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Hail the 7th anniversary celebrations of our glorious new party !

Let us strengthen and expand the party in accordance with the excellent material condition, level and expanse of the movement and fulfillment of the tasks of the movement !

Let us strengthen and expand the mass base to develop subjective forces and to develop People's War !

Let us intensify and expand guerilla warfare to fulfill the central task and to defeat Operation Green Hunt !

[Abridged version of Central Committee call to the entire party to grandly celebrate the 7th anniversary of our party with revolutionary fervor from September 21 to 27, 2011]

Dear Comrades,

We are about to celebrate the 7th anniversary of our glorious new party on September 21 this year. September 21 is a day of utmost significance for our party. This is a historic day. On the occasion of the 7th anniversary of the party, let us remember the builders of our party, the great leaders of the Indian Revolution, martyrs and our beloved comrades Charu Mazumdar and Kanhai Chatterji and all those thousands of brave warriors who have been martyred during the course of New Democratic Revolution (NDR) since Naxalbari to this day. After the 6th anniversary of our party, in the past one year 229 of our beloved comrades have laid down their lives in DK, BJ, Bengal, Odisha, AOB, NT, AP, Maharashtra, UP and in CG-OS border while advancing People's War by bravely and valiantly fighting back the 'Operation Green Hunt' implemented in the most brutal manner by the reactionary Indian ruling classes with the aim of wiping out the revolutionary movement. Let us remember each one of these valiant fighters and pay our red homage to them. Let us take vow with clenched fists to carry forward the great aims of our thousands of martyrs who have laid down their lives in the NDR. Let us take the brave and inspiring lives and sacrifices of these martyrs as an ideal to follow and march forward with steely determination along the path of People's War. On the occasion of the 7th anniversary of our party, our CC is sending hearty revolutionary greetings to all the comrades in our party, PLGA, Revolutionary People's Committees (RPCs), mass organizations and to the hundreds of comrades who are fighting back the enemy in the prisons all over the country.

On this occasion, let us take a look at the political situation in the past one year after the 6th anniversary of the party to formulate immediate tasks and review the practice of our party carried on with the aim of advancing the People's War in our country.

International situation

The economic crisis which continued going round in whirls since the end of 2008 took the breath out of US imperialism and recently it burst forth in the form of a debt crisis. EU too got bogged down in this crisis. At present capitalism is sinking down with an unheard of debt burden in its entire history. This debt crisis is shaking the economies of the entire semi-colonial economies which are dependent on the exports-imports and capital of imperialist countries. The jolt of this crisis is so severe that it gave a big jerk to the world stock markets. To decrease the debt burden, the governments of many countries including the Obama administration have taken steps to increase income and to reduce expenditure to a large extent. Due to this the governments of these countries are taking measures to introduce cuts in the already meager welfare measures of the people and pensions on a large scale. This crisis is making the lives of the workers and middle class people in the capitalist countries unbearable. As a result, thousands and lakhs of workers, employees, students and pensioners have resorted to large scale strikes and agitations in the recent past in several EU countries and US. The dissatisfaction of blacks and Asians in several cities in Britain, including London burst forth and left the British imperialists gasping for breath. This debt crisis would not only further intensify the contradiction

between the workers and the capitalist class in the imperialist countries but would also help in intensifying the fundamental contradictions of the world.

The rebellions and agitations that arose at various levels against the despotic rulers in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Syria in the Arab World have not only shaken their foundations but have also terrified the imperialists. The attempts of the imperialists to protect their lackey despots in Tunisia and Egypt failed. However they were temporarily successful in seeing that other leaders of the same governments and the rightist forces in the movement came to power in the place of their lackey despots. They helped in all manners their lackey despots in Qatar and Saudi Arabia and could cruelly suppress in the initial stages itself the people's movements which arose there.

Imperialists, particularly France, Britain, US and Italy who moved their coins on the chess board in Libya even before Colonel Gaddafi was overthrown, gave all kinds of military and non-military support to the movement which arose against his regime in the name of 'protecting human rights'. They made their lackeys in Arab League stand up in opposition to Gaddafi. In the name of their 'rubber stamp' UN they imposed several sanctions along with declaring a 'No fly zone'. Immediately they rained bombs incessantly and crippled the soldiers of Gaddafi. Gaddafi and his followers had to leave Tripoli. Oddly the people's rebellion and the aggressive war of the imperialists have got mixed up in Libya. Finally the situation is turning such that the imperialists are able to tighten their grip over the oil deposits in Libya just as the imperialists wished for. Though ordinary people have participated on a huge scale in the rebellion in Libya, as it was the anti-Gaddafi ruling cliques and the lackeys of various imperialist countries who have led it, it would not take much time for the people to realize that the change which they expected would be impossible in practice. The imperialists are trying in a thousand ways to carry on the Libyan experiment in Syria too using the fig leaf of UN in the name of 'protection of human rights' like in the past.

The leaders who came to power in Tunisia and Egypt replacing the despots have declared that establishing parliamentary democracies is their aim. But they agreed only very partially the demands brought to the fore by the people during the agitations. They declared that they would carry on the policies of the past governments regarding imperialists and several other important matters. There are some differences in various countries. That is why the

people and various agitators are fighting strongly against the new governments. The contradictions between the rulers and the people in these countries, between the various cliques in the ruling classes and between the people and the imperialists are continuing very severely in new forms. These phenomena which occurred in the Arab World have further intensified the contradictions between US and Russia and between US and China. Though these movements have helped in fulfilling the democratic aspirations of the people only partially, they would serve as a step in the path of achieving genuine democracy and freedom. Let us hope that they would continue to fight till their aspirations are fulfilled against the new governments which implement the old policies. No despots and no imperialists who guide them can permanently suppress the democratic aspirations of the people. None of them can dictate their future.

In the name of 'War on Terror', the US imperialists are conducting drone attacks on the villagers in Afghanistan and Pakistan almost on a daily basis and are brutally murdering ordinary people including babies, women and elderly persons. They are facing the severe wrath and protests of the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Even to this day the resistance wars of Afghanistan and Iraq are making the imperialists sleepless. The hundreds of billions of dollars spent by them to occupy these countries and to maintain their hegemony over them have helped in pushing them into severe economic crisis. The imperialists earned the severe wrath of the people of their countries due to the wars of aggression and the ceaseless massacres they are carrying on. Though the US imperialists killed Bin Laden, they are still being haunted by the specter of Al Qaeda.

The earth quake in Japan caused very serious economical, political and ecological loss to the Japanese. It shook the Japan imperialists to the core. The radiation which emanated and is still emanating at dangerous levels from this plant has proved to be a long term danger not only to the people of that country but also to the people of the neighboring countries and to the marine creatures. After this incident an agitation arose on a massive scale in Japan with the demand that nuclear plants must be closed down. People rose in agitations in several countries all over the world including Germany with the same demand. As people agitated on a huge scale the German government announced that it would close six out of seven plants within one year. The unscientific, myopic, narrow, selfish, mindless and bankrupt ecological policies of the ruling classes of

the entire world including that of Japan imperialists have been thoroughly exposed by the accident at Fukushima nuclear power plant.

After Aquino, a lackey of US came to power in the general elections in Philippines, the government announced that it would completely suppress the People's War within three years. It launched the suppressive campaign 'Oplan Bayanihan' for this sake. The US imperialists are blatantly giving all kinds of help to the Aquino government to suppress the Philippines revolution. However this bankrupt suppressive campaign is receiving blow after blow in the resistance war carried on by the New People's Army and the oppressed people under the leadership of the communist party.

Domestic situation

The phenomena which occurred in the economic and political spheres internationally in the past one year have severely impacted the economic and political spheres of our country. We can see this impact very clearly in forms such as huge price rises of fuel, daily needs and food items; scams and corruption increasing on a massive scale; the jolt to the stock markets; cuts in welfare programmes; increase in the number of unemployed persons etc. The decreasing living standards of the people of our country and the increasing inflation are thoroughly exposing the propaganda done by the Sonia, Manmohan Singh, Pranab Mukherji, Ahluwalia and Rangarajan clique about the economy of our country, GDP and per capita development indices. While the finance minister Pranab Mukherji has shamelessly announced that he would lift the remaining restrictions in spheres such as banks, insurance and defence to attract foreign capital, Chidambaram brazenly announced that they would crush the Maoists with an iron heel to establish a peaceful atmosphere for this sake.

Lakhs of peasantry, adivasis, poor and middle class people are being displaced from their lands and abodes due to various mines; heavy projects-industries, SEZs, air ports, Express highways etc; real estates; parks, tiger projects; eviction of poor people from slums in cities etc. According to a report published in a magazine, lakhs of people losing their lands are agitating in forty districts of 17 states on displacement issues. If they become completely displaced, they would lose nearly four lakh acres of fertile lands and lakhs of acres of forest lands. At present nearly 10 crores of the population are being

affected by the displacement issue directly and indirectly. The ruling classes have unleashed cruel repression on all the militant struggles on displacement issue in states like Odisha, Maharashtra, UP, Chhattisgarh etc in the past one year. The democratic forces are standing in support of these movements and extending their help in various forms. Due to the militant movements of the people against land grabbing by the government, MNCs, big industries of our country, political leaders, builders, land mafia and contractors, the ruling classes are about to bring a new 'Land Acquisition Act' soon. Though this act would extend namesake help to the people in some aspects, this would actually be full of illusionary rhetoric that this would preserve the land rights of the people. However, this act would mainly serve to throw into the dust bin all the laws made for the Adivasis and would destroy the land rights of the peasantry and the poor people. This would very seriously impact the condition of land rights in the country in favor of the needs of the imperialists, comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisies (CBB) and government capital. This would be a strategic offensive against the agrarian revolution. This is a poison fruit given by the world wide economic crisis to the people of our country. However this issue would help the intensification of all social contradictions.

In the assembly elections to five states conducted in May, the governments of parties in power in Bengal, Tamilnadu and Kerala fell and the main opposition parties came to power. In Assam, Congress party came to power again, while the chief minister of Pondichery changed his party and came to power again. Due to anti-incumbency the DMK and Left front parties were defeated and AIDMK and Congress parties came to power in their place.

As far as our movement is concerned, the election results of Assam and Bengal have a special significance. Even before the elections in Assam the ULFA leadership took to a path of surrender and gave masked support to the government in the assembly elections. A section of the Bodo movement also supported Gogoi. This helped Gogoi to win. Surrender of ULFA would negatively impact the North-East nationality movements. In Bengal CPM ruled for a long time in the bourgeois parliamentary path and finally lost its power in these elections. The main reason for this is the outdated economic and political policies it followed being in power for a long time. These policies gave rise to severe dissatisfaction among the middle class and peasantry. From the

beginning it considered the Maoist parties its arch enemy and unleashed never-ending repression by colluding with the centre. Democrats too severely protested and fought against its despotic social fascist rule. This party was fully entrenched in severe internal factional struggles at the state and central levels and Left Front too faced the same situation. It was under such circumstances that Mamta Banerji could come to power. Being an alliance partner at the centre was a favorable factor for Mamta. Along with this, the promises she made as part of the election campaign too helped her to win. Media played its part in it too. To be more precise, as the social contradictions continued at a very serious level in Bengal, one ruling clique replaced another ruling clique in power.

After the elections, considerable number of people there may see the Trinamool party and its leader Mamta Banerji as champions who pulled down the social fascist rule. Only when one looks at the following factors like – class composition of Trinamool party's leadership, its economic and political policies, its role in the NDA (BJP) and UPA (Congress) governments at the centre, chorusing with Chidambaram about Maoist party as soon as it came to power in the state and announcing a rehabilitation policy for the Maoists by inviting them to come into the mainstream by renouncing violence, declaring that it would withdraw the Joint Forces only after a peaceful atmosphere was established in Lalgurha and its daily practice – can one properly assess its class nature, its class representation, its role in the parliamentary political system and its role in present day Bengal.

There were some changes in the political situation in Bengal after elections. Keeping these in view we must formulate proper tactics and rally the people. To the extent we can do this, we would be able to develop the party, mass base and fighting power and create the conditions for further developing the People's War.

The massive scams worth thousands and lakhs of crores of rupees resorted to by the various ruling class parties, their leaders and government officials were exposed one after another in the past one year. The ruling class parties blamed each other at an unprecedented level. It has been thoroughly exposed among the people more than ever that parliamentary parties and the government machinery have become putrefied with corruption. The discussion which opened one more time about corruption gained momentum in the country. As corruption is also one

of the main reasons for the unbearable living conditions of the people, the vast masses of the people are deeply dissatisfied with their governments. The conditions were created for this dissatisfaction to burst forth. Utilizing such a situation the likes of Anna Hazare and Ramdev Baba entered the arena. The ruling classes and their media focused them as champions who fight against corruption. The ruling classes considered Anna Hazare as a safety valve and their savior who descended to save them before the dissatisfaction of the people takes a consolidated form, turns into a militant country-wide movement and shakes their foundation. Anna Hazare who sat in Satyagraha and his close followers know very well how deceitful it is to make the corrupt fellows pass a bill to terminate corruption and to make the people believe that corruption would end due to this bill. The ruling classes too know this truth. We must say that Anna Hazare and the ruling classes were temporarily successful to some extent in making the people not clearly understand the root cause of corruption, the method to destroy it and the solution for it. In fact, the ruling classes know that the new law could do nothing to them just like the past laws. Even so they are not ready to formulate the Lokpal bill even to the extent they agreed to in public.

Under circumstances where the people of our country are being crushed under imperialists, CBB and land lords, are being cruelly suppressed by the despotic state and where a social revolutionary storm is brewing, the ongoing People's War under the leadership of the Maoist party is increasingly seen by the people of our country as an alternative. In these conditions, it is not by any accident that Anna Hazare brought to the fore the peaceful path of ending corruption through Satyagraha and legal reforms. That is why Anna Hazare brought to the fore the Gandhian method of struggle as an alternative path which would depreciate the Protracted People's War (social revolution) ongoing under the leadership of the Maoist party at present in our country and the fighting spirit of the people. The real motives of Annas and Babas is to give legitimacy to the present system and the Satyagraha-peaceful path by giving rise to illusions that the present wholly decadent and putrefied sham parliamentary democratic system can be cured through some treatments (through legal reforms). However, their sham Satyagrahas and legal reforms which do not speak even one word about the relation between corruption and the system, corruption and globalization and corruption and the monopoly profits of MNCs and CBB will not be able to keep the people in

illusions for a long time. It is only the People's War which can show a permanent solution and proper path of struggle to the militant people's struggles coming to the fore on various issues apart from those against corruption. Not just at the central level but also in states such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh etc the contradictions between the ruling classes have intensified a lot in relation to corruption.

Recently the intervention of Indian expansionists in Nepal politics increased further; crucial agreements were signed with the Hasina government in Bangladesh. Surrendering the ULFA leadership and making them come for talks is part of this. They increased pressure on Pakistan and are working as junior partners to US in Afghanistan. They have seriously damaged the movement of the oppressed nationalities of North-East and Kashmir people's movement.

Recently Indian government signed agreements with US regarding internal security. There are various matters related to security in these. As part of them are also present matters relating to modernization of police, paramilitary forces and their utilization. As part of them are also present matters relating to training, technology, weapons, exchange of information, advices etc which are necessary for them. Thanks to these agreements now FBI can legally sit in office in our country and hold Chidambaram (home ministry) at the end of their leash. It would try to increasingly put to use its technology, experience etc it has in suppressing the movements in the world. Due to all these factors, the contradictions between the imperialists and the Indian people would further intensify.

The movement for separate Telangana has not only intensified the contradictions between the various ruling class parties but also internal contradictions in the Congress and Telugu Desam parties more than ever.

Movements are raging in all four corners of the country on issues of displacement, ecology and indigenous people due to the policies of government of grabbing lands of peasantry, Adivasis, poor and middle class people in the name of development of the country. In the coming days people's movements would intensify further on these issues. Struggles are developing over issues such as price rises, corruption, Operation Green Hunt etc. The movements in Kashmir and North-East have temporarily stepped

back. However the iron heels of the Indian ruling classes, their schemes and conspiracies cannot keep the aspirations of these nationalities suppressed for a long time. The long struggle history of these nationalities has proven this truth again and again. As these movements have stepped back, the ruling classes find a favorable situation to deploy more paramilitary forces on our People's War. The developing people's movements are a result of the intensification of major and fundamental contradictions in our country.

The ruling classes have intensified in an unprecedented manner the offensive on the People's War going on under the leadership of our party. They are spending thousands of crores of rupees for this suppression. All governments are cruelly attacking each and every movement and carrying on a despotic rule.

OGH offensive intensifies and expands

As soon as UPA-2 came to power at the centre, the central and state governments carried on more intensely and on a wide scale in the past one year the OGH launched by them with the intention of wiping out the People's War. In the past one year the intelligence agencies have taken as their main priority destroying the leadership elements of our party at all levels, particularly the central and state leadership and carried on the offensive with special concentration. Our CC members comrades Jagdish Master (Bhupesh, PBM), Pulendu Sekhar Mukherji (Sahebda), Varanasi Subrahmanyam (Srikant), Vijay Kumar Arya (Jaspal); Bengal state committee secretary com. Sudeep Chongdar, Punjab state committee secretary com. Parmajit, BJSAC secretariat member com. Umesh Yadav (Abhimanyu), Maharashtra state committee member com. Angela, some state committee members belonging to Bengal, Odisha and Maharashtra and some other comrades in various states have been arrested.

Ruling classes have now brought their army into the arena to suppress the People's War going on in the vast areas of our country at various levels. They have sent troops at Brigade level to Bastar to impart special training to them in counter-insurgency. The central government has given them permission during training period to attack at any time using the excuse of self-defence. UAVs are being used in Bastar and Gadchiroli. For the sake of medical facilities of the 70,000 paramilitary forces deployed for anti-naxal operations, they are going to launch a 'Special helicopter ambulance service'. These ambulances

would give medical care to the police forces involved in counter insurgency operations too when necessary. Apart from Air Force helicopters, many helicopters taken on lease are used extensively for moving of troops, carrying the wounded, supply of weapons and ammunition, transport of medicine and supplies; for building base camps as part of carpet security and for visits of police and paramilitary higher officials. Central government allowed the Air Force to resort to strikes at any point of time on the pretext of self-defence. The ruling classes are rapidly finishing the preparations such as training and rehearsals required for directly using army and Air Force in the war being waged on the people.

Already the ruling classes have deployed lakhs of police and paramilitary forces to suppress our movement all over the country and are carrying on severe repression. Thousands of retired soldiers are employed claiming that police and paramilitary forces are not sufficient to strengthen and expand carpet security and to intensify search and destroy operations. Chidambaram announced that they would use more of these forces. According to the estimates of a magazine, they would need one lakh security troops to control the Naxalites in Bastar alone. At present there are 40,000 state police forces, more than 5,000 SPOs, more than 10,000 Gopaniya Sainiks, home guards and Nagar Suraksha Sainiks along with 25,000 central paramilitary forces in Chhattisgarh. From this we can understand at what level the reactionary ruling classes are thinking of deploying forces for suppressing the movement. They are recruiting on a huge scale into police and paramilitary and are establishing special training centres in various states to give training to them in counter-insurgency. They are spending thousands of crores of rupees for modernizing the forces. Movement areas are being turned into cantonments of police and paramilitary forces. The Intelligence agencies are being modernized on the lines of those in the imperialist countries. They are carrying on inhuman massacres and atrocities in the most cruel manner to suppress our movement. They are improving coordination between central and state intelligence agencies. In addition, in every state they are recruiting thousands of persons in overt and covert methods to conduct cover operations under various names up to the village level and to expand the intelligence mechanism. In the past one year, more persons were recruited into SPOs in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bengal, Odisha and Maharashtra. They decided to increase the number of SPOs in the country from the present 13,500 to 25,000. Though the Supreme

Court rejected the appointment of SPOs in Chhattisgarh, practically this organization is still continuing. The Chhattisgarh state cabinet has taken the decision to change all SPOs into auxiliary police force.

