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HOMAGE TO MARTYRS

Nearly seventy comrades were martyred in the path of protracted people's war as part of the New Democratic Revolution in our country from 2013 July to December. Nearly twenty of these beloved comrades are women comrades. Some of these martyrs lost their precious lives while bravely fighting back the enemy assaults or during PLGA attacks on the enemy forces. Several of these martyr comrades were killed brutally in deceptive attacks carried on by the government forces as part of white terror campaigns, in attacks by counter-revolutionary killer gangs and in fake encounters. A few of them were martyred due to ill-health.

Senior leader of the party, staunch communist and the beloved son of the oppressed masses comrade Ganti Prasadam was shot in daylight in Nellore (AP) on July 4, 2013 by so-called "miscreants" who are none else than state-sponsored killers. Comrade Prasadam was tirelessly working to revive the revolutionary movement in Andhra Pradesh that had suffered a temporary setback by actively leading the mass organizations and mass movements there. He was active in release of political prisoners, was building a consistent movement against the multi-pronged countrywide state offensive called Operation Green Hunt and was playing a crucial role not only in the movement for separate Telangana but also in building support for it in coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema. He was a veteran trade union leader and never did he flinch in his commitment towards the workers in his long drawn career as a TU leader.

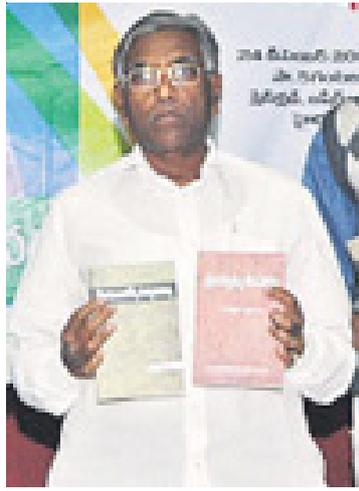
His nearly four decade long revolutionary life was fully spent in serving the people as best as he could and even on his death bed his only wish was to be saved not for his own sake but to serve the people more and to fulfill his unfinished responsibilities in the revolution. The people of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and especially the workers of North Andhra always remember him fondly as their well wisher and close comrade. Comrade Ganti won the confidence of the utterly poor workers, various oppressed sections of masses and also that of the progressive intellectuals equally and to such a degree that this would be worth special mention. He was known for his simplicity, unadulterated hatred for the class enemies and untainted love for the proletariat and the oppressed masses. His work extended from organizational, political and ideological fields to writing literature. The way he mingled with the cadres is worth emulating and he was always on the ready to speak on a wide range of issues to educate the cadres during various revolutionary and other occasions. He was put in jail several times and was interrogated but the enemy could never bend his spirit. He went on with his work and that is why the ruling classes found this 60-plus comrade a 'grave threat' to their 'internal security' and had him assassinated. They could not kill the spirit of comrade Prasadam and it would continue to inspire thousands of young men and women of our country to dedicate themselves to the service of the people.

Within a few months of comrade Prasadam's death, another very senior leader of the oppressed masses, of the teacher community and especially of the Telangana people comrade Akula Bhumaiah was killed brutally in a state sponsored accident in December. He was active in the movement for separate Telangana of 1969 and developed into a student leader. He played a prominent role in building and developing the teachers unions. In the background of the raging revolutionary movement in the state he developed organic links to the teachers unions with the movement, always planning to disseminate progressive and revolutionary ideas through various forums created for the teachers and students and always strove to bridge the gap between the intellectual and the common people. He served as a model of what a teacher with social responsibility should be. He wrote a book on scientific education and taught about it on innumerable occasions. Since 1996 he dedicated his services to the movement for separate Telangana. In spite of several death threats which are not uncommon for any pro-people intellectual in AP under various fascist regimes, he carried on with undaunted spirit. He even escaped being bumped off in a fake encounter once. The Telangana people, the teacher community he organized, the students whom he taught and the people he loved would never forget the contributions and services of comrade Bhumaiah and would carry on his dream of building a democratic Telangana with his inspiration.

Comrade Gajjela Sarojana (Amara) who was martyred on 11-12-2013 due to ill-health was one of senior most women comrade of the CPI (Maoist) who spent decades of her life in the selfless service of the people



Com. Ganti Prasadam
Vice-President,
Revolutionary Democratic Front
(4-7-2013)



Com. Akula Bhoomaiah
President,
Telangana Praja Front
(24-12-2013)



Com. Gajjela Sarojana
Veteran Comrade
(11-12-2013)

expecting nothing in return except their liberation from the yokes of all kinds of exploitation and oppression. Her father was a worker in the Singareni collieries. Her elder brother was the legendary comrade Gajjela Gangaram who was martyred in 1981 when a bomb blasted during manufacture in a military training camp. Her mother was likened to Gorky's mother for her support to the revolutionary movement and also for encouraging her children to take part in it. Inspired by such working class family tradition of support to revolution on the one hand and by the raging workers revolutionary movement in Singareni collieries in the early 80s comrade Sarojana too decided to dedicate her life for the New Democratic Revolution in our country at a very young age in her teens.

Comrade Sarojana first worked in Adilabad district as a student activist and later as a student PR for a few years. For a few years she worked in the technical work outside the district. Later she worked for a few years in the squads in Adilabad district. Later her revolutionary life till her death was spent in Dandakaranya. Most of her life was spent in the service of the oppressed Adivasis – in making them literates and in teaching them Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. She married comrade Shyam (CCM who was killed in a fake encounter on December 2, 1999 along with two more CCM comrades Mahesh and Murali) and was arrested with him in 1986. She was put in jail for three years but that could not bend her spirit. She once again went underground after being released. The martyrdom of comrade Shyam was a big personal blow to her but she recovered her strength by working for the Adivasis with more dedication.

Comrade Sarojana lived a very simple life, was loving towards comrades and was humble. In spite of her seniority in the party she never thought about her own development and dedicated her services selflessly for the revolution. Even when the enemy was destroying Janatana Sarkar schools in Dandakaranya she tried to enthuse the students and put efforts to teach them amid such difficult conditions without losing heart. Even in her 50s she used to do physical work. She used to write inspiring poems, songs and letters. She had serious ill-health problems but overcame them with the true spirit of a revolutionary. She suffered from deadly cancer in her last days. Due to severe repression under OGH her treatment went on amid risks and finally the enemy forces closed in on her. She escaped in the last minute and reached her beloved comrades and people in the Dandakaranya forest and suffered horrible physical pain due to severe abdominal infection for a few days. When she knew she was dying she called all the young comrades and filled them with great revolutionary spirit by telling them how they should live, work and die and how never to think in self interest and bow before the enemy. She asked them to convey her *Lal Salaam* to the comrades she had known and worked with and breathed her last. The last message of this veteran comrade would always inspire the younger generations teaching them a thing or two about what dedication and selflessness is all about. Her ideals would help in the Bolshevization campaign that the party had taken up recently.



**Com. Naresh (DVCM)
Khammam (NT)
Bade Chelima Martyr (31-10-2013)**



**Com. Danni (President ARPC)
Gadchiroli Division (DK)**



**Com. Madvi Hidma
Militia PL Cdr
Gangalur Area (DK)
July 2013**



**Com. Jyothi (PM)
Burgum Martyr (EBT-DK)
(27-8-2013)**



Com. Reshma (PM)



Com. Pramila (PM)

**Medri Martyrs (Gadchiroli - DK)
(7-7-2013)**



**Com. Santhosh (PM)
Kujen Martyr
(30-8-2013)**



**Com. Sukkai (PM)
Kadravalli Martyr
(11-9-2013)**



**Com. Danaji (Ronda) (PM)
Kandhrabhata Martyr
(6-9-2013)**

Odisha State Committee Area Martyrs

In Dandakaranya – comrade Hitesh (Company-2 member) was martyred while bravely fighting back the enemy forces in an ambush laid by the PLGA near Nukanpalli in West Bastar. In Medri village of Gadchiroli district six women comrades were brutally killed in cold blood by the C-60 commandos after catching them alive with injuries and in spite of severe protests from the people. The police treated these women comrades with utter disrespect and contempt before murdering them and had even recorded in mobile phones their ghastly patriarchal and inhuman treatment of their bodies while alive and even after they were dead. They had distributed this widely among the Adivasi peasants to scare them away from the Maoists. The Maharashtra police are trying to surpass the Sri Lankan army in their brutal treatment of women fighters. But their brutality would only lead to more hatred of them among the poor peasants. Two women comrades were also similarly killed after being caught in Indur massacre in the same Gadchiroli district and by the same fascist forces. Comrade Danni, area Janatana Sarkar president and another comrade were martyred in Gadchiroli bravely fighting the enemy forces. Comrade Danni saved leadership comrades on that day by putting her life at stake. She was taken in an injured state to a safe place by her fellow comrades. In spite of their best efforts she breathed her last in their hands. The spirit she displayed in the face of death and her eagerness to hand over all the secret dumps which she alone knew to the party moved the comrades to tears. The ever smiling beloved daughter of the earth died with a smile on lips perhaps indicating her satisfaction at having fulfilled her responsibilities even in such a short but most meaningful life as a revolutionary. Two women comrades - Coms. Jano and Jyothi were martyred while fighting the enemy forces at Burgum in East Bastar. Com. Jyothi was killed in cold blood after she was caught with injuries. Comrade Badru (West Bastar) was also killed after he was injured in an encounter with the enemy forces. Local activists like comrade Sukram and action team member comrade Vijay, both working in East Bastar were killed in fake encounters. PLGA comrades Paike, Santi, Idumal, Somal and Jugal were also martyred in DK in enemy attacks. Comrades Bojjal and Sarita died of ill health in DK.

In AOB – in one of the most brutal massacres in the revolutionary history of Odisha, 13 militia comrades – all sons of the soil - were murdered at Silakot by the reactionary SOG forces led by Malkangiri SP of the fascist Naveen Patnaik government on September 14, 2013. Comrade Golla Ramulu (Sridhar) who had worked as an Area Committee secretary was killed in a fake encounter after brutally torturing him. PLGA comrades Rambatti, Sukkai (Niyamagiri), Santosh (Bolangir), Dhanaji (Ronda-Bolangir) were also martyred in different incidents..

In Jharkhand six comrades died in attacks by the reactionary PLFI and the TPC goons. In West Bengal comrade Hemant Mahato and another comrade were killed by the state sponsored goons of the fascist Mamta regime.

The Khammam Divisional Committee member comrade Naresh and Comrade Ramu were killed in a fierce encounter with the enemy forces at Bade Chelima on October 31, 2013. Both these comrades were from the oppressed classes and had a long history of revolutionary activities. Comrade Naresh hailing from Warangal district in North Telangana was attracted to the revolutionary movement while he was studying and he became a Radical Students Union activist and fought back the ABVP goons who were a menace to the students. Later he joined the squads and gradually developed to the level of a DVCM through his painstaking hard work amid one of the most repressive period in the history of NT. His sixteen year long revolutionary life shows how resilient a revolutionary should be in face of any kinds of odds. Comrade Ramu was a young comrade of twenty five years hailing from a poor peasant family. He was married at a young age and had two little children. He was arrested and tortured brutally twice while he was actively working in his village but they could not bend his spirit. He left his young wife and children and joined the squads. The martyrdom of these two staunch communists is no doubt a serious blow to the Khammam movement in particular and to the entire NT movement but their work and their lives would continue to inspire the fighting people of NT. Raju, a militia member was also martyred in NT.

Let us pay humble homage to these great martyrs who selflessly laid their lives for the liberation of the oppressed classes of our country. Let us vow to carry forward their lofty aims and not to rest until our goal is reached.



Let us Bolshevize our party to efficiently wield the two basic weapons of People's Army and United Front to lead the revolution to victory

Let us strengthen and expand our mass base by adhering firmly to class line and mass line

Let us grasp in depth the two Marxist principles 'No revolution without a revolutionary party' and 'People are the makers of history'

[This is the abridged version of the Call of the CC, CPI (Maoist) to the entire rank and file to celebrate with revolutionary enthusiasm the 9th Anniversary of our party from September 21 to 27, 2013]

Dear comrades,

We are about to celebrate the 9th Anniversary of our glorious new Party on September 21st this year. This is all the more significant this year as our preparations to celebrate ten glorious years of our new party also start with this. September 21, 2004 is a significant day for the New Democratic Revolution (NDR) in India and also for the World Socialist Revolution (WSR) as this day launched a single center of guidance for the revolutionary movement in India after overcoming more than three decades of ups and downs in this process.

On this occasion let us pay humble homage with great respect to the builders of our glorious Party, great leaders of the Indian Revolution, martyrs and our beloved comrades CM and KC and the thousands of brave fighters who laid down their lives in the course of the NDR, carrying forward the glorious legacy of Naxalbari. After the 8th Anniversary of our Party, all through the past year the counter-revolutionary 'Operation Green Hunt- phase 2' (War on People) raged relentlessly wreaking havoc throughout our movement areas. In the course of fighting back this offensive by the Indian ruling classes and defending the people, nearly 150 of our beloved comrades have laid down their lives. They selflessly fought with great courage and bravery by putting their lives at stake to defend and advance the People's War. A majority of them had laid down their invaluable lives while fiercely resisting attacks by armed forces and the state-sponsored vigilante gangs. Among the martyrs, comrades Ganti Prasad, Mahita, Juvvaji Venkata Subbaiah, Aluri Bhujanga Rao were veteran comrades of our party. Ganti Prasad's was a state-sponsored murder and the other three comrades died due to old age and other problems. North Telangana Special Zone Committee member comrade Sudhakar was killed in a fierce battle with the enemy's special forces. RCM comrade Prashant of BJ-North Chhattisgarh Special Area was murdered in a joint CoBRA-TPC attack. In Dandakaranya (DK) senior Divisional Committee level technical department comrade Aman died due to ill-health while another DVCM Indira died due to snake bite. DVC/ZC (Zonal Committee) level comrades Dharmendra Yadav, Prafulla Yadav and Mithilesh Yadav of Bihar, Sankar of DK and Pushpa of NT were martyred while resisting enemy attacks. Tens of revolutionary masses, members of revolutionary mass organizations, RPCs and people's militia were massacred by the armed forces in indiscriminate firings (like in Edesmetta in DK) and fake encounters in all our movement areas. Let us vow to carry forward the aims and fulfill the dreams of these selfless martyrs by defending, expanding and intensifying the people's war. Let us imbibe and spread the ideals of our great martyrs and inspire the masses to follow their path for the liberation of humankind.

In the past one year, several brave fighters were martyred while valiantly fighting the enemy forces during the course of New Democratic Revolutions in countries such as Philippines, Turkey and Bangladesh etc. Hundreds of agitators and people apart from the working class in the imperialist countries have laid down their invaluable lives in the struggles for liberation from class exploitation and oppression, for national liberation and for democracy in several countries all over the world. Our CC is humbly paying homage to all

of them on the occasion of the 9th Anniversary of our Party. It pledges to fulfill the aspirations of the martyrs of WSR by fighting with determination till our goals are achieved.

On this occasion our CC is sending warmest revolutionary greetings to entire party ranks; PLGA commanders and fighters; comrades of Revolutionary People's Committees (RPCs) and mass organizations; to the thousands of comrades and revolutionary masses who have opened another battle-front in the prisons in the country; to revolutionary masses in our struggle areas and all over our country; to revolutionary well-wishers and the Marxist-Leninist/Maoist parties in various countries that stood in great support of the Indian revolutionary movement particularly in the past one year holding high the red banner of proletarian internationalism.

Let us now briefly look at some of the important changes in the objective conditions that have occurred in the world and our country and also in our subjective condition so that we can concretely formulate our immediate tasks till the next party anniversary in their backdrop.

International situation

The world financial crisis is still devastating the capitalist world with no signs of recovery. It is concentrated in Europe and no number of austerity measures or bailouts are able to save the EU countries from getting bogged down further in it. All kinds of exercises done by G-8, G-20, IMF, WB, WTO and several regional economic formations have failed to bail the imperialists out of their crisis this year too. Worker's struggles against job cuts and retrenchments are rocking several EU countries. Unemployment, ruthless cuts in subsidies and social spending are pushing millions upon millions of people further into miserable conditions which are leading to their agitations.

To overcome this crisis the imperialist world is taking up austerity measures, state spending to provide employment, increasing taxes, reducing significantly the expenditure of the government, increasing funding to the capitalists and increasing the loot of people and natural resources in backward countries.

The people in imperialist countries are increasingly facing unemployment and underemployment, lack of job guarantee, lack of safe drinking water, inflation, housing problem, reduction in government spending on education and health care, migration and lack of democratic rights. These conditions have worsened further since the financial crisis of 2008.

In backward countries too similar conditions are prevailing if not at an even worse rate. They are facing extreme poverty levels and hunger. The huge gap between the rich and the poor is rapidly increasing to an unprecedented level. They are facing migration both internal and external.

All remaining restrictions since 1991 are being lifted by the compradors of backward countries for finance capital and MNCs leading to extreme neo-colonial exploitation and control. The comprador ruling classes have shamelessly taken up the slogan that no development is possible without FDI. With no restrictions to stop the juggernaut of financial capital due to the collusion of the compradors, the third world people are getting crushed ruthlessly under its iron heels.

The recent devaluation of currency in India, Turkey, Brazil, Bangladesh and several other backward countries is putting their economies in turmoil. The much hyped high growth rates in India went into recession. The 'decoupling' theory puffed up by the ruling elite tried to hoodwink the people of our country about the immunity of the Indian economy to the world financial crisis. Now all that stands busted with everybody in the government talking about the 'bad shape of the economy'.

The position of Brazil and South Africa in BRICS is no better. In India and these countries exports fell, inflation rose, currencies depreciated, growth rates fell and manufacturing sector is facing a lot of problems, not to mention the much talked about monster of crisis in current account deficit, particularly in India. Especially the rupee is having a free fall and inflation is skyrocketing. The imperialists are misleadingly portraying the devaluation of currencies vis-a-vis the dollar as its recovery. They are saying that US economy has recovered in the past two quarters and are showing this as an indicator.

The other solution opted by the imperialists to overcome their crisis is to resort to curbing of democratic rights in their countries, encouragement of right-wing reactionary forces and waging wars of aggression.

Wars of occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan, attack on Libya, French invasion of Mali, drone attacks in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen etc, unending Israeli pounding of Palestine, threat to attack Iran and North Korea and the recent 'impatience' of Obama and Francois Hollande to attack Syria are some glaring examples. Imperialist interventions that led to civil wars and internecine wars in backward countries are numerous. Neo-colonial exploitation, control, oppression, intervention and aggression by imperialist countries of the backward countries have devastated their economies and the lives of the people in more ways than one. No sector is left untouched or unaffected in social, economic, political and cultural spheres.

Fundamental contradictions in the world have intensified in the past one year. The principal contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed nations and peoples of the world intensified with various kinds of anti-imperialist struggles waged by the people all over the world including those against the countless ill-effects of neo-liberal economic policies. These struggles cover various aspects in the economic, social, political, cultural and ecological spheres. With the working class and the middle classes increasingly taking to the streets the contradiction between the capitalists and the working class has intensified further. Economically, politically and strategically the inter-imperialist contradiction has come to the fore as never before since they started adopting the neo-liberal policies. This was clearly seen in the contention for domination of West Asia during the recent 'Syria crisis' with Russia supported by China firmly putting its foot down to oppose the US backed western imperialist aggression on Syria.

Brazil saw an unprecedented scale of people's upsurge in June 2013 against its hosting the 2014 football World Cup and 2016 Rio Olympic Games. The people reeling under the horrible effects of the pro-imperialist pro-rich neo-liberal economic policies of the government since decades poured into the streets.

In February, tens of thousands of Greeks took part in a general strike, as more than half the four-million workforce renewed their protest over austerity measures concerning pensions, emergency taxes, the high cost of life and to get rid of the bailout deal as international lenders were due in the capital to discuss the next installment of a bailout. There have been general strikes all over Europe and militant protests have become commonplace. Despite repressive measures such as invoking emergency law, strikes are picking up.

In Egypt Morsi, though a compromising force was unceremoniously ousted and was put in jail by the military backed by the US and Hosni Mubarak supporters. Massacres of people protesting this ouster and the military regime are taking place on a daily basis. In almost all the other Arab countries too where dictatorial rulers were toppled in democratic upsurges in the recent past, imperialist puppets or compromising forces took over and the democratic aspirations of the people remained unfulfilled. So the people are once again forced to take to the streets to fight for genuine democracy. These phenomena are serving as an eye-opener to the Arab people and more and more people are realizing that taking the support of imperialist countries in any manner would be ultimately detrimental to their interests.

Reformism has become the most dangerous ideological and political trend in the world and in our country. As financial crisis intensified, people's unrest amplified, struggles broke out and pseudo-democracy got increasingly exposed by the day, the imperialists and the compradors are bringing this forth on a huge scale. This is advocated and implemented both by the ruling classes, their funded organizations, social democratic and revisionist forces. In our country the countless schemes brought forth by the central and state governments are a glaring example of this trend. These are being implemented in all states all over the country while along with these Civic Action Program by the state armed forces is being vigorously pushed in states where our movement is strong. Similar programs are taken up in all countries where Maoist movements are present. Various acts enacted by the parliament recently regarding food security, land acquisition, hawkers etc should be seen as part of this reformist trend. The various funded organizations – funded both by the governments and the MNCs have spread their network all over the world. Some of them are implementing the lopsided development model of the imperialists while some are participating in struggles and working to confine them to a reformist agenda. All kinds of reformist forces are shamelessly supporting all the neo-liberal economic policies the ruling parties are bringing. They are supporting the repressive measures of the governments when people are revolting against them. Where they are in power they are behaving like neo-fascists in suppressing the people.

We have to ideologically and politically expose the hollow and deceptive nature of the reforms sponsored by the imperialists, ruling class parties and the State. We should expose the futility of reformism in solving the basic problems of the people and place revolution as the alternative before the masses. Along with this we should expose and isolate a section of leaders in the reformist organizations who collaborate with the ruling classes and oppose people's movements. We should take a unity and struggle policy with the reformist organizations even while giving priority to rallying the masses in the broadest possible fronts to fight on their issues as part of NDR in our country. We should be careful in exposing such reformist organizations as people get rallied into those organizations for their genuine demands and those organizations fight to some extent (in reformist limits). We should take the same stand regarding rallying various reformist organizations into the broad anti-imperialist front in the world, particularly against US imperialism. Only when Maoist forces remain at the core of such broad fronts, they can advance towards achieving their goal.

Domestic situation

The domestic situation also underwent changes in consequence of the changes in the international situation. As never before in the history of Indian Parliament, a number of acts including those regarding food security, land acquisition, company bill etc were enacted without almost any objection from the opposition this year in a single session. Even bills that have been pending since decades through various governments were passed now without further ado. Majority of the restrictions regarding imperialist penetration into our country that remained even after accepting LPG policies in the 90s were lifted now with unprecedented speed. The rush with which these bills were passed with the full connivance of the so-called opposition parties only shows how desperate the imperialist masters and their agents ruling here are to come out of the financial crisis that is looming over them. All these acts have the single purpose of furthering the neo-liberal policies of the imperialists that would deprive the people of *Jal, Jungle, Zameen, Izzat aur Adhikar* (water, forest, land, self-respect and rights).

The LA act is a strategic offensive on our agrarian revolutionary program. The LA act is a complete sell-out to the imperialists and the CBB as it will facilitate indiscriminate acquisition of lands by corporate houses. It concentrates all powers in the central government to hand over lands to MNCs disregarding all name sake restrictions like FRA, clearance from environment ministry, 5th and 6th schedules, PESA etc.

The new company law was passed as a complement to the other acts as it has allowed foreign investments in hitherto restricted sectors and permission to invest more capital than it was allowed in the past in some sectors. It has further opened the doors for acquisition of Indian companies by the MNCs. This would also threaten the existence of medium and small scale companies with their increasing acquisition foreign and domestic corporate houses. The food security act is ostensibly intended to feed the poor and reduce malnutrition but in reality it would not reach even a small percentage of the target. The juggling of figures done in an extremely callous manner to show that poverty decreased dramatically in our country has already paved the way for sabotaging food security of the poor. With lakhs of farmers committing suicide on the one hand and unemployment soaring among the working population, every opportunity for genuine food security is getting reduced rapidly. On the one hand the governments had been continuously and gradually sabotaging the PDS system since decades and now with this act the free market has been given a freer hand. This act is exactly brought to cover up this actual reality and as an election stunt. Opening doors to more FDI had seriously affected the livelihood of lakhs of hawkers. The parliament now passed the bill that ostensibly protects their livelihood but which is in fact a legal action to cover up the loss of livelihoods of hawkers by giving licenses to a few. Diversion of pension money into the stock market with the new pension act has now put in jeopardy even the meager guarantee that the senior citizens had enjoyed. Disinvestment, opening of more and more sectors and slices of the sectors to FDI are being carried on without even any need of a parliamentary session to approve it. Along with all these the changes in labor laws and making the laws more draconian for suppression of movements have brought a significant change in this past year.

Along with the fundamental contradictions in the world the major contradictions in our country are also intensifying. In fact, all the contradictions are intensifying and this is leading to all kinds of struggles in every sphere and by every oppressed class and section of the society.

While the MNCs are putting enormous pressure on the Indian ruling classes to implement the MoUs signed with them, the people are valiantly opposing their implementation braving all odds. The reactionary Jayalalitha government in Tamilnadu in collusion with the center trampled the movement opposing the Kudankulam nuclear plant and started work. The people are continuing their agitation. In Jaitapur in Maharashtra, some NGOs withdrew the agitation against the proposed nuclear plant after getting a promise of increase in compensation. But the people are keeping the struggle flag aloft. One after another the gram sabhas are rejecting bauxite mining by Vedanta in Niyamgiri. Though the Indian state ruthlessly suppressed the anti-POSCO agitation in Odisha at gunpoint committing innumerable atrocities on the agitators, they refused to surrender and are continuing to fight. In DK, people of Bastar and Gadchiroli are still able to stop the mining process and building of dams but with lot of sacrifices. Several of the anti-mining and anti-dam activists were killed in fake encounters; several of them were arrested and incarcerated in jails with dozens of false cases foisted on them. Mining has started in Saranda in Jharkhand after huge military operations by adopting 'clear, hold and build' policy 'to flush out the Maoists' which meant nothing but a series of all kinds of cruel atrocities on the people of Saranda.

Socio-economic, political measures like MNREGA, food for work, right to education and health, right to information, against atrocities on women, increase in minor forest produce rates, Forest Rights Act have all proved their hollowness under the UPA-1 & 2 leading to more and more people's struggles on these issues.

Our country witnessed a huge upsurge of mass protests deploring the Delhi gang rape case of December 16, 2012. It once again led to a wide-ranging discussion about the appalling conditions regarding women's safety in our country, the increasing violence on them in various forms including state violence and the causes and solutions.

The UPA coordination committee and the CWC announced in July end that separate Telangana state would be formed soon. This is a historic victory for the fighting people of Telangana who have been agitating for separate statehood since 60 years facing severe repression and several betrayals by bourgeois parties. Stating that Hyderabad would remain the common capital for ten years, delay tactics under various pretexts for the formation on the one hand and simultaneously inciting movements for united Andhra Pradesh in the Seemandhra region on the other, all indicate that the people of Telangana should brace up for another round of bitter struggle for the actual realization of their demand for separate statehood.

