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INDIA

SILVER MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN BRAVERY FOR ASIA 2008NCBA-107

AWARDEE : Mr. Ravi Kumar Tandan
DATE OF INCIDENT : 3rd January 2007
PLACE OF INCIDENT : Bilaspur Railway Station

Saved a girl who was struck between two trains moving in opposite directions at the platform of Bilaspur Railway Station, India

CITATION:

On Wednesday, the 3rd January 2007 evening at 17:45 hrs., Ravi Kumar Tandan went to Bilaspur Railway Station to meet his younger brother who was passing by Train No. 2809 Mumbai-Howrah Mail Ex. Raipur to Howrah II A/C Sleeper. When the train started at approx. about 18:15 hrs. he bid goodbye to his brother and turned back. At that moment, he heard a girl screaming aloud. She was struck in-between the moving train and the platform, urging the crowd on the platform to save her. The crowd also screamed to save her.

Ravi proceeded to watch closely the situation before taking a decision. During this time – A/C III Tier, Two General coaches and S-I Sleeper coach passed by the screaming and crying girl revolved 360⁰ at the same point.

He was determined to save her and confident that he would be successful in doing so, although it may risk his life. At the cuffing of Sleeper Coach S-2 and S-3, due to the air pressure and vacuum the girl revolved with her back towards the platform and the face towards the running train. Ravi noticed that her legs were moving in the air into the wheels of the train. Unless she was stopped, would bleed to death. That was the very moment with full strength, holding both of her arms below the shoulder took her on to the platform. Thereafter, the train was stopped by pulling the chain. She was travelling alone from Mumbai to Kolkata in II A/C Sleeper. Ravi took her to her reserved berth in II A/C Sleeper and asked his brother who was travelling in the same coach to take care of her and help her at Kolkata to reach her parents.

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MALDIVES

GOLD MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN BRAVERY FOR ASIA 2008

AWARDEE : Master Mohamed Jaisham Ibrahim
Dhiveli
Haa Alif Hoarafushi
DATE OF INCIDENT : 8th January 2008
PLACE OF INCIDENT : -

When a man attempted to stab HE Gayoom the President of Maldives, Mohamed grabbed the knife and prevented assasintination.

CITATION:

The president Gayoom was greeting people at HaaAlif Hoarafushi on 8th January 2008 when a 20 years old man pulled out a knife and tried to stab the President in the stomach. He had shouted "ALLAHU

AKBAR" (God is Great) before stabbing H. E. the President. The knife grazed through the President's shirt, but he was unhurt.

Luckily for the President, Mohamed Jaisham grabbed the knife which caused him serious injuries. The President said in a nationwide TV address; "Thanks to Mohamed Jaisham and Almighty Allah, I am unhurt"

Master Mohamed Jaisham Ibrahim, a Grade 9, Student of Haa Alif Atol School, Haa Alif Hoarafushi, North Maldives, dreams of being a Policeman. "Fortunately, I was able to fend him off with my left hand. His attempt to stab the President in the stomach was foiled" Ibrahim said.

Number 351/2009 **MALAYASIA**

GOLD MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN BRAVERY FOR ASIA 2009

AWARDEE : Krishnamoorthy Sandaran
DATE OF INCIDENT : 13th October 2008
PLACE OF INCIDENT : 20, Selangor, Malaysia.

Krishnamoorthy sandaran of malayasia saves eighteen pepople, including seven children from a ferry on fire in the middle of the sea.

CITATION:

The South China Sea looked calm and inviting at 07.00 a.m. when 19-year-old Krishnamoorthy Sandran and his group of 23 arrived at the Mersing Jetty in Rompin, Pahang on 13th October 2008. Tired from the six-hour drive from Klang, the young apprentice electrician woke his boss Pang Kee Chuan, and the rest of Pang's Family. They had booked the earliest ferry to Tioman Island where they would be spending the *AidilFitri* holidays. The rest of the group trickled in slowly in their own cars. At 10.30 a.m., the group, comprising mostly Pang's family and relatives, excitedly scrambled aboard the *seagull Express 2*. Laden with 106 holiday-goers, the wooden vessel set off for the four-hour trip to Tioman. Krishnamoorthy immediately noticed something was wrong – their ferry was moving extraordinarily slow. Another ferry that launched five minutes later had already overtaken them. Pang asked the captain if anything was wrong and was curtly told it was safer to go slow in choppy seas. Half an hour later, smoke began billowing out from the back of the ferry. "The engine must have broken down, " Krishnamoorthy commented. The ferry jerked along for the next 20 minutes. Suddenly people began to scream "Fire! Fire!!" from the air-conditioned lower deck. Panicked passengers below stampeded up through the narrow stairway. Crew members and passengers frantically broke windows to release the trapped smoke.