The carpet security in DK, BJ, Odisha and Bengal is being strengthened and expanded rapidly. As part of this, they decided to build 400 special police stations newly in nine states. The central government would bear 80 percent of the expenditure for building these special police stations. They are turning all our movement areas in nine states into a police corridor (police-paramilitary-military). This was announced publicly by the ex-DGP of Chhattisgarh Viswaranjan. As part of this 70 special police stations are being built newly in Odisha with an expenditure of 140 crores of rupees. Each special PS would be attack proof in the lines of military. This PS would be located in a three-storey building and there would be a compound wall like that of a fort on all the four sides. This would house a modern gymkhana too. They would serve as Nazi like torture chambers.

Already they have established military sub-area commands in our movement areas. The brigadiers who are leading them are playing a strategic role in suppressing our movement. Recently under the leadership of the central government 'unified command centre' was formed for Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Bengal states. A higher official of the army would lead this command. This command would formulate plans for joint operations/campaigns and would lead them. Various border states would conduct operations under the leadership of the joint command. They have intensified civic action programme apart from psychological operations as part of psy-war with the evil design of isolating the Maoists from people who integrate like fish in water with the people, to cover up the endless violence, atrocities and destruction perpetrated on the people and to confuse the people and make them stand on their side by hook or crook. All putrefied and most reactionary concepts and values like lies, twisting of facts, cock and bull stories, blindness, decadent culture, evil customs, fear, surrender, selfishness, deception, unfairness, betrayal, dictatorship etc are illusorily portrayed as being proper, democratic and aiding the development of society and psychological operations are being conducted which would put even Goebbels to shame. Similarly they are formulating various schemes under beautifully etched names and are making the paramilitary, police and military forces

to implement the civic action programme. Along with these, the killer gangs are made to conduct disruptive activities. The families of comrades working in various spheres in the movement areas are being incessantly attacked in various forms.

Thousands of comrades right from Central Committee members to ordinary people are languishing in inhuman conditions in jails in 15 states of our country. False cases have been foisted on each one of them. In the past one year, life imprisonment was pronounced for PUCL leader and people's doctor Vinayak Sen, CC comrades Narayan Sanyal and Amit Bagchi and some other comrades. In Jharkhand the revolutionary cultural organization Jharkhand Abhen's leader Jeetan Marandi and three other mass organization activists were given death sentence in a false case. Even the open activities of MOs in the movement areas are being suppressed most brutally. They have been banned as illegal activities.

Our War of Self-Defence

In the past one year the internal war between revolution and counter-revolution intensified further. This war is being waged in all spheres. Our entire party, PLGA, RPCs, mass organizations and all those who are part of the revolutionary camp fought back the OGH valiantly. We made many sacrifices in this course. It is our war of self-defence which played the decisive role in preserving the movement, in advancing it, in keeping high the morale of the revolutionary camp and in influencing the people of the country.

The inhuman, unjust OGH war waged on the people by the ruling classes with the full support of the imperialists, particularly US imperialists to destroy the People's War in our country was severely opposed by the Maoist forces, progressive, democratic forces and anti-imperialist forces in the country and the world. They supported the People's War and built solidarity movements.

Various kinds of friendly forces are present in our areas of influence and outside them. We are working with the friendly forces in these areas against OGH and on issues such as displacement, corruption, price rises, release of political prisoners, civil rights etc. we are working with the aim of developing these areas into movement areas and of expanding the areas of influence with the help of these.

We are fighting back the severe repression of the enemy to suppress the Lalgarh and

Narayanapatna movements and are striving for fulfilling higher level tasks. We conducted struggles by rallying people on displacement issue which came to the fore in several places in movement areas. We extended support to the people fighting on displacement issue in the country. We rallied people in support of these. People fought on their daily issues under the leadership of mass organizations and united front forums. We are mobilizing people vastly during occasions such as anniversaries of Party Formation Day and PLGA Formation Day, Martyrs' memorial week, International Working Women's Day etc. and are carrying on propaganda activities in various forms.

In the past one year our comrades have waged struggles in various forms in jails too. Our comrades in various jails strove to rise the consciousness of thousands of ordinary prisoners. Agitations were conducted for the release of political prisoners and for the rights of the prisoners inside the jails and outside. In this one year beating the continuous surveillance of the enemy, some comrades in Bihar and Jharkhand escaped from the prison walls very bravely and directly joined the People's War. Our CC sends hearty revolutionary greetings to them.

Comrades,

The crisis engulfing the imperialist countries burst forth in the form of debt crisis. This crisis is shaking the entire world at different levels. In our country and the world, various social contradictions are intensifying along with the fundamental contradictions. People are coming out on streets in various countries. People are fighting everywhere and the reactionary rulers are carrying on repression on them. They are trying to cool them down. On the whole the revolutionary situation in the world is favorable. This is the essence of the international and domestic situation in the past one year.

At present, on the one hand there are complex issues, challenges and great dangers in front of our party. On the other hand are the successes and great experiences gained by us through self-efforts. The revolutionary material condition necessary to win successes is present too. Of the two, even to this day the aspect needed for the advance of the revolution is the primary one. However the path for achieving victory is not straight. We have to advance forward with unparalleled courage, valiance and supreme sacrifices till the day of final victory in spite of any number of hurdles in this path which is thorny, full of highs and lows and twists and turns. On the occasion of the 7th anniversary of our party, let us

vow that we would advance forward with endless courage and great fortitude in the path of Protracted People's War (PPW) for the victory of New Democratic Revolution in the light of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Final victory belongs to our party and the people advancing forward in the path of PPW. Final defeat is that of all kinds of reactionaries.

Comrades,

Celebrate grandly with revolutionary fervor the 7th anniversary of our party in villages, towns and in each and every place where our party comrades are present. Conduct propaganda campaigns, meetings and rallies about these anniversary celebrations in creative methods. Hold aloft the red flag of our party in these. Hail the revolutionary ideals of the thousands of martyrs who laid down their lives in the Indian New Democratic Revolution and in the war of self-defence of the past one year. Clearly place before

the people the successes won and the valuable experiences gained by us. Declare that we would correct the mistakes committed in the course of practice. Present in a lucid manner about the excellent revolutionary situation, about the need to defeat the OGH carried on by the enemy to wipe out the People's War and about the movement tasks which are to be fulfilled. Hold aloft the democratic and communist culture and values. Take the vow that we would advance forward with steely determination in the path of People's War in spite of any number of hurdles, tears and difficulties that we may have to endure for the victory of the New Democratic Revolution.

25-08-2011

**Central Committee,
CPI (Maoist)**

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forcibly pushed him inside the Sumo and left the jail premises. All that took place before the eyes of the mother and brother of Arun Thomas Pereira. Those who abducted him did not assign any reasons. As we are the counsels of Shri Arun Fereira, enquired from the police officials namely Shri Rajput, Shri Chouhan, Shri Gabne and Deputy Jailor Shri Yogesh Patil, about the persons who came to arrest Arun Fereira. Instead of giving answers they (along with others) assaulted and threatened us and misbehaved with us. They also threatened us that they will arrest us on an allegation that we are interfering with the functioning of their official duties. As advocates of Arun Fereira, we said that you are violating the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme court of India by handing over custody of Arun Fereira to unidentified persons, then they held the collars of our shirts and said that they will not give any answers and whatever is to be given will give in the court and pushed us by saying that they will arrest us.

Prior to this incident we have asked these police officials as to why this *bandobast* in the jail premises. Shri Rajput answered that we came for *bandobast* on the instructions of Deputy Jailor Shri Yogesh Patil, we do not do anything on our own. Then we asked Shri Yogesh Patil about it then he said that you all do not come near to jail surroundings and if you do so I will take action. Then he called some persons who were not in any uniform and asked them to clear us. They started pushing and pulling us with brute force

by holding our collars.

We therefore request you to investigate into the above incident and take stern action against the erring police officials.

Copy to-

- * Commissioner of Police , Nagpur
- * Administrative Judge, Bombay High court, Nagpur Bench.
- * Chairperson, Human rights Commission, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
- * Superintendent, Central Prison Nagpur.

Please note. At about 3.30 P.M. today we went to Dhantoli police station to lodge this report (in Marathi Language). There in the police station Shri Dinesh Jambre, PSI duty station officer was present. The complaint was handed over to him and then we demanded for a receipt as an acknowledgement of the receipt of this complaint. He made us to wait saying that he will consult senior officials and then issue the same. Though he came twice to police station by 6.00 P.M. he did not issue us any receipt saying that our names are not properly written. Then we left the police station and sending this translated copy along with the copy of the original complaint in 'Marathi' for necessary action.

VOICES AGAINST WAR ON PEOPLE

PUDR Statement on Supreme Court judgement

July 6, 2011

People's Union for Democratic Rights welcomes the recent judgment delivered by the Supreme Court in which it has struck down as 'unconstitutional' the practice of arming local tribal youth as special police officers (SPOs) in order to fight the Maoists. It has asked the state government to:

- * immediately stop using SPOs,
- * recall all firearms distributed to them,
- * desist from funding the recruitment of any other vigilante groups,
- * ensure the filing of FIRs into criminal activities committed by them, and
- * offer protection to those who need

The judgement was delivered by Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy and Justice Surinder Singh Nijjar on the writ petition filed by Nandini Sundar, Ramchandra Guha, EAS Sarma and others (Writ Petition (Civil) No (S). 250 of 2007).

PUDR welcomes the judgement as it offers a very powerful critique of what it describes as a 'bleak and miasmatic world view propounded by the respondents'. The Court indicts the state for claiming that anyone who 'questions the conditions of inhumanity that are rampant in many parts of that state ought to necessarily be treated as Maoists, or their sympathizers'. The order condemns the respondents for reiterating the need for 'constitutional sanction, under our Constitution, to perpetrate its policies of ruthless violence against the people of Chhattisgarh to establish a Constitutional order.' The judgment dismisses the manufactured consent that has been created to build public opinion on the state of lawlessness prevailing in Chhattisgarh. Instead, it

asserts that 'the problem rests in the amoral political economy that the state endorses, and the resultant revolutionary politics that it spawns.' The root cause of the problem of violence, the judgment says, lies in the 'culture of unrestrained selfishness and greed spawned by neo-liberal economic ideology' which promotes 'policies of rapid exploitation of resources by private sector without creditable commitments to equitable distribution of benefits.'

As the judgment makes clear through its trenchant critique, the entire miasmatic worldview — built on the premise that 'economic growth is our only path and that the costs borne by the poor and deprived, disproportionately, are necessary costs' — violates fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution, particularly Articles 14 and 21 (equality before law and dignity of life). In a bid to contain dissatisfaction, the policy of the state to distribute guns instead of books among poor tribal youth only points to the further degeneration and dehumanization of the environment, the judgment notes.

PUDR believes that the situation in Chhattisgarh was never a law and order problem and was deliberately made into one by the 'mandarins of high policies' in order to protect and pursue anti-people economic policies. PUDR reiterates its belief in the judgment and hopes that the current policy of creating armed vigilante groups such as the Salwa Judum or Koya Commandos will cease immediately. PUDR applauds the efforts of the petitioners who have painstakingly gathered facts and presented them before the court since 2007.

Paramjeet Singh and Harish Dhawan
(Secretaries)

PUDR responds to statement from CPI(Maoist)

The People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR) welcomes the CPI (Maoist)'s statement following the landmark judgement of the Supreme Court on the Salwa Judum reassuring the SPOs' that the Maoists don't see them as enemies. The Maoists have extended their co-operation towards ensuring a smooth transition for the SPOs by undertaking the responsibility of rehabilitating them and ensuring their livelihood if they return to their villages, and break all connections with state forces. This statement is of

significance for the following reasons.

1. It allays the hysteria being built up in the media about the retaliatory violence that will be wreaked by the Maoists following the disarming and disbanding of the SPOs.
2. It allays anxieties on the part of the SPOs concerning their safety and livelihood.
3. It alerts us to the possibility of the Chhattisgarh Government simply reconstituting the Koya commandos under another name.

The Maoists are thus attempting to repair the schism in the fabric of Adivasi society fostered by the state through the Salwa Judum. We hope that the State and Central governments will not in any way hinder this possibility and will indeed act on the

SC judgement in both letter and spirit.

Paramjeet Singh, Harish Dhawan
(Secretaries, PUDR)

Do We Also Have the Democratic Rights?

July 11, 2011

by Gladson Dungdung

On July 5, 2011, the Adivasis of Munda Khutkatti areas - Khunti, Murhu and Arki blocks of Khunti district - gathered in Kachary Maidan of Khunti, which is situated at a distance of 31 kilometres from the state capital of Jharkhand. In fact, the Khunti district administration had given them permission to hold a rally and mass meeting against police atrocities. However, when the villagers started arriving to Kachary Maidan, Manoj Kaushik the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Khunti also reached the venue and questioned Birsa Munda, the leader of the Mundari Khutkati Ewam Bhuihari Parishad: "Why you have brought so many people to protest against the police?" Birsa responded that "villagers are facing police atrocities therefore they have come to express their pains and sufferings to the Deputy Commissioner". The SP went back to his office after hearing Birsa's response.

Meanwhile, the inspector of Khunti police station, P.K. Mishra, also started inquiring about the programme. In addition to the police of Khunti, Arki, Murhu, Rania, Torpa and Karra stations, the riot controller vehicle and the paramilitary forces reached the venue. They assumed that a rally and mass meeting of the Maoists was to take place and hence expected an encounter between the police and the Maoists. In fact, the police and administration consider all rallies, mass meetings and protests organized against police atrocities as programmes of the Maoists. On arriving, the police began restricting entry into Khunti; they stopped three buses at Arki, and two buses and three Jeeps at Murhu block. However, 30 vehicles (buses and jeeps) were able to reach the venue and many people came by bicycles and by foot as well. More than 5,000 people attended the gathering, including at least 100 victims of police atrocities.

The rally and mass meeting was organized by the Mundari Khutkati Ewam Bhuihari Parishad, which is a traditional organization of the Adivasis and has legal validity under the laws of 5th Scheduled Area. At 1 pm the villagers began walking toward Khunti

town by raising slogans against atrocities by police and paramilitary forces, which have become part and parcel of their lives. They raised the following slogans: "police atyachar band karo" (stop police atrocities), "nirdosho ko jail se riha karo" (release the innocent from the prison) and "maowadiyo ke name per gramino ko pratariit karna band karo" (stop torturing villagers in the name of Maoists).

I participated in the rally and mass meeting. After hearing slogans against the police, the Police Inspector of Khunti police station, Mr. P.K. Mishra, and his guards stopped the villagers and asked them not to raise slogans against the police. P. K. Mishra questioned, "Why don't you organize a rally against the Maoists, when they kill our police forces?" The villagers replied that they would raise their voices against all parties that perpetrate violence against the villagers. However, P.K. Mishra didn't hear the villagers and repeatedly asked them to desist their slogans. The villagers continued their rally but the police stopped them three times and asked them to go back to their villages. The villagers were not ready to do so.

I was part of the rally; I therefore intervened and told the Inspector P.K. Mishra that he should not restrict the democratic rights of the villagers. I introduced myself as a human rights activist and a member of the Assessment and Monitoring Authority under the Planning Commission of India, and showed him my visiting card. Looking like a wounded lion, Inspector Mishra snatched and threw my card on the ground, humiliated me and threatened: "Shut up! If you don't stop, I'll tear down you and dry up. I don't bother about losing my job". Meanwhile, four bodyguards of the Inspector got down from the vehicle and abused and started beating me but when the crowd intervened, they stopped. The rally resumed after sometime and headed back to Kachahari Maidan.

At the Maidan, a mass meeting was held and villagers shared their plight. Since the launch of the anti-Naxal Operations, known as Operation Green Hunt, in these areas, innocent villagers have been facing police atrocities. On August 5, 2010, police and paramilitary forces went to Birbanki village of

Arki block where they abused and beat villagers, and scattered belongings. They also caught two innocent villagers, Daud Samad and Lukin Munda, both well-known social workers in the region, and accused them of providing food to the Maoists. Similarly, on October 30, 2010, police and paramilitary forces caught three female students of Narang village - Jasmani Soy, Magdali Purty and Juliyana Purty (ages between 15 to 16 years) - and put them in jail for more than 45 days for allegedly being members of CPI Maoist. When they were eventually set free, no policeman was punished for detaining the innocent girls.

On 27 November, 2010, the police and paramilitary forces entered Basudih village of Arki block and tied up villagers and beat them severely. The police arrested innocent villager Soma Marsal Purty and put him in the jail after branding him a Maoist. On June 4, 2011, on their way from Bankira village in Arki, police arrested Johan Hansa and Karma Singh Munda of Kuita village and put them in the jail. On June 5, 2011, police went to Ittithasa village and beat Sanika Munda, Laka Munda and Durga Munda severely for allegedly sheltering Maoists in the village. The police had no proof backing these accusations.

The police and paramilitary forces also torture villagers during prayers. On June 5, 2011, police surrounded the church in Sareyad village of Arki block during Sunday Mass. On hearing orders to shoot the villagers in the church, chaos ensued and few villagers exited the Church. The police and paramilitary forces beat them severely. Thereafter, they asked the villagers to prepare a meal for them. After eating, they also beat the person who cooked their food. On the same day, police surrounded villagers of Kudunba village, Arki block who had gathered for prayers at Bankira at 8 am. Men and women were asked to sit separately. They tied the hands of 25 men with the ropes used to tie cattle and beat them severely. Under the pretext of carrying out search operations they took these 25 men and four girls - Seteng Nag, Hanna Nag, Mariam Kandir and Jaiwanti Nag - to the forest. They were kept in the forest for 2 days without food and water. Finally,

two of those captured - Mansid Nag and Masih Nag - were put in the jail for allegedly being Maoists. Mansid Nag works as a tailor and Masih Nag is a part-time teacher and also works as a traditional medicine practitioner.

During the mass meeting, a delegation met the Deputy Commissioner of Khunti, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, and a memorandum was submitted to him. Surprisingly, he said, "I'm hearing about the police atrocities first time". He assured the delegation, "I know about the laws of 5th Scheduled Area and will take action". The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Khunti, Mr. Anil Shanker, on the other hand was eager to send the villagers back to their villages and asked me several times, "Please send the villagers to their villages".

Meanwhile, as villagers were sharing their pain, suffering and sorrow at the mass meeting, a chopper of the Boarder Security Force (BSF) suddenly appeared in the vicinity and flew two rounds over the Kachary Maidan and likely returned to Ranchi. Perhaps the top cops of Jharkhand were inside the chopper and had come to see the Maoists in the mass meeting. Since inception of the state, the police have killed 550 people and arrested 4,090 villagers in Jharkhand on accusations of being Maoists. However, the police have yet to substantiate these accusations.

Of course, there is a tendency in the police and administration that anyone who raises voice against the police atrocity is either a Maoist or their supporter. The most pertinent questions are do the villagers have democratic rights? Do we really live in a democratic country? And do we also have democratic rights that other people of this country enjoy? Where should people go to plead for protection of their democratic rights? On talking to the villagers, many said that they are against the Maoists. However, if police atrocities does not stop and power only comes from the barrel of guns, then they will also take up arms. I believe that this is the last warning for the Indian state. Therefore, instead of shutting down democracy, the Indian state must hear the pains, sufferings and sorrows of the people and deliver justice to them.