The granting of separate statehood for Telangana gave a fillip to the agitations for separate states in Asom and Gorkhaland in West Bengal. Though feebly demands for dividing UP into four states and a separate Vidarbha state have also been heard. A new upsurge in these agitations rocked those regions for months. The central and Asom governments are carrying on a carrot and stick policy regarding these agitations in Asom by conducting talks with some of the organizations demanding separate statehood and suppressing them on the other. West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee took a tough stand stating that West Bengal would not be divided and is taking all steps to suppress the agitation for separate Gorkhaland and Kamatapur. As long as regional inequalities, imbalances and suppression of nationalities continue, just agitations with national liberation aspirations including separate statehood are bound to rise and advance braving the severe repression of the Indian state. We should support, participate and lead such agitations by concretely analyzing each and every movement, as part of our NDR program.

The BJP has finally announced the mass murderer Modi as its PM candidate with RSS backing and prodding, overcoming the severe dog fight inside the party for power. BJP that tasted power in the past using the Hindutva agenda of building the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and Muslim bashing is trying to aggressively use the same card now with Modi in the lead. This would make the next general elections more communal with the Hindutva goons already trying to fan communal violence through various *Parikramas* and attacks on Muslims like in Muzaffarnagar of UP. They had already tried to incite communal violence in Hyderabad but were unsuccessful – as yet. Though BJP and the saffron terrorists may blatantly use the Hindu card, the people should not forget that Congress has the shameless record of inciting the anti-Sikh riots in 1984 and was behind several communal attacks on Muslims all over the country.

The Muzaffarnagar communal clashes between Jats and Muslims spread to some more districts in

western UP. Poor Muslims became the obvious victims and these long drawn clashes once again blatantly revealed the Hindu bias in all the parliamentary parties. The SP that had posed as the champion of Muslims till now stands exposed as it had not taken a tough stand on the Hindu rioters. With BJP, Congress, SP and BSP party MLAs and leaders indicted for rioting, the Muzaffarnagar clashes had left no parliamentary party unexposed. All the parliamentary parties blamed each other for these clashes but the actual fact is that all of them are responsible for this situation to arise as every one of them behaved opportunistically keeping an eye on the upcoming parliamentary elections in 2014.

War on people and resistance

The OGH – war on people continued brutally in the past one year with massacres of revolutionary masses and our comrades in our movement areas. Once again the state targeted our leadership in open activities with the intention of closing down any kind of mass activity and building of solidarity to the PW we are waging. The imperialists have increased tremendous pressure on the Indian ruling classes to implement the various MoUs they had signed to loot and plunder our natural resources. The compradors are resorting to ‘more repression and more loot’ bending to their pressure and to overcome the now openly acknowledged ‘bad shape of the Indian economy’.

The Jeeramghati attack was shown as an excuse for higher level offensives on our movement but the actual reality is that preparations were on the anvil long before this attack for OGH third phase. Deployment of paramilitary personnel for forceful mining and infrastructure development has increased manifold. Increase in paramilitary battalions in Maoist areas, increase in spread of carpet security, further allotment of drones and helicopters, usage of field weapons like mortars and rockets, increase in communication towers, intensification of psychological warfare and release of thousands of crores of rupees for reforms including Civic Action Program and ‘skill development’, rapid building of roads and other infrastructure are being done on war-footing. All the above measures are concentrated especially in tri and quadric-junctions of bordering states which are strategic area of our movement. The strategic role of the Indian army is increasing in waging the war on people. Deployment of huge number of police, paramilitary forces and army is very likely during the parliamentary elections and immediately after their completion.

The government is supplying higher capacity drones to the CRPF that have till now been used only in the borders of our country by the army. Along with this, formation of CoBRA battalions is being made to turn it into the principal counter-insurgency force in the country. Preparations are going on at a rapid pace for drone attacks on movement areas. Extensive usage of helicopter gun ships had already begun in non-combat operations (for logistics, transporting troops) and also during attacks on villages. The new helicopter unit at Nagpur was established in the name of logistical support but they are to be used in offensives. Drones are to be used extensively for intelligence gathering and also for attacking.

Since the launch of OGH from mid-2009 until now, led by our party the PLGA and the revolutionary masses have fought it back bravely making huge sacrifices and so it gained recognition as ‘war on people’ in our country and abroad. The uncompromising anti-feudal and anti-imperialist struggles waged by our party with agrarian revolutionary program at the axis and anti-displacement struggles as an integral part of it have attracted the attention of the people of our country further towards Maoism as the solution and PPW as the path. Even though the armed resistance of the nationality struggles in Kashmir and north-east receded much, several mass agitations against state atrocities and political movements with national liberation aspirations are continuing.

The main successes we achieved since our 8th party anniversary are as follows:

In spite of intensification and expansion of the offensive of the ruling classes, on the whole we sustained our movement in our relatively stronger guerilla zones by keeping up our resistance basing on the strength of PLGA and mass base. We carried on various tactical counter-offensives and inflicted casualties to the enemy. Since end September of last year till August 2013, in various big, medium and small scale actions conducted by PLGA 110 policemen died, more than 185 were injured. We have seized arms (nearly 70 weapons) and ammunition from the state armed forces though not at previous levels. We conducted five big actions, nearly a dozen medium size actions and dozens of small actions in the past one year. The hollowness and bankruptcy of the parliamentary system on the one hand and the brave resistance of the PLGA and the fighting masses led by our party to the lopsided development model of the pro-imperialist comprador ruling

classes on the other is increasingly attracting various sections of the people who are becoming victims of this model towards Maoism. This is a success we achieved both ideologically and politically. People are mobilizing under our party's leadership on several issues, particularly against mining, displacement and big dams that have long term ill-effects on the future generations and ecology. Our efforts to expand to some new areas and internally within the existing zones and to keep the various guerilla zones connected are on. Various kinds of mass struggles though at a local level were led by our party at area, division/zonal and state levels.

Our comrades are putting determined and tireless efforts facing some of the toughest conditions that our movement had ever faced in new areas of extension in the strategic tri-junction area between Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala. The state has unleashed severe repressive measures in Malnad in Karnataka and in the tri-junction to nip our movement extension in the bud. Our party fought back and exposed ideologically and politically the right opportunist trends represented by Savyasachi Panda in Odisha and Sriramulu Srinivasulu in AOB. We educated our party about the reasons for such trends to arise and the need to fight them back. They had not been able to influence any considerable section of our cadres. Only a few cadres had left with Panda and our political efforts to make them understand the right opportunist danger are on. Division and state level plenums in AOB, divisional plenums and plenums of some higher level military formations were held in other states that helped their political and organizational consolidation. Some more efforts for political and organizational consolidation were put and revolutionary propoganda continued in all our movement areas to some extent.

As part of our proletarian international tasks we took up a solidarity campaign for the Philippines new democratic revolution and propogated their glorious people's war through several programs for one week from April 22 to 28, 2013. With the Hamburg conference held in November 2012 and the various international campaigns taken up in support of our PW and against the OGH in several countries (both imperialist and backward countries) international efforts to build solidarity to our movement have consolidated further. The selfless sacrifices of our beloved martyrs, our brave resistance and leading of people's struggles even amid unprecedented enemy offensive and achieving some successes played a crucial role in the further coming together of majority of the revolutionary and democratic forces world to build this kind of a broad solidarity and support for our NDR, in India and all over the world.

Immediate Tasks

Our CC had assessed in the beginning of 2013 that from the point of view of the subjective condition, the situation of our countrywide movement is critical. It stated that at present all the major contradictions inside the country and in the world are intensifying and the objective conditions are turning more favorable to the revolution but in terms of subjective condition the movement is facing critical situation. In this backdrop let us take up the following immediate tasks on the 9th anniversary of our party. We must take up these tasks to prepare our party to overcome the present critical situation that the Indian revolutionary movement is facing and to successfully advance the movement.

1. Give foremost prominence to Bolshevize the party

Keeping in view the overall assessment of the objective and subjective conditions and needs of the movement, our CC has decided to take up a campaign for the Bolshevization of the party. The Bolshevization of our party means – 1. Understanding deeply and adhering firmly to MLM and the general political line of our party; creatively applying MLM to our concrete practice and firmly implementing our line; being unwavering regarding our ideological and political line, establishing its correctness and enriching it further by fighting against various bourgeois ideologies 2. Developing our party into a strong organization that is well equipped with the correct ideological, political, organizational and military line, that correctly practices democratic centralism, that strictly implements discipline, that has mass character, that steels itself in protracted people's war, that is firm in strategy and flexible in tactics. 3. Fighting against all kinds of right and left opportunist trends inside and outside the party 4. Honestly accepting our mistakes, shortcomings and weaknesses, correcting and avoiding those by learning from our practice 5. Following class line and mass line and realizing in practice the Marxist principle 'People are the makers of history' by closely integrating with them and leading them.

Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is our party's ideology. Our party is molding itself ideologically and educating the rank and file and the people with the same ideology, our general political line and path of the revolution

to successfully complete the NDR as its immediate goal and achieving communism through socialism as its ultimate goal. It has built a people's army (in the present level of the movement it is PLGA), built united front in an embryonic form and is advancing the people's war to liberate the country with a strategic view. It is trying to give efficient leadership to the revolution by coordinating the work of people's army and united front. But in the course of advancement of the movement our party is suffering from various non-proletarian trends and facing problems in sufficiently preparing the party, people's army and the masses according to the changing objective and subjective conditions. These are hampering its advancement. So we are not able to - preserve our subjective forces and consolidate them further; protect our mass base and further expand and consolidate it; consolidate PLGA and further expand and intensify the guerrilla war; and fully utilize the increasingly favorable conditions developing in our country and the world for revolution.

So it is our foremost task to further equip our party with the scientific ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism to raise our ideological and political level in order to get rid of the non-proletarian trends and overcome these weaknesses inside the party. This would help our party in correctly understanding and analyzing the objective conditions in our country and the world and the subjective condition of our movement by using the theory of dialectical historical materialism and applying it as a method. We should apply the theory of MLM to the concrete objective conditions of our country and to concrete revolutionary practice. Only in this light we would understand anything correctly, take correct decisions, implement them properly, integrate the party with the people, mobilize people and build class struggle, improve our leadership work methods and style of work, analyze and synthesize our practice scientifically, learn lessons from our own experiences while correcting the mistakes and errors that had occurred in practice, strengthen the party and further advance the movement.

The key to achieving this would be the Bolshevization of our party. The class composition of our party rank and file is predominantly from peasantry and petty-bourgeois social class background and the influence of bourgeois, petty-bourgeois and feudal outlook, notions, culture, work methods and style of work are negatively impacting them. So this Bolshevization should be a continuous process.

To successfully fulfill the multi-pronged tasks of the revolution we should rally and organize the people politically and militantly into the people's war on a wide scale. The foremost ideological task that we would have to fulfill to achieve this is to categorically convince the people that the root cause for all their problems lie in the social conditions prevalent under this semi-colonial and semi-feudal exploitative system, and the reactionary pro-imperialist, pro-CBB and pro-landlord policies implemented by the ruling classes; that they will not be liberated unless this system is smashed by uniting all democratic classes and social sections under the leadership of the proletarian vanguard party - the CPI (Maoist). Then the people would get mobilized into socio, economic and political movements. The party would have to build its ranks among the organized masses and expand the movement all over the country step by step and thus advance the people's war towards victory.

Proletarian discipline ensures the ideological, political and organizational unity of the party that is the precondition to firmly implement our general political line, policies and decisions that come from above at every level. So we must see to it that disciplinary principles and standing orders are implemented to enhance the level of proletarian discipline in our party, PLGA and party fractions. The leadership should lead from the front in bringing significant change in their daily life in matters of discipline. To encourage implementation of discipline with revolutionary spirit we must give special attention to education about communist ideals, values and culture.

Concrete rectification campaigns where and when necessary, review of our practice and of decisions in every meeting and deep criticism – self-criticism should be taken up as the means to get rid of non-proletarian trends like subjectivism, spontaneity, liberalism, sectarianism, bureaucracy, patriarchy etc that are prevalent at various levels, at various degrees and in various forms in our party. To succeed in these campaigns we should pay special attention to ideological, political, military and organizational education/training and to review of concrete practice at every level including at individual level.

Comrades should strive to bring a revolutionary transformation in their style of functioning and life style. This means that we should work or fulfill every revolutionary task with Bolshevik spirit and efficiency amidst the countless odds that we face in practice. Achieving this kind of work style should become the aim of every comrade.

Right opportunist and post-modernist trends are cropping up in our party in some places. The danger of such trends arising would be present particularly at this juncture when the offensive of the ruling classes on our movement is increasing and our movement is facing a critical situation. The entire party from the highest to the lowest levels must be extremely alert towards these trends and fight them back. Simultaneously, where sectarian and bureaucratic trends are prevalent in our mass work, in party relations with masses and in internal relations in our party our mass base is weakening and party unity is getting damaged at various degrees. We must also struggle against sectarian and bureaucratic trends and rectify them. The experiences of our party in internal struggles/two-line struggles and rectification campaigns should be studied by all for this purpose.

The leadership should plan to stay with the lower level cadres in the field to guide them in understanding and solving the concrete problems faced in the course of our movement. This means understanding the changing concrete social, economic, political and cultural conditions, the changing concrete conditions of the movement, changes in the enemy strategy and tactics in the multi-pronged offensive as part of implementing the counter-revolutionary LIC policy of the imperialists and all reactionaries world over, etc. The leadership should pay special attention to concretely applying the Bolshevization process during this field training period.

We should avoid unnecessary losses of leadership and subjective forces at all levels. Preserving our subjective forces, particularly the leadership, is one of the foremost tasks before us. We must review our past mistakes and the weaknesses prevailing at present which has led to such a large number of severe losses of our forces from top to bottom. One major reason for the present condition of the movement is the failure in preserving our subjective forces, particularly the leadership. It is not only very difficult to successfully Bolshevize our party but also to fulfill any other task without preserving the present forces. We should put all efforts to develop secondary leadership at all levels in a planned manner. Simultaneously we should expand the party with new members.

In our country the casteist, religious and imperialist cultures are damaging the fighting spirit of the people. They are not only negatively impacting the people but are also penetrating into our subjective forces in various degrees and numbing their revolutionary consciousness. One of the reasons for the decadence of new democratic and communist values in the party and the PLGA is this. We should develop new democratic culture and values and socialist culture and values particularly inside the party, the PLGA and in all revolutionary mass organizations and RPCs and in general in people to counter this danger. The revolutionary cultural sphere should be strengthened to fight back the degenerate feudal and imperialist cultures. Our cultural organizations should take up appropriate forms and play a crucial role in developing revolutionary culture. Study, political classes and lectures relating to cultural matters should be taken up vigorously as a part of Bolshevizing our party. Committees should pay attention to distributing the available revolutionary literature among the cadres. These cultural and literary efforts should become an integral part of the ideological, political and cultural work that every committee takes up.

The leadership comrades should deliver short and inspiring speeches to motivate whenever our troops meet or disperse and during various training camps and meetings. They should ensure that our ranks in all spheres are always filled with revolutionary enthusiasm and spirit.

We should Bolshevize the party increase the confidence on the leadership from the ranks and the people and on the entire party from the people. This should boost up confidence in the entire party and the people to boldly face the current critical situation of the movement, to rectify non-proletarian trends, to resolve problems and to overcome any number of odds to march towards victory.

When the entire party gets Bolshevized it would also develop confidence among the people that by correcting the mistakes that had occurred in our understanding and in practice and by learning from our own invaluable experience gained by spilling a lot of blood - our party and the PLGA would expand and strengthen and provide capable leadership; our movement would expand countrywide; we would be able to establish base areas and lead our revolution to victory.

2. Let us strengthen and expand our mass base by adhering firmly to class line and mass line

Weakening of the mass base is one of the main reasons for the critical situation that our countrywide revolutionary movement is presently facing. The movement is continuing at different levels in different parts of the country and consequently there is difference in the extent of the mass base.

The enemy offensive is intensifying on RPCs and various mass organizations all over the country. It has been more than three decades since several organizations have been banned by the central and state governments. Tens of thousands of revolutionary and democratic mass organization leaders and members have been assassinated, tortured and put in jails. Booked under false cases many of them are facing harsh punishments. Massacres, gang rapes, loot and destruction by armed forces have become the order of the day.

The aim of the ruling classes behind such severe repressive measures is to isolate us from the people and dent our mass base. So our tactics should be aimed at uniting the vast masses against the enemy, isolating the main enemy and using the contradictions between the enemies. These tactics should help us in mobilizing the people politically on a wider scale and consolidating them. We should strive to preserve our leadership forces in the central, state and local MOs and RPCs.

Following our general political line we should give priority to politically mobilize the working class, landless and poor peasants. We should put all efforts to rally the middle peasants and urban petty bourgeoisie. The worldwide financial crisis is negatively impacting the rich peasantry and the national bourgeoisie who are a part of the four-class alliance. So the time is more favorable to bring to the fore their demands too. According to their attitude towards the people and PW, we must take up tactics that would win over a section of these classes, make a section at least neutral and isolate the other. We should pay particular attention to forming appropriate united front forums on various issues that would bring together revolutionary and democratic organizations, forces and individuals. When the ruling classes are resorting to all kinds of conspiracies and fascist offensives to isolate us from the people, friendly organizations and forces, our practice should be centered on integrating with them further.

In all our strategic areas we should widen our mass base and build, consolidate and expand the RPCs with the aim of establishing base areas. We should overcome our shortcomings in uniting the vast masses against the decadent ruling system, in forming appropriate united front forums, establishing party leadership in them and in expanding them. The various kinds of mistakes we are making in integrating with the people and in implementing mass line and class line should be corrected. We should get rid of sectarian and bureaucratic attitudes while working among the people. These trends are not only isolating us from them but also hampering their initiative. We should strictly avoid any wrong political and military actions that would harm the interests of the people. We should carry on criticism and self-criticism sessions and education and rectification campaigns not only inside the party but also in MOs to correct sectarian, bureaucratic and other wrong trends.

The mainstay of our propaganda at this juncture should be against the unjust nature of the OGH and the just nature of our PW. This should be based on the premise that this enemy offensive is against democracy, progress, peace and the interests of all the oppressed classes and social sections and that the OGH is being waged to serve the interests of the imperialists, CBB and the landlords.

The main direction of our agitations should be towards mobilizing people on land and displacement issues. We must put efforts to carry on our propaganda and agitations around the countless issues that are thrown up due to the intensifying worldwide financial crisis. Where people are agitating on these issues we should try to support, intervene and lead them.

We should take up agitations and propaganda on various political, social, cultural and ecological issues. Maoist political prisoners alone number more than ten thousand while the number of political prisoners from north-east, Kashmir and other democratic movements would be several thousands more. More than ninety percent of these prisoners are common people. They are languishing in various prisons of our country and facing severe inhuman conditions and lack of any kind of rights. So we have to give utmost priority to build movements for their unconditional release and solidarity movements for their struggles inside prisons. Simultaneously, all efforts should be put to provide legal aid for their early release. Agitations for civil liberties, against state repression on mass movements and against draconian laws should be taken up on a wide scale. We should put extra efforts to strengthen the civil liberties movement. Wide propaganda about genuine democracy and NDR that alone can ensure civil liberties should be carried on hand in hand.

We should continuously expose the fake reform programs that are aimed to isolate us from the people.

We should mobilize the people in class struggles, take up revolutionary land reforms, consistently carry on political work among the masses and consolidate them. Without this process it would be difficult for the people to realize the sham nature of these reforms. Ideologically and politically we must counter-point the fake development model of the ruling classes and the people oriented genuine development model that we are advocating. We should convince them that repression and fake reforms are the two aspects of the same carrot and stick policy. Practically we should deal with the people in a democratic manner and convince them that we are the firm supporters and fighters for their welfare and liberation and are not against their welfare. Simultaneously as an integral part of class struggle we should deal without any lenience with the class enemies and those elements that act as ruling class agents and consciously try to divert the people towards these fake reforms.

Regarding government reforms our tactics may vary depending on the consciousness of the people and strength of our movement in a particular area but our policy and direction would not change. Our counter-tactics should be aimed at uniting the people, preventing a social base from being formed for the ruling class parties and raising the revolutionary consciousness of the people and mobilizing them into the PW that alone can achieve genuine reforms.

We should fight back strongly the psychological operations of the enemy that are aimed at spreading ideological and political confusions among the people and weaning them away from our movement. Revolutionary propaganda to counter the enemy false propaganda should be wide, creative and in various forms.

We should utilize every opportunity to expose the sham of the parliamentary system. We should never suggest the election path as a solution at any level or under any pretext. We should firmly oppose any attempts at lobbying instead of mobilizing people and depending on their strength for resolution of any kind of problem.

As part of mass work we should activate all the mass organizations at all levels and guide them to function regularly. Mass work and armed resistance should go hand in hand. All the political, organizational and military tasks should be fulfilled in coordination with the sole aim of defeating the OGH and advancing the movement.

In areas of carpet security we must give utmost priority to adopting suitable forms of party and guerilla formations and suitable forms of struggle. We should give special attention to the selection of cadre and their politico-military training. We should correct the shortcomings occurring in our methods of functioning in these carpet security areas by implementing strict secret methods of functioning. Even while giving priority to secret mass organizations we should build various broad based united front forums according to the concrete conditions of that area and movement to mobilize the vast masses.

In all the movement areas we must intensify anti-imperialist, anti-feudal struggles based on the agrarian revolutionary program. Though we are taking up struggles there are severe shortcomings since a long time in continuing them consistently. Other important shortcomings are - not consolidating the forces that emerge from these struggles, not establishing our leadership in UF forums and not developing proper methods for legal-illegal coordination. These shortcomings should be rectified. In this class struggle we should not confine ourselves to secret and illegal activities. We should carry on broad-based UF activities that would rally the various oppressed classes and social sections. In UF activities there is lot of significance to establishing our leadership, preserving our independence and advancing by basing on our own strength. We should utilize both open and secret forms of organization and struggle. In UF forums we should always adhere to democratic methods and avoid any kind of sectarianism and bureaucracy. We should expose and fight with such tendencies that may arise from other organizations and forces in these forums. We should pay attention to mobilizing the support and solidarity of vast masses particularly that of intellectuals and democratic elements as it is very crucial for the fighting people and organizations.

We should strive to turn struggles into political struggles against the state. The advanced elements that come to the fore in mass movements should be consolidated and developed as its leadership to expand and strengthen our mass base. Selected capable elements should be prepared and sent to work in rural areas and in the people's army. The leadership of revolutionary mass organizations and our party fractions in MOs should work with this understanding.

3. Advance the armed agrarian revolutionary war by consolidating the PLGA and fighting back the enemy offensive

As a part of Bolshevizing the entire party, the Bolshevization of the party inside PLGA should be done with the aim of enhancing its ideological, political, organizational and military levels. Thus we would be able to improve the understanding and fighting ability of the PLGA. We should help the PLGA forces to increase their fighting ability and the commissions and commands to improve their commanding ability by helping them to constantly study the changes occurring in counter-insurgency and counter-guerilla warfare, in identifying the weaknesses of the enemy and in fighting back the enemy offensive basing on this.

The ideological and political levels of the party committees from top to bottom in the PLGA should be enhanced. They should be given special education on political and military tactics that are to be followed during ebbs and flows.

The fighting ability of the PLGA should be enhanced by implementing the consolidation program in the regional, state and lower level forces. The party committees inside the PLGA should rise to the level of independently running their units and fighting back the military tactics of the enemy forces on their own by studying the changing conditions in social, economic, political, cultural and military spheres and modifying the present tactics or formulating new ones.

We should carry on guerilla warfare in all areas where guerilla forces are present depending on our strength and needs of the movement.

We should strive to bring improvement in our TCOCs and counter-offensives. We should study deeply the weaknesses of the enemy. The leadership should lead the forces in TCOCs and resistance actions. The role of the people's militia and the people should be increased in military actions. We should prevent our losses during armed confrontations. Guerilla principles and discipline should be strictly adhered to in all PLGA activities.

We should train up the people's militia to increase its role in resisting the enemy. We should strive to increase the number of people's militia units. The people's militia should be armed with the weapons available. As the numbers in almost all combat units in PLGA have come down, we should try to fill the vacant places by gradually increasing recruitment.

Our guerilla warfare should be aimed at defeating the enemy offensive concentrated on our strategic areas. Guerilla warfare should be carried on by seizing arms and ammunition from the enemy and fully utilizing other sources. Mine warfare should be intensified and extended by involving the people's militia and the people in large numbers.

The enemy forces are conducting information-based attacks basing on their informer network. We should bring changes in our work methods to avoid losses in such attacks and also in the backdrop of carpet security.

We should not get trapped in the offensives and campaigns of the enemy conducted with brigade, battalion or somewhat lesser forces and try to move away from that area. From there we should identify the weak position of the enemy and try to inflict damages as far as possible. Every unit should put up resistance according to its strength and level. If any one of our units gets encircled/trapped in such campaigns, it should put up a united fight as a single unit and try to get out by breaching the enemy lines.

Campaigns should be taken up to expose the counseling and surrender policies of the enemy. We should consistently carry on the propaganda that surrender is not only harmful to the interests of the people and the party but is also treachery. We should meet the families of all party activists and PLGA fighters working in different spheres in the same state or in other states, enquire about their problems and extend the possible moral, economic and material support to them by involving the people. They should be educated about the deceptive nature of enemy counseling and surrender policy. We should conduct meetings in villages to expose the dangers posed by the surrendered counter-revolutionaries and the ill-effects of counseling programs of the enemy. In these meetings we should make them realize the importance of people's vigilance on such betrayers. The police/state informer networks should be checked.

Alertness, mobility, swiftness and secrecy are very crucial in guerilla warfare. Without alertness, mobility and swiftness it is not possible to maintain secrecy for any guerilla unit. Guerilla forces should always stay alert, be mobile, move swiftly and maintain secrecy. Secrecy is paramount both for defense and offense.

4. Prepare for the 10th Anniversary celebrations of Party Formation

It would be ten years since the formation of CPI (Maoist) by September 21, 2014. Our CC has decided to celebrate this occasion on a grand scale all over the country. On this occasion, we should publish special issues of party, military and other organs. A year long new enrolment campaign should be taken up to expand the party. Our preparations to fulfill these tasks should begin now.

We should fully utilize this occasion to place before the party, PLGA, mass organizations, RPCs and the masses the successes and the positive and negative experiences achieved by the new party in various spheres; the tasks before us to advance the movement and educate them.

Comrades,

Though our countrywide revolutionary movement is facing a critical situation, there are several differences in the social conditions in various states and in our subjective conditions therein. So our tasks in various states should be formulated keeping these conditions in view. Our tactics, methods of work and style of work should also be formulated accordingly. They should be creatively implemented. Keeping in view the changes occurring in the course of the movement and in the situation in the world and in our country, we must make the necessary and timely changes in them. We would be able to utilize the favorable objective conditions well by working with Bolshevik spirit and political initiative. These are very much necessary for the preservation of subjective forces, to fight back the enemy forces and to build guerilla bases with the aim of establishing base areas. Lack of Bolshevik spirit and political initiative would lead to deterioration of the movement and petty bourgeois impetuosity would lead to losses. So in all the states and areas our party committees should come to a correct assessment about the actual objective and subjective conditions and formulate the tasks. Appropriate methods of work should be formulated and applied creatively to rally the party, PLGA, mass organizations and the people actively in a planned manner to fulfill these tasks. Every task should be implemented from the beginning till the end with determination and initiative. Only thus can we overcome the critical situation in all states, areas and all over the country and create the conditions for achieving higher and newer successes.

On the occasion of the 9th anniversary celebrations of our party formation, our CC calls upon the entire party, PLGA, mass organizations and RPCs to work with determination to complete the above tasks to fulfill the dreams of our beloved martyrs.