Krishnamoorthy knew instinctively they'd have to abandon ship. Fighting the heaving crowd, he pushed his way down into the smoky lower deck to get life jackets. An explosion came from the bow, shaking the ferry and causing more screams. Grabbing four life jackets, he rushed upstairs. Another explosion erupted as he threw the life jackets at Pang's brother-in-law's children. The fire spread fast, spurred by the sea breeze. "My child is down there!" Krishnamoorthy thought he heard his boss's wife scream. He again rushed into the child. Finding no-one, he crawled up again, with fire eating at his shirt and jeans. A third explosion erupted, and someone screamed that the ferry was sinking. Everyone, including Krishnamoorthy, jumped into the sea, as the fire gutted the ferry. Surfacing, krishnamoorthy grabbed a nearby float and threw it at a group of adults and children trying to stay afloat with one life jacket. Three ferries approached and immediately threw some inflatable rafts into sea. Krishnamoorthy climbed aboard one of them, but saw many people still struggling in the water. He dove back into the sea and grabbed hold of as many people as he could, leading them to the rafts or ferries. His back and legs stung

from the burns, yet he felt no pain as he dove again into the water, saving a total of 18 people, seven of them children. Several news reports later stated nine people died in that ferry incident including Pang's uncle and aunt.

Number 392/2009 **PAKISTAN**

GOLD MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN BRAVERY FOR ASIA 2006

AWARDEE : Gul Javid Butt
DATE OF INCIDENT : 08 October 2005
PLACE OF INCIDENT : Pakistan

He saved several persons were burried and injured under the rubble as ah earthquake in Pakistan.

CITATION:

On October 8, 2005, a major earthquake struck southern Asia, centering on the Kashmir region of northern Pakistan but extending also to neighbouring India and Afghanistan. The earthquake's epicenter was near the city of Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan administered part of Kashmir, where an estimated 50 percent of the building were destroyed. Pakistan by far sustained the greatest human losses, with more than 80,000 killed and three million left homeless. Gul Javid Butt, a civil engineer for the Public Works Department in Pakistan administered Kashmir, lived with his wife and four young children in the worst hit Madina Market neighborhood of Muzaffarabad. The earthquake reduced his house to rubble but spared his immediate family. Members of his extended family were however not as fortunate, with Butt's older brother, Gul Nawaz, missing under the heaps of debris. Butt commenced a day of extreme heroism in the face of imminent danger of further building collapse by helping to remove a younger brother, Gulfraz, to safety.

Butt then responded to the moaning of his neighbourhood. Considering Gulfraz stable, he rushed to recover two sisters, Zara and Maria, daughter's o Dr. Zafer, who were trapped in rubble. assisted by two local boys, known only as Hadi and Mani, Butt cut through tin sheets to reach the girls who were seriously wounded. half of that building was standing but leaning towards the rubble. However, it did not deter him from rescuing the girls whose terror-stricken parents, themselves wounded, looked on with a sense of gratitude. While working to free them, Butt learned that his brother Gulfraz had perished. Despite sustaining great personal loss, he proceeded to private school in the neighbourhood, Banihal Academy, where his niece was a student. The niece, however, had died in the earthquake. Her body was located but was beyond recognition immediately. At the school, Butt rescued a boy, the lower part of whose body was under a concrete slab.

A two-story building near his house had also collapsed. Its ground floor, a commercial mall, had vanished and a woman who had been shopping in a shoe store there was trapped in the debris. Her husband, Arshad Bazmi, was desperately shouting for help, but there appeared to be no way to access the woman, Few had dared to remain in the vicinity, where many buildings had nose-dived and others were dangerously tilted toward the narrow streets, which were strewn with rubble, wires, and bodies, Butt found a small cavity in the rubble and, although aftershocks were continually occurring, shoved half of his body inside. Thinking he too would be buried by the collapsing building, Butt work to widen the cavity so that the women could crawl out. The target was achieved by the evening. Gul Javid Butt is known as an honest and upright person, a selfless and Godfearing man who never hesitates from extending physical help to anyone who is in need of it. It is felt that he is the most deserving of those whose acts of bravery must not go unnoticed.

Number 456/2018

NEPAL

AWARDEE : Laxmi Sundar Gainju
DATE OF INCIDENT : 25 April 2015
PLACE OF INCIDENT : Nepal

For Bravery in voluntarily saving many lives at the risk of his own following a disasterous earthquake

CITATION:

When a massive earthquake of 7.8 magnitudes occurred in Nepal on 25 April 2015, Laxmi Sundar Gainju was having lunch with his family in his parental house in Bhaktapur. As soon as he realized an earthquake, he evacuated his family to a safe place in the nearby Dattatrya Square. Despite being about 100 Kilometres from the epicentre, in Barkpak, Gorkha, the impact in Bhaktapur was devastating, and he witnessed carnage and chaos as he moved about the streets. Many collapsed buildings had trapped people within the rubbles, and panic reigned as others screamed in agony while searching for their loved ones. He went from place to place helping in any way he could assist wounded victims and move them too safely.

In the meantime, an anguished cry of a young girl became piercing to him. Immediately reacting, he followed the sound to where he saw two females trapped inside their house. One of them was unconscious, while the other, the young girl, was desperately crying for help. Nobody was approaching the site, fearing the imminent collapse of the rest of the building as the aftershocks continued unabated. He quickly sprang into action. Climbing the rubble, he started digging and moving bricks with his bare hands. He quickly accessed the victims and, using whatever he could for leverage, created a large enough gap through which to drag them out. He carried the young girl on his back to safety before returning for the unconscious woman. After being evading falling rubble and beams that could have easily crushed him, he took the woman to safety. He learned that it was a mother and her daughter whom he had rescued from what was almost certain death.