Swedish solidarity website for Indian struggles launched

A Swedish website with translations of english articles about people's movements in India has been launched.

The website can be accessed at <http://www.indiensolidaritet.org>

Another interesting website - <http://redstaroverindia.se/>

Readers can send useful information, documents to the email id given on the website.

Encounter deaths or cold blooded murders ?

July 18, 2011

by Ranjit Sur

The Supreme court of India ordered a CBI enquiry into the death of CPI(Maoist) leader Azad (Cherakuri Rajkumar), following allegations by his party and several civil rights organizations that Azad was murdered in a fake encounter by the Andhra Police. Even Ms Mamata Banerjee, the new Chief Minister of West Bengal, raised her voice in protest and demanded a proper enquiry, while addressing a public meeting in Jangalmahal before the Assembly election.

In West Bengal, except Chatrodhar Mahato, almost all the important leaders of the Adivasi Uprising of Jangalmahal (or the Lalgahar movement as it is popularly called) have faced the same fate as that of Azad. According to the previous Left Front government's statements, all of them died during "encounters" in the jungles.

The legendary leaders like Lalmohan Tudu, Sidhu Soren, Umakanta Mahato, Shoshodhar Mahato and many more died in "encounters" with the joint forces in West Medinipur's Lalgahar region. People's Committee Against Police Atrocities (PCPA), in a written statement, complained that Lalmohan Tudu, their President, while returning from home after meeting his daughter (who was due to appear in the Madhyamik exams) was killed by the joint forces from point blank range. Sidhu Soren was killed along with four more militia activists while sleeping in the jungles at Metala. Umakanta Mahato was captured by the CPI(M) activists and handed over to the joint forces who eventually killed him. Seven young CPI(Maoist) squad members were killed at night in the jungles at Ranjja while they were asleep - their bodies were carried hanging in bamboos which created huge resentment.

The last "encounter death" in Lalgahar, just before the election process began, was that of Shoshodhar Mahato's. He was the younger brother of Chatradhar Mahato - jailed PCPA spokesperson. After identifying the body of Shoshodhar Mahato, Chatrodhar issued a statement and claimed that his brother was killed in a fake encounter. He claimed that he was killed by the joint forces after being captured from a hideout. An Association for

Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) fact finding also claimed that bullet injuries and position of his body and arms etc proved that there was no encounter at all and he was killed in a fake encounter. Police authorities and Government of West Bengal as usual claimed that he was killed in an encounter and they refused to order any enquiry.

Actually, the Left Front Government of West Bengal never ordered any enquiry for any of the "encounter" deaths. PCPA has published a list of martyrs of the Lalgahar movement and there were 94 names on that list, counted till August 2010. Out of these 94 persons, 45 persons were shown as murdered in fake encounters by joint forces or Bengal police. Not a single encounter has been investigated by the Government of West Bengal, nor any enquiry has been ordered.

National Human Rights Commission has ordered that every 'encounter death' should be reported to them within 48 hrs and every 'encounter death' should be investigated by an independent organisation. Our IPC, CrPC and Article 21 of Indian constitution also demand full and impartial investigation in case of each and every 'encounter death'. Yet none of that has happened in West Bengal. The most heinous crime is that in most of these cases, the families were deprived of the bodies of their dear ones. The Government claimed that the families did not demand the bodies. But APDR investigation revealed that they were strongly threatened of facing the same fate if they were to go for collecting the bodies. Even the post mortem reports were not provided to most of the families of the victims.

West Bengal has a new government now. But the new Chief Minister, Ms Mamata Banerjee, is still maintaining a calculated silence over the issue. Not a single Police personnel has been punished for torturing people during the previous regime. But the people of Jangalmahal and rights activists across the state expect and demand that the new government announce a thorough investigation into all the cases of encounter deaths in West Bengal and give exemplary punishments to the culprits and due compensation to the families of the victims.

(The author a Secretariat member of APDR. But the opinions expressed here are his own)

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Against the Terror of Mamata Banerjee's Militia: Womens' Protest Rally in Jungal Mahal - A Report and the Pamphlet

Requiem of a 'Dream'

September 8, 2011

by Abhijnan Sarkar

That day was probably 28th November, 2006; the pre-scheduled meeting by Krishi Jami Rakhsa Committee against forceful land acquisition in Singur, Hoogly was forced to be cancelled. The meeting was cancelled because the state administration declared Sec. 144 in the locality of Singur. Though the organisers had received prior permission, the CPI(M) led government, in a brutal manner, tried to gag the voice of unwilling farmers, and compelled the organisers to call off the program. Smt. Mamata Banerjee was one of the main speakers there; she shouted herself hoarse against the undemocratic and deceitful declaration of Sec. 144 in Singur on that particular evening; other democratic organisations also slammed the government. Singur was the beginning of end of the 'Left' regime and their sham democracy.

At that time Smt. Mamata Banerjee was in the opposition. At that time she clamored for democracy, clamored for change in West Bengal politics, as we also did. Today, she is enthroned in the chair of the Chief Minister, but 'democracy', in true sense, is unaccomplished. The incident in Jhargram on September 5, 2011 should be an eye-opener for those who are parroting that after the defeat of CPI (M),

democracy has been restored in West Bengal.

On 5th September, Nari Ijjat Bachao Committee (Committee for the protection of Women's Honour) called for a rally in Jhargram of West Midnapore District against the new phase of atrocities unleashed by Joint force, Police and cadres of Trinamool Congress under this new regime.

It is alleged that most of the mercenary forces of CPI (M) (popularly known as harmads), to save their back, changed their camp and joined the Trinamool backed organisation Jana Jagaran Mancha. Three men of Jana Jagaran Mancha were arrested from the Jhargram region early on September 3, 2011, carrying arms. Police mistook them as Maoists, but Mr. Nishith Mahato, the leader of Jana Jagaran Mancha, claimed that they were the members of the 'army against Maoists'. There are reports of harassment and violence in the Jangalmahal, echoing that with which people have been familiar for the last two years. I am giving two prominent examples; firstly, arrested leader Chatradhar Mahato's home, where Chatradhar's wife and his aged parents live, was ransacked by the Joint Forces,. Chatradhar's father and mother were threatened and humiliated. Secondly, Kamalesh Mahato, the leader of Jharkhand Student's Federation also faced the rage of Trinamool goons. His home was attacked and shattered. He was threatened with death if he did not buckle down at the knees of

Trinamool. There are many incidents of sheer terror underlying the 'peace'. (Please see the leaflet of Nari Ijjat Bachao Committee)

Nari Ijjat Bachao Committee sought the permission at Jhargram police station for the rally, days before the scheduled program. On 4th September evening, police informed that permission was cancelled. Without any proper reason, administration tried to thwart the democratic, peaceful rally.

But that could not stop people coming for the rally. On 5th September, people from different villages headed for Jhargram town. Police stopped them at different entry points of Jhargram Town, at Kalaboni,

Dohijuri, Nayagram and from Binpur side. People started sit-in-demonstration where they were deterred. Fifteen thousand people participated on that day.

After three months of taking the oath of office, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's intentions are clear. This government is not withdrawing the killer Joint Forces, neither would they release the prominent political prisoners. The pre-election promises were void rhetoric. Moreover, the new government resorts to the old method of repression and deceit, trying to suppress the democratic means of protest that the 'Left Front' government did previously. The Jhargram incident proves that Smt. Mamata Banerjee is putting the clock back.

Leaflet for the Rally from Nari Ijjat Bachao Committee

Dear friends,

It has been 100 days since the current Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee entered Writers. She has claimed that the first 100 days have been days of unqualified success. The media has duly seconded that opinion. Her ministers and cadres are daydreaming about the incipient creation of a New Bengal.

The residents of the Jungal Mahal are not thinking along these lines. But a small fraction of them joined Mamata's party, and in their quest to exert influence in the area, have started terror on a scale larger than that perpetrated by the CPIM.

Two new armies were created after the new government was formed. They have been on the attack for the last one month. Before May 13, the TMC didn't attack the people of the Jungal Mahal, or create armies. Moreover, their election campaign was based on the demands of pulling out the Central Forces, the unconditional release of all political prisoners, and the the arrest of Harmad leaders. They said that if they got the votes, they would transform Jungal Mahal.

Things really did change. Mamata changed her tone, and along with the joint forces, the Harmad army, and the Ganapratirodh Committee was created Mamata's Harmad army, under the leadership of Nishith. On top of that, from September 10, ten thousand residents of Jungal Mahal are being enlisted for SPO, Home Guard, and NVE, promising a new huge army to terrorise the masses in the future.

Scene 1:

August 27 was Martyr Umakanta's first Martyrdom anniversary. His house is in Bankshole,

and in his memory his wife Sabita Mahato, and his parents, children, and the villagers in general came together to make a temple, on his land, at his home, with money from selling his crops. But the CPIM sent the Joint Forces and destroyed the structure. The Joint forces sent by Mamata's government started harassing Sabita. They didn't destroy the new structure, but did destroy Sabita's strength of mind. They questioned ; why did her husband die? For what? Did Maoists give money for the temple? You have to give them up. A thousand other questions and threats.

Dipak Ghosh of Mamata's party (the Great Leader, IPS) wrote a huge article in the Dainik Statesman three days after the death of Umakanto. After his party came to power, they started behaving like the previous government. Last Saturday Sabita had to get bail for Rs. 3000, for a false case. How many new cases will come can only be said by Mamata.

We alone can understand the anguished cries of terrorized infants. We are standing with them for their development – the Ma Mati Mamata brigade are singing a different tune – a tune that promises terror on a larger scale than even the CPIM.

Scene 2:

On 20th August, at 10 in the morning, in Lalgargh's Amliya village. The Joint Forces enter the imprisoned Chhatradhar Mahato's home, and the home of Martyr Banabasi Suchitra. The police destroyed everything. They asked for Srimati Niyoti Mahato, threatened people to bring her out. Niyotidi couldn't return home the whole day. This is not only Niyotidi's predicament – it is the predicament of the sisters, mothers, and elder sisters of Jungal Mahal.

Scene 3:

To strengthen Anna Hazare's anti-corruption movement, students and villagers from different areas of Jungal Mahal started a fast. This was on 24/25 August, in Jhargram and Salboni. Mamata's police broke it all up, beating up the women and men who were fasting, saying that fasting wasn't allowed. On 26th June, the people who were fasting for the release of political prisoners were beaten up mercilessly in Belpahari Pathorbakri. Mamata doesn't even want to give this form of political expression any space. From the end of June to August, this is how it has been.

Scene 4:

Gana Jagoron Mancha and Mamata's Harmad Bahini have started terrorizing the areas around Jamboni, Jhargram, and Nayagram. We are affected here and village life is subdued and in fear. CPIM Harmads and Mamata Harmads, in their respective spheres of influence, are working with the Joint Forces to attack the masses. The mask of democracy and mass acceptance that the new government, especially Mamata had is now gone. Thus, the pain of the Jungal Mahal is not being recorded anymore. Now, whatever they may say publicly, as far as Jungal Mahal goes Mamata's position is one of perpetrating terror.

After a long time, we too are being forced to prepare for a protest rally. We had hoped for the return of peace to Jungal Mahal. That is why we have not been agitating. Mamata in the interim hatched a scheme after scheme and finally created an army. Now we are being pushed to take the same kinds of preparations that we took to save ourselves from the CPIM Harmads. On 25th August, Mukul Ray came to Jhargram and warned that just because the government was using soft hands, it should not be thought of as weak. But Mukul Babu couldn't mention the new attacks on the Jungal Mahal. He couldn't because that would expose them.

We are residents of Jungal Mahal. Mukul Babu may be quiet, but we will tell the world about what is happening in Jungal Mahal today. That is why after such a long time, on 5th September, we are gathering from all over in Jhargram, and protesting Mamata's terror. Come, let us make this protest a success. Come let us all speak out about the truth in the Jungal Mahal, the truth that Mamata is suppressing from The Writers.

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Activists arrested in Jangalmahal

A report by Partho Sarathi Ray

September 18, 2011

Reports coming out from the Jangalmahal area of West Bengal describe an alarming situation, where indiscriminate arrests by the joint state and central security forces and atrocities by the Bhairav Bahini, the newly formed organization of Trinamool Congress goons are happening rampantly. They are again trying to make the Jangalmahal into a no-go zone, following on the footsteps of the previous Left Front government and the harmads of the CPI(M). On 16th September, it came to be known that four people, Somprakash Chakraborty, son of jailed Maoist spokesperson Gour Chakraborty, Prasenjit Chakraborti, a senior producer of a Bengali news channel, Nitai Das, a member of the student organization USDF and Nityananda Thakur, who had

gone to Belpahari on a fact-finding mission had been picked up by the joint forces from Patharchaki village where they had gone to meet the family members of those who had been arrested during the Lalgargh movement. The police consistently denied arresting them, which raised fears that the police might try to kill them in a false encounter, as the police is well known to do. However, it has just been known that they have been to Jharkhand and have been shown arrested from Chakulia of East Singhbhum district. There are reports coming out from Jharkhand police that they are being interrogated at the Mathiabandhi outpost and they might be falsely implicated in the Sunil Mahato murder case.

Sanhati statement on the repressive situation in Jangalmahal

We strongly condemn the recent arrests of activists by the central and state government joint security forces in the Jangalmahal region of West Bengal and express our deep concern at the renewed

attempt by the state government to prevent access to this area. In the space of the last two weeks two such incidents have taken place: first the arrest in Belpahari of Arun Chakraborty, an activist associated

with the Bandi Mukti Committee and two medical students on 7th August while they were collecting data on adivasis who are imprisoned under various political charges in West Bengal prisons and then that of Dr. Siddhartha Gupta and Abhijnan Sarkar on 14th August while they were returning from attending a medical camp at Patharchakri village. Incidentally, Siddhartha Gupta and Abhijnan Sarkar, who had treated 140 poor adivasi patients in the medical camp the previous day, have been charged under Sec. 151 of the CrPC which is purportedly to “prevent the commission of cognizable offences”.

It is a matter of grave concern that the newly elected government in West Bengal led by the Trinamool Congress is walking in this path, in spite of its pre-poll promises of withdrawal of joint forces from Jangalmahal and normalizing the situation there, release of political prisoners and stopping terrorizing by the state. The brutal repression by the joint forces and the CPI(M) harmads on the people of Jangalmahal while Sec. 144 was promulgated there for a period of nearly two years, and access to all citizens was blocked, is well known. It is quite apparent that the government of Mamata Banerjee is following in their footsteps, surely with the active encouragement of the central home ministry led by P. Chidambaram. Furthermore, Mamata Banerjee’s recent announcement at a public meeting in Jhargram about her intention to recruit thousands of adivasi youth as “special police constables” is very ominous

as it is clearly an attempt to start a Salwa Judum like force in the adivasi areas of West Bengal, disregarding the well known atrocities by the Salwa Judum in Chattisgarh and the recent judgment by the Supreme Court declaring any such arming of a section of the population completely unconstitutional. This is clearly a nefarious scheme in the name of bringing employment and development to the adivasis of jangalmahal. At the same time, there are reports that the Trinamool Congress is building its own private gangs in the area, emulating the example of the *Harmad Bahini*, and giving them equally ominous names, such as *Bhairav Bahini* (terrible force) At the same time, even after four months of coming to power, no efforts are being made to release the hundreds of adivasi men and women who had been arrested during the course of the joint forces operation in Jangalmahal and who are languishing in jail till date.

We strongly condemn all moves by the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal to intensify the oppression on the people of Jangalmahal and demand that unhindered access to the area should be allowed to all people; the joint forces, whose occupation of the area has marked a dark phase in our history, be immediately withdrawn; any plan to create state or quasi-state vigilante forces be cancelled; and all political prisoners, including the hundreds of adivasis arrested from the Jangalmahal area, be immediately released.

West Bengal : Jhargram and Kolkata - Events in protest against repression in Jangalmahal, Sep 21-22

September 19, 2011

[Public Meeting at Jhargram on September 21 - main speakers are Vara Vara Rao, Gautam Navlakha and Saroj Giri, along with representatives of various organizations and individuals from Kolkata and Jangalmahal. On September 22, cultural event in Kolkata.]

After long struggles, the political change has taken place in Paschim Bangla. Before election the opposition party promised that the political prisoners will be released unconditionally and Joint-Forces will be withdrawn, if they come to power while campaigning for the candidates in Midnapore, Bankura and Purulia.

After coming to power, the Chief Minister of Bengal has shown no political will on these two issues. More than hundred days are over and not a single political prisoner has been released. Forget about the withdrawing of joint-forces, like the Harmads (hired

killers of CPM) the joint-forces are doing rounds of the villages in motor bikes to terrorize villagers and arresting those who dared to oppose them.

But the people of Jangal Mahal are not scared. They are continuing the just programmes - like re-starting their developmental work, all the health centers they were running and were destroyed by the joint-forces. Thousands and thousands of adivasi and Mulvasi (non-tribal local resident) are coming out in processions and meetings, and putting forward their demands.

On behalf of a small group of committed Writers, Artists, Intellectuals and Democratic Citizen, we are appealing to concerned people of India to come to Kolkata on 20th September, 2011. A team of eminent people will go to Jhargram and address a public meeting and meet the victimized families there on September 21, 2011. Next day, September 22, 2011, there will be a deputation before the Chief Minister

of Paschimbango and on the same evening a Cultural Programme will be performed at Students' Hall in Kolkata demanding immediate withdrawal of Joint forces and unconditional release of prisoners.

We feel that your presence will help the people of Jangal Mahal.

Regards,
Kanchan Kumar
(Convener, Peoples' Literary Cultural United Front)

Jharkhand - Fact finding report on atrocities committed by CRPF and police in Saranda

September 17, 2011

[The following is a brief fact-finding report done by a group of journalists and human rights activists on the atrocities done by the police on the Adivasi people in Saranda forests, West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand, during August 2011.]

SARANDA: In a bid to liberate Saranda forest from the control of Maoists, a joint operation was initiated by the CRPF and the Jharkhand police on August 1. They returned recently with two villagers dead, three in death bed, several houses destroyed and granaries incinerated, the victims and eyewitness told The Hindu.

Saranda, a dense sal forest which covers an area of 820 kilometers and situated in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand. It has been reported that the forest was under the influence of the banned CPI (Maoists) since 2000. Saranda was a training as well as the hiding ground for the ultras.

Forces entered Thalkobad village, which is on the top of the hill at a height of 1,800ft, on August 1 in search of Maoists and police claimed that they have liberated the village from the ultras. On visiting the area, this correspondent came to know the real situation, which has left hundreds homeless and brutalised. Thalkobad which is 280 km from the State capital can be reached by Karampada Road. It is 40 km down the hilltop with no blacktop roads. The only way to reach the place is by traveling through red muddy road of the dense Saranda forest.

Earlier the village had a population of 65 families but after the operation only 5 people stay there and The Hindu met few villagers who had returned to the village to take some of their belongings after one month. The force stayed in the area for a month so the villagers were forced to stay away from their homes.

Describing her experience, Binodini Devi said: "The force arrived at 8 in the morning and surrounded the village. They fired a few shots in the air and we ran into the forests. No one stay here anymore, we came here after one month just to take some of our

belongings."

"Police destroyed all our foodgrains and houses. We never helped any Maoists and even we didn't provide them any kind of support, but police never listened to poor people like us," she added.

