

Resolutions of the Joint Conference of Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Parties and Organisations of Iran and Afghanistan on the Current Situation in the World and Region and Specifically on the Situation in Afghanistan

We are reprinting below the bulk of the resolutions issued by the recent Joint Conference of Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Parties and Organisations of Iran and Afghanistan. This Conference was held at the initiative of the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) and was intended to further the effort to develop unity among the Maoist forces in the region, and especially in Afghanistan itself. A key task was to take stock of the new situation in the region created by the US imperialists' war on Afghanistan and, in particular, to develop a more unified understanding not only of the dangers posed by the increased, permanent US military presence but also of the heightened opportunities for revolutionary struggle. This means above all to hasten preparations for building a united vanguard party and launching people's war.

The Conference was largely successful in gathering the forces grouped around the banner of Maoism in Afghanistan. These included the following:

- The Communist Party of Afghanistan, which was formed on 1 May 1991 and has been a participant in RIM since its formation.
- The Unity Committee of the Communist Movement of Afghanistan (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) – this consists of three organisations, the Organisation of Struggle for the Salvation of Afghanistan, the Circle of Progressive Youth of Afghanistan, and the Combatants of the Path to Liberate the People of Afghanistan. These groups have been working together since 1994. Recently, in

2001, on the basis of their common work and political and ideological struggle, they came together to form the Unity Committee, which takes Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM) as its ideological basis.

- The Revolutionary Unity of the Workers of Afghanistan, which also takes MLM as its ideological basis, and which has carried out continuous active resistance for many years against the different reactionary regimes in Afghanistan.

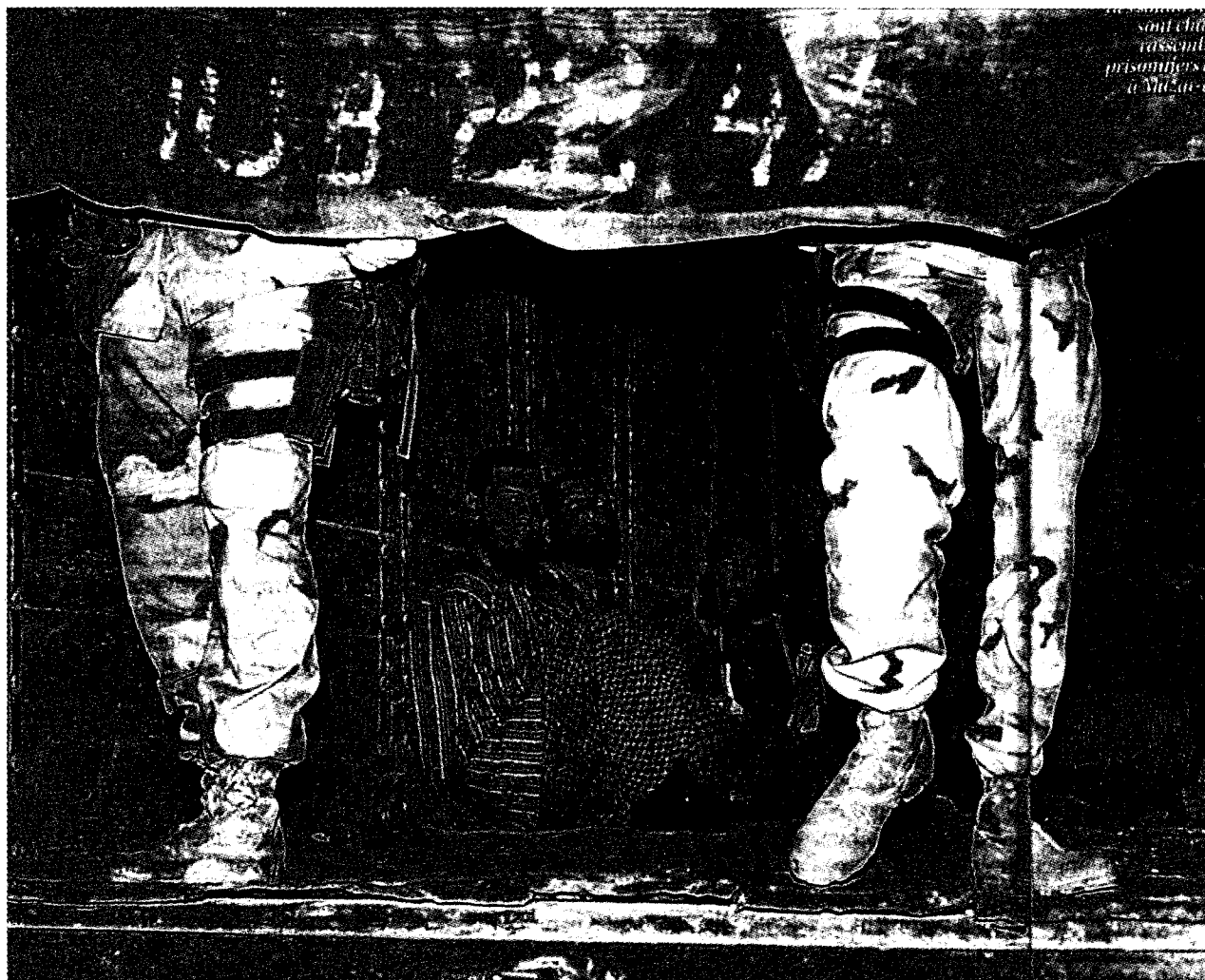
Also taking part in the Conference was the Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist), a RIM participant. The Conference succeeded in raising the level of understanding and unity among the Afghanistani comrades in particular, and represented an important step along the