Let us Bolshevize our party so that it can efficiently wield the two basic weapons of People's Army and United Front and lead the revolution to victory. Let us expand and strengthen our mass base adhering firmly to class line and mass line. Let us grasp in depth the two Marxist principles – 'No revolution without a revolutionary party' and 'People are the makers of history'. Grasping the true meaning of these guiding principles and implementing them in practice would help us tide over the critical situation we are facing at present. Let us raise the levels of ideological and political consciousness of the vast masses, build and consolidate wide ranging movements and fight with determination to bring about a notable turn in our revolutionary movement. Let us thus advance towards the fulfillment of our share of the tasks of proletarian internationalism.

Comrades,

Celebrate the 9th anniversary of our party with revolutionary enthusiasm in all our guerilla zones and in all areas where our party units are present. Utilize this occasion to fill the cadres and the people with the determination to participate with spirit in the Bolshevization campaign we are taking up as the foremost task. Let us march forward for fulfilling all our other tasks by learning from the masses. Let us remember the selfless sacrifices of our great martyrs one more time to imbibe their ideals that would guide us in overcoming the critical situation we are facing.

With Revolutionary Greetings

Central Committee

CPI (Maoist)

Date: September 1, 2013

Bolshevize the Party inside PLGA and develop mass base!
Intensify guerilla warfare by always keeping initiative in our hands
with the aim of defeating 'Operation Green Hunt' –
War on People!

[This is the abridged version of the Message of CMC, CPI (Maoist) on the occasion of PLGA 13th anniversary]

Dear comrades and people!

Our PLGA took birth as a detachment of the international proletarian army in the path blazed by the great teachers of Indian revolution comrades Charu Mazumdar and Kanhai Chatterji, for the victory of the New Democratic Revolution in India as part of World Socialist Revolution (WSR). By December 2, 2013 it would complete thirteen years of its formation. On this occasion, the Central Military Commission (CMC), CPI (Maoist) is calling upon you to celebrate this occasion in all our guerilla zones and red struggle areas, to develop mass base by bolshevizing the party inside the PLGA and to intensify and expand the guerilla war by always keeping initiative in our hand to defeat 'Operation Green Hunt' (OGH) – the War on People waged by the exploitative ruling classes with the aim of decimating the revolutionary movement in India.

This year more than 150 proletarian beloved daughters, sons and common people have laid down their invaluable lives since the 12th anniversary of our PLGA. Among the martyred comrades are state committee level comrades Ganti Prasad, Mahita, Sudhakar, party veteran comrade Juvvaji Venkata Subbaiah, revolutionary writer comrade Aluri Bhujanga Rao, Bihar RCM comrade Lavlesh Singh (Prasant), ZCM/DVCM comrades Dharmendra Yadav, Prafulla Yadav Mithilesh Yadav (of Bihar), Sankar and Indira of Dandakaranya (DK) and Pushpa of North Telangana (NT). Several comrades were martyred in the conspiratorial, deceptive, brutal fake encounters by the enemy forces and some more comrades spilt their blood while ferociously fighting back attacks by these forces and by counter-revolutionary gangs like TPC and PLFI. Some comrades died by putting their lives at stake to successfully complete the tactical counter-offensives taken up by our party and the PLGA. Several brave women comrades laid down their lives fighting back the enemy forces. Several people died in the brutal massacres of the enemy. Some comrades were martyred in repression and due to unavailability of medical care in repressive conditions. All these comrades spilt their blood while fulfilling their revolutionary tasks. These people's heroes are martyrs. We should always pay the highest respects to these people's heroes and martyrs. We should hold high their aims and ideals in order to fulfill with their inspiration their unfulfilled tasks. Their fight, sacrifice and successes constantly inspire us. Let us vow that we would fight till the last drop of our blood to realize their dreams.

CMC also wishes that all the comrades who have been injured in the battlefield while fighting back the enemy forces would recover as soon as possible and soon enthusiastically join the battle ranks.

Dear Comrades,

The various tactical counter-offensive campaigns (TCOCs) and the small, medium and big military actions conducted as part of resistance actions by the PLGA in various guerilla zones in this year had a good political impact.

The historic Jeeram Ghati ambush in DK where the murderer, oppressor of the people and Salwa Judum leader Mahendra Karma and ten policemen died, the ambush on prisoner escort police in Giridih town (Jharkhand) in the Bihar-Jharkhand-North Chhattisgarh Special Area (BJ-NCH) where three policemen were wiped out and six were injured and eight of our comrades were freed, the area ambush in Latehar district (Amvadiha, Jharkhand) where 17 CoBRA policemen were wiped out, the Majhauri ambush in Gaya district where eight persons including six policemen were killed and six more were injured were the big actions conducted by the PLGA. The Kurnapalli ambush (NT), Chainpur attack (JH), Pakud (Katikund) ambush (JH), Sattighat night ambush (DK), Kistaram ambush (DK), Minpa resistance campaign (DK), the attack on a train in Bhalui (Bihar), Kosulpara ambush (DK), Rallagadda ambush (AOB) and the attacks on enemy helicopters in DK at Temelwada and Marudbaka can be categorized as medium level actions. Apart from these, the enemy forces faced casualties in several small actions and in booby trap incidents too. On

the whole, since last November our PLGA wiped out nearly 110 policemen and injured 130. Nearly 70 modern weapons were seized from the enemy forces.

In DK Special Zone, the people, militia, main force and secondary forces surrounded the newly established Minpa police camp and harassed the thousand odd forces stationed there for about one week as part of Minpa resistance campaign and forced the shut down of the camp. This is a new experience. In a brave attack on a helicopter that was arriving to evacuate an injured policeman in the Temelwada ambush, the helicopter was damaged, a radio operator was severely injured and it was forced to perform emergency landing. Our forces killed a CI of AP Greyhounds and chased four policemen near Marudbaka when they were trying to return in helicopters after inflicting heavy losses to us in the Puvvar encirclement attack. These experiences would prove useful to the PLGA.

PLGA displayed its fighting efficiency in the following brave actions – in BJ-NCH Special Area the dare devil ambush conducted on the outskirts of a town to free our comrades incarcerated in Giridih district jail, the tactical counter-offensive that gave a big blow to the enemy forces that had launched a big operation against the PLGA near Amvadiha village in Katila area of Latehar by wiping out 17 policemen, the attack in Goh area Aurangabad district, the successful Majhauri ambush where we had efficiently used the demolition tactics, Pakud (Katikund) ambush, the Chainpur attack where we used surprise attack tactics and wiped out the enemy forces in a crowded area and the Bhalui train actions.

We inflicted casualties on the aggressive BSF forces at Rallgadda in AOBSZ using demolition tactics and on the Greyhounds police in Kurnapalli after a long gap in NTSZ. This is a positive aspect.

Nearly 60 people's enemies i.e., bourgeois political leaders perpetuating brutalities on the people, Salwa Judum, PLFI goons and some leaders, informers and anti-people elements who are proving a hurdle to the People's War (PW) by resorting to repression on the people and giving information to the police died a dog's death in the hands of our PLGA forces. Thousands of people and people's militia led by the PLGA destroyed crores of rupees worth properties belonging to the government and the people's enemies protesting the repression unleashed by the mercenary police and paramilitary forces of the fascist central and state governments. Thousands of people held rallies and vent their ire demanding the withdrawal of the Indian army that was deployed by the Indian ruling classes with the aim of decimating the revolutionary movement, protesting fake encounters, massacres, illegal arrests and atrocities on women and demanding the release of political prisoners.

Due to guerilla actions conducted constantly by the PLGA in the various guerilla zones all over the country the enemy forces had to disperse their forces in a vast area and so were forced into a situation where they could not deploy their forces as they wish in our crucial areas. As a result, we were successful in impeding the enemy offensive to some extent in our crucial areas.

Enemy offensive plan

Using the May 25 Jeeram Ghati incident as a pretext and also as the parliamentary elections are due, the central and the state governments have intensified the OGH. The covert role of the Indian army increased. Now it is clear to one and all that its aim is to forcefully implement the various MoUs signed for mining and 'development' schemes in Adivasi areas. For, the May 17 Edesmetta massacre where eight Adivasis including three children were killed happened before the Jeeram Ghati incident. Fake encounters have continued before and after this incident. The exploitative ruling classes are working with the plan of chasing away the Adivasis from the forests. Hiding this fact, the all-party meet held at the centre passed a resolution that the attack by Maoists in Chhattisgarh (CG) is an attack on democracy and on freedom of expression and that all parliamentary parties should come together to fight the Maoists. It decided that there should never be any compromise in opposing the Maoist party premise that parliamentary democracy should be overthrown through violent means (armed revolution). It decided to intensify the attacks already launched for suppressing our movement and to take up some more repressive measures. As part of the efforts of the central government to annihilate the Maoist leadership, the role of National Investigation Agency (NIA) increased in suppressing the movement. The central and state governments are implementing the following offensive repressive measures/tactics on our movement.

1. Concentration on leadership annihilation

Though they have been trying severely from the past to annihilate the CC and SZC level comrades, now

the central government had openly announced that they should concentrate on annihilating the Maoist leadership. The enemy is putting severe efforts to annihilate our leadership (CC, SZC) by establishing vast informer network and coverts and by basing on the information given by them. They would put continuous efforts for 2 or 3 years to hit each target (CC, SZC). They had arrested CCM comrades Pareshda and Mahesh along with some more comrades in Asom. Even while trying to annihilate the central and state leadership on the one hand, they are damaging the local leadership through constant arrests, killings in firings and killings in fake encounters. There is a danger of our party and the PLGA getting isolated from the people if the local leadership gets damaged.

2. Counseling, Surrenders – Turning the surrendered persons into counter-revolutionaries

The ruling classes are intensifying suppression of our movement and mopping up offensives by deploying thousands of forces on the one hand and on the other hand are carrying on counseling of families of revolutionaries to make the weaker elements in the movement surrender. In Gadchiroli of Maharashtra since last December counseling and surrender campaign named 'Navjivan' is going on. Some persons who do not believe that we would be able to defeat the enemy offensive are surrendering to the enemy under the influence of counseling, enemy propaganda and allurements. A considerable number among the surrendered persons are turning into counter-revolutionaries. They are creating a lot of adverse situations for the revolutionary movement. They are being used by the enemy to attack villages, our party and the PLGA units. Ten comrades including Bihar RCM comrade Prashant were martyred in a brutal joint attack by counter-revolutionary TPC and CoBRA forces in Chatra district of Jharkhand. Some more comrades were martyred in attacks by TPC and PLFI traitors.

3. Carpet Security, Joint Operations

In addition to the already deployed 4 lakh police, paramilitary and commando forces, 27 new battalions of paramilitary forces are to be deployed for the decimation of our revolutionary movement. Paramilitary forces consisting of several forces are being deployed for the development of infrastructure and forceful mining. The policing system in the states is being modernized. Training of forces is being carried on a large scale. The main concentration of the enemy is on our guerilla areas in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bengal and Jharkhand up to the south of the Ganga River in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The enemy is surrounding these areas with carpet security to isolate these areas from one another and suppress them. This strategic plan was formulated under the direct supervision of the Indian army and implemented. The experiences gained in Andhra Pradesh (AP) in suppressing our movement is being imparted to all states.

The enemy who had till now occupied the roads through carpet security, are now establishing camps in the far-flung villages. As part of this, 15 to 20 new camps in DK and nine camps in Odisha pocket of AOB were established. 25 new STF units are being established in Bihar. In Jharkhand, they had announced that a special plan was being formulated to wipe out 'Naxal violence', that small action teams were formed in support of the incessant attacks conducted by the paramilitary forces and that they were conducting independent operations. On the other hand road construction is being rushed in all movement areas. 2,199 mobile towers are being built in the movement areas to develop communications. Joint operations were intensified in the borders of states and districts. In Puvvar of DK, four thousand AP, CG forces, paramilitary and commando forces conducted a joint operation and inflicted huge damages to our forces. Nine KKW comrades including NTSZCM comrade Sudhakar were martyred in this attack. Joint operations are bound to be intensified in the coming days.

4. Speeding up preparations for aerial attacks (drones, helicopters)

Apart from formation of CoBRA battalions now drones are also being supplied to the CRPF as part of turning it into the main counter-insurgency force in the country. All kinds of preparations are speeding up to conduct aerial attacks on the party and the PLGA. IAF is establishing a base camp in Bhilai in CG for drones. Usage of helicopter gun ships began even in non-combat operations (for logistics and transport of troops). Some more IAF helicopters and a new helicopter unit belonging to the Air Force were sanctioned in Nagpur for suppression of the DK movement. Actually, they are intended for attacks on guerillas. Aerial attacks would become primary in the coming days.

5. Reforms-Psychological Warfare

The ruling classes are utilizing the corporate media and other means to wage psychological warfare at

an unprecedented scale to deceive and create illusions among the people and the revolutionaries and are spitting venom on the Maoists and the revolutionary movement. All this is being done in coordination with fake reforms. Not one day passes without some Civic Action Program (CAP) taking place in the movement areas. They are intensely carrying on reforms that would divide the revolutionary camp and increase the social base of the exploitative classes.

The central government increased funds for its Integrated Action Program (IAP) and also extended it for another three years. CAPs are being carried on a vast scale. They are conducting Jan Jagran Melas. In July the central government launched livelihood security program in 12 districts where Maoist movement is present. The Center decreed in August that the central paramilitary forces should directly carry on people's welfare programs. Jhumra development scheme is being implemented in three backward districts in Jharkhand under 'Saranda model'. Special Development Authority in Gondia and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra and Sunabeda Area Development Agency in Navapada district of Odisha to prevent Sunabeda *Abhayaranya* from being turned into a base area, are being established. 'Saranda model' was extended to some more guerilla areas in DK, BJ and Odisha. The time limit of IAP already being implemented in Maoist areas was extended and an additional 1000 crore rupees were allotted for it. The Roshni scheme that falsely promises jobs to youth was extended from two districts (Sukma, West Singhbhum) to 24 districts. They are planning to isolate the people from our movement with false promises of creating year-long work opportunities in states where our movement is present. They are strongly bringing forth the slogan of 'good governance' with the claim of eradicating the 'Maoist problem' through it and are involving the entire state machinery in a united manner in it. They are taking up campaigns to strategically propagate the government schemes. They are carrying on huge propaganda about the rights of the *panchayats* and the *gram sabhas* in an unprecedented manner and are trying to damage the revolutionary movement by strengthening them. As part of taking governance to the people they are taking up programs like *Palle Niddura* (sleeping in villages) and *Sadbhavana Yatras* in AP. In Maharashtra they have taken up programs like '*Apla Maharashtra Darshan*' to woo the students away from the revolutionary movement while in CG they are being taken on tours to places like Delhi with the same purpose. They are giving vocational training to students to stop them from going to their villages in the summer holidays. Thousands of youth are being recruited into police, paramilitary and army. SPOs are being made a part of police forces like in CG.

Comrades,

Internationally as economic crisis is continuing unabated at an unprecedented scale since the 1930s, along with continuing murder and mayhem in countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan etc the imperialist attacks on countries like Syria and threats on Iran and North Korea are increasing. The US imperialists are trying to attack Syria by hook or crook on the pretext that it used chemical weapons. Russia and China are severely opposing it. Due to this, the principal contradiction between imperialism and oppressed nations-peoples and the other two fundamental contradictions are sharpening and the objective conditions for the revolution are turning favorable in our country and the world. All kinds of social contradictions are sharpening. People all over the world are increasingly accepting and propagating the revolutionary line and joining it to solve these contradictions. The international campaign going on against OGH and in support of the people's war in India is getting further consolidated and is extending the necessary moral support to the fighting people in our country. The great sacrifices of our martyrs, our resistance to the enemy forces, rallying of people into our people's war and the fact that we are achieving several successes in spite of facing several unfavorable conditions and difficulties are the crucial factors in gaining this kind of support for our NDR in India.

In exact opposition to the claims of the Indian ruling classes, the Indian economy is getting bogged down in further crisis. The value of rupee is falling at an unprecedented pace. They had announced openly that diesel rates would increase each month thus widely opening doors for soaring of prices of articles of daily usage and putting a huge burden on the backs of the people. FII and FDI are leaving our country due to fiscal deficit and increase in inflation and the low lying phase of GDP is continuing due to this. The pressure on exploitative ruling classes to implement the MoUs signed with the international and domestic corporations is increasing. Discontent is increasing among the people against the 'development model' of the ruling classes. As the illusions towards parliamentary democracy are disappearing among the people and they are resisting, the ruling classes are resorting to more cruelty.

As the Telangana people stood united and firm in the path of struggle, the UPA government had to announce the formation of the Telangana state in inevitable conditions. This is a victory of the people. With the inspiration of this movement for separate Telangana, agitations for separate states of Gorkhaland, Bodoland, Kamatapur etc got a fillip. The aspirations for *Azadi* (independence) of Kashmir people are still raging strongly. Huge mass demonstrations against the atrocities of the armed forces are continuing. As the atrocities on women are increasing with each passing day, the anger of women against imperialist and feudal culture is intensifying. They are participating in large numbers in demonstrations against these atrocities. The struggles of displaced peoples are continuing militantly in several areas all over the country. The present excellent objective conditions should be utilized by us.

Call of the CMC

Dear comrades, people!

At present the revolutionary movement in India is facing a critical situation. Fighting back this situation and advancing the revolution along the path of victory is the present task before our party, the PLGA, RPCs, MOs and the people's militia. Revolutionary wars that follow the path of PPW would achieve victory by traversing through ups and downs, advances and retreats and the course of victory-defeat-ultimate victory. The ultimate victories of China and Vietnam revolutionary wars by overcoming retreats and defeats continue to inspire revolutionaries world over. The Indian revolutionary movement too advanced to the present level after overcoming the setback of Naxalbari, Sonarpur and Srikakulam struggles and many more ups and downs and critical periods. The strategic characteristics of the revolutionary war in India are the basis for these advances and retreats. These same characteristics would serve as the basis for overcoming the present critical period too. Comrade Mao taught us that strategically the enemy is a paper tiger and tactically the enemy is a real tiger. However, the enemy has several weaknesses tactically. Guerilla warfare is waged by concentrating our strength on those weaknesses. We would gradually develop to the stage of achieving strategic successes (strategic offensive) by achieving successes in tactical counter offensives that are carried on by following these methods of battle and increasing our strength. Let us get rid of the non-proletarian trends inside our party and the PLGA to overcome this critical period and fully utilize the developing favorable conditions. Let us develop a strong mass base by correcting our shortcomings in our relations with the people and by developing affectionate relations with them. The political task before us in the present conditions is to advance towards turning our party and the PLGA invincible and building an invincible bastion of people by preventing leadership losses, increasing our mass base and fighting back the enemy offensive. Let us march forward with unflinching determination, unwavering self-confidence, unparalleled courage and bravery towards victory. Final victory belongs to the people!

Let us successfully complete the campaign to bolshevize our party! Let us strengthen our mass base!

Let us continue our NDR with determination adhering to the path of PPW!

Let us defeat the multi-pronged offensive-OGH of the ruling classes waged with the evil design of decimating our party and the revolutionary movement!

Let us concentrate on annihilating the enemy forces and seizure of arms by intensifying our tactical counter offensives!

Let us intensify the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal class struggle with agrarian revolution as the axis!

Let us strengthen the party leadership and political work inside the PLGA!

Let us impart politico-military training to PLGA commanders, fighters, the people's militia and the people!

Let us take up recruitment campaigns to recruit young women and men into the PLGA in large numbers!

Let us develop iron discipline inside PLGA and develop it into an invincible army!

Long live the Communist Party of India (Maoist)!

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Central Military Commission

CPI (Maoist)

17-9-2013

Success for 1 July International Day of Support to the People's War in India

The International Committee salutes all people and organisations that in many countries have participated with different kind of actions at the International Day. IC prepares a complete report for the next weeks. IC prepares an international Bulletin about International Day. All people and organisations that want to send other texts, photos, videos, infos can make as soon as possible. Some comrades and organisations organize the 'International Day' with actions in others days after the 1 July, this is good. The important is ten, hundred, thousand actions of support!

IC salutes and supports the great decision of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) that "together with all revolutionary forces in the Philippines, declare July 2013 as Philippine Solidarity Month for the People's War in India. The CPP issues this declaration in unity with the call of democratic and anti-imperialist forces for an International Day of Support for the People's War in India on July 1".

Now International Committee sends to India comrades a report and it will ask a meeting for mutual information and for receiving all considerations and reflections about the continuations of the IC activity; but it is clear, IC is an autonomous committee international and internationalist of Maoist and anti-imperialist comrades and forces. We call all comrades and organisations that have participated in the International Day to send letters, documents, proposals about the new activity and actions of IC and about the new development of global international support .

IC conveys an open but no public meeting for this debate and for taking new decisions in the 21 september 2013 in north Italy. If it needs the meeting will continue also in 22 September in the morning. IC calls to participate, with one – at most two – representative, all the organisations that have participated in the International Conference in Hamburg, all those who took part to the 1 July International Day and also all organisations that want to participate to the future common initiatives. The complete plan of this meeting, but not list of participants, will be sent to all that ask to participate.

**red greetings
IC SPW India
6 july 2013**

1 July 2013

International Day of Support to the People's War in India



In the anniversary of the martyrdom of comrade Azad, leader of the CPI(M), beloved by the revolutionary masses in India and the peoples in the world, all proletarian and antimperialist forces strengthen their support to the People's war and honour all the martyrs of the revolution.

Nothing can subdue the fighting spirit of the revolutionary people of India and the CPI(M).

The Indian regime has unleashed suppression:

murders, rapes, massacres - the infamous Operation Green Hunt - against the oppressed and fighting people of the country in general and the adivasis in particular, against Maoist leaders and cadres, in order to crush the rebellion of people and stop the march of the People's War towards a New Democratic and antimperialist power.



But the people's war cannot be stopped. The people's war with an historic attack hit the political rulers responsible for inhuman atrocities and fascist terror against masses. Rulers in India were in the big illusion that they were unbeatable, but the People are invincible. People only are the makers of the history.

Now more than ever the international support to the people's war cannot be stopped.



After the great international Conference in Hamburg on 24 November,

an international day of support in various countries is launched on 1st July

The people's war in India is our war against imperialism and our best support is to intensify the antimperialist struggle on world-level!

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1 July 2013

International Day of Support to the People's War in India



**Historic attack to India rulers !
'Green Hunt' cannot stop the
People's War! All together until
Indian people's victory !**



**Comrade Azad and all the martyrs
of revolution live in the People's
Wars and the anticolonialist and
revolutionary struggles in India and
in the world**

**We call all the
solidarity forces
in all countries,
using all the
forms of struggle, to
inform and mobilize the
masses against the Indian
regime and imperialism**

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Hundred Voices for a Call

Quotations from the speeches at the International Conference of Support to the People's War in India, Hamburg, 24 November 2012

We call all the forces that have contributed to this work to advance together, to continue this work in every country, to use all the forms of struggle, from the propaganda, to spread information and unite masses, to the actions to hit the symbols of the Indian Regime and imperialism.

International Committee of Support to People's War in India

Our comrades in India are fighting a life-or-death struggle against imperialism and its lackeys. Sacrifices are big and they are being made for the liberation of humanity from the imperialist yoke by those most oppressed, those most exploited.

League Against the Imperialist Aggression – Hamburg

Building broad support to defend the people's war, building broad resistance to inhuman repression – both complement one another. There is a new reality, a transformed situation, being created by the development of the people's war. It is being created in conditions of devastation, of globalisation and the imperialist crisis. But, within that, it is the people's war, the revolution to seize power and build a new democratic society, which creates it.

Communist Party of India (M-L) Naxalbari

We carried out a demonstration against Operation Green Hunt, in front of the Indian Embassy. We issued and reproduced thousands of posters in support of the People's War in several regions of the country and developed (also on a permanent way) the slogans "Long live the People's war in India!", "Long live the CPI Maoist!", "Down with Operation Green Hunt!" on the walls of different regions of the country. We endeavoured to spread documents of the CPI(M) and of the Revolutionary Democratic Front of all India.

Revolutionary Front in Defence of The People's Rights (Brazil)

But the Indian people are fighting back, they are waging a new democratic revolution. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), the ongoing People's War is building thousands of people's organizations and Revolutionary People's Committees in the countryside. In the cities, mass organizations led by the CPI (Maoist) launch massive mass protest actions, shaking the foundations of the reactionary state power.

Communist Party of Philippines

It also should be reiterated that the best way to support the revolutionary war in India is to intensify the fight against semi-feudalism, capitalism, and imperialism everywhere. And that is also to say to launch people's wars elsewhere.

Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan

Today the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army is our army. They are at the forefront of the revolutionary struggle against imperialism, feudalism and capitalism because of the importance of India in the global imperialist economy and geopolitical order.

Revolutionary Communist Party – Canada

In this period of crisis of imperialism, the people's war in India should be a source of inspiration for all communists, revolutionaries, the working class and the peoples of the world.

Maoist Communist Party of France

People's war in India is a support to the struggle of other peoples of the world, so it should also be made known to those who struggle in other countries for the same purpose : the national and social liberation.

Committee to support the Revolution in India, France

It is time that people of the world stood up and oppose the Indian comprador-bureaucrat ruling class. And it's time we organize ourselves with the dedication and determination for this purpose. A gigantic mass movement of peoples around the world should be built in order to give practical support to the people of India on concrete issues surrounding state repression.

Mass Line, Nederland

All of those who combat our imperialism, in India and elsewhere, are our allies in our fight against imperialism, against our reformist leaders and for the construction of our party

OCML Voie Proletarienne, France

We have no doubt that the blood-stained hands of the reactionary murderers will be cut by the masses, although they may seem strong or these criminals may believe it, they are just paper tigers, in front of the masses people's war which is almighty and invincible.

Galician Committee to Support People's War in India Construction Committee of the Maoist Communist Party of Galicia, Spanish State

Not a single internationalist proletarian can be indifferent to the development of Indian revolution.

Great March towards Communism – Madrid

... solidarity to the Indian women who are fighting in the nowadays biggest and incisive people's war, that gives a liberating response also to the condition of severe sexual violence and oppression that women in India - and in the world - suffer in a so fierce manner. In India many rapes are rapes of war, perpetrated by the military and paramilitary forces to suppress and annihilate the anger and the strength of women. But for many women the suffered violence and rapes have become a lever to rebel and join the people's war

Revolutionary Proletarian Feminist Movement, Italy

The Indian comrades make grave sacrifices. The peoples' war shows us the real meaning of putting the collective before the individual. They do not only put the adivasi, the cast less, the peasants and proletarians of India before them self. They put the faith of humanity, and the future of the working peoples of the world, before their own lives.

India Solidarity, Norway

The importance of Peoples' War in India is not only in its huge proportions and the corresponding level of genocidal atrocities committed by imperialism against the peoples of India, but it is also in its potential.

Red Action, Croatia

It is an important task to do propaganda to support people's war and to give information about the terror of the Indian State and Imperialism. Is necessary to build up a wide front of solidarity with the people's war in India and to spread a revolutionary perspective to the peoples to mobilize them for struggles

Revolutionärer Aufbau Committee to Support People's War in India, Austria

We affirm that the popular war in India is our war,, because imperialism and its lackeys carry out a war against the exploited workers and the oppressed people all over the world and vis-a-vis this violence of reactionary State, only the popular war directed by the Communist Maoist party can lead to victory, liberation and the building of the popular power, the new democracy, paving the way to socialism.

Maoist Communist Movement, Tunisia

Communist Party of the Philippines Declares Philippine Solidarity Month for the People's War in India

1 July 2013

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), together with all revolutionary forces in the Philippines, declare July 2013 as Philippine Solidarity Month for the People's War in India. The CPP issues this declaration in unity with the call of democratic and anti-imperialist forces for an international day of support for the people's war in India on 1 July. Let us pay our highest tribute to the heroes and martyrs of the Indian people's revolution, celebrate its victories, and look forward to its further advances in the future.