When police entered the village, they first destroyed the school building and went in search for the teacher but as they failed they started beating Judida Honhanga (65) who can't move now and in death bed due to injuries, said Judida Honhanga.

"Police asked for my son who teaches in the village school as I failed to provide them any information they started hitting me. They took all our identity cards, land papers, Ration card and MNEGRA card as well. The CRPF swept through the village, destroyed the straw roofs, stayed in our homes and forced us to move away. They burnt our clothes, valuables, money and killed our cattle. My wife is very ill so she can't move," he added.

Honhanga couple are lying helplessly on their bed and are critically ill. During the month long operation they didn't get any medical aid. According to an official in National Rural Health Mission, the nearest primary health center is 42 kilometers away and as the Tholkobad has no roads an ambulance can't reach them.

Most schools have been shut down or blown up during the operation. Villagers survive on subsistence farming and public distribution system which no longer has any existence in the place as their ration cards were taken by the police. Police sources say they found neither arms factories nor Maoists at Thalkobad.

The situation is similar in Tirilposi village as well. Mangal Honhanga and Soma Guria, were killed by security forces at point blank range during the

operation. On August 2nd, total of 16 villagers of Tirilposi village were randomly picked up by the police for Maoists links and made them act as their courier to carry explosives found in the jungle, said eyewitness to The Hindu.

Mangal started running in fear of the explosives but police fired at him. After the death of Mangal his body was sent for postmortem and was handed over to his family members on the next day.

“Police came to my house at the middle of the night and searched for me as I was away for work they said I was spying for the Maoists and molested my wife,” said Kujuri Jaita Ram.

Gladson Dungdung, member of the assessment and monitoring authority of the Planning Commission, raised their voice under the banner of the Jharkhand Human Rights Movement (JHRM). Dungdung said: “The security force have violated the Human Right Act by killing innocent people. The Operation is just a eye wash for the media and the common people, Government is trying to make way for the

multinational companies to start mining in that area. To start mining companies are required to follow the standards of environmental policy by the Ministry of Environment and Forest and a written declaration that there is no violation of the Forests Rights Act. For this reason they have taken land documents and identity cards of the villagers. If that’s not the reason then why force will take land documents and destroys houses?”

In 2006, the Arjun Munda Government signed Mous with several multinational companies and according to the list Electro Steel, a Chinese company, had been allotted land near Tholkobad to set up its mining reserves and export raw iron ore through the Sahebganj-Barhet road and the north-eastern corridor to China.

Mr. GS Rath Director General of Police said he will look into the matter and will have a CID investigation to find out if the security forces violated any human rights in their month long operation.

A Black Day in Jharkhand – Jeetan Marandi, a human rights activist, sentenced to death

June 24, 2011

Context: on 26 October 2007 there was a firing incident allegedly by Maoists in Chilkari village, Giridih district, Jharkhand. 19 persons were killed including a son of a former chief minister. Among the suspected killers there was one Jeetan Marandi who gave a slip to the police and disappeared and has not been traced since. Our human rights activist Jeetan Marandi was not even in that village at the time. Instead of tracing the killer- suspect, the police implicated the human rights activist Jeetan Marandi, arrested him, charge sheeted him under various clauses of the penal code, produced doctored witnesses and finally succeeded in having him sentenced to death.

Jeetan Marandi is not a naxalite; he is a cultural and human rights activist. Jeetan is a talented artist, adept in composing music, songs, enacting street plays. He has been using his artistic skills to entertain and awaken people about their problems in different villages of Giridih district. Naturally the local administration and police felt he was becoming a thorn in their flesh and were looking for an opportune occasion to remove this thorn.

Artist made into naxalite by the police: It so happened that one of the suspected killers in the afore said massacre also had the same name of

Jeetan Marandi who slipped away from the spot and has not been traced since. The police also did not make any serious effort to nab him. Very conveniently they arrested our human rights activist Jeetan and made him one of the accused. It does not take much for the police to fabricate so called ‘witnesses’ who would testify in the court that they saw artist Jeetan on the spot of the massacre. And for the court the so called ‘eye-witnesses’ is what counts most.

“Woh subah kabhi to ayegi” (A new dawn will break some day) is the song that Jeetan burst forth loud and clear in the court room as soon as the judge pronounced his sentence of capital punishment. Jeetan’s life- companion Aparna holding their two-year old son in her arms joined in the revolutionary song. The inside story is a political plot by the powerful political party of the former chief minister to keep the masses in silent servitude in connivance with the district police. Any exposure of this plot by an artist hailing from the oppressed Indigenous community could not be tolerated.

“We will definitely appeal against the sentence” is the announcement Jeetan made in the court room and was echoed by wife Aparna as he came out of the court. She also said she will appeal not only in a higher court of law but also appeal to

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Martyr Comrade Ranita - epitome of a guerilla fighter
Comrade Ranita's last battle – quintessence of guerilla warfare



Makadchuvva is a small adivasi village in Chatgaon area of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra with just five houses. Comrade Ranita, the President of the Chatgaon area Revolutionary Janatana Sarkar and the guerillas of the Potegaon squad have been going around the area and on August 19, 2011 they took shelter in the forests near Makadchuvva village.

On August 20 early morning three guerillas including Comrade Ranita went into the village to contact people. Meanwhile the people who saw the police surrounding the village gave her the information. In fact, on the night of August 19, 2011 hundreds of Cobra, C-60 and police surrounded the village without the knowledge of the villagers. They had seen the guerillas entering the village. Com. Ranita gave cautions to the two guerillas with her to break through the dragnet of the police. At 7 a.m. a fierce encounter between the three guerillas with inferior weapons (only Ranita had a .303 rifle) and the two hundred trained commandos with modern lethal weapons started. Two comrades succeeded in getting away but Ranita could not get away. She hid herself in a small maize field (less than an acre) near the house of a peasant.

The police chased the two guerillas for some distance and losing their track had come back. They began beating the villagers and threatening them. They did not know that a woman guerilla was hiding but comrade Ranita could clearly see the police from her hideout. She aimed at a commando and fired. Her aiming was so perfect that he fell down and died on the spot. The police did not know from where the bullet hit him and all of them crowded around the dead commando in confusion to lift him. Comrade Ranita again aimed and began firing on them. Another commando died. Two more were badly injured. It was only then that the jawans understood that a guerilla was hiding in the maize field. One of the commandos tried to enter the field wearing bullet-proof jacket, helmet etc. Comrade Ranita let him come nearer and directly fired a bullet into his head killing him on the spot. All the 'valiant' (?) commandos began running back and did not dare to enter the field. They went on firing from a distance and were shouting to their higher officials in their communication sets that 'an encounter is on with dozens of Maoists since three hours and that they needed additional forces'!

By 10 am hundreds of additional C-60 commandos, Cobra and district police arrived in 6

or 7 mine-proof vehicles and dozen more other vehicles. The Potegaon police camp is just 4 km away from Makadchuvva and they could hear the firing too, but the 'brave Cobra jawans' took three hours to reach the spot. Helicopter began making rounds in the sky. Police were deployed in the neighboring villages too. A total of 600 commando forces turned the area into a military cantonment. Crops got crushed under their iron heels and the people were terrorized.

After the additional forces arrived, the commandos dared to advance towards the maize field but once again the fearless Ranita gave them a fitting reply with her .303 rifle. Two more commandos were badly injured and all of them ran back. The C-60 commandos who were trained by the AP Greyhounds and in jungle warfare and counter-insurgency proved to be nothing in front of a frail adivasi woman guerilla, hardly 35 years of age.

The third time they began raining grenades and nearly 25 grenades were burst. A major portion of the field was burnt down. Ranita hid herself in a pit inside the field and withstood this onslaught. The bullets flying around or the shrapnel falling around her did not deter her even a bit. She was waiting like a lioness fully focused to hit her next target.

The jawans were severely beating the villagers and it was 3 pm in the evening by the time they sent their dead and injured jawans by helicopters. They knew that the guerillas would escape if it becomes dark. So they threatened the owner of the field with 'fake encounter' and asked him to cut the maize so that they can kill the hiding guerillas. One of the commandos climbed a tree and was monitoring the peasant at gunpoint while he was cutting maize. Finally he could locate Ranita and fired upon her from top of the tree and the beloved daughter of Gadchiroli breathed her last.

Comrade Ranita's single-handed battle is an excellent example to show what guerilla warfare really means. It is a warfare waged by the weak forces against the stronger forces, by the oppressed against the oppressors. But it can inflict severe damages on the stronger force if it is fought based on some principles. Comrade Ranita's battle exposed the enemy's weaknesses and their spinelessness thoroughly. Ideologically and strategically a mercenary force can never match selfless guerillas. But this is what PLGA brave hearts can achieve tactically.

Just look at the statistics!

Nearly one battalion of well-trained, Cobras, C-60 commandos and district police on one hand and a single guerilla of the PLGA on the other side. Hundreds of modern weapons with innumerable rounds of ammunition and grenades, launchers, mine proof vehicles etc on one side (not to mention the helicopter) and 33 rounds of ammunition of an inferior .303 rifle (which itself was seized from the police long back when they did not carry superior modern weapons) on the other side. Two Cobra commandos and a C-60 commando died a dog's death while four jawans were injured. All these casualties were caused with only 14 bullets out of her total stock of 33! After eight hours of battle comrade Ranita was killed after the security forces rained countless bullets, grenades and shells.

But these are just military statistics.

Ideologically - It is the ruling class ideology of exploitation, oppression and suppression Vs the communist ideology that seeks to end exploitation, oppression and suppression from this whole world

Politically - It is the security forces who work for the interests of the country-selling, anti-people Indian ruling classes (big land lords and comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie who serve the interests of the imperialists) Vs an ARPC president who dedicated her life for the genuine development of her people selflessly, a Maoist who does not have anything except the interests of the oppressed masses at heart.

Psychologically - It is the cowardice of the mercenary forces that work for wages Vs the bravery of a PLGA guerilla who does not hesitate to sacrifice her everything including her life for the liberation of the Indian people.

"So this is what a real encounter looks like or results in" – people were heard discussing. Their hearts that were burning indignantly after hearing countless 'encounter' stories in which their beloved daughters, sons and their great leaders were killed without even so much of a scratch to the police were now filled with pride at their dearly loved daughter's courageous battle!

Our dearest comrade Ranita! Your exemplary courage and valiance will be written in the most glorious terms in the annals of Indian revolutionary history. Long live the beloved daughter of the Gadchiroli Adivasis, THERE IS NO DEATH TO YOU!

Fitting lesson to CAF for attacking the Adivasis indiscriminately

In Madded area, the enemy has strengthened his informer network and has been doing intelligence based attacks on the squads and mass organizations (MOs) under his LIC policy. Indiscriminate combings were being conducted, hundreds of people and MO leaders were arrested and put in jails by foisting false cases. People were being killed in fake encounters. The enemy was putting every effort to isolate the party from the people. It was in this backdrop that the party and PLGA decided to give a big blow to the enemy forces to put a check to their attacks on the people.

On August 19, 2011 fourteen policemen were traveling in a tractor with sacks of rice loaded in the tractor but only six of them had weapons. Another fifty of them were coming at their back with a gap of 45 minutes. At 4.30 p.m. PLGA main and secondary forces conducted a surprise attack on the police batch in the tractor near Metlacheruvu village on the Bhopalpatnam-Bhadrakali road under Bhadrakali PS limits in Bijapur district. Metlacheruvu is at a distance of 8 km from Bhopalpatnam. All the assault forces fired rapidly

at the policemen from three sides without giving any chance for them to retaliate. Twelve CAF policemen and a SPO died in this attack. Eleven died on the spot and two succumbed to the injuries later. Two policemen were injured. One Ak-47, one SLRs, three INSAS, one INSAS LMG, four AK magazines, 97 rounds of ammunition, eleven SLR magazines, 221 rounds of ammunition, four INSAS LMG magazines, 101 rounds of ammunition and some other material were seized by the PLGA guerillas.

The PLGA conducted this daring attack with good coordination and fought fearlessly. This attack which happened when the ruling classes have brought the Indian Army to the doorstep of DK and are waiting to pounce on the Adivasi people gave a fitting lesson to the cruel forces. It is only natural that people were enthused with this heroic resistance of the PLGA which they consider as their own army. As this ambush was conducted on the borders of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra, the positive impact was felt on the people of all the three states.

Dandakaranya

On September 16, PLGA secondary forces and people's militia forces together wiped out the Assistant Platoon Commander Patharas Khalko belonging to the 2nd battalion of the CAF near the Pamulavayi base camp situated 6 km away from the district HQ of Bijapur on the Gangalur road. They also seized an AK-47.

On September 18, PLGA attacked a road opening party near Murdonga village under Basagudem PS limits in Bijapur district. This RoP consisting of jawans from battalion 138 started from Avapalli in the morning and got caught in the ambush at Murdonga. One CRPF jawan was wiped here.

Jharkhand

On September 28, PLGA conducted an opportunity ambush on the police in Jhumra Pahad of Bokaro district in which two police died and five were seriously injured.

Andhra-Odisha Border (AOB)

On July 7, a constable working in Machkhand PS and a home guard were attacked by the PLGA action team while they were returning to Machkhand on motor cycles. The PLGA action team lay in ambush and shot them dead.

Odisha

On July 5, two policemen were injured in a mine blast in Odisha.

Chhattisgarh-Odisha Border

On September 21, a pressure bomb went off under Jugad PS limits in Mainpur area in which a STF head constable and another jawan were seriously injured.

Analysis: Salwa Judum deserves to be wiped out

Javed Iqbal

July 21, 2011

‘With so much difficulty I bring my children up, and this is what happens,’ said Madkam Jogi, a widow and mother of young Madkam Idma, who was picked up by security forces and killed on the way to the police station. His body would be paraded as a Maoist killed in an encounter.

His village of Tatemargu in Dantewada’s so-called liberated zone was attacked on November 9, 2009, by security forces. One of the Special Police Officers who was part of the combing operation was Sodhi Gangaya, who used to live in nearby Curreygundem.

Gangaya used to be Comrade Naveen of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), an area commander, who, according to the villagers of Curreygudem had also raped a young girl.

Eventually, his senior commanders learnt of Comrade Naveen’s indiscretions, and he discreetly escaped. The next time his villagers saw him, he was an SPO acting as a guide for a combing operation that left seven people dead, two villages burnt to ground, and three women allegedly raped.

SPOs and Salwa Judum leaders were also indicted for the kidnapping and brutal gang-rape of an adivasi girl in the Konta police station. There are warrants for their arrests and they are described as absconding, but they show up on duty.

This is why it is heartening to see the Supreme Court’s order on the legality of the Salwa Judum that ‘the State of Chhattisgarh claims it has a constitutional sanction to perpetrate, indefinitely, a regime of gross violation of human rights in a manner, and by adopting the same modes, as done by Naxalites/extremists.’

The Salwa Judum resorts to murder, rape, looting and burning with the complete support of the State in the name of industrial development. The Supreme

Court thinks it’s a bad idea, and there are people who feel the Supreme Court has ‘encroached’ upon the ‘executive’ and these same people have suddenly become votaries for the ‘separation of powers.’

That’s funny. I thought we had separation of powers to ensure that one group of gangsters (the executive) can’t have a monopoly over power, as they’ve had for decades. The Supreme Court reminds us that we have a Constitution and you can’t shoot your own people in the name of a virulent industrial development. But the state of Chhattisgarh, the ruling class and the security apparatus think it is necessary to arm people.

There are still people who want perpetual war to deal with the Maoists when they themselves, with their own economic policies, are responsible for their strength. The Supreme Court says it perfectly, ‘Tax breaks for the rich and guns for the youngsters amongst poor, so that they keep fighting amongst themselves, seems to be the new mantra from the mandarins of security and high economic policy of the State.’

Those who are asking for the SPO system should also send their children to the jungles of Dantewada. Because contrary to popular belief, SPOs die by the truckloads because they’re put in a war where the gun is always going to be pointed at their head: the gun called poverty.

And if the Chidambarams and Arun Jaitleys of the world want war, they should send their children and grandchildren to it. Or maybe they can see with their own eyes how NREGA payments haven’t been paid to people for months and years, or how PDS shops cheat people. Or how malaria kills their own and the adivasis, and the government still spends more money on security than on hospitals and clinics.

Maybe they can see how the law is subverted, and the government acts like an agent for private corporations. Maybe they can see that industrial

development is a lie as it only destroys forests and rivers, and the farms of the people who feed us. Maybe they can see the humanity of an adivasi village whose grains are destroyed by a combing operation and they still feed journalists.

Maybe the children of the warmongers can go back home to their daddies and tell them to read the Constitution. And maybe we can all finally start working for a country our forefathers died for.

Mamata raising another Salwa Judum: Varavara Rao

September 19, 2011

Kolkata : Litterateur Varavara Rao Monday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of raising an armed group similar to Salwa Judum, the anti-Maoist civil militia in Chhattisgarh, to crush the guerrillas in the state.

Rao equated Banerjee with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh, who had formed the infamous Salwa Judum that was recently banned by the Supreme Court.

“She is following Raman Kumar (Singh) in toto. If they had the Salwa Judum, her party has the Bhairav Vahini. Harmads (goons alleged to be under Left Front patronage) have shifted their allegiance to the Vahini and are carrying out the same atrocities,” said Rao.

He also accused the chief minister of going back on her pre-poll promises.

“Riding on her promises of withdrawing joint forces from Junglemahal (Maoist-affected forested areas in western part of the state), and releasing political prisoners, she came to power. But it seems she has no intention to fulfil them.

“She is using the same atrocious methods which the (erstwhile) Left Front unleashed to crush the movement. People are being frequently arrested in the name of being Maoists. Since her government has come to power, 75 people have been arrested for being Maoists. The atrocities by joint forces continue unabated,” said Rao.

Rao said the government needs to create a conducive and congenial environment for peace talks with the Maoists.

“This environment can be created by withdrawing the joint forces from Junglemahal, releasing political prisoners unconditionally and doing away with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA),” he said.

Rao also demanded a simultaneous ceasefire for six months for facilitating the talks.

He described union Home Minister P. Chidambaram as a “head of police” who dictated who should be released or arrested.

Varavara Rao, who visited the rebel-hit areas of West Bengal Tuesday, said the people’s condition there has not changed under the new regime.

“There is no improvement in the situation. Nothing has changed in these three months, people are facing the same problems as they did earlier. Trinamool (Congress) leaders are attacking the people,” Rao told IANS by phone.

Varavara Rao, along with several intellectuals and rights activists, visited Junglemahal (Maoist-affected forested areas in western part of the state) on a fact-finding mission regarding the alleged atrocities on people by joint security forces.

“There has been no development in the area. The roads are in bad shape. The joint forces often perpetrate violence on the locals,” he said.

COMMITTEE FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS**185/3, FOURTH FLOOR, ZAKIR NAGAR, NEWDELHI-25***March 25, 2011***Condemn the dastardly attacks
on Prisoners in Medinipur Central Jail!**

The conditions inside the prisons of West Bengal under the Buddhadev Bhattacharjee (CPM) regime are fast moving towards those under the hated Siddhartha Sankar Ray regime of the 70s. In the recent period, a number of incidents involving attacks of Under Trial prisoners by convicts in the payroll of the jail authorities have taken place. In the year 2009, two such cases were reported one each from Howrah and Presidency jails, and one in 2010 in Dum Dum jail in which an under-trial prisoner was beaten to death. The year 2010 also witnessed brutal, sadistic torture being meted out to a Kashmiri under-trial prisoner in Presidency jail. The latest incident is what took place on 21st and 22nd March 2011 in the Medinipur Central Jail which the authorities call 'correctional home'.

