

Activists Rampyari Bai and Safreen Khan know the full horror of the disaster. Rampyari's daughter-in-law was seven months pregnant on the night it happened. She suddenly went into labour as the leak hit the community, but she and her baby died soon afterwards in hospital. Rampyari herself has struggled with cancer.

Safreen's father has had serious heart problems, and her mother has difficulties with her eyesight. Safreen told us that many children in her community are born with disabilities and deformities. Local residents believe that the widespread health problems have been made worse because people have had to drink contaminated water.

Thirty years on, Rampyari, Safreen and the people of Bhopal are still seeking justice. Survivors of the gas leak have not received adequate compensation to cover the full extent of their injuries. Many have been driven deeper into poverty. The polluted factory site has not been cleaned up. And the companies involved have not been held to account.



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### Write to the Prime Minister of India

Urge the Indian government to clean up the factory site and ensure the companies responsible for the gas leak and ongoing pollution are held to account.

**Write to:** Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India,  
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### Shine a light for the people of Bhopal

To mark the 30th anniversary of the disaster on 3 December 2014, the communities of Bhopal will be holding a torch-lit procession. We'd love you to join their march for justice – so take a photo of yourself with a light (for example, a candle, torch, sparkler, lighter or lantern), and tweet it to Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India @narendramodi, together with your call for urgent action.