The CPP calls on all its entire membership, all Red fighters of the New People's Army (NPA) and all revolutionary forces and people under its leadership to carry out educational and cultural activities all throughout the month of July to further deepen the Filipino revolutionary forces' understanding of and solidarity with the people's democratic revolution in India.

Party branches, units of the NPA, chapters of revolutionary mass organizations and governmental departments will devote one or several days of activities during the month of July to carry out such activities as educational discussions, film showings, cultural presentations and mass propaganda undertakings to express solidarity and generate support for the people's war in India.

In launching the Philippine Solidarity Month for the People's War in India, the CPP reciprocates the solidarity week launched by the Communist Party of India (Maoist) or CPI-M last 22-28 April coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) last 24 April.

Despite the geographical distance and national peculiarities, the people's war in India and the Philippines share many similarities. Foremost, both people's war are under the leadership of communist parties that adhere to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and which are deeply rooted among the toiling masses of the people.

Both advance the democratic interests of the peasants and indigenous peoples for land against the land monopolists and the encroachment of foreign mining companies and foreign monopoly capitalist plunderers. Both advance the democratic struggles of the workers, youth, students, women and other democratic sectors against the exploiters and oppressors.

The CPI-M is at the helm of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army in the same manner that the CPP leads the New People's Army in the Philippines. Both wage extensive and intensive guerrilla warfare while building the people's organs of democratic political power and waging campaigns to advance the land reform movement. Enjoying widespread support, the PLGA and the NPA continue to expand and accumulate great victories in the field of revolutionary armed struggle.

The people's war in India and the Philippines are both confronted with brutal campaigns of suppression being carried out by the reactionary forces under the direction of the US imperialist government. The Operation Green Hunt of the Indian reactionaries and the Oplan Bayanihan of the Philippine reactionaries both employ the most abominable forms of armed suppression resulting in gross and widespread violations of human rights. Invariably, these acts of suppression are directed against the revolutionary masses in a vain attempt to terrorize the people.

The US imperialists and the reactionaries vilify the revolutionary forces in India and the Philippines as "terrorists." They have, however, failed to stymie the growth of the people's revolutionary movements in India and the Philippines which both have advanced steadily with the deep and broad support of the people.

The people's war in India and the Philippines have repeatedly and decisively frustrated the reactionaries' attempts at armed suppression as they firmly adhere to the people's aspirations for democracy.

The Indian and Philippine revolutionary forces both seek and work to help build a broad international anti-imperialist and democratic movement to advance the interests of the toiling masses amidst the worsening crisis of the international capitalist system and the bankruptcy of the neoliberal policies. The people's war in India and the Philippines see great potential for revolutionary advancements in the face of the intensification of the exploitation and oppression of peoples in both capitalist and semi-colonial and semifeudal countries.

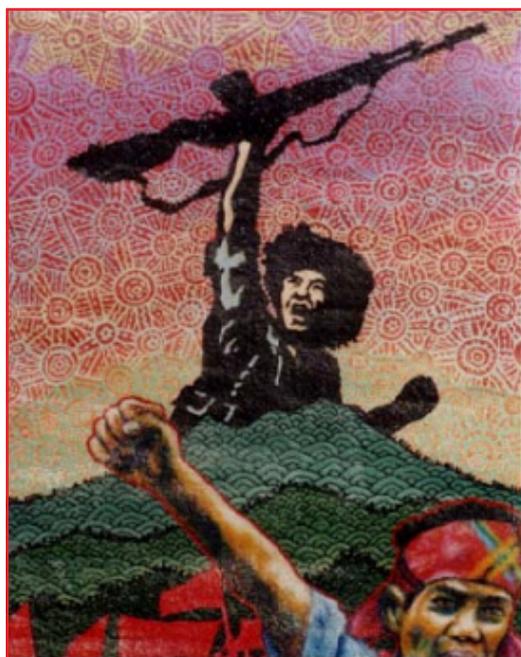
The CPP acclaim the CPI-M and all revolutionary forces in India for persevering along the road of people's war. The people's of the world anticipate the growth and great advance of the people's war in India as the people of India continue to rise up and revolt against the oppression and exploitation of the ruling classes and the imperialists. The peoples of the world see the epic dimensions and potentials of the people's war in India to change the face of the earth in a big way, in much the same way that the victory of the revolution in China and Russia altered the international balance of the class struggle.

The Filipino people look forward to the complete victory of the Indian revolution even as they seek to achieve victory in their own homeland. The Filipino and Indian people are serving the interests of the proletariat and peoples around the world by waging people's wars in their homelands and dealing armed blows against the imperialist and their reactionary lackeys. Their advances and victories will indubitably inspire all other peoples of the world to stand up against the imperialists and wage revolution to achieve national and social liberation. *

National Democratic Front of the Philippines

Message of Solidarity to the People's War in India led by the Communist Party of India (Maoist)

On the occasion of the International Day of Support for the People's War in India, the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) conveys its warmest revolutionary greetings of solidarity and comradeship to the Communist Party of India (Maoist), the People's Guerrilla Liberation Army (PGLA), and the revolutionary masses in India. The NDFP comprises the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), the New People's Army (NPA) and 15 other revolutionary allied organizations. We reiterate our firm support



for the People's War in India launched and led by the Communist Party of India (Maoist). We are confident that, with the enthusiastic participation and support of the oppressed masses in India, the CPI (Maoist) will win victory against the fascist "War on People" being waged by the Indian reactionaries supported by US imperialism and other imperialist powers..

The regime's "Operation Green Hunt" and other forms of its "War on People" are bound to be defeated by the Indian revolutionary forces led by the CPI (Maoist). As Comrade Ganapathy, Secretary General of CPI (Maoist) has aptly declared, "People who are the makers of history will rise up like a tornado under our party's leadership to wipe out the reactionary blood-sucking vampires ruling our country."

In the Philippines, the Filipino people are also waging a People's War against US imperialism and the local reactionaries of big landlords and compradors. We are fighting against the US-designed fascist counterinsurgency program, deceptively named "Oplan Bayanihan" (Operation Plan Cooperation), which perpetrates gross human rights violations against the peasants, workers, indigenous people, urban poor, women, youth and other sectors of the people. The puppet Aquino regime carries out the neoliberal policies of liberalization, deregulation, and privatization.. The oppressed masses in the Philippines are rising to wage militant struggles led by the CPP.. They participate and enthusiastically support the people's war that is now being carried out in 70 out of 81 provinces of the country.

We take this occasion to render our revolutionary salute to Comrade Azad and all the martyrs of the Indian people's Revolution. They live in the People's War and anti-imperialist and revolutionary struggles in India and in the world. We likewise honor our beloved guerrilla commander and spokesperson of the CPP, Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal and other revolutionary martyrs of the Filipino people. .

We salute our comrades-in-arms waging People's War in India! We wish them and the Indian people they lead ever greater victories in their New Democratic Revolution and in establishing the People's Democratic Federal Republic and thereafter the socialist system, Their brilliant victories inspire us and other revolutionary forces in the world.

We take this opportunity to express our very deep appreciation for the week of solidarity last April which the CPI (Maoist) carried out for the CPP and the People's War in the Philippines.

National Executive Committee

National Democratic Front of the Philippines

International League of Peoples' Struggle

Supports the Indian people's war for national liberation and democracy

**(Issued by the Office of the Chairperson International League of Peoples' Struggle,
June 30, 2013)**

We, the International League of Peoples' Struggle, join all anti-imperialist and democratic forces in solidarity with the Indian people on the occasion of the International Day of Support for People's War in India on July 1. We support the Indian people and all revolutionary forces in waging the people's democratic revolution for national liberation and democracy.

The Indian people are waging a just struggle to overthrow the semicolonial and semifeudal ruling system and liberate themselves from imperialist domination and from feudal and semifeudal exploitation. We have the highest admiration for the Indian people for following the advanced detachment of the working class, the Communist Party of India (Maoist), and for building the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army and the revolutionary united front, the organs of Red political power and the mass organizations of workers, peasants, indigenous people, women, youth, cultural workers and other professionals.

The Indian people are now waging the people's war in extensive areas of the Indian countryside. They are thus resolutely and militantly answering the central question of revolution, which is the seizure of political power. They are seeking to fulfill the main content of the democratic revolution, which is to satisfy the peasant hunger for land and to prevent the imperialists and local reactionaries from further grabbing the land from the peasants and the adivasis (indigenous people).

The people's war has intensified and expanded in the mountainous and forested areas because the multinational corporations, the big compradors and corrupt bureaucrats are unleashing the most brutal and deceptive campaigns in order to grab the land, forest, mineral and water resources from the adivasis and other people. The imperialists and the reactionaries have no right to plunder the resources, ruin the environment and further impoverish the Indian people.

We applaud the Indian people and all their revolutionary forces for overcoming tremendous odds and for winning ever greater victories in people's war. They have frustrated and defeated vicious and bloody campaigns such as Operation Green Hunt. This has been directed and carried out with the collaboration of US military advisors. It has employed various India's state security forces, including the specialized antiNaxalite police, paramilitary Greyhounds, elite CoBRAs (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) and death squads of the reactionary and revisionist parties.

The Indian people have not been frightened by the gross and systematic human rights violations being committed by their enemy. Such human rights violations include abductions, illegal detention, torture, false encounters, selective murders and wholesale murders of the adivasis, dalits (untouchables) and other oppressed and exploited working people. Vilification of the revolutionary forces and cadres as "terrorist" has been used by the enemy to justify the most barbaric and gory acts of oppression. But these have only served to inflame the revolution. The crimes of the enemy incite the people to fight ever more fiercely for their national and social liberation

We the ILPS wish the Indian people and revolutionary forces to win ever greater victories in the new democratic revolution through people's war. We are hopeful and optimistic that they shall play an increasingly significant role in the upsurge and advance of the anti-imperialist and democratic struggle on a global scale. We daresay that the Indian revolution will play a great and pivotal role in the world proletarian revolution for socialism as a consequence of the bankruptcy of neoliberalism and the ever worsening crisis of global capitalism.

Long live the Indian people and revolutionary forces!

Down with imperialism, domestic feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism!

Reap greater victories in the people's democratic revolution through people's war!

Advance the world proletarian revolution!

Long live international solidarity!

Revolutionary Proletarian Feminist Movement, Italy

The Revolutionary Proletarian Feminist Movement - Italy joins and enthusiastically supports the International Day of Solidarity with the People's war in India on 1 July.

On occasion of the national mobilization we launched on 6 July in Rome against femicide and sexual violence on women, we will protest at the Indian embassy, renewing the "bridge from Italy to India" that we are pursuing since the International Conference in Hamburg. On the International Women's Day of this year, in Italy banners appeared at the embassy in Rome, at the consulate in Milan and the University of Palermo, to make concrete the solidarity with the



The action of MPFR : a banner "closes the entry of the Indian Embassy in Rome

mighty protests of women in India after the fierce rapes and killings in recent months. We want to show that the only way for a real liberation of women against oppression, exploitation, rapes, is the prominent role of women in the revolutionary people's war against the states, governments, men who hate women!

Recently our enthusiasm has grown for the news of the attack on May 25 that hit 27 leaders and members of the Congress Party and policemen. In particular, the death of the Mahendra Karma leader of the fascist Salwa Judum, arch-enemy of the masses of Bastar, oppressor, murderer, looter, but also rapist, only can be welcomed as a high act of justice, not only by the women of India but also from Italy and the oppressed women

around the world. That individual was deservedly hated by the people and especially women.

Always the rapes, violence, killings of women, the violation of their rights, have accompanied the dirty work of Mahendra Karma, as well as the other members of the Congress Party, to pave the way to the interests of big capitalists in India, including the European and Italian.

In India in many cases the sexual violence are war rapes perpetrated by the military and paramilitary forces which this way try to suppress and stop the rebellion and strength of women.

But, as we said at the Conference in Hamburg, for many women the violence and rapes have become one more reason to rebel and join the People's War.

So, why could not women and even we rejoice! Finally hundreds of mothers and sisters are victims of the most cruel forms of violence, humiliation and rape have been vindicated.

But not only this. In the situation in India, that in recent months witnessed the tremendous expansion of rapes and killings of girls, children, but also a vast and impressive response of millions of people, particularly women against such violence, face a government, a State that, beyond the hypocritical words, tried to protect rapists and murderers of women from the just violence of women and sent cops and soldiers to suppress the demonstrations, this attack on the enemies of the people and women is also a response and a hope.

Revolutionary Feminist Proletarian Movement– Italy

**Images of World wide Campaign of the
July 1-International Day of Solidarity with the People's war in India**



Activists of - FRDDP (Front for the Defense of the People) at Belo Horizonte, Brasil



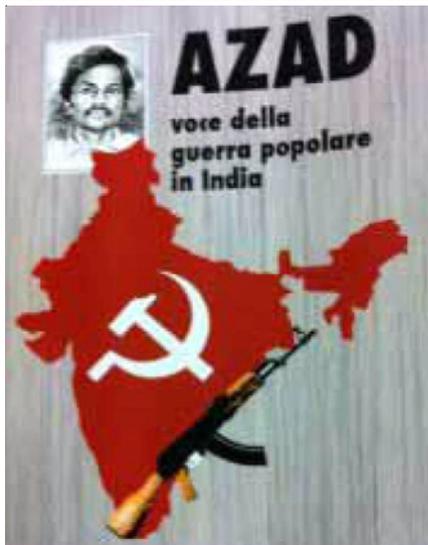
Maoist Activists waving banners in support of People's war in India at Piazza Massimo in Palermo City (Italy)

Young Maoists in action at the University in Palermo (Italy) to support mass rebellions in Turkey, Brasil, India



Banners at Toranto, Italy

Banners at Bergamo, Italy



The cover of Azad Writings published by Collettivo Tazebao, Italy



Poster of Solidarity to the PW in India by Odio de Clase and Communist Reconstruction of Spain



Posters at Galicia Supporting the International Day of Support to the PW in India



Posters at Berlin, West Germany Supporting the International Day of Support to the PW in India



Posters in Canada Supporting the International Day of Support to the PW in India



Activists of FERP, Chile put Posters at the Indian Embassy in Santiago in Support of People's War in India



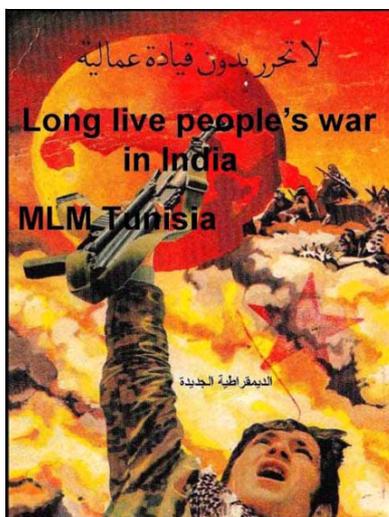
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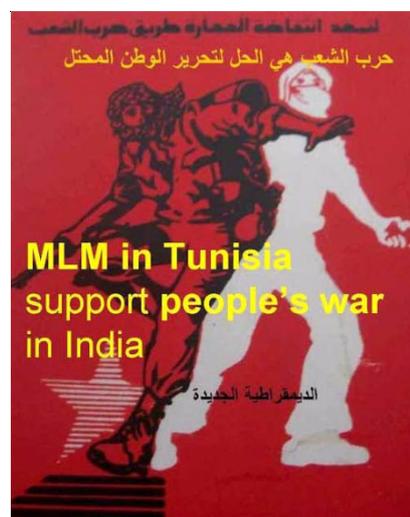
Poster of Maoist Revolutionary League of Srilanka



Poster of PC maoïste de France in Support of PW in India



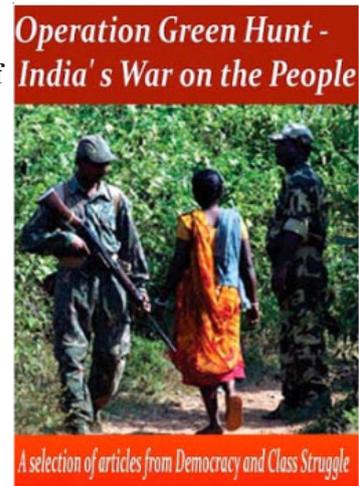
Posters made by the MLM movement in Tunisia





Poster by the Communist Party (M-L) of Panamá

Cover page of the book entitled 'OGH-India's War on the People' published by Democracy and Class Struggle of Britain



Network of Communist Blogs: Spanish State

The important is: everybody in support of the People's War the 1 July!

The Network Communist Blogs wants to express a full support to this International Day and, in the spirit and practice of proletarian internationalism, its revolutionary and class solidarity with workers and peasants fighting on the front lines of World Revolution today, under the leadership of Communist Party India (Maoist).

While many forces so-called "communist" stubbornly continue swimming in the stinking pond of bourgeois democracy and its legality, the fight the CPI (Maoist) and the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) is an example of struggle that should inspire all Communists, from which we must learn and that we have to support, necessarily. The International Day in Support of the People's War in India is, first, an opportunity to spread the struggle of our comrades in India. Our first task, as much as we can, is that not a single world communist will ignore what happens in the jungles of Chattisgarh or Andhra Pradesh. We must ensure that every communist, wherever he is, hails with proud every blow dealt by the PLGA against the Indian state, as a decisive and triumphant step towards the inexorable victory of socialism and communism worldwide, and every setback suffered by the War Popular in India as a bend that can be passed only with more firmness, more resilience, more communist discipline.

The Day of 1 July is also an opportunity to expose the fascist nature of the repression in the "world's largest democracy." Let us raise our voices and fists against the Operation Green Hunt, that, at the price of thousands killed, tortured, detained, displaced, women raped, etc., has not other purpose but to fill the pockets of the imperialist bandits who plunder the soil of India, and the local leeches. Imperialism and its Indian lackeys will hear the unstoppable and thunderous sound of proletarian internationalism fused into a single revolutionary will - the will of communism – from the jungles and villages of Orissa and Jharkhand to the streets of our cities and towns!

The International Day of Support has to be, finally, a call of attention for ourselves. Bihar and Dandakaranya are a mirror to look in, a demand of unity and struggle against the enemy and revisionism, that comes with the example of the unforgettable comrades Kishenji and Azad and many martyrs of our class fallen in the struggle for socialism and communism. Their example of struggle and commitment call us to be at the height of the genuine revolutionaries.

Long Live the People's War in India!

Long Live the CPI(Maoist)!

Long Live the PLGA!

May the echoes of the International Day of July 1 resonate worldwide as sign of unwavering support for the Indian revolution!

International Committee Support People's War in India - towards new campaigns, towards new Conference !

21 September 2013 Milan

The real introduction to our meeting is the important document by the CPI(Maoist) signed by com. Ganapathy, greeting the International Conference in Hamburg.

Even if it came in late, it is an important document, that excites us and confirms the line followed by the International Committee has and fulfilled by International Conference in Hamburg was.

The paper contains important indications that the International Committee, in its full autonomy, will follow carrying out its tasks and aims. At the same time we have to pay attention to the call of the Party for "the week of the Martyrs". Of course, our assessment and immediate mobilization is required for the information we received about repression , killings and arrests of comrades.

The document points out that the democratic campaigns against OGH and the support to the people's are complementary, and then the struggle against OGH has to be part of the activity in support to the PW.

The international conference in Hamburg gave a blow imperialism and, at the same time, understood the need for unity between the international support to the PW in India and the revolutionary tasks in each country.

International conference in Hamburg has developed also the anti-imperialist mobilization and the need for a world anti-imperialist front - as pointed out by Indian comrades. The international conference in Hamburg was able to achieve a success thanks to the unity developed in the field between the Maoist forces and the consistent anti-imperialist organizations, both representing the international unity of the struggle of proletarians and peoples.

The purpose of the International Day of July 1 was to mobilize in actions the forces that had taken part in the International Conference and join other external forces. The date of July 1 , chosen for the anniversary of the martyrdom of Comrade Azad, was preceded by the mighty blow dealt to the Indian state by the attack on 25 May. A blow that had international repercussions and has been rightly welcomed with enthusiasm by the people of the world.

We know that after 25 May the Indian regime and imperialism unleashed a intensified repressive campaign, but the International Day organized by the International Committee had the aim of propagating the strength of the 25 May attack.

The day was a success for the number and quality of the initiatives, but this success is mainly measured by the participation of new forces, particularly the CP of Philippines and ILPS. Also significant was the participation of forces that before had attacked the Committee and that they now have made the right choice to take part in the International Day.

Our Bulletin report clearly gives room to this participation, because the aim of the Bulletin is not the self-propaganda, but to show the inclusive strength of the International Day.

The aim of mobilizing in Europe, Latin America and Asia, to make the support for the PW in India visible, not only with statements of solidarity but also with militant actions in each country, according to the possible level, has been fully achieved.....

...But this success goes also beyond the number of actions realized. As they comrades of CPI(Maoist) said, you know friends in the critical moments. While in all the world, inspired by imperialism, they were screaming against the attack of 25 May, and in India was being unleashed an unprecedented onslaught, to see throughout the World such a broad action in support to the PW in India was a blow to imperialism and Indian regime.

What pointed out in the same document about the international conference, we can say for the International Day of July 1: " the forces of the International Conference have dealt a hard blow to imperialism and the

Indian ruling classes, filling with hope the great ocean of the oppressed masses."

In Hamburg we decided that our action would be continued according to the objective of the international conference: to intensify the struggle as an act of war, as a way to participate in the war against imperialism.

We can not reduce the current situation in India to the issue of repression. In India a people's war is fought as part of the world proletarian revolution, it is today the strongest one, though fortunately not the unique: the people's war advances in the Philippines, as well as is prepared to move forward in other countries.

The International Day once again showed the existence of the International Committee with facts, with the aim of organizing and developing a large movement of solidarity.

The document of CPI(Maoist) emphasizes the importance of the solidarity for Vietnam in the 70s, and how this movement had contributed to the development of other revolutionary movements. We say clearly that the campaign of support is strengthening the revolutionary movement in each country. All the forces that participated in the International Conference, later strengthened themselves in the respective countries, none of them has neglected their national tasks. The organizations attending here and others that have sent messages to this meeting show how the work to advance the revolution has grown internationally after the conference.

Also the need of an anti-imperialist front advanced with the conference and the International Day of 1 July. We all want a front that unites all the forces fighting imperialism in all its aspects and the campaign of support for the PW in India is a strong link and a point of reference for this construction.

The political and ideological value of the campaign is greater of its own practical strength. But it is good not to be triumphalist. It must be said that there are some forces of the International Conference and the International Committee that could have done more. On this we must move forward determined to match the words to facts.

So we need to treat the issue of how to continue, to assess both the positive and negative aspects, both the clear achievements and steps forward they are doing in other countries.

It is unnecessary to call always new international days. Our whole action should serve to deal blows to the enemy, harder and significant in the context of the support.

The Committee is inspired by a general line, that lives in the objectives it realizes not for itself but for the PW in India and for the development of revolution all over the world.

Now the international dimension of the campaign must be greater in each country, we need to consolidate the successes. The International Day has provided new indications: the Filipinos comrades have declared a month of solidarity, linked to the development of the class struggle in the country.

The International Committee accepts this method: we should work so that in each country prolonged campaigns are built, defining at national level when and how to realize an event or a series of events by which the campaigns of the International Committee continue.

In order to strengthen the organizational dimension of the Committee, we need a website or blog managed by the Committee, improving the work made by other sites,..., because we need systematic news counter-information about the PW, as well as about the activities of support by the International Committee and all the forces supporting the PW. We need such a tool and we have to plan the different contributions that can be given to it.

The other important organizational problem is to analyze the situation in each country, in order to see the actual stage of the support, advance in the construction of local committees or table coordination of forces, not related to single campaigns.

This process is not short, we aim to realize within 6 months a new organizational situation that supports the new wave of campaigns on the basis of the forces that exist and can be involved....

When we resume our support we should start, as ever, from the actual situation that develops in India. The repressive action of the Indian State creates problems and difficulties for the PW. In particular it develops a concentration of attacks against intellectuals, students, people who oppose the OGH and vivify the Revolutionary Democratic Front. There are 4,000 political prisoners being tortured in prisons. The orientation of the CPI(Maoist) is to re-launch, also internationally, campaigns for the release of its leaders.

On this we must take a stand quickly and immediately pass to the action: against the persecution of GN Saibaba, in defense of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, against the arrests of students, in support of political prisoners.

The International Committee does not just take a stand, but to position should corresponds a type of appropriate action. The particularity of the attack to Saibaba should be explained in all its aspects, it is a step ahead of the Indian regime, its fascist nature. the details of this attack shows what the Indian regime is.

The conference in Hamburg should encourage us in rallying all forces in support of the PW. The idea of the Committee is a new International Conference....to tie it to the new storm that passes in various countries.

To hold the Conference in another country allows us to collect and join new forces and actions.

As the Indian comrades said in their message: “ you realized your international conference in the belly of the beast of imperialism, in Europe ...” Today, however, it is limited to think that all actions of solidarity can take place in Europe. We have to go to other countries, to make every region in the world a protagonist of this support. We know that it is difficult to realize there an international conference, that it puts forward problems and a type of participation different from those in Hamburg, but we all understand the importance and the impact that a conference of this type can have....

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21 September 2013, the Decisions of the International Committee

Posted by icspw · November 24, 2013

The International Committee to support people's war in India in the meeting of 21 September 2013 in Milan, expressed its enthusiastic support to the Ganapathy's Document for the International Conference in Hamburg on 24 november 2012 “Raise high the flag of proletarian internationalism!”.

The Committee made a very positive summation of the success of the International Action Day on First of July 2013 in many countries in the world and decided new initiatives.

1 - the maximum mass diffusion and study of Ganapathy, CPI(Maoist) Secretary, document in all languages possible;

2 - the development on the organisational and political plan of the national committees and national coordination in all countries of all various forces that support people's war India with the aim of developing protracted campaigns in the next 6 months – on the example of the Month of Solidarity in Philippines, declared by CPP;

3 - the birth of a new and complete international website for information and counterinformation in the world, in english,spanish and other languages, ready for 25 November 2013;

4 - the launch of a new unified international campaign – starting on 5 October 2013 – against the attacks by Indian government on GN Saibaba, Students for Resistance, artists and Intellectuals. This campaign should be developed in all Universities, Schools, Intellectual areas in all countries

5 - the development of a new international day for the 4000 Maoist and popular political prisoners and for the liberation of some CPI(Maoist) leaders – this day will be fixed after on 25 november after international consultation.

6 – for 2014 the International Committee develops a planned work for an **INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION IN INDIA WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SOLIDARITY ACTIVISTS,**

INTELLECTUALS, PERSONALITIES, ETC. TO DENOUNCE AND OPPOSE THE OPERATION GREEN HUNT AND ALL FORMS OF REPRESSION AGAINST INDIAN PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR NEW DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION !

7 - the most important decision – for the 10th anniversary of the formation of CPI(Maoist) – the International Committee to support people's war in India with all Maoist, revolutionary, anti-imperialist forces will organise a Second International Conference of support – possibly not in Europe. A call for this new conference will be issued in the spring 2014.

8 - International Committee SPW India supports the liberation struggle of Philippines and participates to all supporters initiatives, IC support all people's wars and all armed anti-imperialist struggles in the world .

9 - International Committee declares that the best support to the people's war in India is to make new democratic and proletarian revolution all countries

10 - International Committee declares that the advancement of international unity of communist parties and organisations gives more strength to the support for people's war in India in the world.

lal salam!

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21 september 2013

International Committee Support people's war in India - support the important decisions of the meeting 21 september !

Monday, November 4, 2013

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25th January 2014 - Great International Day of Solidarity and Struggle with political prisoners in India

Unconditioned release for all political prisoners in India !

25th January 2014 Great International Day of Solidarity and Struggle !

In India more than 10.000 supposed Maoists are languishing in jails, to them are to be added other thousands of prisoners involved in the national liberation movements (Kashmir, Manipur, etc.) or other democratic movements.