As per reports after a preliminary enquiry, on 21st March 2011, Kailash Das, an under-trial prisoner was beaten to death inside Medinipur Central Jail by the convict goons serving the jail authorities. This fatal attack was led by Nabi Bakro, Babulal and Ashok along with 3-4 others. Kailash was picked up by the police on the peculiar charge of 'illegally entering' Medinipur Railway Station. Unable to pay a fine of Rs.200, he was given four days' sentence. He was due to be released from prison on that very day when he was beaten to death. Along with him, four political prisoners were also assaulted and grievously hurt. Two of them are Dilip Mahato and Sitaram Soren. When the news of the attack and death spread, the political prisoners along with other inmates started demonstrating inside the jail compound raising the following demands: (1) Judicial enquiry into the incident, (2) Punish the culprits who indulged in this criminal act of murder and (3) Compensation to the members of the bereaved family.

On 22nd March 2011, political and other prisoners started a day's token hunger strike against the murder and attacks on prisoners, corruption inside the prison, negligence in medical treatment etc. This decision of a hunger strike was declared earlier. On that day, when nearly 300 prisoners were on hunger strike, the jail warders along with the convicts attacked the fasting prisoners, searched the wards and cells and, under the pretext of search operations, looted the personal belongings of many prisoners. At least 18 prisoners were injured in the process, some of whose wounds are serious. Among the injured prisoners were Ainul Khan, Buddheswar Mahato and Buddhadev Mahato—arrested on the charge of having Maoist/PCAPA links. On that day, the prisoners were not given newspapers, not allowed to see the TV, and were kept confined within the cells even during daytime.

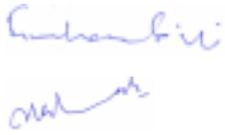
It is clear that this attack on the fasting prisoners on 22nd was organized by the jail authorities in a planned manner in order to suppress the incidence of murder the previous day. This murderous operation was reportedly led by Kalyan Pramanik, AIG, Prison and Shobhon Deen, DIG, Prison.

Further, Prasun Chatterjee and Raja Sarkhel, two of the under trial political prisoners who was supposed to attend the court on 24 March 2011 as part of the hearings were not produced by the authorities. It is gathered from their kith and kin who were not allowed a mulaqaat (audience) with them that they are confined in their cells. We fear that they are vulnerable targets for further torture by the prison authorities.

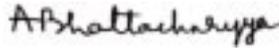
It is crystal clear that these dastardly attacks on the people inside the prison are supplementary to the attacks the joint forces have been doing in the name of 'Operation Green-hunt in the vast countryside of Jungle Mahal under the close scrutiny of the CPM rulers. We urge all democratic people and organizations to raise their voice against these brutal murderous attacks on the prisoners ostensibly under the garb maintain 'order and discipline' that reminds one of the fascist repression of the notorious Siddhartha Sankar Ray

regime.

In Solidarity with the protesting prisoners,



Gurusharan Singh
SAR Geelani
President
Working President
July 12, 2011



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COMMITTEE FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Venue : Kasturba Nari Mahal, Unit 1, Bhubaneswar

Time : 10 am, 17th July 2011

The miseries of vast sections of the people have been aggravated by the aggressive implementation of the neo-liberal economic policies. These policies have meant that the wealth and natural resources belonging to the people have been gifted off by the government to various domestic and multinational companies. While a small minority of elites have profited and thrived from such policies, for vast majority, it has meant immense misery and destitution.

In Odisha this naked assault of the capital has culminated in series of anti-people policies being pursued by the state. Shameless loot and plunder of the natural and the mineral resources, uprooting people from their habitats, snatching their means of livelihood and acting as the agent of the companies have become the norm. This kind of imperialist policies of destruction and plunder have been met with by determined resistance by the people of Odisha. Outbreak of people's anger against such policies have led to various people's movements that have spanned across the entire length and breadth of the state.

Instead of addressing the concerns of the people, the state has responded by brutally cracking down on all forms of people's movement across Odisha. The poor, who have been organizing themselves in defense of their lives and livelihoods have all been profiled as 'anti-development' and 'anti-national'. The colonial trait of using draconian laws and repressive state machinery as instruments to terrorize people into submission has come to fore. The striking example is the use of the draconian law of UAPA against the leadership and the activists associated with these movements. People are being arrested, kidnapped, kept in illegal custody, brutally tortured, and in many cases murdered in cold blood in fake encounters. In a matter of five months at least two custodial deaths due to brutal torture have been recorded in the prisons of Odisha. Women have increasingly become the targets of sexual violence by paramilitary forces and vigilante gangs that are being promoted by the state. Prisons are flooded with people who are struggling for their lives and livelihoods. Adivasis have been among the worst affected, with more than 600 poor adivasis still behind bars under various trumped-up charges, with many of them of being branded as Maoist. Although the government had announced in the floor of the assembly three months back that the political prisoners would be released, until now that commitment has not been honoured.

Thus It has becomes important that all progressive and democratic forces in Odisha come forward and put pressure on the Government to release all the political prisoners unconditionally.

We invite you all to be part of a day-long convention that would reflect on the plight of the political prisoners belonging to a wide spectrum of people's resistances in Odisha. The convention would bring out the facts pertaining to the real nature of the political prisoners crowding the prisons in various parts of Odisha. Do join us in demanding the government to

- * Release All Political Prisoners Unconditionally
- * Repeal UAPA
- * Stop framing people fighting for their lives & livelihoods under trumped up charges

* Respect the assurances declared in the floor of the Odisha Assembly

* Removal of All Armed Forces from Areas of People's Movements

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India Political Prisoners' hunger strike against fascist law and armed units in Jungle Mahal

Jailed rebels on fast

Telegraph of India

Krishnagar, Aug. 28: A group of suspected Maoists lodged in a Krishnagar jail are on hunger strike since August 24 demanding repeal of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, release of political prisoners, withdrawal of central forces from Jungle Mahal and quick disposal of cases.

Among the 15 Maoists on hunger strike are Chandi Sarkar and Pradip Chatterjee, both state committee members of the CPI (Maoist). The duo figure on the list of 52 political prisoners selected for release following a recommendation by a government-appointed committee. Seventy other convicts and undertrials have joined the fast to express solidarity.

District magistrate Abhinav Chandra said the

health of those fasting was being monitored.

An Association for Protection of Democratic Rights team yesterday met the fasting prisoners. "We requested them to call off the hunger strike but they refused. They had fasted on June 23 over these demands but the government did not pay heed. So, they are annoyed," APDR vice-president Tapas Chakraborty said.

Biswarup Biswas, the jail superintendent, said attempts were on to persuade the prisoners to withdraw their hunger strike. "But they have refused so far."

Sarkar's daughter Ranu today said she was concerned about the health of her father and other prisoners. "The state government should at least make a statement," she said

Hyderabad - Dharna on Political Prisoners Day, Sep 13

September 12, 2011

On Political Prisoners Day (13th September), the Committee for Release of Political Prisoners (CRPP) invites you to a day-long dharna at Indira Park Hyderabad.

Speakers include : Vara Vara Rao, Gadar, Bojja Tarakam, Lateef Mohammed Khan, Prof. Haragopal, Dr. S.A.R Geelani, Ratnamala, Usha, Ganti and others.

sd/- Balla Ravindranath, G. Sec, CRPP-AP

West Bengal - Ranjit Murmu dies in custody while being held under UAPA

September 28, 2011

a report by Partho Sarothi Ray

We came to know yesterday that Ranjit Murmu, one of the undertrial political prisoners in Medinipur central jail, who had been brought to Kolkata ostensibly for some treatment, and shuttled from hospital to hospital, died in custody. This is the second death of a person charged under UAPA in West Bengal and the first under the new regime of the TMC. The facts surrounding his death are also not clear. He had apparently been suffering from some neurological problem but had been treated as an insane person by the police, who had also handcuffed

him to the hospital bed. It was only yesterday that his family and others were informed by the jail authorities that he has died. However, today, when people went to get his body released, it turned out that he had died on 25th September. It is a mystery why the police and jail authorities did not inform his family for two days about his death. If the process of release of political prisoners has not been put on the back-burner by the chief minister, Mamata Banerjee, in the name of reviewing, this elderly adivasi person from Lalgarh would probably have not lost his life.

Maharashtra - Letter of complaint against the abduction of Arun Fereira and subsequent arrest

September 28, 2011

[Arun Fereira was arrested in May 2007 for alleged links with Naxalites. Eight cases under UAPA were foisted on him. In due time, he was acquitted in all of them. On September 23, he was acquitted in the last case, related to the arrest of 11 students from Chandrapur on similar charges in 2008, at the time of which Arun Fereira was in jail. There were no other cases on him. The following letter recounts what happened when he was about to be released on September 27 - he was abducted by unidentified persons and subsequently his lawyer was informed that he had been taken to Purada police station and arrested in Crime No. 14/2007 i.e. a case registered in 2007.]

To,

The Police Inspector,
Dhantoli Police Station,
Nagpur.

Complainant:-

1. Adv. Surendra Gadling
2. Adv. Anil Kale
3. Adv. S.P Tekade
4. Adv. Vikrant Narnaware
5. Adv. Anil Koche
6. Adv. Anand Gajbheye

Respected sir,

We the above named complainants lodge a complaint that today dated 27/09/2011, in the afternoon at about 2.30 P.M., our client namely. Shri Arun Thomas Fereira was to be released from central prison, Nagpur. At the request of the mother and brother of Shri Arun Thomas Fereira, we went to central prison Nagpur. The mother and brother of Arun Fereira were also present there at the central prison. While Shri Arun Thomas Perara was coming out of the jail, some unidentified persons forcibly pulled him from the jail gate, covered his mouth with hands and held him by his neck, dragged him to a numberless Tata Sumo,

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Chhattisgarh bucks Court order

Aman Sethi

Raipur, August 13, 2011

In the last week of July, the Chhattisgarh government passed an ordinance that sought to dispel the uncertainty surrounding the fate of the State's 5,269 registered Special Police Officers (SPOs) who operate as the vanguard of the government's battle against the guerilla army of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist).

On July 5, the Supreme Court directed the State government to "immediately cease and desist from using the SPOs in any manner or form in any activities, directly or indirectly, aimed at controlling, countering, mitigating or otherwise eliminating Maoist/Naxalite activities."

Prior to the court order, the SPOs were appointed under provisions of the Chhattisgarh Police Act of 2007 which empowers a district Superintendent of Police to recruit special officers on a temporary basis. Most SPOs are young tribal men between 18 and 25, many are surrendered Maoist cadres or victims of Maoist violence.

The police and the Central Paramilitary Forces in Chhattisgarh insist that domain knowledge and intelligence gleaned from SPOs had proved crucial in the battle of attrition with Maoist guerillas. Senior police officers said the temporary nature of employment freed the State government from sanctioning a full-fledged force which could prove redundant as and when the Maoist insurgency was suppressed. However, human rights activists accused the State of raising an unaccountable vigilante force that was implicated in a series of horrific attacks on civilians.

In its order, the Supreme Court held that the SPOs were being used as "cannon fodder" as part of a government strategy that pits tribal against tribal.

The Chhattisgarh Auxiliary Armed Police Force Ordinance of 2011 seeks to circumvent the Supreme Court order by raising an armed police force in tribal areas by recruiting "persons having knowledge of local area and topography and local language/dialect to assist the security forces engaged in preventing, controlling and combating Maoist/Naxal violence."

The ordinance is deemed to have come into force with retrospective effect from July 5, 2011 — the day of the Supreme Court order, and as per Section 11 (1) states that "notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, order or decree of any court" every SPO shall be absorbed into the new auxiliary force for six months.

While the ordinance mandates that only those who have cleared their class V examinations shall be eligible to join, it makes an exception for existing SPOs who shall have the option of completing a "specially designed course in elementary education" as means to join the force fulltime.

While Section 5 (2) of the ordinance says that members of the force shall not be deployed in frontline positions of an operation, the auxiliary force shall be armed and can be used for patrolling, intelligence gathering and preserving internal security — a broad mandate that should allow the new force to perform the duties performed by the SPOs.

Legal indemnity

The ordinance provides personnel with legal indemnity from acts purported to be committed in "good faith" in the course of duty. This clause may prove contentious in the context of the State government's record of registering offences against, and prosecuting, the SPOs accused of human rights violations.

Canadian graft claims shine light on

Chhattisgarh's roads to nowhere

Aman Sethi

An article about political corruption in India, published in Canada's most widely read newspaper, has triggered a political storm in faraway Chhattisgarh and unwittingly unmasked the impediments to building

infrastructure in India's insurgency affected districts.

On August 3, the *Toronto Star* published the article, which alleged that the ruling BJP's Minister for Public Works, Brijmohan Agrawal, demanded a

bribe of \$ 1 million from a Canadian civil contractor tasked with constructing a road through Maoist-affected Dantewada district. Mr. Agrawal has denied these claims.

According to the *Star*, Canadian national Mir Ali's company Superbuild India won a contract to construct a 77.8 km stretch of the National Highway 221, linking the town of Sukma in Dantewada district to Konta, a settlement on the Chhattisgarh-Andhra Pradesh border. Mr. Ali posted a \$ 4 million bank guarantee and Superbuild India began work last year, only to be attacked by armed men, who assaulted workers and torched equipment. Superbuild's contract was subsequently terminated.

“Family threatened”

Mr. Ali, the *Star* report continues, then approached Mr. Agrawal, who demanded \$ 1 million as bribe, failing which Mr. Ali's bank guarantee of \$ 4 million would be forfeited. When Mr. Ali refused to pay the bribe, the *Star* alleges, he was shadowed by unidentified men and his family was threatened.

On Saturday, documents released by the State government cast doubts on the veracity of the *Star's* report, but reveal a set of backroom deals between private operators that plague the State and the Central government's attempts to build infrastructure in the country's Maoist-affected areas.

In July 2010, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways approved the construction of 77.8 km of NH 221 under a scheme to improve road connectivity in districts affected by “Left Wing Extremism.” The contract, however, was not granted to Superbuild India, but to Niraj Cement Structurals Ltd., a firm listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). In its July 26, 2010 disclosure to the BSE, Niraj Cement Structurals announced it had won an order worth Rs. 1,368,448,390 to build parts of the highway.

In December 2010, however, Chhattisgarh's Principal Secretary M.K. Raut wrote a letter of complaint to the Union Ministry, alleging that Niraj Cement Structurals was yet to begin road construction and recommended that the company be disqualified from bidding for future works.

In May this year, the Ministry wrote to Niraj Cement Structurals, accusing the company of misleading it and bidding for more contracts than it could realistically execute. “You [Niraj Cement] have been technically disqualified ... for making false

representation ... by suppressing the information about some of your existing commitments to project your higher available big capacity,” said the letter, and barred the company “from participating in tenders for all NH/Centrally sponsored works for a period of three years.”

On June 30, 2010, the Ministry authorised the State government to “take penal action against the contractor, including termination of contract.” On July 8 this year, the Superintending Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), Raipur, sent a notice of termination to Niraj Cement Structurals, which said all performance and security deposits (worth approximately Rs. 1.5 billion, according to sources) stood forfeited.

At this point, Superbuild India enters the picture. Mr. Ali appears to be a sub-contractor hired by Niraj Cement Structurals and tasked with constructing the highway. It is unclear if such sub-contracting falls within the rules of the contract. In a June 2, 2011 letter faxed to the PWD, and accessed by this correspondent, Superbuild India claims that Niraj Cement Structural Ltd.'s security deposit was fraudulently obtained from Superbuild and submitted in an escrow account controlled by the State government.

In its reply, the PWD notes that, as per their records, neither Mr. Ali nor Superbuild India is mentioned in the contract. When Niraj Cement Structurals' contract was terminated, Mr. Ali apparently lost his security deposit that he allegedly put up on Niraj Cement Structurals behalf, and — according to the *Star* — is now on the brink of financial ruin.

Mr. Agrawal has professed his ignorance of the whole deal. “I have met Mr. Ali, but I told him there was nothing I could do,” he said in an interview on Saturday night. “We have absolutely no records of his firm building any roads in the State. There is nothing I can do as all contracts are authorised and monitored by the Central government.”

“Directions to grant, and subsequently terminate, the contract were sent by the Central government,” he said. This correspondent made several unsuccessful efforts to reach Superbuild India and Niraj Cement Structurals at telephone numbers listed on their website and letterheads.

The 77.8 km of NH 221, through some of Central India's most sensitive areas, is yet to be built.

Maoists condemn suspension of IRB jawans

Calcutta, Oct. 17:

Maoists have condemned the suspension of seven India Reserve Battalion jawans for staging a hunger strike last month in a move apparently aimed at winning over the lower rungs of police, the footsoldiers of anti-rebel operations.

“We support the demands raised by the IRB jawans.... The suspension of the seven IRB jawans proves that the Mamata Banerjee government has no intention of sorting out problems that the policemen in the lower rungs are facing,” said a statement issued by the rebel outfit’s Bengal secretary, Akash.

The statement, issued a day before the chief minister’s Jhargram rally, demanded that the suspended jawans be reinstated immediately.

“Lower rungs of the police force are hated by people because they are forced to open fire at them in the name of anti-Maoist operations. On the other hand, these policemen are treated badly by their superiors and they are not given leaves and the minimum rest,” the statement said.

“We support the jawans’ demands and request them not to pick up guns against us,” it added.

The rebel outfit also warned the government, saying that “revolt by policemen” cannot be suppressed by suspending jawans.

“The decision to suspend the jawans will add fuel to the anger among the lower rungs of policemen against their superiors,” Akash said.

The intelligence branch (IB) said the Maoist statement was aimed at gaining the support of the lower rungs of policemen.

“Since the lower tiers of the police force play an important role during anti-Maoist operations, the rebels are now trying to win them over by echoing

their demands,” said an IB officer.

A police officer described the statement as a move by the rebels to appear friendly to a section of policemen.

“They want to influence the constables by sympathising with them and pretending they are friends and not their enemies,” said the West Midnapore-based officer.

“Before an operation, we motivate the jawans by pointing out that the Maoists are our biggest enemies. Now, the rebels are trying to weaken the motivation of the police force. They have realised that an offensive against them will soon be launched,” he added.

IRB jawans at a camp in West Midnapore’s Shilda began a hunger strike on September 23 to protest prolonged posting in Maoist-affected areas without leaves. The agitation had spread to other camps in Jungle Mahal as well as also to the IRB’s headquarters in Durgapur.

The strike was withdrawn after the former director-general of armed police, Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti, visited the Shilda camp and assured the jawans that their demands would be looked into.

Subsequently, the state government decided to withdraw all IRB jawans from Jungle Mahal and replace them with the personnel of the Specially Trained Armed Company (STRACO). The IRB jawans in the Shilda camp have already been shifted to the Durgapur headquarters.

Chakrabarti was removed from his post soon after his Shilda visit.

He reportedly assured the jawans that no action would be taken against them, despite the hunger strike which went against their code of conduct.

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the National Human Rights Commission.

It is now up to all those who heed the voice of their conscience and have regard for human rights to stand in solidarity with Jeetan and Aparna in their quest for justice. Encouragingly, some legal professionals and human rights groups in Jharkhand are coming forward to accompany this heroic couple in what may turn out to be a long battle.

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RanchiUnit***

India: In Bengal, discouragement grows in India's war on the people—50 paramilitary soldiers on hunger strike

September 22, 2011

Midnapore: It may be the season for fasts, but for these jawans, a hunger strike they say was their last resort. Posted in one of the most challenging and even hostile places in the country, the maoist dominated west Midnapore district of Bengal, they now say enough is enough.