path of uniting all the MLM forces in that country into a single vanguard party, which is a goal shared by all present. – *A World To Win*

The events of 11 September gave imperialism, headed by US imperialism, the opportunity to begin a campaign of aggression in the name of the "war on terrorism". Whilst this campaign was initially aimed at the imperialists' own reactionary creations, such as al-Qaeda and the Taliban, it is the proletariat and oppressed people of the world and their revolutionary struggle that is the real target. That is why, sooner or later, the revolutionary struggle of the people, particularly people's war under the leadership of Maoists, will in practice become the real target of attack.

Afghanistani wedding bombed by US.





US special forces stood by while many hundreds of captured soldiers were suffocated in containers like these while being transported to Sheberghan Prison in northern Afghanistan.

At this point in time, the attacks of world imperialism are mainly concentrated in the regions of Asia and the Middle East, with Afghanistan at the centre of this nasty tornado. US imperialism and its allies not only attacked and occupied Afghanistan, they also promoted the work of mocking-up a new puppet regime to install in the country. This process began with the summit held by national traitors in Bonn (Germany) that established a "Provisional Administration" followed by the reactionary project of calling the "Emergency Loya Jirga", which has led to the establishment of the "Transitional Administration".

The purpose of the imperialist aggressors in initiating this process is

to preserve the reactionary, colonial, semi-feudal relations. They want to prolong their military presence in the country, protect their political dominance and permanently stabilise the rule of the reactionary, anti-democratic, women-hating, criminal Islamic groups. The imperialist aggression and assault, along with the ever-increasing vicious crimes committed against the oppressed people of the world, to strengthen the rotten imperialist system, is creating, in potential and in fact, an ever-increasing wave of resistance. This presents all the world's Marxist-Leninist-Maoist forces with a situation that is greatly favourable for struggle, along with risks.

The imperialist aggression that

brought the jihadi warlords back into power did not cure the ideological, organisational and military crises of the ruling Islamic groups - in fact it has prolonged the crises. The imperialists are facing numerous problems in stabilising the power of the central puppet government over the rest of the country. The crises and chaos in the rank and file of the reactionary rulers, which is caused by the internal contradictions and competition amongst the imperialist powers, present a uniquely favourable condition that should actively and creatively be utilised for revolutionary struggle.