Beside with the leaders, cadres and members of the PLGA, more than the 90% of that number are

Adivasi villagers who resisted the forced evacuation; peasants who struggled against the MOUs signed by governments and TNCs to exploit the people and continue the imperialist looting of natural resources; activists of the national minorities organized against the rising threat of Hindu communal fascism; students, intellectuals, artists belonging the RDF and other democratic organizations, guilty of standing on the side of the people facing the war on them waged by the Indian state; people's women, feminists united to rebel against the huge escalation of rapes, committed in part by the armed and police forces and paramilitary fascist squads sponsored by the State, as weapon of the war on people.

In jails the prisoners face every kind of harassment, torture, denial of bails, inhumane living conditions, arbitrary transfers, brutal assaults and punishments of solitary confinement, and often the detained women are raped.

In spite of the fierce condition of detention, prisoners are resisting and struggling with revolutionary spirit and turning the dark jails in which are confined into a battlefield against the raising fascism in India and the Indian regime.

The struggle for their unconditioned release is an urgent task for all the solidarity forces and friends of Indian people, and it is integral part of the support for the victory of their liberation war.

But all India is more and more turned by the ruling classes into a “prison house of people's movements”.

Since mid-2009, the Indian ruling classes, under the guidance and with the assistance of imperialists, launched the multi-pronged and country-wide offensive called Operation Green Hunt – a war on people to wipe out the Maoist movement and suppress the genuine struggles of the people.

While repression on oppressed masses is the hallmark of any exploiting state and always has been a feature of the Indian State, the Operation Green has surpassed all the previous offensives both in its scale and brutality.

Thousands of revolutionary and democratic mass organizations leaders and members have been assassinated, tortured and put in jails. Blamed under false cases, many of them are facing harsh punishments.

Massacres, gang rapes, looting and destruction of villages by armed forces have become the order of the day.

The Operation Green Hunt – War on People – is supposed aimed to wipe out the Maoist movement but it is in fact it targets and is aimed to suppress any genuine democratic demand of the people, by framing them in cases linked with the CPI (Maoist) according the draconian laws adopted by the central and state governments, that brand people's leaders and strugglers as 'anti-national or terrorists'.

Stop the Operation Green Hunt, stop the War on People !

But the liberation war of the masses in India cannot be stopped by the savage repression, rather it extends the political and moral solidarity to the liberation war.

Many international initiatives and efforts built solidarity with people in India and supported their struggle for liberation, including the great International Conference of Hamburg and the International Days of Actions organized by the International Committee of Support. These initiatives had impact throughout the world and in India itself, dealt blows to imperialism and the Indian regime, that today reacts urging the governments, first those of EU, to stop the initiatives of solidarity.

It is for this reason that today more than ever it is necessary to further consolidate and extend the solidarity.

Therefore we call to a large **International Day of Solidarity and struggle for the unconditioned release of the political prisoners in India on 25th of January 2014**, to be held everywhere is possible in the world, in all the possible ways decided by the committees and solidarity forces at national level, with

street actions, that call the masses to participate, and **counter-information actions** and **protests** towards embassies, consulates, offices of the international press and humanitarian organizations etc., to be held during the week before the International Day.

International Committee to Support the People's War in India

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**The International Committee to Support People's War in India
launches campaign against persecution of GN SAIBABA**

November 25, 2013

**The meeting of International Committee on 21 September launched a campaign in all
universities and democratic places in the world !**

Down to the persecution against Professor GN Saibaba, from New Delhi University!

We strongly condemn the arbitrary action of the Indian forces of repression, in another desperate attempt to silence the voices of dissidence. On Sept. 12, 2013, the house of Professor GN Saibaba, was raided by 50 agents with the pretext to search "stolen materials".

In the arbitrary operation, the agents prevented Professor Saibaba and his family from go out home, receiving visitors, making and receiving phone calls and contact an attorney. They didn't find any stolen material and went out from Saibaba's house carrying personal belongings of the family, including mobile phones, pen-drives and copies of publications of the Revolutionary Democratic Front of India (RDF), the organization on which Dr. Saibaba is secretary.

The Indian state with its common practices and increasingly recurrent persecution, killings, arbitrary arrests and baseless accusations against the defenders of the people's struggle, try to stop the struggle of a people who will not surrender in the face of intimidation and harassment. Because of his choice to work in behalf of people, his effort to denounce the Operation Green Hunt, his work as an academic professor, his democratic and committed role on the defense of Indian people in the struggle against oppression, violence and misery, we pay our solidarity and respect to Professor GN Saibaba.

We also condemn the fascist Indian state for their crimes against the people and their leaders and declare that the Brazilian people stand in support of the Indian people in their just struggle for national and social liberation.

We call to a large **International Day of Solidarity and struggle for the unconditioned release of the political prisoners in India on 25th of January 2014**, to be held everywhere is possible in the world, in all the possible ways decided by the committees and solidarity forces at national level, with **street actions**, that call the masses to participate, and **counter-information actions** and **protests** towards embassies, consulates, offices of the international press and humanitarian organizations etc., to be held during the week before the International Day.

International Committee to Support the People's War in India

5 December 2013



Position of India Solidarity Sweden about decision of International Committee to Support the Peoples War in India

Comrades and friends,

The board of India Solidarity (Sweden) have today decided to support the first 8 points in the document (21st September) by the International Committee to Support the Peoples War in India (CSPWI). Point 9 and 10 is not a question for our organization which is united on a anti-imperialist and anti-feudal platform.

1. The maximum mass diffusion and study of Ganapathy PCIm Documents in all languages possible.

We will make a plan for the translation of important documents to swedish and print a collection of during 2014.

2. The development on the organisative and political plan of the national committees and national coordination in all countries of all various forces that support people's war India with the target of development of prolonged campaigns in the next 6 months.

We will contact other political forces in Sweden for this purpose.

3. The birth of a new and complete international website for information and counterinformation in the world, in english, spanish and original languages, ready for 25 november 2013.

We will support the site with information in swedish and english if needed.

4. The launch of a new unified international campaign - starts 5 october 2013 - against indian government's attacks against SAIBABA, Students for Resistance, Artists and Intellectuals. This campaign must be developed in all Universities, Schools, Intellectual AREA in all countries.

The board will discuss how this can be developed the coming month and decide on some points of action.

5. The development a new international day for the 4000 maoist and popular political prisoners and for the liberation of some PCIm leaders - this day will be fixed after 25 november after international consultation.

The board will act to inform the public in Sweden on the situation of the political prisoners in India and develop some kind of local actions when the day is set.

6. For 2014 - International Committee develops a planified work for an INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION IN INDIA WITH THE PARTECIPATION OF SOLIDARITY MILITANTS, INTELLECTUALS, PERSONALITIES, ETC FOR TO DENOUNCE AND TO OPPOSE OperationGreenHunt AND ALL FORMS OF REPRESSION AGAINST INDIAN PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR NEW DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION !

The board have decided to try to send a delegation to India during 2014.

7. The most important decision - for the 10th anniversary of PCIm foundation - International Committee support people's war in India with all maoists, revolutionaries, antimperialists forces organised a Second International Conference of support - possible not in Europe.

A convocation for this new conference will be issued in the spring 2014.

The board will try to send a delegate to a coming conference.

8. International Committee SPW India supports the liberation struggle of Philippines and partecipes to all supporters initiatives, IC support all people's wars and all armed anti-imperialist struggles in the world.

The board will publish news on the liberation struggle in the Philippines and inform the Philippines society in Sweden.

**Solidarity greetings,
India Solidarity (Sweden), Stockholm**

10-11-2013

Why Red Solidarity Supports the Revolutionary Struggles in India and the Philippines

In the India and the Philippines large masses of people are leading the world in the struggle for socialism and communism. They are revolting against a global economic order that exploits them for the benefit of the rich nations and which delivers nothing but poverty for their peoples despite the slogans about 'development'. Operating on the basis that the principal contradiction in the world is between the imperialist nations and the oppressed nations they are leading the fight against world capitalism. They are striving to break their countries free of the parasitic grasp of the imperialist nations. They want a people centered, democratic model of development.

Wherever the Communist Party of India (Maoist) has had the strength they have seized land from the landlords. The imperialists seek to strip the Indian peasant of their land and impoverish them. The Communist Party of India (Maoist) strives to give land to the peasant and bring about rural development in order to enrich the peasant and use their wealth as the motive power of self-reliant, locally based industrial development. The Communist Party of the Philippines is leading mass struggles of peasants and workers across the Philippines. They are aiming for the liberation of the Philippine people from the landlords and imperialists. They promote land reform, health, education and culture as the first step to democratic revolution advancing to socialism.

In response the reactionary governments of these two countries have unleashed repression against the masses of the people. In India there has been 'Operation Green Hunt' and in the Philippines there has been the Oplan Bayanihan repression. However, repression can never crush a movement when its cause is right and just and it is supported by the broad masses of the people. The people, however, do suffer from these repressions and for this reason **Red Solidarity** joins international calls to stop the wars against the people in India and the Philippines.

The revolutionary struggles led by the Communist Party of India (Maoist) and the Communist Party of the Philippines must be seen in the context of a period where socialism has suffered many defeats and outside of these countries the only obvious opposition to imperialism is led by the Bolivarian reformists or the Al-Qaeda reactionary fanatics. In such a dark scenario the people's struggles in the Philippines and India are like two shining beacons. The brave and tenacious struggle of the masses in these two countries has the potential to bring forth another wave of world proletarian struggle and revolution.

Solidarity for the Heroic Rebellion of the Turkish People

[The CPI (Maoist), the PLGA, the RPCs and the revolutionary masses in India send revolutionary greetings and express strong solidarity with the fighting people of Turkey for their heroic resistance against the Turkish reactionary regime backed by the US imperialists. The people of Turkey have once again shown to the puppets and their masters that no mercenary force in the world can withstand the revolutionary deluge of the enraged masses. The massive protest that started against destruction attempt of the Gezi Park took a natural turn into a rebellion due to the exploitation and oppression suffered by the Turkish people for decades together in the hands of the Turkish comprador rulers representing the interests of imperialists, big corporations and big landlords. In spite of the brazen attempts by the Turkish state to crush them the Turkish people held aloft the banner of resistance thereby joining ranks with all the fighting people of the world including the people of India. We hail the Turkish people's rebellion and publish here in solidarity a statement by Maoist Communist Party (MKP)-Turkey-North Kurdistan – MIB]

Lets Resist and Fight !

Maoist Communist Party (MKP)-Turkey-North Kurdistan, June 3, 2013

“As long as the masses are being tortured, shot down and massacred the Proletarian revolutionist cannot be a bystander!” “The side by side struggle is growing with the resisting and rising masses!”

To our Struggling Comrades!

Those who should be leading, are acting as followers of masses today!

Communist and revolutionaries going through another exam today. This is the time for selfless struggle without dismissing the movement as self-manifested. The definition of revolutionary movement or the revolutionary wave is the practice that masses exhibit.

Masses are revolutionary, their reaction is democratic, rebellion and uprising is legit! As our leadership role requires, we have to be in the front of the struggle with the masses even though it developed with our absence.

We will resist, struggle, and pay the price!

As long as the masses are being tortured, shot down and massacred, the “Proletarian revolutionist cannot be a spectator!”

To Our Valued Masses;

The masses who are filled with hate because of reactionary oppression and violence have shaken the ruling class and the Turkish Government.

The massive rising caused by destruction attempt of Gezi Park for the benefit of the bourgeoisie is moving forward.

Once again, the screaming masses have showed the neo-liberal bottom feeders that people can take their own fate into their own hands. AKP government’s savage fascist oppression wasn’t able to stop the resistance.

The masses continued to fight and wouldnt let go of their democratic requests even though they have been wounded, arrested, beaten and tortured.

Despite Turkey’s sell-out media and silence of bourgeoisie writers, the resistance was able to get the attention and support of the world.

Presence of enormous masses have become the nightmare for the AKP and reactionary and oppressive ruling class, who don’t even recognize their own laws. On the fifth day, the masses who started off with protesting destruction of the nature have turned into revolutionary and the masses claimed victory by forcing AKP to take a step back!

The reactionary, corporate, bureaucrat and bourgeoisie-feudal supporters of AKP have done their historical tradition and tried to surpass the democratic requests of the masses by using violence and bloodshed. On the



Thousands of Turkish people in dozens of different cities have united as one in the streets to join Taksim Gezi Park Resistance. The massive rising caused by the attempt to destruct the Gezi Park for the benefit of the bourgeoisie by the reactionary Turkish Government.

contrarily the rising deterrent masses have caused the movement to grow and continue despite paying the price for it. Thousands of people in dozens of different cities have united as one in the streets to join Taksim Gezi Park Resistance.

The history of reactionary classes have always been oppressing, exploiting the masses and its proper to cause any kind of pain to them. In order to keep their rule and their domination, they have never shied away from using reactionary violence against the oppressed and poor people.

The organized reactionary classes that are receiving the benefits of capitalism have always looked down upon the masses and caused them barbaric pains They have pushed alienation toward proletarians and forced them to live in hunger and poverty. But the people have reminded the reactionary class that it is the people who are the real heroes and with their own fate in their own hands through revolutionary actions, they have caused system to be upside-down. Revolutionary masses have proven in unforgettable way that the mockery of the ruling class, such as “three five bare legged” and “looter” is baseless. This historical fact have materialized against fascist AKP through the resistance of the masses of ethnicities and marginalized groups in Turkey North Kurdistan altogether!

AKP leader and “Turkish Republic” president Erdogan shamelessly and arrogantly insulted/humiliated the rising masses by claiming they are “dozens of looters”. Even taking it further by threatening “As a party I can gather one million”.

Unfortunately for him, once these “Bare legged looters” are awakened threats nor blood stinking vampire fangs of yours will stop them.

The same war-mongering two-faced Erdogan criticised Essad dictatorship for brutalizing its people, have sank low enough to call its own revolting masses “couple of looters”.

What makes him so raged is nothing but the fear of its own people uprising!

Two-faced AKP government is using “priest-executioner” (Aztec Spanish massacre reference) tactics to suppress the fires of uprising while trying to please its own masses.

While Bulent Arinc, speaker of the government Cemil Cicek and couple of AKP mc have tried to soften the masses by telling them people’s request is democratic, Erdogan is not taking any step back by showing his fangs.

Proletarian and the masses are not gullible enough to fall for these tricks. All your tactics will hit that bronze wall of yours and shedder your power. Resistance is not over, it continues on, The nightmare of the reactionaries that called the masses “looters” will continue. Who is looter who is the hero has already been revealed and will continue to be revealed.

In Conclusion:

Us the proletarian revolutionaries are not absolving the bourgeoisie fascist parties such as CHP, MHP seeing the mass democratic rebellion as a revolutionary reaction, and are greeting uprisings of all oppressed people.

We have vowed to fight the tyranny side by side with the masses as its our revolutionary duty! With the same attitude, we are condemning the fascist torture and violence used against people, and forming a rank to oppose these fascist oppression. In order to accomplish more efficient, eligible and more organized revolutionary movement, with the leadership of proletarian we are calling all democratic and revolutionary powers to unite! For this reason, alone we are calling all the Turkey-North Kurdistan proletarian, the oppressed poor people and the comrades to make war on the reactionary ruling class as well as the capitalist system. We know that with our People’s war and its blazing fire, we will be able to shatter this reactionary system. Rule of the people and building of socialism and finally communism will be accomplished through People’s War!

It’s our duty and necessity to wage revolutionary struggle by uniting rebellions of all the democratic and revolutionary masses with Marxism-Leninism-Maoism ideology under proletarian flag. No obstacle can stand before the masses of people! Reactionary force will materialize the revolutionary one. The revolutionary force that materialized in the hand of masses is legit and necessary. Because its the method that will stand against reactionary classes and lead to democracy, freedom and communist society. The masses that unites, resist and fight will not lose.

Just like this one, all the reactionary forces and the classes that relies on it are condemn to lose sooner or later !

It’s the revolutionary masses and their revolutionary actions that writes history !

Long live the legal-democratic resistance and the struggle of the people !

Long live the united revolutionary rebellion of the People !

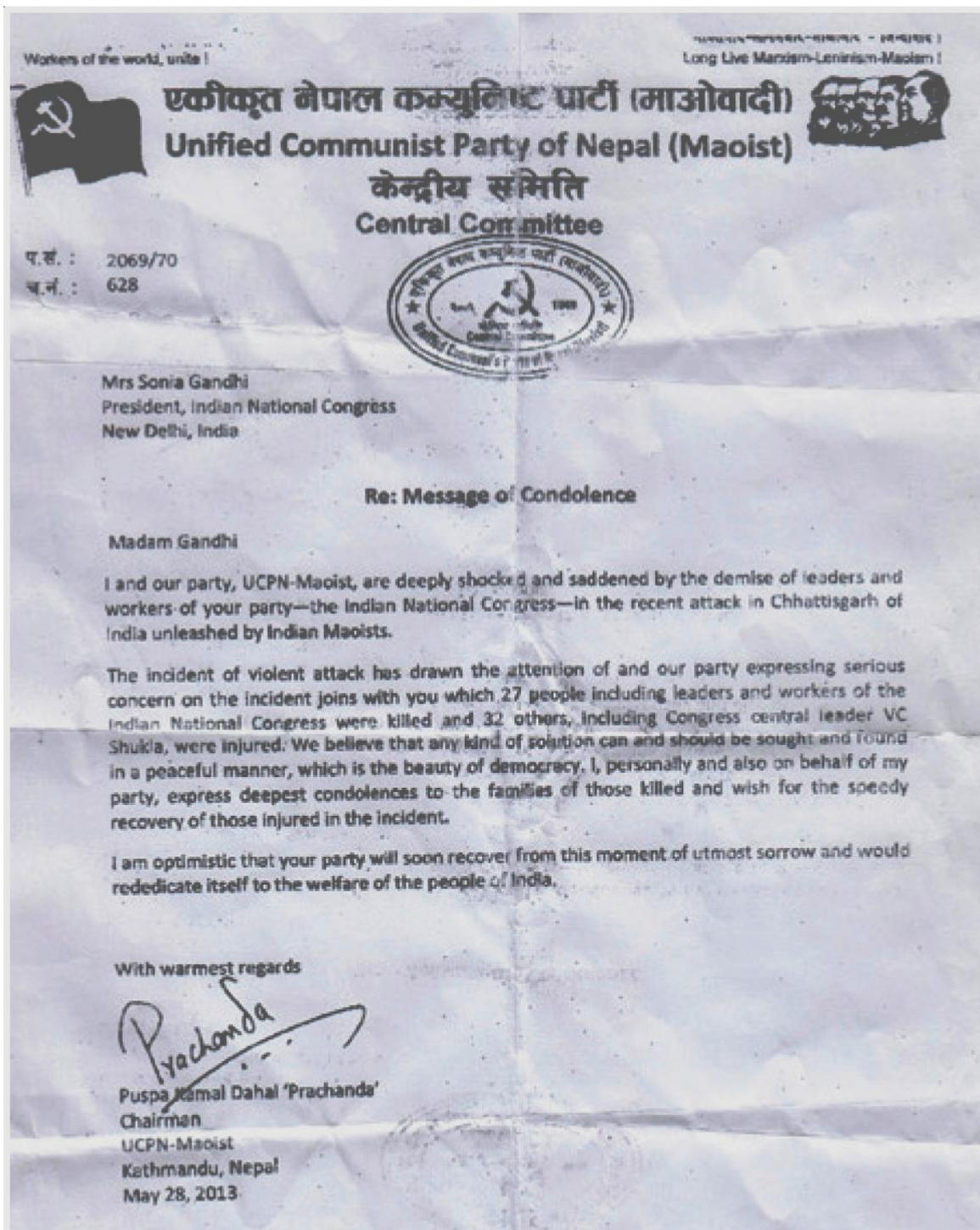
Long live the peoples war!

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REAL FACE OF PRACHANDA

[Concerning the daring action of May 25 on Chhatisgarh, India by PLGA of CPI(Maoist), the oppressed people of all over the world and the revolutionary parties and organizations sent their greetings and solidarity messages to the oppressed people of India.

But the reactionary and revisionist elements, like Prachanda the chairman of UCPN (Maoist) sent the condolence message to Sonia Gandhi, that this incident has deeply shocked and saddened him. After all, the party led by Prachand-Baburam has come out in its real face. They have made clear their side. We have already declared that Prachanda-Baburam have betrayed the Nepalese revolution, they are the real followers of Indian expansionism. Now it has come true in practice. Prachand has declared to join his hands with Indian reactionaries against CPI (Maoist) and the oppressed people of India. Here is the scanned copy of that condolence message. - CPN-Maoist]



London: successful anti-fascist action on November 9th and now .. 16th november

- London Anti-Fascists (AFN)

On Saturday 9th November, notorious fascists and neo-nazi has-beens called a demonstration in support of the jailed leadership of the murderous neo-nazi Golden Dawn party at the Greek Embassy in London. Over 40 militants from the AFN responded in a co-ordinated action to send a strong message to those attending or thinking about attending neo-nazi and racist demonstrations – that they are not welcomed and they will be opposed. The message was spelt out to them with a “frank discussion” before the demonstration. For all their talk of “smashing the reds” not one of the 12 fascists said a word, instead the sense of sheer fear on their faces would hopefully make an impression and knock some sense in the younger attendees that were present. Around 5 of the younger fascists were escorted out of the pub onto trains by AFN militants and told to fuck off home.

After we had left the remaining fascists, who had hoped for a large police presence at their pub but with none insight, pleaded with community support officers to escort them to the demo as they were too afraid to leave. They ended up getting taxis to the embassy.

Our aim was to never attend or call a counter-protest, if we had we would have had given the 30-35 odd balls that turned up a sense of importance and the cops more intel. The location of the embassy and the high police presence meant that any counter protest would have been completely in the control of the cops. Different situations require different tactics.

After the action, seized Golden Dawn Flags were burned. We give our total solidarity to our working class brothers and sisters in Greece, the many migrants who are struggle against racist and fascism and to our Brother Pavlos who was murdered by Golden Dawn members.

London – always anti-fascist!

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CRPF to buy four Tohi UAVs. The plan is to carry out aerial survey by using these UAVs while keeping Air Force aircrafts on the stand-by during anti-Maoist operations. Additionally, Indian Navy has also been carrying out surveys for establishing base camp and training facility. Navy officials conducted aerial survey of three sites for the proposed training camp including the catchments of Gangrel dam in Dhamtari district and Bango dam in Korba district.

Displacement of adivasi peasants from their homes and hearths as well as cordoning off of huge forest areas surrounding such military infrastructure as airports and military bases in the name of “security” is going to be the immediate outcome, which will then be used as the stepping stones for a new wave of dispossession, destruction and repression on an even bigger scale. On the other hand, the state is completely unconcerned with the real problems of the people in the region, be it the abject condition of health and education. Hundreds of adivasis have lost their lives in the last six months in the villages of Bastar due to easily curable communicable diseases, which could have been prevented if proper medical care could reach them on time. The Jantana Sarkars of the people of Dandakaranya tried their best to provide whatever treatment that could be arranged with meagre resources. But their work was greatly hampered by the blockade imposed by the government armed forces, preventing medicine and medical equipments from reaching the forested hamlets. In such a context, the proposed airport and military base in DK, which are being constructed with the sole aim of intensifying the state’s war on the people so to rob their *jal-jangal-zameen*, need to be strongly opposed.

Condemn the unlawful arrest of Jayeeta Das, a people’s activist ! Release Jayeeta Das unconditionally !

Once again the Special Task Force (STF) West Bengal have flouted every norms as they picked up Jayeeta Das, a people’s activist who has been active in the democratic and people’s movements in Kolkata, from the Charu market area around 2 pm on Friday August 2013. The CRPP strongly condemn such acts of impunity of the STF of West Bengal and demand the unconditional release of Jayeeta Das. We demand that pending her release she be given access to the lawyer of her choice and be produced at the earliest before the court.

- Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners

Voices against War on People

Condemn the murder of Ganti Prasadam !

The International Committee of Support to the People's War in India condemns the coward attack against Ganti Prasadam, the All India Vice-President of Revolutionary Democratic Front (RDF) and call all the democratic and anti imperialist people and organisations to mobilize to denounce in the world this action against the people of all India and all the supporters of Indian people's liberation and Indian revolution.

**International Committee of Support to the
People's War in India**

NDFP condemns murder of Indian mass leader

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) strongly condemned the brutal slaying on July 5 of Ganti Prasadam by paid goons of the reactionary state of Andhra Pradesh in India.

Prasadam was vice president of the Revolutionary Democratic Front and a member of the Committee for the Relatives and Friends of Martyrs in India. He was in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh to attend the annual gathering for the martyrs and was visiting an ailing relative when he and his companions were ambushed by a group of goons armed with pistols and sickles. The brutal murder was committed in the fashion of intelligence agents of the Andhra Pradesh government. *

Press Statement from CDRO

July 9, 2013

We strongly condemn the brutal and horrifying murder of Ganti Prasadam, the former leader of the Maoist Party and present honorary President of Amarula Bandumitrula Committee, by the state sponsored criminal gang. He was attacked with knives and fired at him at point blank at 3.30 pm on Thursday (4th July) in Nellore Town, Andhra Pradesh. The attack was carried on when Prasadam was about to enter the Nellore Hospital premises to visit an ailing relative. Three unidentified persons attacked him in front of the Hospital gate with knives and opened three rounds of fire and left the place thinking that he was dead. Earlier, in the morning he had participated in the Martyr's Day Celebrations of the Revolutionary Writers Association at Town Hall in Nellore. The police who are investigating the crime have been very casual and further trying to link the murder to personal rivalry. It is nothing but their diversion tactics. We firmly believe that this murder has been committed by the state sponsored criminal gang with active connivance and conspiracy of the police. In view of the critical condition, a delegation of Revolutionary writers and APCLC members went to Chief Minister to request to shift the injured Prasadam from Nellore to Hyderabad for better treatment. However they were arrested and are booked with criminal cases. Therefore the attitude of the State Government in this regard is highly reprehensible.

Doctors who gave first aid said that Prasadam suffered three bullet wounds – two in the lower chest and one in the hip. There were also knife injuries on the neck and left forearm. As the condition turned critical, Prasadam was shifted to Narayana Corporate Hospital on the city outskirts. Prasadam who was conscious was said to have pleaded with the doctors and visitors to save him to strengthen revolutionary movement.

It is an horrifying experience in Andhra Pradesh that the State police going beyond the law by organizing criminal gangs in order to eliminate the leading activists of people's organizations and rights activists. In the past Mr. Purushottam and Ajam Ali of APCLC were brutally murdered by the vigilante groups and Manyam Prasad and Kanakachari were hacked to death by the criminal gangs labeling themselves as KOBAS and TIGERS. Similarly about 70 activists received death warrants by these so called KOBAS and TIGERS threatening that they would be killed if they do not disassociate from their respective organizations. These gangs were sponsored and supported by the state police. Now they targeted Prasadam as he became popular among the exploited masses and for organizing various struggles in the State. We appeal all the democrats and intellectuals to come forward and condemn the brutal murder of Prasadam by AP State Government. We demand a judicial inquiry into the murder and bring the culprits to justice immediately.

Kranthi Chetanya (APCLC, Andhra Pradesh), Paramjeet Singh (PUDR, Delhi), Parmindar Singh (AFDR, Punjab), Phulendro Konsam (COHR, Manipur) and Tapas Chakraborty (APDR, West Bengal) (Coordinators of CDRO).

Condemn the arbitrary arrest of Revolutionary Democratic Front's (RDF) All India General Secretary Rajkishore by the Bihar State Police!

Release Rajkishore immediately and unconditionally !!