Fed up of years of working in the Maoist infested West Midnapore district of West Bengal, 50 odd jawans of the India Reserve Battalion have gone on a hunger strike from today.

The jawans say their living conditions are very bad and that many of them haven't met their families in years. Now, the jawans say they will not call off their strike unless there is intervention from Chief Minister Mamata Bannerjee. Some have been here for the last nine years and are demanding a new posting, like their other colleagues transferred every three years.

The facilities they say are poor here and claim that any mention of leave to visit their families is met with threats of suspension.

They now say the stir will end only after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee speaks to them and addresses their concerns.

Ajay Sukba, Jawan, India Reserve Battalion, says "We are not allowed to go visit our families. We are always told we will be suspended. We don't want to talk to any higher authority. We only want to talk to Mamata Bannerjee."

Officials in the camp refused to comment and with the jawans adamant, the standoff continues.

With the naxal threat one of the biggest challenges before the country today, this strike is another example of the sorry state men in uniform have to live in, and the pressure they endure day after day.

India: Among the warriors of Operation Green Hunt: low morale and growing revolt

Living in a place 'unfit for humans', a battalion revolts

Sabyasachi Bandopadhyay

September 25, 2011

Shilda, Jhargram

The kitchen at the IRB 1 camp in Shilda, Jhargram. 62 IRB men have been living here for more than a year.

It was one hunger strike that registered barely a blip. But then the 58 jawans, four assistant sub-inspectors and three cooks of the India Reserve Battalion (IRB) 1 are used to being overlooked. It's been eight straight years now that the men of West Bengal Police's armed force have served in Maoist-hit areas. For the past year, this has been in a bareknuckle, half-fallen structure, infested with rats, that goes for a camp here, in one of Bengal's hottest Naxal zones. For drinking water, they have an uncovered well in the compound; for toilet, the open

space around the same.

A CRPF unit asked to stay at the camp had refused, saying "Yahaan pe koi insaan nahin rah sakta hai (No human being can live here)."

It was in the hope of a change in their living conditions that the men revolted. On September 20, when ordered to raid an unknown Maoist hideout, 13 jawans at the camp demanded replenishments for their contingent. The Inspector-in-Charge of Binpur Police Station refused and marked all the 58 jawans at the camp "absent", threatening further departmental action.

Anger simmering for years, they sat on a hunger strike on September 21. The Commanding Officer of IRB 1, Kalyan Kumar Mullick, was stopped from entering the camp when he came to enquire. Soon, the revolt had spread to all the six camps of IRB 1 located in the Naxal-hit areas of Bankura and West

Midnapore, plus to the camps at the headquarters in Durgapur, Suri in Birbhum district, Singur in Hooghly district, Nandigram in East Midnapore and Katwa in Burdwan district.

There are 327 jawans in IRB 1, and out of them 215 are deployed in the Bankura and West Midnapore camps. The jawans demanded that either Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee or one of her representatives come for talks.

An alarmed Mamata rushed Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti, DG, Armed Police, who is the head of all the 12 armed police batallions, to Shilda. It was Chakrabarti's promise of redressal of their grievances that convinced the jawans to withdraw their agitation.

"The DG has submitted a report. We will definitely look into their grievances," says Kundan Lal Tamta, ADG, Armed Police.

Ironically, the Shilda camp had come up in March 2010, a month after the attack by Maoists on an EFR (Eastern Frontier Rifles) camp about a kilometre away that left 26 dead. So that camp was dismantled and an abandoned government office at the present site was converted into a camp.

If the idea was better safety, the Shilda camp is a mockery. The walls at the back are low enough to provide anyone easy entry. Till the DG's visit, the walls were also covered with thick bushes providing easy cover.

In the name of recreation, there is one television

and one carrom board for the 65 who stay here under constant Naxal threat. They have remained in Maoist areas since 2003, the year the IRB was set up.

"You can see for yourself," said a jawan, adding that they were sitting ducks for Maoists. "We eat along with rats and lizards. In the past one year we have killed four poisonous snakes that sneaked in. There is frequent loadshedding, and often we cannot start the generator because there is no diesel. We pass the night in darkness. We have set up a sentry duty and a night patrol duty. We asked for some sand to build more bunkers but that was refused."

Their main demand is a transfer and posting in the district police. "Since our recruitment in 2003 we have been moving from one jungle to another. Men in other armed police units get regular posting after three years, but we do not get it. Why this discrimination? I am 24 now. Shall I have to hunt down dangerous people such as Naxalites in jungles all through my career?" says a jawan.

Such is the pressure, they allege, that at the headquarters at Durgapur, four have committed suicide and 10 have become mentally unstable.

Incidentally, Mullick doesn't dispute the facts, just the figures. "I can remember two suicides by jawans at the headquarters and one is suffering from insanity. The jawan who is suffering from insanity is still there and has been assigned duties he can perform," he says, in all seriousness, adding he doesn't believe the suicides were due to work conditions.

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and Iraq. Gaza, too it hardly needs to be said, has regularly faced drone strikes by Israeli forces. Unfortunately, the list of countries facing these kind of remote attacks is only likely to grow as US military procurement plans, released in June show that the Pentagon is planning to double its arsenal of large military drones over the next decade. The UK has also announced plans to double the number of armed drones in its arsenal.

Protests against drone strikes are growing in Pakistan and Yemen and the peace and human rights community in the UK needs to add their voices to this call to Ground the Drones

Members of the network will be organising

protests at various sites connected to the drone wars throughout the UK. Details will be announced nearer the time.

However if you can't attend one of these events you may well want to organise something in your local area. Suggestions include meeting with your local MP, organising a speaker meeting about drones or having a stall in your local high street with information and letter/petition signing.

Further details and resources will be available here as we get closer to the event.

Please put the dates in your diary NOW and begin thinking about what you can do locally to Ground the Drones.

STATEMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Solidarity with the UK uprisings: NYC action planned

Posted by [kasama](#) on August 12, 2011



NATIONAL CALL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE UK UPRISINGS PROTEST POLICE TERROR IN LONDON

Dear friends,

We are writing to you on an urgent matter. As you know, the streets of London and other British cities erupted in rebellion earlier this week, following the police killing of a young Black man and father of three, Mark Duggan, in the Tottenham area on August 4. Many thousands of youths of all colors and nationalities took to the streets in angry protest, not only at the killing of Mark Duggan, but at rampant police brutality, high unemployment, and brutal cuts to education and social services.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said,

“When you cut facilities, slash jobs, abuse power, discriminate, drive people into deeper poverty and shoot people dead while refusing to provide answers or justice, the people will rise up and express their anger and frustration if you refuse to hear their cries. A riot is the language of the unheard.”

Today a smear campaign is well underway in the media and halls of power in both Britain and the United States. The youth are labeled “criminals” and “looters,” while authorities downplay the crimes of the London police, who first claimed to have shot Duggan in self-defense, only to have their lies exposed by ballistics tests and eyewitnesses.

We have seen endless footage of burning cars and people taking consumer goods from shattered storefronts during the nights of August 6-9. Meanwhile, there has been little coverage of the massacre of 85 civilians, including 33 children, in the town of Zlitan, Libya, by NATO forces overnight August 8. Britain, like the U.S., is central to that war of unbridled aggression against a sovereign African country.

Who are the real looters? In Britain, like the U.S., banks and big business were bailed out of their economic crisis and the war machine rolls on – while workers, students and the unemployed, especially youths and people of color, are expected to shoulder the burden of cutbacks and high unemployment.

Now an unprecedented wave of repression is underway. More than 1,100 people have been arrested so far, and Scotland Yard has begun raiding homes of suspected “rioters.” Some 16,000 riot police occupy London’s streets.

Prime Minister David Cameron, whose government of bailouts for the rich and cutbacks for the poor has done so much to create an environment ripe for rebellion, called parliament into emergency session. Cameron and other establishment politicians are whipping up a lynch-mob atmosphere against rebel youths, urging people to turn in those they recognize from security camera footage broadcast over the major media.

In conditions of deepening poverty, joblessness and racist repression, it is inevitable that people will rise up. What happened in London could happen tomorrow in New York, Los Angeles or any other U.S. city.

We call on progressives and people of conscience to stand with the youth of the UK against state repression.

To rebel against racism and poverty is justified!

- We urge you to help organize protests at British consulates, BBC News offices and other sites in cities across North America.

- Endorse and circulate this call of action in solidarity with the UK uprisings

We demand:

- **JUSTICE FOR MARK DUGGAN – JAIL THE KILLER COPS**
- **FREEDOM & AMNESTY FOR THE 2000 WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED**
- **STOP THE WITCH HUNT AGAINST YOUTH & END RACIST POLICE VIOLENCE**
- **JOBS & EDUCATION – NOT JAIL & AUSTERITY** – Make Cameron’s government and big business create jobs, restore vital services, and rebuild affected communities

In New York, a protest is planned

Monday, August 15, from 4:30-6:00 pm at the British Consulate-General, 845 Third Avenue between 51 and 52 Sts. in Manhattan.

Issued by: Bail Out the People Movement (Endorsers list in formation)

To sign on, email londonpoliceterror@gmail.com

Oppose state repression against youth in Britain

13 August 2011

The elemental eruption of social anger that has swept London and other British cities in recent days has exposed the entrenched poverty, discrimination and police brutality faced daily by many working class youth.

For 35 years the ruling elite has carried out a war against society in the interests of a parasitic financial elite that has looted public assets without restraint, leaving record levels of inequality and deprivation in their wake.

The immense social distress that presently prevails is set to worsen dramatically. It is no coincidence that the backdrop to the youth revolts is a new meltdown of the world’s stock markets. An

orgy of speculation and greed on the part of small, super-rich elite has produced an economic catastrophe.

Massive state repression is now underway that has major implications for every worker and youth in Britain. Young people are being rounded up, pushed through courts that are sitting all night, and given draconian sentences for petty crimes, while the government prepares legislation to impose severe social “sanctions” against anyone involved in the disturbances.

The Socialist Equality Party invites all those opposed to this state repression, and concerned with social inequality and democratic rights, to attend our meetings to discuss the political way forward.

A Week of Action to Ground the Drones

July 27, 2011

The Drones Campaign Network in the UK is calling for a week of action to protest the growing use of armed drones from 1st – 8th October. The week will be part of the international ‘Keep Space for Peace Week’, which this year is focusing on the

use of drones.

Recently, Libya has been added to the list of countries subjected to drone strikes by US and British forces, joining Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen

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CPI (Maoist) Statements

Immediately withdraw the death sentences on Adivasi and dalit cultural artistes and leaders Comrades Jeeten Marandi, Anil Ram, Manoj Rajwar and Chhatrapati Mandal !

July 2, 2011

On June 23, the Giridih district (Jharkhand) sessions court judge Indradeo Mishra pronounced death sentences to Jeeten Marandi, Anil Ram, Manoj Rajwar and Chhatrapati Mandal in the Chilkari case where 19 people were killed in 2007 and thus the state bared its fascist fangs one more time. Jeeten Marandi and others have always worked openly and the organizations they are working for are not banned organizations. Pronouncing death sentences in a case with which they had no connection whatsoever is a clear act of revenge on them as they are standing firmly with the people using song and dance in all their anti-imperialist and anti-feudal struggles, particularly against displacement. As part of Operation Green Hunt launched to suppress the Maoist movement in the country, particularly in Central and Eastern India, the central and state governments have been resorting to the most brutal and heinous atrocities one could imagine on the poorest of the poor – the Adivasis of this country and these latest death sentences are one more proof of this. The cruelest face of OGH could be seen in

Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha and that too in the Adivasi areas of these states where the Maoist movement is stronger.

Jeeten Marandi is a well-known Adivasi cultural artiste and leader of Jharkhand Abhen, a cultural organization of Jharkhand. He is a leader of the All India League for revolutionary Culture and has toured the length and breadth of India propagating revolutionary songs and culture. Anil Ram, Manoj Rajwar and Chhatrapati Mandal are also Adivasi and Dalit cultural artistes. Jeeten displayed his cultural talents since he was a child and gradually developed himself into one of the finest artistes this country has ever produced. It was only natural that as a conscious child he could not ignore the plight of the Adivasi society of which he himself was a part. His social investigation of the root causes for the poverty, exploitation and oppression of Adivasis naturally led him to revolutionary politics and he and his cultural organization propagated revolutionary politics to awaken political consciousness among the people.

Read and Propagate...



Volume-1



Volume-2

Women Martyrs of Indian Revolution

(Naxalbari to 2010)

*can be downloaded
from bannedthought.net*

Propagating one's ideas openly is not a crime and nobody can be punished for that. The ruling classes of India are not ready to tolerate any kind of dissent and have been resorting to all kinds of ploys to stifle the voices of dissent to its pro-imperialist and anti-people policies aiming to loot the natural resources and rich mineral wealth of the people. As true people's artistes they have been in the forefront in the anti-displacement movement in Jharkhand which is giving one of the toughest resistances in this matter. It is very clear that the state is punishing them for these political activities and not for some Chilkari case which everybody knows is just one of the dozens of false cases foisted on them. In the bitter class struggle fought against feudalism in Bihar and Jharkhand massacres were perpetrated by the land lords through their private armies on the peasantry, particularly on the dalits. The peasantry had to resort to counter-violence in self-defence and incidents like Chilkari are a part of it. The state instead of looking into the root causes for such incidents and addressing them, is trying to use them to foist false cases on mass organization activists to stifle their voices of dissent. Firstly they slapped a case of sedition on Jeeten Marandi in 2007 with the allegation that he made inflammatory speeches in front of Raj Bhavan in Ranchi on the issue of release of political prisoners and have been harassing him ever since with incarceration and false cases. Even before that he has been arrested many times and sometimes beaten brutally. This death sentence comes as a culmination of all these conspiracies to stifle his voice forever. The state is so shameless in its callousness that it has foisted some cases of Pirtand and Teesri P.S. which happened when Jeeten was in jail!

This country has a 200 year long history of colonial rule under the British which was consequently witness to countless Adivasi rebellions. British imperialism sought to suppress these rebellions by using brute force with the advantage of modern weapons they had and hanging of the rebel leaders was one consistent tactic it had used. The comprador Indian ruling classes which inherited this mantle of brute suppression from them are following in their footsteps. Comrades Bhumaih and Kista Goud were the first revolutionary peasant activists to be hanged in 'independent India' and later death sentences were

pronounced on many revolutionary activists, particularly on the revolutionary peasant activists in Bihar (which included the present Jharkhand) implicating them in false cases. People's lawyers and civil rights leaders like comrades KG Kannabiran and Pattipati Venkateswarlu as part of their civil rights organizations have vehemently fought against the death sentences pronounced on the revolutionaries both in the courts and outside and built broad movements not only with the immediate demands of annulling the death sentences in particular cases but also for ending capital punishment. It is the necessary to continue this fight on a broader scale as it is obvious that the state would resort to more such fascist acts apart from the massacres, false encounters and atrocities perpetrated on the Adivasi hamlets on a daily basis. Singanna of Narayanapatna was killed point blank in police firings, Lalmohan Tudu of Lalgarh was killed in a 'fake encounter' and now comes this death sentence on Jeeten Marandi of Jharkhand. This is all part of the conspiracy to kill the people's leaders who emerged from the people's movements waged against feudalism, comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and imperialism. By rendering the movements leaderless they want to remove all hurdles to their loot of natural resources in the Adivasi areas.

As Jeeten and other people present in the court sang in the court immediately after the death sentences were pronounced – 'that day would definitely come' when people would put an end to all these fascist acts of the state with powerful mass upsurges. Neither death sentences nor false encounters can kill the spirit of true leaders of the people and they would fight to the end.

CPI (Maoist) demands that the death sentences of Jeeten Marandi, Anil Ram, Manoj Rajwar and Chhatrapati Mandal be annulled immediately. It appeals to all democratic organizations, civil rights organizations, organizations for the rights of political prisoners and particularly to all cultural and literary organizations and Adivasi cultural associations to build a vast movement demanding the annulment of these death sentences and the unconditional release of these people's artistes. Let us broaden this movement for ending capital punishment altogether.

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An Appeal from Maoists to SPOs (Special Police Officers)
Defeat the ploys of the government to divide us and rule!
Stop fighting for the exploiters and oppressors
and come back to your villages!!

July 7, 2011

The Supreme Court delivered a judgment on the petition filed by social activist Nandini Sundar, historian Ramchandra Guha and ex-bureaucrat E.A.S. Sharma on July 4, 2011 and ordered the Chhattisgarh government that appointment of Adivasis as SPOs on the pretext of fighting Maoists and arming them with guns should be stopped. The SC opined that the very appointment of SPOs is unconstitutional. Previously too it had commented several times in the negative about Salwa Judum, SPO and Koya commandos.

In fact, since the launch of the fascist repressive campaign in the name of Salwa Judum (SJ) by the central and state governments in a planned manner, the process of appointing Adivasi youth as SPOs began. Since then in a series of repressive campaigns in the name of SJ and later in the name of Operation Green Hunt (OGH) nearly 700 villages were destroyed. Each village was burnt down in phases. More than 1200 people were killed. Hundreds of women were gang raped. Many of them were murdered too. Granaries were razed to ground. Properties were looted. Hens, pigs and goats were whisked away. In all these terrorizing acts SPOs recruited from Adivasis were pushed to the forefront. It was the SPOs that were pushed to the forefront to act as guides to the paramilitary forces and to identify the people and their houses when they attack villages. Later due to the decision taken to recruit SPOs on a huge scale their numbers increased to nearly 5,000. Some selected SPOs were given training by Greyhounds and Rashtriya Rifles of Indian Army and a new force called Koya commando was constituted. As it was not possible to suppress the Maoist movement even with the repressive methods employed by all these types of armed forces, the state has now deployed the Army as its last resort. Though this deployment is done in the name of 'training' at present, in fact the process of directly using the Army in the 'War on People' has started.

The ruling classes have launched this unjust war against the people with the evil design of turning the whole of Dandakaranya which is home to immense natural resources into the grazing field for MNC

and big bourgeoisie corporate loot. They took up a policy of displacing people from the villages and forests on a huge scale to implement this plan. Local Adivasi youth were appointed as SPOs and Koya commandos and countless atrocities were perpetrated through them.

Our party believes that many of the SPOs had not gone on their own will and that they had turned into SPOs due to several kinds of pressures. Several of them were arrested, forcefully shifted to 'relief' camps, beaten, abused, threatened that they would be killed and thus turned into SPOs. Though at first they turned into SPOs fearing state terror, later gradually they became part of the force and have participated in all the atrocities perpetrated on the people. Some of the SPOs have participated in violence and atrocities on people against their will. They are feeling sorry for that. Several of the SPOs are not even aware that they have been used as pawns in the brutal orgy of terror and violence unleashed by white and khaki robed compradors like Mahendra Karma, Raman Singh, Viswaranjan, Nankiram by deploying thousands of police, paramilitary, Naga-Mizo battalions etc.

Home minister Chidambaram who is acting as the CEO of OGH, the war on people announced that he would conduct a meeting with chief ministers of the states where the Maoist movement is strong in the light of the above judgment. It is obvious that this meeting is being conducted with the conspiracy of finding out ways to continue this system of SPOs and Koya commandos under a different name. Politicians, top police brass and bureaucrats from Delhi and Raipur are now cracking their heads to somehow continue this SPO system in this unjust war on the people.