To respond appropriately to the situation in this country, to clearly define the tasks of the communist

movement based on principles, the communist (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) parties and organisations of Afghanistan and the Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) held a regional conference. The Conference, which was held at the initiative of the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (CoRIM), and in the presence of a CoRIM representative, was concluded successfully and passed on the following resolutions:

1) The Conference emphasised that the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) is responsible for leading the world revolution against the ruling imperialist system, so that humanity achieves the new system of world communism. Socialist proletarian revolution in the capitalist imperialist countries, and new-democratic revolution transitioning to socialism in the countries oppressed by imperialism, are the two axes of world revolution. These revolutions - in the form of protracted people's war in countries oppressed by imperialism, and in the form of insurrections followed by civil war in imperialist countries - are the two types of people's war that take place in countries around the world.

All Maoists around the world must be armed with the three weapons of revolution - the communist party, the people's army and a revolutionary united front headed by the communist party - to provide courageous strategic leadership. At the present time, organising and leading the resistance movement of people around the world against the US imperialist aggressors and their allies is one of the most important tasks.

2) The communist movement of Afghanistan is an inseparable part of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. Within this framework, at the present time the Maoists of Afghanistan must deem rendering the process of uniting in a single Marxist-Leninist-Maoist party their main task. After accomplishing this main task, it is possible to prepare, initiate and sustain people's war as the concrete form of people's revolutionary resistance against imperialist

aggression.

3) The Conference fully supports the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. We expect the Movement not only to link the current struggle of Maoists victoriously in various countries, but also triumphantly and militantly proceed on the way to forming a new communist international of Marxist-Leninist-Maoists. The Conference resolutely supports CoRIM as an embryonic international leadership. This Conference that is cherished by us is held at the initiative of CoRIM, and it is regarded as an achievement of our international class.

The Conference supports all participants of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, particularly our vanguard detachments in Peru and Nepal that are leading people's war. The imperialists are, in particular, conspiring against the People's War in Nepal and turning it into their real target. We fully support the courageous masses of Nepal in their People's War. In this regard, the Conference proposes to CoRIM to initiate an international campaign to defend the People's War in Nepal against the criminal plots of imperialism.

US imperialism is heading world imperialism in the pursuit of its criminal campaign against the people of the world. The active presence of a vanguard proletarian party, the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, in the belly of the imperialist beast, is the hope, inspiration, and pride of all Marxist-Leninist-Maoists of the world. We announce our solidarity with this Party, and we would like to have an ever-increasing mutual collaboration with these comrades. The Conference hopes for, and emphasises the need for, making serious efforts to strengthen the solidarity amongst the Marxist-Leninist-Maoists in the region.

4) We support the struggle and resistance of the oppressed people of the world against imperialism. The heroic resistance of the Palestinian people against the Zionist invaders and imperialism is especially inspiring. We hope the rising masses of Palestine will soon create a vanguard

proletarian leadership in order to lead the courageous struggle of the people towards achieving their goal.

Based on the agreements we have already achieved, at this Conference the participants of the Unity Movement of Marxist-Leninist-Maoists of Afghanistan decided the following:

A) A "Joint Committee" takes charge of working on the Programme and Joint Constitution as its main responsibility. The Committee will render the Programme and Constitution to the rank and file of the Unity Movement and ultimately submit them to the Congress for adoption. At the same time, the Committee will lead the collaborative struggle and activities of the Unity Movement. These activities include organising the joint struggle of participants of the Unity Movement against the imperialists and their lackeys....

C) ...Active participation in the campaigns initiated by RIM is a necessary and indispensable task. Fulfilling the responsibilities of active struggle not only impacts on the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist movement and its revolutionary struggle in Afghanistan, but would also have a vividly important influence on the struggle in the region.

After constructive discussions, the Conference assigned the tasks and responsibilities accordingly. The Conference concluded with great optimism and love for the people and proletariat with the singing of the proletarian anthem, the Internationale.

The Unity Committee of the Communist Movement of Afghanistan (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist)

The Communist Party of Afghanistan

The Revolutionary Unity of the Workers of Afghanistan

The Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist)

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