On the 1st of November at 8 pm, RDF's General Secretary, Rajkishore, was arrested by the Bihar State police at his home in the village of Bakhari in East Champaran now called Motihari District, forced to sign on blank papers, and whisked away to the Madhuban Bazaar Police Station in Motihari town. Around 150 to 200 armed police personnel surrounded the village of Bakhari, barged into Rajkishore's house and interrogated him and his family. Rajkishore is seventy one years of age and is ailing from serious medical problems. He suffered a recent injury to his ears and fracture in both sides of his lower jaw when turned unconscious and fell on the floor. He has been undergoing treatment at the AIIMS in Delhi, is taking heavy medication and is on a liquid diet, and had been advised by his doctors to remain at home for the remainder of his recovery.

Two days after reaching home he was picked up by the state police forces and charged in a case numbered 88 dated to 2005 that concerned an incident in Madhuban Bazaar allegedly involving the CPI (Maoist). The charge includes Indian Penal Code (IPC) 396 'dacoity with murder' and Criminal Law (Amendment) Act Section 17. He has been remanded to judicial custody on case number 88/2005 based on a 'confessional' statement made in 2006 by one of those arrested in the Madhuban case. The arrest warrant on Rajkishore has been pending since 2006. He had visited his village a number of times in all these years but the arrest warrant was never invoked in the past.

When he was produced before the magistrate, the state police officials claimed that he will be remanded in 13 more cases out of which 6 cases have been filed in the Madhuban Bazaar incidents in 2005. He was first interrogated at home and forced to sign on blank papers. Then he was taken to the Madhuban Bazaar Police Station where he was interrogated the whole night and the next day. He was then sent to judicial custody. When the police arrested him, they even took his diary and two books from his house which they subsequently returned. His family was not informed of where he was being taken and on what charges he has been arrested. The police forces, which came in such large numbers, did not bring an arrest warrant with them. The police have not revealed all the charges against him and have also not announced his arrest for three days. His lawyers in Motihari are currently attempting to find out the nature of the charges.

It is clear this arrest is a premeditated act by the Nitish Kumar state government in Bihar along with the National Investigative Agency (NIA) at the centre. In light of the changing political situation in the country, the Nitish Kumar state government is being blamed by the Congress and the BJP for not implementing the state led war on people codenamed Operation Green Hunt. In this context, competing with Congress and BJP led state governments, Nitish Kumar government has stepped it brutal attacks on the people and organizations. The paramilitary crackdown in the state of Bihar on people's struggles and on activists participating in them has escalated over the last few years.

Recently, the Nitish Kumar government has aggressively undertaken a policy to arrest mass activists and leaders, seize their property and the bank accounts of these activists as well as their family members. The state government is attempting to silence any and all voices that have spoken against Operation Green Hunt by framing them in cases linked with the CPI (Maoist). Old and new cases have been framed and additional charges are being leveled against activists in keeping with the increasingly reactionary laws framed by the central and state governments branding people's leaders as anti-national or terrorists. 200 such families have been harassed and their bank accounts seized over the last few months. It is then alleged that these families have members who went underground as part of the movement led by CPI (Maoist). Among them, the families of mass activists have also been targeted. Nitish Kumar asked the Centre to follow and implement the model of arresting and seizing the properties of those families believed to have links with Maoists. In addition to this, the NIA is working closely with the Bihar state government and state police force and particularly in this case of Rajkishore's arrest their involvement is clear.

Rajkishore has been vocal against the Operation Green Hunt led by the central government and being implemented by the state governments of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh. He has been an active part of people's movements all over the country for the last forty years. He was the founder President of the Krantikari Buddhijeevi Sangh in Bihar. He was in the All India Executive

of the All India League for Revolutionary Culture (AILRC) and later became its all India General Secretary. In 1992, he was one of the founder members of the All India People's Resistance Forum (AIPRF). In 2005, when a number of progressive and democratic organizations merged to become RDF, he became its all India General Secretary. In 2012, in the all India conference of RDF held in Hyderabad, he was once again elected as the General Secretary. Over the years he traveled widely across the country and led numerous fact-finding teams and coordinated between people's struggles across states.

In the recent months as his health deteriorated Rajkishore suffered two blackouts. The second blackout resulted in a fall fracturing both sides of his jaw severely damaging his ears making him bleed profusely for seven days. For this severe injury he had been undergoing treatment in AIIMS for the last month. It is in this condition the Bihar state police have arrested a well known and outspoken activist and leader of people's struggles who stood up against the state sponsored war on people called Operation Green Hunt. The arrest of Rajkishore is not isolated as various activists of the RDF have been targeted by the central and state governments. The recent killing of the Vice President Ganti Prasad and then the raid and harassment of the Joint Secretary GN Saibaba, the arrest and incarceration of the Executive Members Dandapani Mohanty in Orissa, Raja Sarkhel of West Bengal, Bengal RDF Committee Member Prasun Chatterjee are instances enough to show how the Indian state has been specifically targeting the RDF activists and its leadership.

RDF condemns this arrest in the strongest possible terms and demands his immediate and unconditional release. We appeal to all democratic and progressive individuals and organizations to stand united and condemn his arrest and appeal for his immediate release.

5 November 2013

**Varavara Rao, President; G N Saibaba, Joint Secretary
Revolutionary Democratic Front (RDF) Press Statement**

Release Rajkishore Immediately

November 6th, 2013

We Nepalese Intellectuals and Cultural Activists condemn the arrest of Rajkishore and demand immediate release. We express our strong solidarity, we firmly stand with the intellectuals, cultural activists and the oppressed people of India, who are fighting against the War On People by the Indian reactionary regime.

- Nepalese Intellectuals and Cultural Activists

Condemn the kidnapping of Cultural activist Utpal Bhaske and anti-displacement activist Ispat Hembram from Ranchi by the lawless Jharkhand Police!

Release Utpal and Ispat Immediately and Unconditionally!

CRPP condemns strongly the kidnapping of cultural activist Utpal Bhaske and anti-displacement activist Ispat Hembram from the office of the Visthapan Virodhi Jan Vikas Andolan (VVJVA) by the lawless Jharkhand police in the wee hours of 30 August 2013. As usual there is no arrest warrant on the two and nobody knows where they are. Utpal Bhaske had gone to Ranchi from his village as he had to attend the hearing on his case at the Ranchi court. He had decided to stay at the office of the VVJVA as there was no other place for him to stay over the night. Utpal Bhaske a known cultural activist from Jharkhand had tirelessly campaign against the conviction of Jiten Marandi of Jharkhand Abhen, when he was framed in a case and was awarded death penalty by the lower court. Utpal had travelled the length and breadth of every region in the subcontinent to mobilise public opinion against the fascist designs of the Jharkhand as well as the Central government of India on the adivasis of Central and Eastern India, especially against the death penalty and for the acquittal of Jiten Marandi as he was the voice of voiceless among the exploited and oppressed in Jharkhand and the entire adivasi region. Utpal's tireless campaign had gained the wrath of the

authorities and had successfully exposed their designs before the defiant masses who refused lie low. Thus Utpal has been arrested several times since and had faced brutal torture in the police custody. This time too we are concerned about the well being of Utpal and Ispat as the lawless Jharkhand police can torture them to any extent let alone frame them in various cases and yet go unscathed.

We demand the unconditional release of Utpal Bhaske and Ispat Hembram immediately! We strongly demand that Utpal and Ispat be produced before a court of law at the earliest.

In Solidarity,

COMMITTEE FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

**SAR Geelani-President, Amit Bhattacharyya-Secretary General,
Rona Wilson-Secretary, Public Relations 30-8-2013**

War on People in Southern States and Odisha

The Carrot and Stick policy of the Kerala and Karnataka governments towards the Maoist movement

Beginning from February 2013 Special Teams of armed police have been conducting combing operations in the forest areas in Kannur district of Kerala, in the name of spotting the presence of CPI (Maoist) cadres in the forest area on the Karnataka border. Police in Kannur, Kasargod and Wayanad Districts of Kerala and their counterparts in the neighboring Karnataka have been put on high alert in the name of reports of threats of possible attacks on some of the police stations by Maoists. Kerala police personnel and specially trained commandos intensified their search operation on the Kerala-Karnataka border areas.

On February 18 State Home Minister, Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, told the State Assembly about the Government's intent to establish a New Action Force to deal with the 'threat' of Maoists, whose presence in the State's Western Ghat forest area has been 'noticed'. Within a week, the Special Commando Force of Kerala Police, Thunderbolt, conducted combing operations at Munderi forests in Malappuram District of Kerala, in the name of fresh reports about sighting of an 'armed gang of CPI (Maoist) cadres'. In March itself the Union Ministry for Home affairs (UMHA) has asked the Kerala Government to closely observe the activities of four organizations whose activities allegedly reflected the CPI (Maoist) influence. This is nothing but a veiled threat to the democratic organizations functioning Kerala. Not surprisingly, the police arrested Ajayan Manoor, falsely accusing that he was the alleged mastermind behind a secret meeting of suspected CPI-Maoist cadres at Mavelikara in the Alappuzha District from his house at Manoor, near Muvattupuzha.

Again on March 21, a 30-member Thunderbolt Commando team, along with forest department officials, carried out searches in Aralam and Kannavam forest areas of Kannur District in the name of reports of presence of CPI (Maoist) cadres in areas bordering Kerala and Karnataka. Kerala ADGP N. Shanker Reddy, visited the police stations in the eastern hill areas of Kannur District bordering Karnataka that were put on high alert in the wake of reports of 'the presence of suspected Maoists'. By July 10 Kerala State intelligence department has sounded an alert and identified 45 police stations that were alleged to be 'vulnerable to attacks by CPI (Maoist).'

Simultaneously similar operations were taken up in Karnataka by the government armed forces. In February the Karnataka Anti-Naxal Force (ANF) launched combing operations in the forests in Kodagu District and Kerala boundary in the name of 'spotting the presence of a team of six Naxals'. Chief of ANF, Alok Kumar monitored the operations. On May 15 the ANF met with resistance when its trooper was injured in a firing by the CPI (Maoist) cadres during a combing operation in Chikkamagaluru district. On June 12 Karnataka Home Minister K J George informed the State Legislative Council that 'left wing extremists' in the State have entered Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts, following massive combing operations in 13 *tehsils* (revenue unit) of Malnad region (Belgaum, Shimoga, Chikkamagaluru, Uttara Kannada,

Kodagu and Hassan districts).

Some sections of the media exposed these combing operations by the police and reported that ‘the government had declared a war against Naxals’. On June 15, Karnataka Home Minister K.J. George said, “We have not declared a war against Naxals . . . who said so?” Speaking at a special interaction with reporters at the Police Commissioner’s office in Bengaluru, George said that he was unhappy with reports in a section of the media that the State Government has declared a war against left wing extremism. “They [Naxals] are also our people. We will deal with them within the democratic framework. I once again welcome them to come forward for talks. The government is more than willing to discuss issues of development and atrocities against tribal people,” he said. Belying his statement he informed in the same breath of the State’s plans ‘to wean young and impressionable youth away from Maoist ideologues’, by ‘recruiting young tribal boys and girls for the police force’. He added that 8,000 new recruitments will be made soon in 2013. Later addressing presspersons after chairing a review meeting on the implementation of development work in naxalite-affected areas, George said that there was a shortage of 19,000 police personnel as recruitment had not been taken up in the last three or four years.

Though the central and various state governments try to hoodwink the people about a two-pronged approach of ‘development and security,’ they had till now never succeeded in hiding their fangs. One can easily guess that these young tribal boys and girls would be sent as cannon fodder to ‘fight the Maoists.’ That is how it wants to solve the issue of their ‘employment’ and ‘development’ of Adivasis. And it is an established fact that ‘atrocities against tribal people’ are the norm during combing operations. If they really feel that ‘Maoists are also their people’ why don’t they stop the combing operations immediately and address the issues of evictions of Adivasis and other basic issues of the people raised by them? The proposal for talks with the Maoists is nothing but a ploy to divert the attention of the people from the intensification of Operation Green Hunt – the War on People. That the real intention of the governments in asking the Maoists to come for talks is to disarm them is proved once again with the statement of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on June 18th in Bengaluru. He said that the state government is ready to hold talks with the CPI (Maoist) and in the same breath said ‘that it would welcome any Maoists who wanted to surrender themselves and join the mainstream.’

On July 9 CRPF ADGP, South Zone, Raghava has said that Karnataka is much safer than other states as far as Naxal issue is concerned. He maybe indicating towards the number of casualties of the armed forces but as far as the basic issues of the people are concerned, it is clear as daylight that the conditions in Karnataka are no different from any other ‘Maoist affected states’ in our country. So one wonders how he is dreaming of keeping Karnataka ‘safe’ from becoming a hotbed of the revolutionary movement.

In a moment of truth on July 10 Chikkamagaluru SP N Shashikumar has admitted that the ‘CPI (Maoist) menace’ in the district could not be checked completely ‘due to lack of co-operation from the people belonging to Maoist-affected regions’. On July 12 it was again announced that Karnataka will recruit 8,500 police constables before the end of this fiscal year, 2013-14. On September 4, the Karnataka Government once again invited the ‘Naxalites’ for talks. “The Karnataka government has invited Naxalites for talks,” said State Revenue Minister V. Srinivas Prasad. Revealing the real intentions, on September 10 the Home Department of Karnataka has initiated a police recruitment drive to fill up a large part of the existing vacancies and thereafter, augment the strength of the police which they claimed has been static for nearly a decade irrespective of the increase in population.

Meanwhile on September 28 continuing the ‘War on People’ a team from Karnataka Police arrested an employee of KSRTC at Thamarassery of Kozhikode District of Kerala alleging that he had some links with CPI (Maoist). The CPI (Maoist) has been consistently opposing the forcible eviction of Adivasis from the Kudremukh National Park, in South Kannada District and have been mobilizing the people of the coastal districts on several issues. On November 17 the CPI (Maoist) cadres attacked a forest check-post near Sringeri in Chikkamagaluru district. Immediately on November 20, the Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah said the State Government has taken a serious note of the ‘spurt in CPI (Maoist) activities in the coastal districts’ and directions have been issued to resume ‘full-scale combing operations and increase night patrolling in

vulnerable areas'. With a forked tongue, he reiterated the Government's offer of talks with the Maoists to solve issues raised by them. With an intent of intensifying the 'War on People', the state governments of the three southern States - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala on November 22, tried to get the Left Wing Extremist (LWE) status from the Centre.

The people of Kerala have a rich tradition of fighting injustice, exploitation and oppression and revolutionary activities have been going on in Karnataka for the past three decades. Though the revolutionary movement is still in the nascent stage in these states, the ruling classes are not showing any difference with other states where the revolutionary movement is at an advanced stage in taking up repressive measures. Their intent is to nip the movement in the bud and stop the expansion of the protracted people's war. Another reason is some of the richest natural resources that the Western Ghats are home to. The revolutionaries and the people are facing an uphill task in building the Maoist movement there. But their spirits are high as they realize the inevitability of the need for developing the armed agrarian revolutionary war and radical transformation of the society in the increasingly favorable conditions in our country and the world for the revolution. *

Kerala Government's Salwa Judum Experiment

By S. Mohammed Irshad, November 17, 2013

Combating Maoism is still a law and order problem for the state. Government of India has already moved in that direction. Government of Kerala is planning to introduce a similar policy in the state. Kerala government is planning to appoint home guards from tribal community by paying Rs 500 per day to combat 'Maoist threat' in the tribal areas of Kerala. There are reports that, Maoists are started political activities in the tribal area, especially areas close to the forest. There are reports that, the mist started poster campaigns against the government. The media also report that they put up posters against the district secretary of CPI (M) Mr Shasheendran .

Kerala has a rich history of Naxalite movement and police actions on Naxalites are also well established in the state. Many people who were close to the ideology of Naxalites were murdered or missed during the emergency period. Naxal Vargese who was arrested and later killed by police, Rajan an engineering student who was dying during emergency and Angadipuram Balan another activist who burned himself while he was transporting to the police station. These are some of the known cases and obviously there were many unknown cases. So, Naxalite/Maoist movement is not completely new concept to the public of Kerala.

Compacting naxalism was state's concern and not considered as a political problem which requires direct public involvement. The latest phase, have changed the existing public understanding of compacting Maoists. It has been termed as the responsibility of the Tribal community to save themselves from Maoists. This strategy yet to be legally ratified, however, any ruling party (congress) activists declare that this is an attempt to generate the spirit of nationalism among the tribal community. To them, Government of Kerala is facilitating an open fight with anti-national forces, and according to him it would develop nationalism among tribal. Such argument completely ignores the history of tribal led anti-colonial struggle in Kerala. Tribal fought for land and dignity against British colonial forces, even before the nationalist movement emerges to fight colonialism. Hence, the tribal areas of India had a history of struggle and that sense of struggle is the major impediment of expanding right over tribal resources.

State Vs Combating Maoist

There were reports that the Government of Kerala has spent Rs 11 crore to fight left wing extremism in the state. There is no authenticity of this information; a special force called Thunderbolt is formed in the state. Naxalite/Maoist presence is primarily pose challenge to the state and not to the general public. Any direct attack on state policy is seems to be anti-national/anti-people this is the reason why the Congress MLA argues this an opportunity for the tribe to show solidarity towards the state. Tribal and Dalit colonies and settlements are the most backward areas in Kerala and these areas are indeed question the success of Kerala Model of development. Land alienation among Tribal and Dalit community in Kerala also indicates the other side of the government approach. The land historically owned by the tribal community has not yet redistributed to them. In 1974 a committee headed by Madhva Menon found that about more than 50000 acres of forest land had to be redistributed, however no effective attempt have made by any political party in the state to implement it. The forest land resources are actually the focus of the latest government attempt.

Question of illegality

The Supreme Court judgment on Special Police Officers (SPOs) and Salwa Judam in Chhathisgarh has questioned the political power of the state to arm the 'civilian' to perform the duty which is suppose the state has to do. The very rationale of deploying such armed civilian was questioned and the government of Chhatisgarh had no reasonable evidence to justify the SPOs. The verdict states that 'expression of dissatisfaction is a positive feature of democracy, that unrest is often the only thing that actually puts pressure on the government to make things work and for the government to live up to its own promises. However, the right to protest, even peacefully, is often not recognized by the authorities, and even non-violent agitations are met with severe repression.... What is surprising is not the fact of unrest, but the failure of the State to draw right conclusions from it.'

SPOs like forces are legal only when Government of India moves to either privatization or introduce public-private-partnership in law and order maintenance. If the government of India had initiated such measures, the Supreme Court would not have issued such a judgment. SPOs, Salwa Judam and Ranvir Sena are in fact private armies. Unlike Ranvir Sena, SPOs and Salwa Judam personals were given training by state police establishments. Upper caste/class had initiated Ranvir Sena against Dalit and it was essential for them to protect their caste/class interest. SPOs are not protected by any legal entitlements.

The judgment made it clear that 'as we remarked earlier, the fight against Maoist/Naxalite violence cannot be conducted purely as a mere law and order problem to be confronted by whatever means the State can muster. The primordial problem lies deep within the socio-economic policies pursued by the State on a society that was already endemically, and horrifically, suffering from gross inequalities'. Government of India has categorically rejected the court observation and now Kerala government is started following centre government's foot step. The left front opposition parties have not made any substantial remarks on this issue. The CPI (M) district secretary of Wynad, Mr Shasheendran had expressed a very democratic view on this issue, he in fact categorically made it clear that democracy offering such avenues for political movements to engage with the public. He also said that the tribal community's standard of life is critically pathetic. The organized left parties and other political movements have not officially commented on the political issue of private armies. There is a consensus among all political parties to bring the tribal area under state control. The target is not a tribal community instead it is the resource of the tribal area.

SPOs and Salwa Judam are primarily for protecting resources in the tribal area, especially for private mining companies. It also prevents exercising the constitutional (tribal self-autonomy) right of Tribal over tribal area. Kerala government's attempts indicate the dilemma of tribal development. State government knows how to prevent tribal community getting attracted to Maoist ideology; however, the state has no concrete plan for an effective developmental intervention for the tribal community. *

The dark side of Naveen Patnaik regime

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[We are presenting here some excerpts from the article "The dark side of Naveen Patnaik regime" by Shazia Nigar to get a glimpse into the brutal, inhuman nature of the War on People of Odisha to crush any dissent against the state government's corporate oriented development policies. No need to say this is being done with the connivance of the central government - MIB]

Anyone who dares to dissent against the Naveen Patnaik government in Odisha faces the risk of being branded a naxal or seditionist. The list of those jailed on trumped charges includes legions of protesting tribals, public-spirited lawyers and human rights activists. In a month long investigation Gulail lays bare a systematic subversion of civil liberties and extra-judicial killings by a government that has till now been by and large successful in avoiding media scrutiny.

Somehow the image of Naveen Patnaik portrayed by the national media has been of a benign, clean and efficient administrator. However, a closer look would reveal a state marauded by a staggering number of human rights violations, a rural population constantly persecuted for resisting land acquisition and a civil society with its leading lights being gagged or jailed for raising a voice against state repression.

A month long investigation carried out by Gulail revealed that scores of social activists, journalists,

lawyers, students and tribals have been arrested and jailed on the basis of clearly fabricated cases.

Close to 530 individuals are currently in various jails in Odisha in what prima facie appear as fabricated cases. Out of these nearly 400 are tribals. Gulail has documents that show that 32 individuals in Badipada, 75 in Rourkela, 18 in Balangir and neighbouring districts, 27 in Gajapati/Ganjam, 35 in Kandhamal, 14 in Raigada, 70 in Koraput, 25 in Malkangiri, 6 in Bhubaneshwar, 42 in Kiyonjhar, 2 in Chaudwar, 10 in Jajpur, 30 in Sambalpur/Devgarh/Badagarh are in jail at the moment. Many of these people have been in jail since 2008.

30 individuals have been killed in police firing in displacement related protests. In Kalinganagar in Jajpur district, 2006, 14 people were killed in police firing during a protest against displacement caused by a Tata steel plant. A judicial enquiry was announced and instated by the State government but seven years down the line, the report is yet to be submitted. This is one among many cases that Odisha has witnessed in the recent years.

75 individuals have been killed in various police encounters and branded as Maoists over the last 10 years. The most recent of these cases occurred on 14th November 2012, when 5 individuals were killed during an encounter with security forces. On the 30th of November when a congregation of activists and families of the deceased protested outside the Vidhan Sabha Bhavan in Bhubaneshwar and demanded an inquiry into the killings, Naveen Patnaik refused to so much as meet them.

Arati Majhi

After spending three years in jail for Maoist related cases Arati Majhi was acquitted of all charges against her on 17th July 2013. Lack of evidence – inability of the police to produce seized items in court and contradictions in statements of key witnesses, made it amply clear that Majhi's case was predicated on largely fabricated evidence. Arati was 20-years-old and a week away from getting married when she was arrested in Maoist related cases. She was picked up by the Special Operation Group and the Central Reserve Police Force, from her house in Jadingi village, Gajapati at 3:00 AM on 13th February 2010. Arati's cousins, Shyam and Lazar Majhi, were also arrested. Five men from the SOG and CRPF then took her to the jungle and forced her to see pornographic pictures on a mobile phone. Then they blindfolded and gang-raped her after which she lost consciousness. When she regained consciousness she found herself in Paralakhemundi. On inquiring about the reason behind her arrest she was threatened that she would be implicated in fabricated Maoist related cases.

The law does not permit a woman to be arrested after sunset and before sunrise. Arati was arrested at 3:00AM. There were no policewomen present during her arrest. No seizure list was made. Then, she was gang-raped in custody.

She was forwarded to Berhampur jail on Judicial remand where she spent three years of her young life. Altogether she had 6 cases registered against her. Four cases were related to the burning of four OSRTC buses and one of a Reliance tower by Maoists in Raipanka, Gajapati on the night of 27th December 2009. The other case involved damaging a forest beat house with explosions. Arati was charged with Sedition, waging war against the state, rioting, being a member of an unlawful association, the Arms Act and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, amongst others.

Four cases were made out of one incident of the burning of four buses. No Test Identification parade was conducted during investigation. None of the witnesses, the only evidence the prosecution had claimed, recognised any of the accused as the ones who had burnt the buses. Not the drivers and the conductors who had registered the case. Neither the independent eye witnesses. They all said, one by one, that the 'miscreants' had their faces covered. How then could they recognize them by face? The suggestion made by the Public Prosecutors to one of the witnesses that he had heard the attackers calling each other by name was also denied.

How we know these cases are fabricated:

-Most witnesses didn't recognise Arati or any of the other co-accused. If they recognised her, like the leader of the gram panchayat she belongs to, they testified that she had no links with the Maoists.

The eye witnesses declared that the attackers had covered their faces with cloth and hence could not be recognised contradicting police claims. Were the witnesses coerced into making the written statements implicating Arati?

Why were none of the items, such as guns, that the police claimed to have seized presented in court?

In all the four cases, with separate and overlapping witnesses, the judgment of acquittal follows the same tone and points out similar flaws in the case of the prosecution. Arati and her co-accused were acquitted in all four cases in relation to the burning of OSRTC buses. The last of the acquittals in this incident came on 27th November 2012.

The sixth case was related to an incident that occurred at Paniganda forest beat house on 9-10th July 2009 between 12:00-1:00AM. It is alleged that a group of 40-50 people dressed in black tied up the guard at the beat house, inquired about the fire arms of the forest department and left him near the Panchayat office. They then went onto damage the beat house with explosives. Arati was charged under sections of the Indian Penal Code, PDPP Act, Explosive Substance Act, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

In this instance too no Test Identification Parade was conducted. The sanction order required to prosecute the accused under UAPA and the Explosive Substance Act was not procured. Once again, the 15 witnesses in this case failed to support the story of the prosecution. The Sarpanch of Katama Gram Panchayat denied the police version that the accused persons had blasted the beat house under the influence of a Maoist leader Ajad. While he knew Arati and several others accused in this case he had absolutely no knowledge of any of them being involved in Naxal activities. The police version of the story was denied by the very people who the police claimed would support it!

The Forest Guard who had lodged the FIR did not corroborate his evidence with the FIR story. In fact he said there was no way he could recognise the attackers as they had all covered their faces with cloth! The judgement read “Basing on the above untrustworthy testimony of the prosecution witnesses, no such case is made out against the accused persons.” The complete lack of proof against Arati goes to show that there was an attempt to frame her. There were no valid grounds on which she was picked up. Rather, there was a strategic effort to build a case against her. Arati was acquitted and finally released on 17th July 2013. Her struggle is far from over.

Arati has now been embroiled in fresh controversy. The prosecution, after her acquittal, acquired sanction in the cases to try her under UAPA. The future is uncertain. Her father Dakasa Majhi petitioned the courts on her behalf, when she was in jail, for an enquiry into the gang-rape of Arati in custody. Filed on 20th August 2010, three years later Arati still awaits justice.

Pratima Das

Pratima Das an accused in Maoist related cases was also found to be innocent, but a little too late. The judgement came after she had wasted two and half years of her life in prison, with no criminal record or evidence against her.

A lawyer by profession she had paid for her law degree by taking tuition classes for school students. At the time of her arrest in 2008 Das was working as an assistant to lawyer Prashant Kumar Jena who practices in the Cuttack High Court. Jena focuses on human rights cases. Pratima was also active as a political activist. She used to organise and participate in rallies, protests and talks. Given her sensibility, it would not be a stretch to call her a politically conscious lawyer. During one such event, a people’s tribunal on 11th August 2008, Pratima came in contact with environmentalist and scholar David Pugh. He expressed his wish to visit Kalinga nagar, the site of an ongoing struggle between TATA steel and the tribals who own the land, in Odisha’s Jajpur district. Having written an article on Soni Soi, who is the mother of one of the martyrs to the struggle and is herself an accused in Maoist related cases, Das was familiar with the place. She was also to act as his translator. Pugh and her visited Kalinga nagar the next day, 12th August 2008.