We want to make it clear to all the SPOs that this war is not between them and us. This war is being fought between a small minority of exploiters and the entire toiling masses of this country. On one side are the 95 percent of oppressed masses – the workers, peasants, middle classes, dalits, Adivasis, petty bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie; on the other side are the big landlords and the comprador

bureaucratic bourgeoisie. These enemy classes have the complete support of the imperialists. These exploiting classes are using you as pawns by recruiting you into their repressive machinery. You are made into guinea pigs. As part of their 'divide and rule' policy they are bringing a section of the people to the forefront and are trying to portray this as a 'civil war' between the people. They stood you against the very people of whom you were once a part. 'Patriotism' and 'defence of the country' are some of the lies used by the ruling classes to incite you against the people's movements that are fought with just demands. In fact, it is these very classes which are using you as cannon fodder that are the biggest enemies to our country. They are scamsters who have resorted to scams worth billions of rupees; they have mortgaged not only the riches of our country but also its sovereignty for the sake of kickbacks; they have stashed away billions of rupees of black money in Swiss banks by indiscriminate loot of the people of our country. It is due to these scamsters and gangsters that 77 percent of our population is not able to eat even two times per day. They have pushed us into the quagmire of poverty, price rises, unemployment, epidemics, starvation deaths, malnutrition etc. So do identify your real enemies.

Don't forget that your barrels are pointing at your very own people at present.

Dandakaranya Special Zonal committee of CPI (Maoist) calls upon all the SPOs to leave their jobs and come back to their villages. We, the party and the people, promise to rehabilitate all those SPOs who come back to their villages, accept all the crimes they have committed and seek the mercy of the people while severing all kinds of connections with the government machinery. *Janatana Sarkar*, the people's government, would provide them lands and other instruments of production. They would be provided a guarantee for livelihood. So, we appeal to all the SPOs to come out of the vicious circle and the false propaganda of these exploitative governments. Do not crave for the morsels thrown by them, try to stand on your own feet and live with raised heads among the people of your villages. Do not live a life of insecurity and restlessness. Stand in support of the just struggles of the people of Dandakaranya fought against the absolute corporate loot of invaluable natural riches and for right over *Jal-Jungle-Zameen*.

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**Hail the sacrifices of Martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of people!
Intensify the People's War in the light of the aims of martyrs!
Defeat Operation Green Hunt!!
Make success the Martyrs Week from July 28 to August 3!**

July 12, 2011

The martyrs who have laid down their precious lives for the cause of people's liberation are models for entire human society. Oppressed people are achieving many victories with the sacrifices of these great martyrs. In the struggle for the victory of New Democratic Revolution in India waged as part of the goal of establishing socialism-communism on this globe, more than 260 leaders-members of our party, PLGA commanders and fighters, leaders-members of various mass organizations, people's militia fighters, revolutionary and ordinary masses have laid down their lives in the past one year. In Dandakaranya 77 martyrs, in Bihar-Jharkhand-North Chhattisgarh 78, in Odisha 29, In Andhra-Odisha border zone 16, in West Bengal 7, in Lalgadh movement 36, in Chhattisgarh-Odisha border area 10, in Maharashtra three and in North Telangana one martyr have laid down their lives during this year. Among these martyrs

more than 30 were women comrades. All these comrades have sacrificed their lives fighting enemy forces heroically with the aim of defeating the Operation Green Hunt in the path of the protracted people's war (PPW) paved by the great teachers of Indian revolution, founders of our party and beloved leaders Comrades Charu Mazumdar and Kanhai Chatterji. CC is giving a call to the party, PLGA, revolutionary people's governments, revolutionary mass organizations and masses to observe Martyrs' Memorial Week in memory of our beloved martyrs this year too starting from July 28.

The Indian ruling classes were shocked with the historic Mukaram (Tadimetla-2) operation conducted by the PLGA against Operation Green Hunt (OGH) launched with the aim of completely decimating the Indian revolutionary movement with the guidance of imperialists, particularly US imperialists. But within

a few days the APSIB dogs hunted down our beloved leader and official spokesperson of the party Comrade Azad (Rajkumar) and journalist Hemchandra Pandey and killed them. Later OGH phase-2 was launched by the ruling classes by intensifying their counter-revolutionary offensive. In the process of fighting back this offensive and in the process of expanding the People's War to newer areas, the warm blood of several comrades was spilled in the forests, plains and towns. Among these comrades, 81 in Dandakaranya (DK), 53 in Bihar-Jharkhand-North Chhattisgarh (B-J-N.CG), 25 in Odisha, 16 in Andhra-Odisha border (AOB) area, five in West Bengal, 9 in Chhattisgarh-Odisha borders, three in Maharashtra and one from North Telangana were martyred. More than 25 of these martyrs are women comrades. They realized that sacrifice is an integral part of our revolutionary aim and that we cannot achieve our aim without challenging death and have laid down their lives while bravely fighting back the enemy forces to defeat the 'War on People', to defend the people and to develop the budding new people's power further in the process of advancing the People's War. The blood spilled by them is inspiring the vast masses of our country and the world with a spirit of struggle.

In spite of the opposition from the people of various oppressed classes, democrats, patriots, progressive social activists, environmental activists, lawyers, writers, poets, artistes and various NGO organizations against 'War on People' (OGH), the ruling classes carried on indiscriminate massacres with their mercenary police and counter-revolutionary gangs in OGH phase-2. Fake encounters (Bhilai, Kotrapal, Vakulvahi, Timmapur in DK, Burudhi in West Bengal, Hesla in Jharkhand etc) and massacres were perpetrated in villages, fields and forests to damage the mass base of the revolutionary movement and to terrorize the people. Countless firings and mortar shelling were done on ordinary people (Savargaon in DK). Apart from these, a large number of comrades were martyred due to poisoning (on the banks of river Ganga in Munger of Bihar); ambushes on people and people's militia (Mettagudapara-Silinger, Gondumetta, Burgil in DK and Cheruvuru in AOB) and encirclement offensives (East Champaran in North Bihar, Kashipur etc in Odisha). In Padkipalli of Mahasamund district on Chhattisgarh-Odisha borders six comrades were martyred in an enemy ambush on a PLGA company which is working with the task of expanding the revolutionary movement. Two villagers were also brutally killed by the enemy in the wake of this incident.

Secret killer gangs of the enemy gang raped and brutally killed comrade Chaithe, the member of DK press committee in Maad division (DK). Counter-revolutionary PLFI (People's Liberation Front of India) goons have brutally murdered our party sympathizers and activist group members in Kudroom, Kolebira Chowk, Ramjol Bazar Tand in Simdega district of Jharkhand and some more comrades including our platoon commander were killed in Ranchi district by the goonda gangs of Dhanunjay.

Some comrades died in encounters with enemy forces (Barangbaru and Samri in Gumla district of Jharkhand, Manjari in Banka district of Bihar, the encirclement attack in Dharmaha village of East Champaran district of Bihar, Kullenar in DK and others). Some comrades were martyred in the courageous attacks carried out by our PLGA forces on the enemy forces. Some comrades and people have gone missing in enemy repression. Some comrades were martyred in some other incidents and accidents.

Among the martyrs are mass leader comrades Umakant Mahato, Sasadhar Mahato, RC member Arun and another comrade Khokhan Mahato of West Bengal; six comrades including one leadership comrade in Manjari encounter under Katoria PS limits in Banka district of Bihar; Praful Naik, Lakshman Munda, Gagri Kadeski in Odisha; striking company commander com. Nitant (Central Military Instructor), Basadhara Division committee member com. Ravi martyred in the Kashipur encirclement attack in Odisha, com. Nagesh – the divisional commander-in-chief of North Bastar in DK, Gondia divisional C-in-C in Maharashtra, CCM guard and platoon commander com. Kosa (Aitu) martyred in Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh, revolutionary people's teacher com. Chandana who was to join the DK Education Development Committee and others. Along with them, comrades Rajesh Munda, Bhuthnath, Salim Mahato of B-J-N.CG and Arup Mochi of WB; area committee secretary com. Kishore (DK), platoon commander com. Vikram Munda, section commander com. Ratan Yadav (Bihar), AC/PPC level comrades Chaithe, Vikram, Keshal, Mangdu of DK; com. Natasha in Mahasamund, two section/squad deputy comrades (DK), supply department driver com. Badal (Madhu) in Odisha, DK special action team member com. Prabhakar, division I-team member com. Ramesh, 27 PLGA (company, platoon, section/squad) members (six comrades in DK including Prameela, Kosal, 11 comrades in BJ including com. Vijaydas,

five comrades in AOB including CRC coy-3 member com. Sandeep, Bangaruraju and Jyoti, five comrades in Mahasamund including Rajbatti and Lachu, three comrades in Maharashtra including Manju and Mangu, com. Jeevan Tudu in West Bengal); com. Ramaal, the president of village RPC (revolutionary people's committee) of North Telangana, KKC secretary com. Ramadhar (Bihar), sangam leaders – comrades Seethanna and Singal in AOB, com. Dharamdev in Bihar, senior leader of KAMS com. Vimala Devidas Kannake (DK), Jan militia squad commander com. Korsu Sukkal (DK), Jan militia members – eight in DK, two in Jharkhand, three activist group members (JH), 11 village defence people's militia members (AOB-six, DK-five) were also martyred.

In the attacks conducted by our PLGA forces on the enemy, section commander com. Ratan Yadav in Kajara ambush in Bihar, Oyam Budru and Vetti Hidamal in Usur ambush (DK), section deputy com. Muchaki Ganga in Morpalli ambush, PPCM and communication person in PLGA battalion com. Mangdu in Bejji ambush, Gondia C-in-C com. Nagesh, PLGA comrades Manju, Mangu, another comrade in Kobramenda (Gondia) ambush, Platoon-7 commander com. Maharu and member com. Rajesh in the courageous attack at Nargonda (Gadchiroli) where the notorious and cruel people's enemy Chinna Venta was wiped out had laid down their lives. One comrade was martyred in Sulungi ambush.

More than 50 ordinary and unarmed revolutionary masses were martyred in the 'War on People' launched by the central and state governments in DK, B-J-N.CG, Lalgah and Odisha. Among them are Adivasi people who were part of the Lalgah mass upsurge, anti-mining and displacement activists who were in the forefront in Odisha, revolutionary sympathizers and people in DK and B-J-N.CG. Police, paramilitary forces, Harmad Bahini and Gan Pratirodh Committee goons in WB, Koya commandos, SPOs and Salwa Judum goons in DK have murdered them in the name of 'Maoists'. The massacres perpetrated at Palaibani, Siyarbani-Kotwali, Tougveda-Bhulaveda, Bandarboni, Jhargram and Netai villages in Lalgah area by Harmad Bahini goons, at Kotali-Jamirdanga, Patgaja, Gojra-Barikul, Hainhadugi-Barikul villages by Gan Pratirodh Committee goons; massacres by central and state joint forces in some more places; Kutrem, Rangaiahgooda, Kottapalli, Kolar, Madapa, Gurugutta, Gorukonda, Singannaguda, Murunga, Morpalli, Timmapur, Kesmundi, Chinari, Mankeli, Pullum, and Mehanar massacres in DK are stark witness to this.

All these massacres happened between August 2010 and June 2011.

Comrades Kannabiran, Pattipati Venkateswarlu, RS Rao and other revolutionary intellectuals and civil rights movement leaders who have fought on the side of oppressed masses for people's democratic rights since many decades breathed their last. Their martyrdom is a great loss for the democratic movements.

People are waging militant struggles against the ever intensifying problem of displacement in our country and in the fascist police firings on these agitations at Kalinganagar (Odisha), Sompeta, Kakarlapalli (AP), Jaitapur (Maharashtra), Bhatta-Parsaul (UP) etc. many activists laid down their lives. Anti-mining activists Gangul Tarangi, M. Subba Rao in Koraput area, Madhav Singh Thakur, Ramesh Sahu in Bargad (Odisha) and anti-Raoghat mining activist Sanavu Kumeti (DK) were tortured severely and killed. 14 activists including district committee member com. Ravi who were participating actively and leading the anti-displacement movement in Odisha laid down their lives in the police massacres in Jajpur district and Kashipur of Niyamgiri area. The sacrifices of Niyamgiri and Mahasamund martyrs who have taken up the strategic task of expanding People's War to newer areas as part of defeating the country-wide offensive launched by the enemy with the aim of completely decimating the revolutionary movement, are invaluable.

In the present phase-2 of OGH it is a fact that brutality of the mercenary police-paramilitary forces and counter-revolutionary gangs has increased further. Along with the incidents mentioned above, the murders-atrocities, burning and loot perpetrated at Chintalnar and the massacre at Netai perpetrated with the support of central and state joint forces and CPM goons in Lalgah area are naked examples for this. The white terror unleashed by Cobras, Koya commandos and Salwa Judum goons in Morpalli, Tadimetla, Pulanpad and Timmapur villages in Chintalnar area (three murdered, six women gang raped, property worth crores of rupees and grains burnt, 300 houses looted and then razed down) and the cordoning off of the area for weeks together by police, paramilitary, Koya commando forces stopping any kind of relief from reaching the area from outside show the intensity of the counter-revolutionary offensive. Democrats all over the country protested against this. Similar were the agitations raged on a large scale in West Bengal against the massacre at Netai by social fascist CPM goons. Apart from this, hundreds of local mass organization and revolutionary

people's government activists and people were arrested put in jails by booking them under black laws. Particularly, as part of damaging our party leadership, in the man-hunts launched by enemy intelligence forces, on April 29, 2011, three Central Committee members and Comrade Bhupeshda in June and many other leadership comrades and activists were arrested by the enemy. Dozens of cases were foisted on them in various states to keep them in jails lifelong. The lives of people are in turmoil due to the 'War on People' carried on by the enemy.

The traditions of sacrifices, valuable experiences, bravery, values and ideals, displayed with democratic-communist consciousness by hundreds of comrades who were martyred while fighting back the enemy repression have brightened the path of our revolution. On the occasion of the martyrs' memorial week the Central Committee is humbly paying red homage with a heavy heart to our beloved leaders comrades CM, KC and to all the known and unknown martyrs since Naxalbari. It is vowing that it would fight untiringly for the fulfillment of their aims. On this occasion it is expressing its deep condolences to friends, colleagues and relatives of all the martyrs and is sharing their grief. It is appealing to all their beloved colleagues to fulfill their loss. It is saluting the great consciousness displayed by injured comrades and heart fully wishes that they would recover soon and join the movement actively. CC is sending heartfelt greetings to all the brave comrades who displayed courage, sacrifice in spite of cruel tortures on them when they were arrested and are turning jails into an arena of class struggles despite inhuman conditions prevailing there. It is sharing the grievances of the lakhs of people who are suffering due to the repressive OGH. It is appealing to the people to fight with increased class hatred till final victory against the enemy who is the root cause for all their difficulties and tears.

In the international arena, the Arab world is in turmoil with rebellions. Though not led by revolutionaries, lakhs of Arab people are fighting militantly against tyranny, corruption, unemployment and for democracy against their lackey ruling classes of US imperialism. In these mass rebellions thousands of people and people's leaders have laid down their lives. On the occasion of Martyrs' Memorial Week, let us remember all the brave fighters who have laid down their lives while fighting against all kinds of reactionaries and imperialists for democracy, for national liberation and liberation from class exploitation and oppression in various countries.

Comrades,

Guerilla warfare is intensifying in various areas

of our country as part of fulfilling our central task in response to the call of our party's Unity Congress-9th Congress. Due to the great sacrifices of our martyrs we are advancing by achieving one success after another in People's War. Without the sacrifices of the martyrs, we cannot imagine any of the campaigns taken up by the party in political, military, cultural, organizational, people's welfare spheres, campaigns for expansion into newer areas and newer spheres and the good results achieved by these. In spite of the many schemes and ploys of the enemy to stifle the movement through carpet security and by increasing the police, paramilitary and commando forces, the sacrifices of the martyrs are helping a lot in keeping the initiative in our hands in the movement. The enemy is establishing stronger informer networks in perspective areas to stop us from expanding to vast new areas in the country to confine our movement to limited areas. Despite this our forces engaged in expansion of our movement are fighting face to face with the enemy, making invaluable sacrifices in the tough guerilla warfare and are playing their role in keeping People's War alive.

In the TCOCs taken up by our party, military commissions and commands to defeat the OGH of the enemy, small and medium actions have taken place. Particularly, the Kajara (Lakhisarai) ambush in Bihar and our counter operation that failed the enemy attack in Saranda last year; one of the bravest ambushes conducted by our PLGA in Dhardharia forests in Lohardagga district in the midst of severe repression in Jharkhand this year; in DK - the Morpalli (Chintalnar) ambush, Borguda night ambush (Kerlapal), Amamora (Gariyaband) ambush, Jharaghati frontal attack, the night ambush at Gatam on MPV, the ambush nearby Bejji camp, the night ambush at Kirandul, Sulungi (Koilibeda) ambush etc have checked the aggressiveness of the enemy. Particularly, these attacks which happened when the enemy was intensifying the process of deploying army in Narayanpur district in DK have greatly alarmed the exploiting ruling classes and the enemy forces. Similarly in Jharkhand, our PLGA forces have most bravely fought back the enemy attacks on our central camps which were conducted in military style with thousands of forces.

On the other hand, the Lalgargh and Narayanapatna movements are continuing militantly and developing without surrendering to the enemy despite severe repression. The anti-state, anti-feudal struggles have taken up the correct line for seizure of political power and have become part in PPW. The anti-displacement struggles in Kalinganagar,

Niyamgiri, Mali-Deomali in Odisha, Lohandiguda, Raoghat, Bodhghat, Pallemadi in DK, Sompeta and Kakarlapalli, against mining of China clay in Dumriguda, against mining of bauxite in Visakha district in AP are advancing further in the same path. Movement for separate Telangana is becoming stronger with each day with the support of a vast sea of masses and is advancing in a militant manner. This has been possible only due to the blood spilled by several agitators. In recent times, with the inspiration of Singur, Nandigram and Kalinganagar struggles and that of Lalgah and Narayanapatna mass rebellions which were carried out with the participation of revolutionary forces, anti-displacement struggles are erupting in several areas in our country. The people are everywhere rejecting the 'development model' of the imperialist and the comprador ruling class rich-corporates and agitating. Wherever such struggles are erupting the intelligence dogs are sniffing around them for their links with Maoists and are trying to portray all of them as Maoist movements. This in itself shows how nervous the ruling classes are about Maoists. On the other hand, the Maoist People's War is enthusing the democrats and progressive elements in our country very much. The sacrifices of our martyrs are giving them the inspiration.

Comrades,

Due to the launching of 'counter-revolutionary war on people' in the name of OGH to suppress the revolutionary movement which proved to be a hurdle to the reactionary, anti-people, anti-national, pro-imperialist, pro-corporate, expansionist economic, political, social and ecological policies of the Indian comprador ruling classes, all social contradictions in our country are sharpening. Due to this, great opportunities are coming forth for the Maoist forces, progressive democratic forces, patriotic forces, the national liberation movement forces, the vast socially oppressed communities like Adivasis, dalits, religious minorities etc to unite and continue the mass resistance on a wider scale. On the one hand, South Asia and Arab world are simmering and on the other hand anti-imperialist struggles are flaring up against loot of resources in Asia, Africa and Latin America and lakhs of workers and unemployed youth who have been thrown on the roads due to the closure of several industries as a result of the capitalist economic crisis are agitating. Due to this all the basic contradictions in the world are intensifying. In one word, the objective situation in our country and the world has turned excellent. In such a situation, the task of defending the leadership by fighting back all

conspiracies, strategies and tactics of the enemy to annihilate the leaders of movements, particularly the Maoist leadership has assumed greater significance than before. By deeply understanding the dynamism of the theory of Maoist People's War with proletarian thinking, in an impregnable manner to the enemy, by giving importance to committee work methods and discipline, by preserving ourselves and wiping out the enemy our party must serve as a model to the entire revolutionary ranks. We must properly understand the strength and strategic goal of the enemy. We must change our old tactics and functioning methods and formulate new tactics and functioning methods. We must be very firm in implementing the tactics formulated and secret functioning. Thus we can decrease our leadership losses and prevent unnecessary losses.

We must intensify and expand the guerilla warfare by continuously conducting small, medium and big operations in a planned manner depending on mass base in order to damage the initiative of the enemy forces which are aggressively coming to attack us with the help of carpet security in our movement areas. Our plans for operations should be such that they guarantee success. We must creatively use combat skills, weapons, grenades, mines, cocktails etc in coordination in our battle operations. We must intensify anti-imperialist, anti-feudal, anti-state and anti-state violence mass struggles and agitations in support of guerilla warfare. Mass agitations must be developed into armed resistance struggles. We must expose the deceptive LIC war of enemy aiming to decimate the revolutionary movement by destroying its mass base. We must strengthen vast mass base around the revolutionary movement by awakening the people. Appropriate attention must be given to United Front apart from party and people's army and foundations must be laid for the building of strategic UF by mobilizing the masses of four classes in various agitations, building tactical united forums and strengthening them. Revolutionary People's Committees (RPCs) which are the form of strategic UF must be built from the village level and strengthened. We must advance towards building strategic UF by taking RPCs all over the country as the base.

Comrades,

Our beloved comrades have sacrificed everything to fulfill the central task decided by our Unity Congress and have transferred that responsibility to us now. No revolution in this world can be victorious without great sacrifices. The sacrifices of our martyrs would not go in vain. This

is an era of revolutions. Today our revolution is demanding that we prepare ourselves for more sacrifices to achieve greater successes. Our martyrs are inspiring us for that. History is teaching us that people are invincible if they dare to fight. Let us advance with firm determination in the path of people's war by efficiently utilizing the excellent revolutionary conditions holding high the international banner of proletariat which turned crimson with the blood of the martyrs.

Comrades,

Celebrate Martyrs' Memorial week on a huge scale in every village and town all over the country with revolutionary spirit. Fight back the enemy at every step with the aim of defeating OGH while holding high the sacrifices, communist values, creativity, courage and bravery and dedication of our martyrs. Publish the life histories of our ideal martyrs. Build martyrs' memorial columns in every village. Propagate widely about the sacrifices of martyrs in creative forms such as distributing pamphlets, pasting wall posters, wall writings, tying banners etc. Conduct meetings and rallies upholding their ideals. Make success the Martyrs' Memorial Week in a manner which would fill the party, PLGA, mass organizations and revolutionary masses with revolutionary spirit.

On the occasion of this year's Martyrs' Memorial Week, our CC is giving a call to the entire party, PLGA, mass organizations and people to fulfill the following tasks in the present concrete conditions as part of fulfilling the aims of our martyrs.

- **Expose the deceptive LIC war of the enemy which aims to decimate the revolutionary movement by destroying its mass base, strengthen the mass base**

by rallying the vast masses !

- **Consolidate party and PLGA theoretically, politically and militarily to take the place of the fallen heroes and to create new cadres on a huge scale with the aim of developing PLGA into PLA. Develop Maoist dynamism in order to get rid of non-proletariat trends. Avoid unnecessary losses by implementing secret style of functioning with proletariat discipline ! Do not hesitate to sacrifice !**
- **Conduct tactical counter-offensives like Mukram-Tadimetla, Kongera, Mamayil, Silda, Baipharguda (Mantriyamba), Kajra-Lakhisarai, Saranda counter operation, Lohardagge-Dhardharia, Amamora, Gatam and Borguda on a huge scale with the participation of people!**
- **Expand the Maosit People's War to vast areas according to the wishes of the people with invaluable sacrifices !**
- **Create mass upsurges like Lalgah, Narayanapatna, Kalinganagar, Niyamgiri, Sompeta, Govindpur-Dhinkia of anti-Posco agitation etc to end the exploitation and oppression of imperialists and the Indian ruling classes. Advance such struggles with the aim of seizure of political power !**

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CONDEMN GRUESOME MUMBAI BOMB BLASTS!

Demand for an impartial and independent probe into all the incidents of bomb blasts including Mecca Masjid, Malegaon and Samjhauta Express blasts!

July 17, 2011

Communist Party of India (Maoist) severely condemns the bomb blasts took place in Mumbai on July 13, 2011. These incidents of serial blasts are inhuman in which at least 20 innocent people have lost their lives and nearly 80 people were injured. Our Party also strongly condemns the devious and baseless allegations of exploitative ruling classes and their police/intelligence agencies who are trying to

blame our Party without any clue of who might be responsible for these bomb blasts and even before the investigation is started. The oppressed people of India know very well that our Party which is fighting for the emancipation of people would never commit such attacks aimed at innocent people putting their lives at peril. Murderous ruling classes and their corporate media are deliberately blaming us so as to

depict our Party as a terrorist organization and our just people's movement as terrorist one, and thus to justify their brutal suppression campaign and the Army deployment in the second phase of ongoing Operation Green Hunt — the War On People.

If we retrospect into the earlier incidents of bomb blasts took place till this day in our country, we would never know the real culprits hidden behind those who are being shown as offenders. It's become a norm now that whenever such incidents of bomb blasts take place, the pro-Hindu fundamentalist Indian state, its intelligence/investigative wings and the corporate media immediately claim that Muslims and so-called Islamic terrorist organizations are responsible. In fact, as part of a conspiracy and collusion of the Indian state which always try to blame Muslim society for every attack of this kind and the top leaders of the ruling class parties like Congress and BJP, the IB itself created an illusionary organization named Indian Mujahiddin which is being held responsible for every incident of bomb blast by the authorities. Corporate media barons and bankrupt intellectuals servile to the ruling classes are branding all those who ask for proof of these allegations and who demand for comprehensive and impartial probe as outright traitors and attacking them belligerently, irrationally and frantically. Thus people are being kept at bay from knowing the truth. In our so-called biggest democracy on the earth, the big joke is not asking for incisive probe has become the touchstone for patriotism and the person who asks for any probe is branded as traitor!

In earlier instances of bomb blasts in Mecca Masjid, Malegaon, Samjhauta Express etc. hundreds of innocent Muslims, particularly the youths were arrested, tortured inhumanly and sent to jails. Many were killed in fake encounters. Even after the obvious evidences came forth that the Hindu fanatics belonging to the right-wing RSS gang were responsible for those ghastly incidents, no justice was done to the Muslims. No leader of the Hindu terrorist organizations like *Abhinav Bharat*, Hindu defence force, *Rashtriya Jagaran Manch*, *Bajrang Dal*, *Viswa Hindu Parishad* has been punished until this day. At the same time, death sentence given to Afzal Guru in the case of attack on Parliament and to 11 Muslims in Godhra train carnage case recently on March 1 are some examples of the anti-Muslim and pro-Hindutva character of the Indian State. While the butchers like Narendra Modi whose hands have stained with the blood of over 2,000 innocent Muslims are freely wandering in the corridors of power, Muslims are being meted out stringent punishments

by virtue of bizarre and inadequate evidences. And this has been spreading the feeling of severe frustration and fury among the Muslim masses.

It's an obvious fact that because of the grisly incidents like the destruction of the Babri Masjid and Gujarat genocide, the Muslim community in general, a large section of Muslim youth in particular, has become furious and outrageous against the Indian ruling classes. Another irrefutable fact is that this situation has given birth to some Islamic organizations. Exploiting this situation and by taking organizations of this sort into their grip or by misleading them in a deceitful manner or by even creating some new organizations of this kind, both India's and Pakistan's intelligence agencies like RAW, IB, ISI are engineering bomb blasts and other attacks in both countries as part of serving their vested political interests. Failing to identify their real enemies many a frustrated Muslim youths are stuck in this lattice and taking part in acts of mindless violence of this kind. Thus they are taking of the lives of innocent people. This is such a vicious cycle where these youths don't even know in whose hands are they acting and whose vested interests are being fulfilled with such attacks in deed.

On the other hand, after it was clearly exposed that an organization called *Abhinav Bharat* belonged to the *Sangh* gang (i.e. RSS) was responsible for bomb blasts of Malegaon, Mecca Masjid and Samjhauta Express, people of India have started seeing Saffron terrorism as a dangerous trend. When it became obvious that the Saffron terrorists are responsible for Ajmer Sherif bomb blast also, the demand for a review of all investigations done into the incidents of bomb blasts in various places of our country has come forth. The Muslim youths of Malegaon and Hyderabad have demanded that the government should apologize for the police atrocities inflicted on them. Despite of all its rhetoric, the Congress-led UPA government has been instigating Saffron terrorism as a part of promoting its wicked political motives. The corporate media which act hand in glove with Hindu fundamentalism in general, on the one hand, attack Muslims and Islamic organizations aggressively without any clear evidence and on the other hand, report as less as possible even when there is evident proof is available that the Saffron terrorist organizations were responsible for various incidents of bomb blasts.

If we see in this backdrop, we could arrive at the conclusion that Saffron terrorist organizations or so-called Islamic militant organizations sponsored by the very intelligence agencies like IB, RAW might

have committed these heinous acts of July 13 Mumbai bomb blasts. It's also likely that the mafia gangs hand in glove with police top brass and ruling class political leaders could have committed these attacks. Whoever else has done this, only the interests of ruling classes would be served with such acts of mindless violence. Firstly, people's attention could be diverted from the issues like price rise, corruption, scams, black money, Swiss banks accounts which have become burning issues in the country now. Secondly, by posing terrorism as biggest danger, even more draconian laws could be prepared and the teeth of State's suppressive machinery could be sharpened by importing arms and technology from imperialist countries on a massive scale misusing trillions of rupees of hard earned people's money. Thirdly, by supporting directly or indirectly all invasive wars, attacks and intimidations of US imperialism going on in the name of 'Global War on Terror' and thus by acting as its junior partner in south Asia region, the Indian State could go ahead reducing the country more servile to it by signing the treacherous treaties like Homeland security, civil nuclear deal etc. Fourthly, using the pretext of terrorism, public consent could be built for crushing the people's movements and growing Maoist revolutionary movement militarily which are surging against anti-people and pro-imperialist neo-liberal policies of the governments. Apart from this, consolidating Hindu vote bank by blaming Muslims and Islamic organizations every time without any proof and diverting the people's attention from the basic problems of our country like food, clothing, shelter,

price rise, unemployment, poverty, starvation, displacement etc. are necessary for both Congress and BJP and for the feudal and comprador bourgeoisie classes whom they represent, so that their exploitative rule can be carried on unchecked.

However, Communist Party of India (Maoist) believes that the real perpetrators of Mumbai blasts could be traced only through an impartial and independent probe. Our Party humbly appeals the masses and democrats of the country to not to sway away with the malicious propaganda, falsehood and prejudices unleashed by the ruling classes, their intelligence agencies and the corporate media in a mad, one-sided and irrational manner. Our Party demands to uncover the culprits responsible for these blasts and punish them severely. At the same time, our Party calls upon entire people of the country to demand the governments for impartial and independent probes into all incidents of bomb blasts that took place since 1992 and for unconditional release of Muslims and Christians who are languishing in various jails with false cases. Our Party also calls upon the people of the country to demand to punish all those Saffron terrorist leaders who are responsible for all the attacks perpetrated on religious minorities including the Babri Masjid destruction, Gujarat genocide, Kandhamal (Odisha) attacks and to condemn Hindu religious fundamentalism and all other religious chauvinisms.

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Throw into the dust bin all the vicious propaganda carried on by the ruling classes and corporate media against the Maoist leadership!

August 19, 2011

At present the Indian revolutionary movement is facing many hard challenges and advancing through the process of victory-defeat and victory. With the aim of completely wiping out the revolutionary movement, the ruling classes are carrying on a cruel war of suppression with the full support of the imperialists. Particularly by following the LIC strategy formulated by the US imperialists, these fascists are carrying on this counter-revolutionary war. Particularly from 2009 onwards the UPA government in coordination with the state governments is carrying on a countrywide suppressive war in the name of OGH. In this unjust war carried on against the people under the leadership of the Sonia-Manmohan Singh-

Chidambaram-Pranab Mukherji gang, their strategy is said to be 'suppression and development' (read suppression of the people and development of the corporate houses). As part of this they are using psychological warfare as a strategic weapon and vicious propaganda on revolutionary leadership is a key component in this. Media is being used as one of the main instruments in this psy-war. Media persons who represent corporate sector and pseudo intellectuals who are apologists for the ruling classes' ideology are participating actively in this psy-war through foul-mouthed propaganda.

Counter-revolutionary propaganda is as old as the revolutionary movement. The German fascist

propaganda minister Goebbels who said that repeating a lie a hundred times would turn it into the truth has found his Indian avatars in Sonia, Manmohan, Pranab Mukherji, Raman Singh, Naveen Patnaik, Nitish Kumar, Kiran Kumar etc and their faithful spokespersons like Arnab Goswamis and Chandan Mitras are leading this nasty campaign in various forms in the media. Right from the propaganda that Marxism has become outdated to the propaganda that bitter differences have cropped up among the Maoist leaders, news items against the revolutionary movement and its leadership with utter lies and outlandish fabrications, falsehoods and half-truths are being published and relayed day in and day out. The single and foremost aim of this psy-war is to spread confusion, disappointment and lack of confidence among the people and the revolutionary ranks towards Maoist leadership by creating doubts, prejudices and illusions about our party and its leadership. The ruling classes and their lackey intellectuals are dreaming that by deceiving the people they can carry on their exploitation and pro-imperialist economic policies without any opposition whatsoever. Some of the journalists who come under this category are hand in gloves with the intelligence officials and are propagating crap about the Maoist revolutionary movement through corporate media houses. The white lie published under the title 'Bitter differences crop up between Maoist PW and MCC factions' in *Times of India* dated July 17, 2011 is undoubtedly part of this Psy-War.

This news item dictated by the Indian intelligence agencies and written by Rakhi Chakrabarty has not only targeted the Maoist leadership but has also falsely created 'PW and MCC factions' and 'severe differences of opinions among them' in the party. The unity of these two revolutionary parties in accordance with the much-awaited aspirations of the oppressed peoples of the world and our country and rich experiences of these two parties by overcoming the most painful period named as "Black chapter" by both of them in their histories has opened a glorious chapter in our country's revolutionary movement. Only genuine and selfless revolutionaries can so accept their mistakes publicly and seek apology from the people and work with steadfast determination not to repeat them. That is why this genuine unity has enthused the oppressed people and revolutionary ranks all over the world as much as it had spread anxiety and dread among the Indian ruling classes and their imperialist masters. It is to be noted that the faithful servant of the imperialists and the Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh began describing

the Maoist movement as the biggest internal security threat after this historic unity. It is also an undeniable fact that the ruling classes have intensified their fascist offensive on massive scale against the revolutionary movement only after this.

It is an age-old trick of the ruling classes to create illusory divisions among the top leaders of the revolutionary parties so that people would come to believe that even these parties would not lead them properly with such careerisms and divides among their leaders. Umpteen numbers of such instances can be quoted from all over the world and this news item of TOI is one such most vicious propaganda against our leaders who in fact have spent decades of their lives in service of the people selflessly. Some of them are now languishing in jails facing inhuman treatment from the state without the minimum facilities or medical treatment at this old age. The callousness of the state towards our leaders who have sacrificed everything for the liberation of the oppressed people of our country is reaching unprecedented heights with each day. In a way, this only indicates that the state is scared about the increasing influence of revolutionary politics and is resorting to all kinds of tricks to reduce it in vain. Our Party is completely rejecting all these allegations leveled against our leadership and is appealing to the oppressed masses and the revolutionary camp not to believe even a word of it.

All genuine revolutionary parties have several differences of opinions and shades of differences among their members in ideological, political, organizational, military, cultural etc matters. Various ideas come for discussion and they are concluded with a majority after each and every member has voiced her/his opinion on them. This is a democratic process followed by the revolutionary parties which can never be seen in or understood by the ruling class parties. Only through such discussions and criticism-self-criticism does a party sustain its revolutionary content and not by blindly following any one leader like in the bourgeois parties. Revolutionaries steel themselves in the flames of class struggle and by going through many sessions of criticisms and self-criticisms. The intelligence agencies are trying to distort this healthy atmosphere inside the party as exactly its opposite and trying to confuse the people and the ranks by propagating that there are bitter differences inside the party and that too on the lines of PW and MCC. We appeal to the oppressed people of the world and our country, democrats and revolutionary ranks to condemn this vicious propaganda, to stay alert to such tricks of the state,

**Condolence message of CC, CPI (Maoist) to
the CC, Communist Party of The Philippines
on the demise of Gregorio “Ka Roger” Rosal**

September 24, 2011

Dear Comrades,

Our CC felt deep sorrow when we heard the news of passing away of Gregorio “Ka Roger” Rosal, spokesperson and chief of the Information Bureau of your Party, the CPP. On behalf of the Indian revolutionary movement and entire revolutionary masses of India, we send our heartfelt condolences to the CPP, NPA and NDF, all near and dears of the departed veteran of Filipino revolution. We share your grief. The demise of Ka Roger is a great loss to entire Communist revolutionaries of the world.

Veteran Communist leader Comrade Roger greatly contributed to the Filipino revolution ever since he joined into the revolutionary movement in 1972. Born in a poor peasant family in the countryside, he raised to the level of the spokesperson of the Party. This would inspire every communist across the world. From ‘Great Escape’, he played crucial role in expanding and consolidating the Filipino revolution as well as armed struggle and mass struggles. He strode unwaveringly against all odds faced in his personal and political life. Understanding the significance of the propaganda work in revolution he accrued immense experience in propaganda front striving hard. The way your Party waged a relentless revolutionary propaganda war in defeating the psychological war being carried out by the imperialists and their lackey Benigno Aquino III is simply great. It’s been an immense inspiration to our Party. Despite severe ill health, as a veteran communist leader Ka Roger had been in touch with the Propaganda Bureau of the CPP furnishing it with his invaluable suggestions till the end and thus he handed over his legacy to his comrades so that the tasks of the revolution could be carried on ceaselessly.

His demise is a huge loss not only to the Filipino Revolution, but to the World Socialist Revolution as well. He displayed enormous competence, patience, straightforwardness, intelligence, patriotism and love for his nation throughout his career as a revolutionary. Thus he presented himself before the world people as a model of how communists should think about the world.

The CC of CPI (Maoist) humbly bows its head in memory of this Great Leader of the World Proletariat Ka Roger and vows to carry the World Proletarian Socialist Revolution forward.

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to throw them into the dust bin and to stand firmly with the revolutionary movement in solidarity.

Finally, regarding the so-called differences on ‘the lines of PW and MCC’, we feel it would suffice if we reiterate what our party General Secretary Comrade Ganapathy had said in an interview given to the media in October 2010.

“...The struggle between correct ideas and wrong ideas is a continuous process in the party. We would solve our differences of opinion by abiding the principle of democratic centralism and in the light of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. This would only lead to

the development of the party. We achieved great unity with the merger of the two parties. Now any discussions or conflict of ideas which takes place in the party would be in the form of ideological and political discussions in a united party and not in the form of differences between erstwhile MCCI and erstwhile CPI (M-L) (People’s War). We categorically state that the differences would never ever take the form of conflicts before the merger.”

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