They met people, heard their stories and left for Bhubaneswar on the same day. As they were passing a village called Gobarghati a police van tried stopping the vehicle Pratima and David were traveling in. Apart from David, Pratima, and the driver, a local from Jajpur who was showing them around was also in the vehicle. The driver, fearing that he will be caught without a license, sped on rather than stopping to let the policemen inquire. This piqued the curiosity of the policemen. At a little distance they were met by about 30-40 policemen armed with lathis and guns. The police told them that they had intelligence that a wanted Maoist, Gopi Mishra was traveling in the vehicle. He wasn’t. But all four traveling in the ambassador were taken to Jajpur town. There were several violations in the manner Pratima was arrested. She was detained

after sunset and before sunrise, when the law says that a woman cannot be arrested after dark. She was also not allowed to inform her family of her whereabouts. She claims that there were also irregularities in the arrest memo and the seizure list prepared by the police.

The four arrested were taken to Badchan police station, Chandikhol. Police Superintendent D.S.Kutte and Sarangi interrogated Pratima upto 4:00 AM. She was asked if she was a Maoist cadre named 'Mala'. Then she was told that she is 'Mala'. Pratima denied.

She was then driven to Jagatsinghpur, the place of her 'official' arrest. Meanwhile David was taken to a guest house for the night and his seats were booked in the next flight back to the United States.

Despite his protests that he wouldn't leave until Pratima was released. The local from Jajpur who was showing them around was also released when he dropped names of his political connections. The driver was also let go.

After reaching Jagatsinghpur her interrogation continued. Without any sleep and barely any food she answered questions directed at her. Many of which were irrelevant. Such as "Do you love someone?" The police then told her about which Maoist leader was in love with which Maoist cadre. She answered questions about her family, academics to the extent of having to recall her marks and participation in extra curricular activities with special reference to sports. They then showed her pictures of acts of violence alleged to have been committed by Maoists. All this while repeating "We know you are not involved in action, but why did you go to Jajpur?" She recalls another inspector, Bhawani Shanker who threatened to torture her. Little did she know that this was just the beginning.

Two cases were lodged against Pratima. She was charged with Sedition, waging war against the state, dacoity with murder, attempt to murder and under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, amongst others. Alleged of mobilising people for the cause of Maoism Pratima was lodged in the Alipingala jail in Jagatsinghpur. A police witness who was a constable admitted in court that he didn't recognise Pratima. He said "I signed on the instructions of the Inspector without being aware of the contents of the documents." On this note the judge intervened saying "Think about your job before you speak." She was acquitted in this case on 31st July 2010.

There was no other way it could have ended considering that not one of the 13 witnesses brought up by the prosecution recognised Pratima.

The irreparable loss:

- Pratima spent more than two years in prison for a crime she didn't commit. She is yet to receive any compensation.

She was then shifted to Kuchinda jail in Sambalpur as per the second case against her. On 16th October 2005 around 40 Maoists had attacked a police party in Budarma, Sambalpur. They killed one policeman and seized four rifles. Pratima was made a co-accused in this case. She was charged with Arms Act, robbery, murder, attempt to murder and sedition. At the time of Pratima's arrest the charge sheet in this case had already been filed on 18th June 2008 by Investigative Officer Niranjan Mishra. It had absolutely no mention of Pratima. Five months after Pratima's arrest a supplementary charge sheet was filed in the case by Mishra on 24 January 2009. This one had her name on it. Was this an attempt to ensure that Pratima remained in jail if she was acquitted in the first case?

These were not the only witnesses who contradicted themselves. One by one, none of the 36 witnesses put up by the prosecution associated Pratima with any Maoist activity and nor did they recognise her. As she herself says "At the time the said incident occurred I was a law student in Cuttack. How could I have been a Maoist cadre involved in action when I was busy attending classes in town?" After her bail plea was rejected for the third time, the Cuttack High Court directed the district court to pass the judgment in two months. The judgment came much later. She was acquitted on 17th November 2010. Through the 2 years, 3 months and 5 days that Pratima spent in jail she was not given the status of a political prisoner. The Kuchinda jail did not even have a phone that the prisoners could use to contact their lawyers or family. Food was cooked once a day. That same cold food was served later again. Pratima recalls this one time she had written a postcard to her family. The jailer tore it to pieces. Pratima found out later when the warden told her.

Dandapani Mohanty

There were two instances in 2011-12 when the Odisha state government used Dandapani Mohanty a local human rights activist as an interlocutor in a hostage crisis. Mohanty was hosted as a state guest and it was primarily through his mediation that the government could secure the release of Italian tourists and Malkangiri district collector held hostage by the Maoists. Two years down the line, the same government arrested him in 2013 for Maoist related charges dating back to 2009-10. What is more shocking is that the cases he has been implicated in date back to the 2009-10 when he was being used as an official interlocutor by the State. Arrested on 5-February-2013, Dandapani is now facing charges in 19 Maoists related cases. Gulail's investigation shows that all cases have been based on fabricated evidence. Mohanty is presently lodged 345 KM south of state capital Bhubaneswar at the Parlakhemundi jail in Gajapati district.

Mohanty has been charged with sedition, waging war against the state, rioting, being a member of an unlawful association, the Arms Act and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, amongst other charges. At the time of his arrest there were six non-bailable warrants issued against him. The incidents he is alleged to have been involved in include the blasting of a police patrolling vehicle in Gajapati, setting ablaze of four OSRTC buses at Raipanka, blasting of a forest beat house at Paniganda and burning of Reliance and BSNL mobile towers at Raipanka in 2009. The other allegations involve setting on fire BSNL and Airtel towers at Birikote in March 2010, a murder in May 2010, police-Maoist encounter at Gopinathpur in November 2010, distribution of Maoists literature and guns at Sapalaguda, in October 2010, collecting funds and organising shelter for the Maoists, amongst others.

In all of these cases, there is no direct link between Dandapani and the incident- be it burning of buses or murders. None of the police witnesses have given any direct evidence against him. He is accused of exhorting Maoists to use wage war against the state. The police version is that even though he was not present at the scene of any of these crimes, he was part of the larger conspiracy by attending Maoist meetings and delivering exhorting speeches in Maoist gatherings.

Arati Majhi was the main accused in the cases relating to the burning of OSRTC buses, a Reliance and an Airtel tower at Raipanka. Shockingly, while Arati has been acquitted in all charges relating to the case, Dandapani, a co-accused, continues to lament in jail.

There are five other cases in which Arati Majhi was a co-accused with Dandapani. She has been acquitted in all five of them. While Arati Majhi was arrested on 13th February 2010, Dandapani was picked up only in February this year in the same cases. What was the police waiting for three years for? In fact during the period of 2011-2012 when Dandapani was acting as an interlocutor between the state and the government he was in constant touch with the Director General of Police, Home Secretary and even the Chief Minister himself. Was the state then completely unaware of Dandapani being the threat they are making him out to be now? Or was it a case of convenience?

What is malicious is that in most of these cases Dandapani's name as an accused was added as an after-thought. It was much after the first charge sheet in these cases had been filed that Dandapani's name had been added as an accused. The state police, reopened investigations and filed additional charge sheets with Mohanty's name listed as a co-accused. As per the law under the UAPA once an FIR has been lodged against an accused the investigation should be carried out within 120 days. If not, then the accused can be granted bail on a surety amount.

In some of the cases against Mohanty the police filed charge sheets after 180 days, without asking for an extension from the court. By the time, a second person willing to stand as surety was arranged, the police filed the charge sheet. It can be anybody's guess that the timing could not have been coincidence.

Mohanty's arrest on 5th February 2013, what was projected as a joint operation of Ganjam, Gajapati and Berhampur police, is in blatant violation of the law of the land. Though as per law it is a right of an arrested person to inform his family of his arrest, Mohanty was not permitted to do so. He was arrested by plainclothes policemen when the law stipulates that at the time of arrest a policeman has to be in uniform with a name badge displayed prominently. His arrest Memo did not have two witnesses as required by law.

2012: Dandapani Mohanty acts as interlocutor for the government in two instances- once when Maoists abduct two Italian tourists and another time when the Collector of Malkangiri is abducted

2013: On 8th February Dandapani is arrested in Maoists related cases and is declared absconding. 19 cases are slapped on him, some dating back to 2009 and 2010.

The question it begs:

If Dandapani was involved in the cases dating back to 2009 and 2010 why was he made an interlocutor?

If he was acting as an interlocutor in 2012 how could he have been declared absconding?

All of these violations point towards a malicious frame-up. While rejecting his bail plea, the courts have not mentioned evidence as a ground for rejection. It is always 'the number of Maoist related cases and the serious charges' that have served as the basis for not granting him bail.

Lawyer Prashant Kumar Jena has been handling Dandapani's bail application in the Cuttack High Court. He says Dandapani's arrest is a strategic attempt to silence dissent in the state. When Dandapani was acting as an interlocutor the government had agreed to release around 600 tribals arrested in fabricated cases, grant tribals land rights and to stop suppressing people's movements. When the government failed to follow up on its promises Dandapani started a campaign on the issue. He had also played a very central role in exposing a fake encounter in Kandhamal that had led to the death of five tribals. This opinion is further echoed by lawyer S.K.Pal who is fighting Dandapani's case at the District court in Parlakhemundi. He was the convenor of Jan Adhikar Manch and Secretary of Orissa Forest Mazdoor Union at the time of his arrest.

His son Sangram Mohanty too had faced dubious Naxal cases.

The picture that emerges out of this investigation is that of a state out to silence dissent by implicating innocent people in fabricated cases. Several activists who have been involved in people's movements such as the POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti in Paradip or the Visthapan Virodhi Manch against forcible land acquisition by the TATA's in Kalinganagar, are facing similar charges. While some continue to languish in jail, others wasted a few years only to be acquitted. However, it is rare that someone has received compensation for being falsely implicated. If you are a tribal, with no connections amongst the activists, politicians or the media, you are doomed to spend years in jail. If and when acquitted, you might add to the long list of names entangled in fabricated Maoist related cases. There is no hope for compensation. Not without some trouble at least. There are no mechanisms for accountability, those that are available are too long drawn a process-like a court case. Meanwhile, the Naveen Patnaik government continues to bend rules to continue being in power, for the fourteenth consecutive year.

The People who doesn't know Rail would see the Military Aerodromes

Alok Prakash Putul, December 8, 2013

Preparations are underway to construct an airport in Balud village adjacent to Dantewada town of Chhattisgarh. According to the officials of the PWD department, nearly 58 hectares of forest land is to be acquired for the project. In addition, the acquisition process of 14 hectares of agricultural land from about 12 families of Balud village has also been started by the government. The villagers are protesting against this airport. They have complained that they are being forced by the government to sell their land. They are asking the question, "People in our village don't even have motor bikes. What are we going to do with an airport?!" In fact, the villagers themselves have contacted the media and social activists to inform them about this forcible land acquisition process and appealed for their solidarity.

The project has been started with such secrecy that even Ajit Jogi, the former Chhattisgarh chief minister and Congress leader, has expressed his ignorance about it. BJP on the other has said that the airport is meant to provide air service to the adivasi masses of Bastar. Even though the project is being justified in the name of the people, it is being constructed exclusively for the use of the Indian army, the paramilitary forces, the police and mining company executives, apart from the parasites like politicians and comprador capitalists who live off the plunder of Bastar. At present, Jagdalpur has an airstrip. In addition, there is proposal for another airstrip at Bijapur with a cost of 22 crores, the work on which has not started as the PWD is awaiting forest clearance. 87 hectares of land is being acquired for the purpose, of which 24 ha comes under revenue land, 20 ha private land and 43 ha forest land.

This is a part of the government's long-term strategic plan to deploy the army in Dandakaranya. Indian army has been continuing their preparations for the last few years in the name of training in Narayanpur district. These airport projects are to complement this permanent military base just on the periphery of Maad region – the habitat of the Maria Gond adivasis. These have also been necessitated by the decision of the

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Voices From the Drone Summit

Marjorie Cohn, November 18, 2013

Last weekend, I participated in a panel on the illegality of drones and targeted killing off the battlefield at the conference “Drones Around the Globe: Proliferation and Resistance” in Washington DC. Nearly 400 people from many countries came together to gather information, protest, and develop strategies to end targeted killing by combat drones. I found the most compelling presentations to be firsthand accounts by those victimized by U.S. drone attacks and a former military intelligence analyst who helped choose targets for drone strikes.

Members of a delegation from Yemen provided examples of the devastation drones have wrought in their communities. Faisal bin Ali Jaber is an engineer. For some time, one of his relatives had been giving public lectures criticizing drone attacks. In August 2012, family and friends were celebrating the marriage of Jaber’s son. After the wedding, a drone struck Jaber’s relative, killing him instantly. Jaber lost a brother-in-law who was a known opponent of Al Qaeda and a 21-year-old nephew in the attack.

Baraa Shiban, a human rights activist who works with REPRIEVE, revealed that 2012 was a year that saw “drones like never before” in Yemen. He described the death of a mother and daughter from a drone strike. “The daughter was holding the mother so tight they could not be separated. They had to be buried together.”

Two members of Al Qaeda were in Entesar al Qadhi’s village, one of the most oil-rich areas of Yemen. Villagers were negotiating with the two men. A drone killed the chief negotiator, scuttling the negotiations and leaving the village vulnerable to Al Qaeda. “The drones are for Al Qaeda, not against Al Qaeda,” al Qadhi said.

Air Force Col. Morris Davis (ret.) is a professor at Howard University Law School. He was chief prosecutor at the Guantanamo military commissions until he was reassigned due to his disagreement with the government’s policies. Davis had been assigned to a chain of command below Defense Department General Counsel William Haynes, who favored the use of evidence gained through waterboarding. “The guy who said waterboarding is A-okay I was not going to take orders from. I quit,” Davis said at the time. At the Drone Summit, Davis related the case of Nek Muhammad, who, Davis noted, “was not a threat to us. He was killed as a favor to the Pakistani government so they would look the other way when we wanted to kill our targets.”

Daniel Hale helped choose targets for drone attacks. The former intelligence analyst with the Joint Special Operations Command in Afghanistan delivered a riveting talk. Hale utilized surveillance data for drone attacks. He would tell the sensor operator — who sits next to the “pilot” of the unmanned drone thousands of miles from the target — where to point the camera. This information would guide the “pilot” in dropping the bomb.

Every day, a slideshow of the most dramatic images from 9/11 and George W. Bush “looking somber” would be projected in the room in which Hale worked. On the wall in the main facility, there were television screens, each showing “a different bird [drone] in a different part of the country.” Every branch of the U.S. military and foreign militaries monitored “all of Afghanistan.” Hale would be assigned a mission “to go after a specific individual for nefarious activities.” He fed his intelligence to a sensor operator “so they would know where to look before a kinetic strike or detention” of an individual.

On one occasion, Hale located an individual who had been involved with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The man was riding a motorcycle in the mountains early in the morning. He met up with four other people around a campfire drinking tea. Hale relayed the information that led to a drone strike, which killed all five men. Hale had no idea whether the other four men had done anything. Hale had thought he was part of an operation protecting Afghanistan. But when the other four men died — a result of “guilt by association” — Hale realized he “was no longer part of something moral or sane or rational.” He had heard someone say that “terrorists are cowards” because they used IEDs. “What was different,” Hale asked, “between that and the little red joystick that pushes a button thousands of miles away?”

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Red Homage to Comrade Ramlal who proved that True revolutionary spirit could never be dampened Even when in shackles !

Comrade Ramlal was born in a poor family in Mendra village of Pratappur area in Maad-North Bastar Joint Division of Dandakaranya Special Zone. Along with his parents, he had a family of seven members. His father's name was Tupel. Hiralal lived with his four siblings – one elder brother and three sisters. His parents admitted him to the school in the village with a lot of affection. Ramlal was seven years of age at that time. He studied till the fifth class while at home. He used to study in school when *dal* comrades started visiting his village. One day, the dal commander organised a meeting by gathering all the Bal Sangam members of the village and he was selected as a member of the Bal Sangam. At that time his age was twelve. After two years he assumed the responsibility of the president of the Bal Sangam and started uniting the members of the organisation. At that time Ramlal's elder brother was also active in the organisation. Later, Ramlal learnt revolutionary song and dance while carrying out his organisational tasks. He joined the party in 2004.

Comrade Ramlal was transferred to Coy-1 as per the requirements of the party. He happily agreed for the transfer. After joining in 2004, in the month of October-November of the same year he shifted to Coy-1 and took the responsibility of a primary teacher there. He also worked as a company MAS (Mobile Academic School) teacher after accepting the responsibility given to him by the company party committee.

He also participated in military actions against the enemy. He took part in the unsuccessful Dhaula Raid of 2005. He provided security by performing the role of a sentry in the raid.

Ramlal gave protection to the masses of National Park area in West Bastar for four months since August. He also participated in the attack on the SPOs in Gangol in March 2005. Thereafter, he was a part of the attack on NMDC where 16 ton gelatine and 8 guns were seized. He was in the assault team that attacked Murkinaar camp and participated in the Rani Bodili attack. He also played a role in successfully conducting Kudur Ghati ambush and annihilating SPOs in 2007. He was in the Battum ambush as well. Subsequently, he went to work in Mainpur division, got arrested after being trapped in the enemy's dragnet and was imprisoned for four years. Undergoing enemy's torture and repression, he was martyred on 17-18 July 2013 due to Malaria. Ramlal's brother Hiralal too spent two years in jail after he was arrested in 2006.

Comrade Ramlal initiated struggles in the prison as well. He participated in hunger strike for the rights of the prisoners against the authoritarian behaviour of the jail officials. He used to write stories and poems about the terrible jail conditions and used to read it out to his fellow prison inmates. He expressed his desire to rejoin the party after getting released from prison.

Comrade Ramlal was an ideal communist who integrated heartily with the revolutionary movement from a young age and by equipping himself with a political consciousness, he sacrificed his life by thinking only about the interests of the masses till his last breath. He displayed unflinching courage and determination as a model guerrilla while fighting the enemy during his time in the company.

Despite being in the custody of the enemy in jail, he upheld the true tradition of the proletarian class by undertaking class struggle against the exploitative ruling classes.

Comrade Ramlal was martyred due to the negligence of the jail officials who did not provide him timely medical care and treatment. From this consideration, it can be said that the exploitative government and its fascist jail officials are the ones responsible for murdering Comrade Ramlal. He was a true revolutionary, who loved the masses till his last. He admirably played the role of a soldier armed with an unbreakable communist consciousness from his days at home and village, while working in the PLGA traversing villages, forests, plains and cities to the time he spend in enemy detention behind bars. Long live Comrade Ramlal who breathed his last and sacrificed his life thinking of the masses and the revolution alone! He will always show us the way forward by shining like a bright red star of the Indian revolution. *

California Prisoner Hunger Strike: Countdown in the Struggle for Humane Conditions

Day 32

August 8, 2013

Today is the one-month anniversary of a hunger strike initiated by prisoners at Pelican Bay State Prison that quickly spread to other correctional facilities across the state of California. To be precise, it is Day 32 of a month-long period of no solid foods for what are now hundreds of prisoners.

These are men risking their lives to insist on humane conditions and certain terms for those prisoners who have otherwise been banished to indefinite sentences of solitary confinement in California's prison system. Many of these men have been isolated for decades with no windows, no contact visits, no outside sunlight and no real exercise.

Recent reports from these prisoners demonstrate that their brave efforts have been made all the more difficult by prison guards who are treating them very harshly.

Guards are knocking them into walls, handcuffing them incorrectly to cause suffering and bending their arms to provoke extreme pain. Guards are spitting out racial epithets or deliberately placing an African American prisoner, for example, in a cell with racist graffiti. Guards are also being strategically divisive by tactically treating some prisoners nicely and others in the most demeaning ways, hoping—as the guards openly discussed in front of some prisoners—to create division so the prisoners will begin to fight each other. The guards' goal: to undermine the hunger strike. According to these same talkative guards, this unprofessional behavior is what they were instructed to do to help bring the hunger strike to an end.

Ironically, those prisoners who have gotten off the hunger strike are also being treated badly. Guards are calling them “cowards” and “bitches” and other demeaning labels.

Meanwhile, the hunger strikers have entered a very dangerous phase of their protest: their health could be permanently damaged by their refusal to eat solid foods; they could even die.

The questions for California Governor Jerry Brown and Secretary Jeffrey Beard of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are these: How many prisoners have to be harmed by guards and by the prisoners' struggle for justice before state authorities are willing to consider, seriously, their demands for real change? How many prisoners have to die?

Barbara Becnel

Mediation Team Member

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Brutal assault on Sushma Ramtekke, undertrial political prisoner by Byculla District Prison staff

Sushma Hemant Ramteke, 30, an undertrial political prisoner currently lodged in Byculla District Prison was a victim of a brutal assault by jail staff and officers on 8.11.2013. She and four other co-accused women including Angela Sontakke, were the five women political prisoners lodged in Byculla prison since June 2011. They have been victims of brutal assaults and punishments of solitary confinement for speaking up for their rights and that of other women prisoners, for quoting the Prison Manual and for exposing the overall corruption and repressive tactics of the prison staff against women undertrials.

Background

Sushma Ramtekke was arrested from Pirangut, Pune on 25th April 2011, two days after the arrest of Angela Sontakke from Thane. She is accused No. 2 along with 6 others arrested at that time in Sessions

Case No. 655 of 2011 framed by the ATS accusing them of association with Maoist ideology. Though nothing was found on her she was charged with having played a part in setting up a Naxal base in Pune. Since 23 January 2011, she had been working as a computer operator in an Engineering Equipment company. The only offence made out by the police is that she shared a rented accommodation with Angela.

In a landmark judgement dated 3.12.2012, the Bombay High Court granted her and another accused bail on the ground that mere association was insufficient to charge a person with unlawful or terrorist activities. Due to the difficulties and bureaucratic formalities of procuring bail, it has taken a year to get Sushma released. She was on the verge of getting released, when she became victim of the 8th November assault on her by 10 male and 20 women prison staff and officials armed with batons and sticks.

The Assaults

At 10.30-10.45 a.m. on 8.11.2013, Barrack No. 5, Food distribution or 'bhattha' time, Sushma Ramtekke witnessed woman police constable (WPC) Kamal Salunke beating up 3 Bengali women (labeled "Bangladeshi"), one of them pregnant. When Sushma asked why they were being beaten up, Salunke rained blows on Sushma. Sushma tried to defend herself when one more WPC, Surekha and 2-star Jailor Smita Chorghe, joined Salunke in assaulting Sushma. Some African women prisoners, Sushura, Julia, Monde, Kay Kay, Memorigama, Lara, Maria, Diana came to Sushma's defence and took her near her barrack. They waited outside their barrack gate waiting to talk to jail officials, however no one came.

At evening 'bhattha' time at 5 p.m., the other jail inmates from Barrack No. 5 decided not to take food. Out of about 300 inmates, only those with children, about 60, took food. Two jail staff, 2-star Jailors Shaila Wagh and Smita Chorghe, and WPCs Amruta Gaikwad, Supriya Channe threatened Sushma with dire consequences.

At Bandhi time 6.30 p.m. when the lights were put on, Sushma and other women prisoners were waiting to talk to jail officials. Senior jailor Uman Singh Patil, Jailor Bharat Patil and 10 other male jail staff along with 20 WPCs reached outside Barrack No. 5 armed with sticks and lathis.

Sushma Ramteke tried to speak to Jailor Bharat Patil. He told her to come to his office alone the next day. Sushma, because of previous cases of women prisoners who went alone being assaulted in the Superintendent's office, said she would not come alone. He then told her that he would look into this the next day. On this Sushma and the other women prisoners started returning to the barracks. When Sushma and another women prisoner were climbing the stairs, all male staff, together with WPCs Kamal, Surekha, Asha, Wasima, Krupali, Deepali, Chaaya and others, crowded at the stairs. Surekha called Sushma a Naxalite and started abusing her.

Sushma was then dragged down the stairs, pulling at her clothes. She was brutally assaulted by all the men and women staff gathered there. Two African prisoners came to her rescue and one of them removed her clothes in protest, which resulted in the male staff beating a hasty retreat.

On hearing the commotion, the women inside Barrack No 5 started beating their thalis in protest. The WPCs, led by 2-star Jailor Shaila Wagh, then led an assault on the women prisoners inside the barrack.

Action taken so far

News of the assault reached CPDR only on Sunday, 10.11.2013. CPDR members Maharukh Adenwala and Susan Abraham visited the jail on 11.11.2013 and obtained an interview. The above note has been prepared based on the interview. Even after 3 days, her face was visibly swollen and red bruise marks were visible on her body. She had not been taken for medical examination or given any treatment for her injuries.

Sushma's lawyers moved an application on 12.11.2013 for producing her in court and ordering a medical examination immediately as well as for an enquiry. The Byculla jail administration filed a false complaint in court on 11.11.2013 with statements of all the women jail staff (but not the male staff).

Further action needs to be taken with NHRC/SHRC, NCW, I G, Prisons as this is the fourth case of assault by jail staff against women political prisoners in Byculla prison.

PLEASE CIRCULATE AND CAMPAIGN AT YOUR LEVEL.

Suresh Rajeshwar, Maharukh Adenwala, Susan Abraham

Committee for Protection of Democratic Rights,

Mumbai. Dated 13th November, 2013

Protest against shifting Maoist prisoners

KOLKATA, November 2, 2013

The Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners (CRPP) has condemned the “arbitrary” transfer of Maoists from the Midnapore central jail to different jails across the state. Two days ago, the Mamata Banerjee government moved seven leaders, including PCPA chief Chhatradhar Mahato, PCPA leader Sukshanti Baskey, Maoist state committee members Sudip Chongdar and Kalpana Maity, Maoist sympathisers Raja Sarkhel and Prasun Chatterjee, to different jails in the state following reports that they were plotting to jailbreak. PCPA or the Peoples Committee against Police Atrocities is the frontal organisation of the CPI-Maoists.

In a press release, the CRPP said that “We strongly condemn the arbitrary transfer of the leaders to different jails on the plea of security reasons. Prasun, a resident of Kolkata, was transferred to far-off Purulia-Bankura jail ...” Even as ADG (prison) Ranveer Kumar said claimed that “the seven Maoists were hatching a plot to free from jail and that they had been staying together in the correctional home for far too long, we have decided to separate them for sometime and send them to different correctional homes,” the CRPP has sought to know the status of the cases registered against the political prisoners. The press release read: “Chhatradhar Mahato has got bail in most of the cases. He has been acquitted in the Anuj Pandey case. The UAPA case, in which all of them are implicated, has been deliberately delayed by the absence of the investigating officer (IO) for months together and will come up for final hearing in late November 2013.”

It added, “Against Prasun and Raja, there is only one case each. Why should the prisoners conspire to escape from jail at all?” The forum of political prisoners said it would have made sense had the prisoners been shifted to jails located near their residences. *

150 Naxal Prisoners released in the last 18 months, 400 Prisoners are still Facing Trial in Chhattisgarh Jails

Chhattisgarh government has claimed to have started the process of releasing prisoners as per the agreement made with the Maoist-nominated mediators in exchange of the release of Sukma collector Alex Paul Menon in April 2012. The committee appointed by the government under the chairpersonship of former bureaucrat Nirmala Buch to review the cases of Naxal prisoners in Chhattisgarh is said to have met seven times since its formation and submitted its recommendations.

The government has claimed that already 200 prisoners have been released from Jagdalpur, Dantewada and Kanker jails and that the process will continue. Lists of another 385 prisoners in these jails have been sent to the courts for release after they were verified and cleared by the district collector and police superintendent. The criterion used by the committee for selecting prisoners for release is said to be people from socially and economically weak sections of the society, including the aged, prisoners suffering from incurable disease and women who has young children. The prisoners having ‘serious’ charges against them are not being considered by the committee.

This is a travesty of the agreement made by the Chhattisgarh government, where it committed to release political prisoners in exchange of the safe release of the collector. Even after more than one and a half years, a large majority of the prisoners eligible for release as per the agreement are being held behind bars, while only a fraction has been released. This too, after considering them in a case-to-case basis rather than releasing them together, unconditionally and immediately. These prisoners have been falsely implicated by the police in criminal cases and charged with draconian laws like UAPA, tough provisions of CrPC, CPSA, etc. These trials go on for years, causing great hardship to the prisoners and their families. The government must not drag this process of releasing Naxal prisoners. It must withdraw all charges against them and release them without delay by honouring the promise it has made to the mediators.

We appeal to the democrats, civil libertarians and the masses to intensify the demand for the release of political prisoners locked-up in Chhattisgarh and other states of the country. *

A Letter from Central Prison, Nagpur

- Prashant Rahi

(Booked u/s 13,20,39 UAPA: An Affidavit for Ouster of the Real Incumbent)

The arrest (and interrogation) of as nondescript a journalist and marginal an activist as me, even if for the second time—this time after 10-11 days' mauling of a distantly acquainted, handicapped JNU student and two, most innocuous, adivasi youth, hours before a third was picked up from yet another location— should not, I believe, have caused even so much as a flutter. I honestly doubt whether it would have deserved any substantial space in a serious journal such as this one. And one does also realise that the catchier, glossier, perhaps less insightful sections of the media, despite their expansive reach, are not to be taken too seriously.

However, considering the many unwarranted dimensions that the police are trying to add in order to erect an edifice for their fake, tall claim of having busted some huge “terrorist”, “anti-national” conspiracy—in a profane bid to lend veracity to our case, and to extend the stipulated period for submitting the primary charge-sheet from 90 days to 180, as permitted under the latest UPA version—so as to deny us bail on the grounds of detention without charges, I understand the entire unfortunate episode, while not being likely to be rendered sub-juice until about three more months or so, could keep the prevailing proliferation of pliant, politically prejudiced, or simply uncaring and callous correspondents, legally, in the comfort zone for a longer period while serving their employers' demand and desire to comply with the draconian, many-faced state, to defame and denigrate the nobler, unbending dissenting political stream of which I consider myself, though tiny as a nano-speck, a part. Hence even as old excerpts from news stories carried since my surreptitious pre-arrest abduction (another second) by the Maharashtra Police, far beyond their jurisdiction and in blatant violation of the law as outlined clearly, and the inevitable vicious mental and physical bombardments filtered back to me, I feel obliged to make some minimum clarification, as also a plea pertaining to the Act which breeds this lawlessness.

Whether out of my own diffidence or out of others, I did not actually join any mass organisation, political party, joint front or research academy—both banned and otherwise—in the capacity of a member, any time after my release on bail in my first, Uttarakhand case on August 21, 2011. (Such was, by all accounts, my status even at the time of my first abduction from Dehradun on December 17, 2007.) The same holds good as regards the Committee for Release of Political Prisoners (CRPP) whose political perspective I did ascribe to, but most of whose activities I could not participate in—simply because I was not admitted therein.

I have participated in, and spoken from various platforms, conventions and conferences, including the usually UGC-sponsored annual Indian Social Science Congress; anti-repression fronts of Jamait-e-Islami; the undisputedly independent People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL); the irrepressible critic even of just and calibrated people's violence, National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM); the loose and broad coalition, Co-ordination of Democratic Rights Organisations (CDRO), as also the Revolutionary Democratic Front (RDF). But if I never became a member of any, it was a conscious choice, a humble decision. Even so, in case some inconvenience has been caused to any of my friends, colleagues and mentors consequent upon my arrest by way of misreporting by the media, disproportionate remarks by back-biters, or follow-up interrogation by any of the plethora of investigation agencies—all of whom would generally tend to distort the facts and circumstances of such cases and the victim's real version, even to the extent of entirely concocted cock-and-bull statements and allusions, I am sure I can rest assured that we shall take all this in our stride, without undue leniency toward undemocratic, conspiratorial or vindictive actions and trends at any level, both within and without.

Our main, common concern should be to prevent and obstruct each and every excess, given the increasingly repressive apparatus, particularly that following the post-American 9/11 and post-our own 26/11 enactments and amendments by successive NDA and UPA regimes through some politically sterile and paranoid parliamentary machinations, in the form of POTA to begin with, and then the ubiquitous UAPA. The first Act we could successfully throw out all together, in the course of a regime change. The second still begs far more discourteous resistance than the cursory derision or ecclesiastic condemnation we have offered it so far.

While I shall miss the action outside as the poll fiasco seems headed to pave the way for potential installation of the next, supra-fascist regime, even as our chargesheet would be served, prior to a mock trial (what with video-conferencing already underway, right from the framing of charges till the final judgment, and not yet contested!), what else could be done in here but dream of dispensations free of UAPAs and colonial IPCs, where, in the words of Kobad Ghandy, published precisely a year ago, even “jealousies, hatred, one-upmanship, manipulativeness, etc.” could recede through “self-realisation” at the levels of our “subconscious and conscious mind”, until “we (may be) able to slowly reassert our natural self, rather than our alienated self”, so that “we (shall) be able to react and behave naturally—childlike, Anuradha-like—shedding our layers and layers of pretences and hypocrisies...” (*Mainstream*, December 22, 2012) To make such dreams come true, we shall have to contend and grapple with gargantuan armies of oppressors, finding our way through the labyrinths of law, encountering innumerable counter-insurgents

in the woods and farms and plantations, the streets and highways and airways, and, not to forget, the diversifying cyber channels that lead to the drawing rooms and board rooms, to their hard or soft, archives and cabinets, in general to the corridors of the powerful that are ever more adept today at beguiling, enchanting, entrapping and belittling those of us who may be amenable or accessible.

Presently, in short, do we have an agenda for the broadest possible unity to quash out at least the UAPA? Yes, I mean the dispensation that has an 'A' between the 'U' and 'P', regardless of whichever 'A' (for Alliance) may rule the roost. The real encumbrance to any pretence of a democracy is the incumbent UAPA regime indeed.

Prashant Rahi, Barrack No. 8 (Naxal Barrack), Central Prison, Nagpur

Political prisoners Maoist group "Aziz Elbour" in Morocco on Hunger Strike

Democracy and Class Struggle, November 16, 2013

Last Wednesday, November 13, 2013, political prisoners Maoist group "Aziz Elbour" in Morocco reported an indefinite hunger strike. These brave Moroccan comrades who have already gone on hunger strike in the past in support of the Turkish Taksim Square Uprising and in support of Comrade Georges Abdallah imprisoned in France for last 30 years.

Your imprisonment is our imprisonment, has you are our comrades, and you shine a torch in the darkness for people's in North Africa and across the Arab World. You are the new Renaissance of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism in North Africa and The Arab World.

Democracy and Class Struggle salutes you comrades. *

CPP condemns GPH 40-year sentence against NDFP Consultant Eduardo Sarmiento

December 13, 2013

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) today condemned the Aquino regime and the Muntinlupa City regional trial court for convicting and sentencing NDFP Peace Consultant Eduardo Sarmiento to 40 years imprisonment over trumped-up charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives. The conviction and sentencing was carried out by Judge Myra Bayot Quiambo of Muntinlupa RTC Branch 203 last Wednesday.

Sarmiento serves as NDF Peace Consultant for the Eastern Visayas. He was in Metro Manila conducting discussions and consultations related to peace negotiations when he was arrested by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on February 24, 2009.

"The conviction and sentencing of NDF Peace Consultant Eduardo Sarmiento is in stark violation of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG)," pointed out the CPP. The JASIG secures personnel of the NDFP and the GPH involved in peace negotiations against prosecution by either side. It prohibits either side from carrying out "surveillance, harassment, search, arrest, detention, prosecution and interrogation or any other similar punitive action" against the accredited personnel of the other party.

Sarmiento's sentencing is also in violation of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) which upholds the GPH's own Hernandez Doctrine prohibiting the state from criminalizing political offenses." At least 13 NDFP consultants are languishing in various prisons and detention facilities under the Aquino regime because the acts they have allegedly committed in furtherance of their political convictions have been regarded as common crimes such as illegal possession of firearms, murder, robbery in band and arson.

"This development makes the resumption of formal peace negotiations between the 1 of 2 <http://philippinerevolution.net> and the GPH ever more difficult as it exemplifies the grave danger posed on the lives of NDFP consultants as a result of the GPH's refusal to abide by outstanding agreements," pointed out the CPP.

"The CPP demands that the GPH rescind the conviction and sentencing of NDFP Consultant Eduardo Sarmiento. It calls on the human rights community, peace advocates both in the Philippines and abroad to stand together to defend the lives of all NDFP peace consultants and amplify the demand for their release."

"Even under the GPH's own laws, Sarmiento's arrest and detention was illegal. He was taken into custody by the military without any warrant, in violation of his basic right against arbitrary arrest," pointed out the CPP. "Furthermore, the supposed pieces of evidence against him were planted by the military operatives who carried out his illegal arrest."

"The 40-year sentence imposed on Sarmiento constitutes cruel and unusual punishment on someone who was arrested and incarcerated for political reasons," said the CPP. Sarmiento, 62 years old, is among the 400 political prisoners being detained under the Aquino regime, 150 of whom were arrested over the past three years. *

PLGA Resistance

July – December 2013

The central and state governments are intensifying the OGH – the war on people to completely wipe out the Protracted People's War (PPW) led by the CPI (Maoist). The PLGA, People's Militia and the people led by the party are fighting back this unjust war in Bihar-Jharkhand, Dandakaranya (Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra), Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and North Telangana. They are carrying on valiant counter-offensives on the enemy forces. Between July and December 2013, counter-offensives were carried on enemy paramilitary and special forces like the CRPF, BSF, CoBRA commando, SAP, C-60, SAG (Maharashtra), DVF, CAF, BMP, JAP (I), ITBP etc in which 62 jawans were wiped out and 156 were injured. Among them, three died and six were injured due to booby traps laid by the PLGA and the People's Militia. The people's guerillas seized a total of fifteen weapons, nearly 500 rounds of ammunition, ten grenade shells and other military equipment from the enemy forces.

Some notorious and cruel anti-people elements and people's enemies who were creating serious hurdles to the revolutionary movement were also wiped out as part of the counter-offensives in this period. Sixteen counter-revolutionaries and local anti-people leaders, nineteen police informers, two Salwa Judum goons, two anti-people contractors, seven goons of the reactionary Ranvir Sena including one commander and six PLFI goons were wiped out.

Some police camps under construction in the movement areas, government buildings and houses of some anti-people elements were blasted. Some machines and vehicles that were brought to the movement areas for constructing roads and some NMDC machinery in Bailadilla were razed down as part of protests. Some of the supplies belonging to the police and other enemy forces were seized.

Bandhs were observed at various levels in various states on several issues like – protesting the killing of revolutionary party leaders/activists, mass leaders and fake encounters/massacres of people (like in Silakota), against the Patna High Court judgment on Laxmanpur-Bathe massacre, demanding the withdrawal of enemy forces from the movement areas, demanding an end to massacres of innocent Adivasis, demanding to stop anti-Maoist operations and against the five-day joint operation of CRPF and state police forces in Maoist areas.

Mass protests, protest demonstrations, rasta rooks, gherao of police stations and direct confrontations by the people with the police forces took place with huge participation of the revolutionary mass organizations and the people against – illegal arrests, assassinations, atrocities on women and killing of revolutionary women activists by the enemy forces, mayhem, destruction and loot by the enemy forces, against construction of police camps, against the deployment of the Indian Army in the movement areas, against mining like in Raoghat, Bodhghat and against Polavaram.

Traditional booby traps were effectively used by the People's Militia in all the guerilla zones to stop the government mercenary forces from entering their villages to perpetrate murder and mayhem. The experience of effectively using traditional traps for election boycott during the Chhattisgarh assembly elections is worthy of special mention. The revolutionary masses of Dandakaranya boycotted the sham assembly elections held on November 11 and 17 in Chhattisgarh and made it a political success. Nearly 50,000 people rallied to implement this active boycott and send a message to the ruling classes that they absolutely reject this fake parliamentary democracy. They dug thousands of traditional booby traps and planted about tens of thousands of bamboo stakes and iron rods in them to stop the unprecedented number of police and paramilitary forces (nearly one and half lakh) that were deployed in Bastar to "conduct free and fair elections." These were planted on forest paths, village paths and even in streams and were efficiently camouflaged. About 87 enemy jawans were seriously injured due to these traps. One Andhra Greyhounds commander died. In this entire resistance seventeen jawans died a dog's death while 107 were injured. The PLGA guerillas seized five weapons. The psychological effect of these booby traps and the demoralization that their fear caused among the enemy troops was huge as the jawans were terrified. They became their nightmare. The Revolutionary Janatana Sarkars had effectively sent the message through their heroic resistance to the fake election process that they are the true representatives of the people and not the greedy pro-imperialist bourgeois politicians. They called upon the people to overthrow this exploitative system and to build their own Janatana Raj by joining the New Democratic Revolution led by the CPI (Maoist).

Bihar–Jharkhand (B-J)

Five policemen including Pakud district SP wiped out in a daredevil ambush

On July 2, 2013 the PLGA fighters attacked a police convoy between 2.30 and 3.00 pm in daylight in Katikund forest area. SP Amarjit Balihar and five policemen died on the spot while two policemen were injured. The SP has been a notorious official and had won the hatred of the people of Pakud, particularly the revolutionary masses due to the severe repressive measures he had taken as part of the OGH. He had been responsible for several attacks on our movement. The death of this cruel higher official that dealt a big blow to the enemy forces enthused the PLGA forces and the people of that area.

On July 17, PLGA guerillas conducted surprise attack on a construction company in Goh area in Aurangabad district. The police from the bordering Gaya district Koch camp got launched a search operation on getting this information. They came in a bus and were caught in a PLGA ambush. Three SAP jawans, two private security guards and the bus driver died in this ambush and six more were injured.

On July 18 PLGA blasted a CRPF camp building under construction on the outskirts of Basuvachak village of Chanan block in Lakhisarai district. On August 4, a police station under construction was destroyed by the PLGA in Aurangabad district. On September 19 a CRPF camp building under construction was blasted by the PLGA near Parasi Mod (Garahi village) under Khaira PS limits in Jamui district.

On September 3, in a fierce gun-battle with Naxals, a CRPF jawan of COBRA battalion was killed in Chaibasa district. A joint squad of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and state police had begun an operation in the jungles of the district in an attempt to trace some top Maoist leaders. They claimed that joint forces have been sent for the long haul operation and this operation was based on intelligence inputs. However, due to the heroic resistance of the PLGA the joint forces had to suffer casualties. The injured jawan was air-lifted to Ranchi where he succumbed to his injuries later.

On September 16, PLGA attacked a police patrolling party near Amarud village under Dobhi PS limits in Gaya district. Two SAP jawans died on the spot and several others were injured in this brave attack.

On September 20, PLGA conducted an ambush on a police patrolling party in Giddeswar forest under Khaira PS limits in Jamui district. One STF jawan died on the spot while two were seriously injured.

On October 17, PLGA attacked a vehicle in which Ranvir Sena goons were traveling at 10 am in broad daylight near Pathara village of Aurangabad district. Seven Ranvir Sena goons including a commander and Zila Parishad member Sushil Pandey died in this ambush.

On November 1, five policemen were injured in an exchange of fire with the PLGA guerillas in Kumandih forests of Latehar district.

On November 2, one jawan belonging to the JAP-I was killed and another injured in a mine blast by PLGA under Gurbanda PS limits in East Singhbhum district.

On November 30, about two dozen PLGA guerillas in civilian attires conducted a surprise attack on BMP jawans traveling in the Sultanpur-Danapur Intercity express train. Three policemen died and three were injured. The guerillas seized five of their weapons and retreated safely.

On December 3, the PLGA blasted a patrolling vehicle of the police near Chandgarh under Tandwa block of Aurangabad district. The Tandwa police inspector and seven policemen died in this brave attack.

Dandakaranya (DK)

On July 15, a policeman was severely injured by a claymore mine blasted by the PLGA guerillas on a BSF patrol party that was on a searching mission near Munjalgoni village of Kanker district.

On July 22, 600 police and STF jawans from Daula, Jhara, Benur and Narayanpur police camps started on a searching operation. They surrounded some villages in the Vayanar area and conducted searching. The PLGA guerillas blasted a claymore mine and a policeman was severely injured in it. On the same day the PLGA caught a policeman named Dhansai who was targeted due to his cruelty towards the people and killed him. When the police came looking for him, the people's militia attacked them with mines and a STF jawan was injured.

On July 24, the PLGA caught a policeman named Dhansai Sori near Maharbeda village of Narayanpur district. He was tried in a people's court and was later executed as per the judgment of the people's court.

On August 5, a CRPF jawan Manjunath Eswar Goud belonging to the 85th battalion died during an exchange of fire between the CRPF and the PLGA guerillas.

On August 6, a policeman was injured in a PLGA attack on the Dornapal PS camp bunker in Sukma district.

On August 13, PLGA guerillas attacked a CAF patrolling party on the Jhara-Narayanpur road between Marabeda-Kosalnar villages. Three policemen including a SI were wiped out and two jawans were seriously injured in this brave attack. It had been the daily practice of the Vayanar police in Kondagaon district to harass the revolutionary masses. They used to indiscriminately beat the people, loot their small properties, hens and pigs and make arbitrary arrests. This attack enthused the masses in that area a lot as they felt it was a fitting reply to their harassment of the people. Meanwhile another police batch entered Kosalnar village and beat the people black and blue. A mass leader named Sukram was arrested and tortured brutally. When these policemen heard about the above ambush they once again went to Sukram's house where he was lying down in a bruised state, dragged him to the ambush site, killed him in cold blood and announced that he died in that 'exchange of fire'. The people went to the district headquarters Narayanpur to get custody of his body but the police threatened them and said that they would bury the body there. They tried to distribute some food to the people, but the people threw the crumbs back at their faces and demanded the body of their leader. They said that they would not move from there unless his body is handed over to them. Finally the police had to relent in face of their determination and handed over his body to them. The people brought the body to the village and conducted his last rites in a revolutionary tradition and paid red homage to him.

On August 24, in two separate attacks by the PLGA in Kondagaon and Sukma districts one policeman died and four were injured.

On the same day, a batch of policemen numbering 60 to 70 from the Vayanar PS who went to the Vayanar area to arrest *Sangam* activists had to face the music when PLGA guerillas attacked them near Rajveda village (Mangwal village, Kota para). A head constable and four policemen were injured. One of them was hit in the chest and had to be sent to Raipur. On the same day in the same district, a SPO died while diffusing a land mine and two constables were injured.

On the same day, the jawans of Polampalli CRPF camp in Bijapur district got information that the PLGA guerillas had planted a mine very near the camp and started searching for it. A booby trap went off and a policeman named Muchaki Hunga died. One policeman was injured. This Hunga had worked as a militia platoon commander in PLGA in Pidimel RPC (Konta block, Sukma district) from 2009 to 2012. In 2013 he ran away to Andhra Pradesh along with two women with whom he had relations. Later he surrendered to the Dornapal police and turned a counter-revolutionary. He joined as a SPO and unleashed terror on people along with notorious SPOs Aita and Narsing. They used to search everybody and follow them. The people were jubilant that this cruel SPO died a dog's death in the hands of PLGA guerillas.

On August 27, a fierce exchange of fire took place between the STF and the PLGA guerillas since evening till 28th morning. A company commander of the STF and a policeman died while two women comrades were also martyred here. A joint force from Bastar, Bijapur and Kondagaon districts consisting of STF and DF jawans numbering 800 divided themselves into four batches and started on a searching-patrolling operation as part of anti-naxal operations. One of the batches sat on an ambush near Burgum village. On 26th a three member team of PLGA guerillas got caught in the ambush. One comrade escaped. Militia member comrade Jano died on the spot while comrade Jyoti was caught alive with injuries and later killed in cold blood by the enemy forces. When the enemy forces were returning carrying their bodies at they camped at Tedum village. Two teams of PLGA main and secondary forces surrounded this camp from both sides on August 27 and fired on the jawans. A policeman died on the spot while the STF company commander Lav Kumar Bhagat succumbed to his injuries later in Barsur hospital. The enemy forces were terrified by this surprise attack and ran away fearing for their lives after exhausting more than 50 shells and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

On September 17, secondary forces and People's Militia jointly attacked a sahayak arakshak in Gangalur of Bijapur district and killed him. They seized an Insas rifle and 81 rounds of ammunition from him. While on their return comrade Badru got separated from our team and the police chased him. He died in their firings. Comrade Badru played a key role in the above action and had been a militant participant in several actions earlier too. The women of Mettapadu and Pumbad went to the Gangalur police camp to demand custody of his body. They brought his body to Mettapadu, his native village and conducted his last rites in revolutionary tradition and paid rich tributes to him.

On September 20, a People's Militia action team killed sahayak arakshak Hapka Raju. He had been responsible for several atrocities on the people during Salwa Judum.

On October 1, PLGA attacked a patrolling police party near Gorkha police camp in Sukma district in which a policeman was injured.

On October 12, a joint action team of PGLA and People's Militia forces attacked the police in the Nakulnar weekly market in Dantewada district. One policeman died and another was seriously injured. The guerillas a SLR from them.

On October 16, PLGA guerillas blasted a mine at mid-night near Mota Jhalia village under Gyarapatti PS limits (Dhanora taluq, Gadchiroli district) in Kurkeda area. Three SAG (Special Action Group) commandos died and five commandos were injured. It is significant that this was the native village of woman martyr comrade Geetha who was killed in a police firings in January this year at Govindgaon in Aheri area of Gadchiroli district.

On October 21, two policemen were injured in a booby trap blast near Burkapal village of Sukma district.

On October 28, the PLGA guerillas fought back the police who surrounded them near Indur village in Etapalli sub-division of Gadchiroli district and succeeded in breaking the dragnet. But some time later two women comrades who were in the village were caught by the police and killed in cold blood. When the police were returning with carrying their dead bodies, the PLGA guerillas ambushed them near Rekalmetta village. A C-60 commando died on the spot and another was seriously injured in this opportunity ambush.

On October 31, two SPOs were injured in a booby trap blast in Sukma district. This incident occurred when they were conducting area domination exercises under Chintaguppa PS limits.

On November 10, Two ITBP troopers were injured in an IED blast at Aundhi in Rajnandgaon District

On November 11, A CRPF trooper was killed when CPI-Maoist cadres opened indiscriminate fire at a CRPF team accompanying a polling team at Nayanar in Dantewada District.

On November 12, A day after the first phase of polling in Bastar zone, two BSF personnel and a civilian driver were killed and as many injured in a landmine explosion triggered by CPI-Maoist cadres in Sukma District. The troopers were returning from poll duties when their vehicle was targeted at Kerpal. A BSF doctor on board sustained injuries. Another BSF vehicle in the convoy had a miraculous escape.

Earlier in the morning, a CRPF deputy commandant was injured in an encounter with Maoists in Dornapal in Sukma District.

On November 13, A CRPF trooper was injured in an encounter with CPI-Maoist in the forest of Temelwada village under Chintagufa Police Station limits in Sukma District of Chhattisgarh.

On November 28, PLGA guerillas attacked a road opening party of the CRPF near Nukanpalli village between Murkinar and Chermangi of Bijapur district. The attack took place when a team of CRPF personnel were preparing to leave with medicines, clothes and toys for villagers in Nukanpalli area as part of the civic action programme (CAP) of the force. The PLGA struck when the CRPF's road opening party came out to sanitize the stretch. Four jawans of Battalion 168 died and three were seriously injured here. As soon as the other CRPF men took position to retaliate, the PLGA triggered a series of landmine blasts injuring several CRPF personnel. Reinforcement from a CRPF camp, about 5km away from the spot, reached. For about an hour, there was pitched battle and later the people's guerillas retreated. The people's guerillas seized an AK-47, two Insas rifles, their ammunition, an AK UBRL and its ten shells.

On December 29, a joint action team of PLGA secondary forces and the People's Militia forces attacked the

policemen in a weekly market in Mirtul (Bijapur district). One died and another was injured. The guerillas seized two Insas rifles and ammunition from them and retreated safely.

Andhra-Odisha Border Area (AOB)

On July 16, a SOG jawan was injured when an exchange of fire took place between the PLGA fighters and the SOG forces in Tekuguda forest under Kalimela PS limits.

On August 27, PLGA guerillas attacked a three vehicle BSF convoy in broad daylight at 9.30 am near a culvert in Ralegada village of Koraput district in Odisha on the NH-26. The guerillas triggered an IED blast and then ambushed the convoy. The jawans were on their way to Visakhapatnam. One of the vehicles carrying 16 BSF jawans was tossed up in the air in the blast and four jawans traveling in it died on the spot. There was a fierce exchange of fire with the jawans in the other two vehicles. Three BSF jawans were seriously injured. Among the dead are an ASI, two head constable and one constable.

On October 23, a policeman died in an exchange of fire with the PLGA guerillas in Kalimela area of Malkangiri district.

On October 24, a BSF jawan was seriously injured in an attack by PLGA at Silakota village under Podiya PS limits (Malkangiri district, Odisha). A DAF jawan was seriously injured in an exchange of fire with the PLGA guerillas in Parsanpalli forests in Malkangiri district.

Odisha State Area

On November 30, a small team of PLGA guerillas conducted an opportunity ambush on a motorcycle bound CRPF and District Voluntary Force jawans near Dekunpani village under Sunabeda panchayat limits (Komna block, Nuapada district). Two jawans died and the guerillas seized an AK-47, an Insas rifle, a revolver and some ammunition. The enemy forces had opened a new camp in Sunabeda and repressing the people while conducting civic action programs to divert the people from the revolutionary path as part of their counter-revolutionary LIC strategy. The people felt that this attack was a slap in the face of these reactionary forces. *

People's Resistance

Odisha State Area

People Resist despite Police Repression in Bolangir, Bargarh Mahasamund Division

The police have increased its repression in the recent times in these three districts that come under Odisha State Committee of the Maoist party. New police stations and camps are being set up, while the number of policemen have been increased from earlier 20-30 to 50-100. As per Operation Green Hunt, the police and central paramilitary forces are conducting Civic Action Programs, fake reform programs and recruitment drives for police, home guard and SPOs etc.

CRPF and police officers are conducting sports tournaments and giving away prizes to the youth in the villages. The costs are borne by the police. They are selecting young people through these tournaments for home guard, police, SPO and informer recruitment. They are selecting two to five persons from each village and paying them monthly salaries for doing SPO work or to provide information. They are given free mobile phones and in this way recruited to the police network. These informers and SPOs maintain contact with top police officers in the district and keep the updated about the happenings in their villages. For instance, the SP of Nuapara district prepared four informers in Patpen village who were in direct contact with the SP. Chetan, one of the four informers, was educated till 12th class, and the SP placed him as a teacher in the village school to give him a cover. He was caught passing on information about the movement to the police, produced in a people's court and beaten up as punishment with a warning to desist from working as an informer in the future. But he continued it nevertheless, as a result of which the PLGA had to kill him. Now the government and the police are propagating that the Maoists have killed a teacher, whereas the truth is that he was an informer in the mask of a teacher.

The methods of police patrol and combing has also been changed. They are coming in three to five batches by giving support to each other. At times forces from several districts or two states are jointly conducting

operations. People are asked not to move in the forests, and if someone is seen moving in the forests, they are being beaten up. The people are being forced to give up the collection of forest produce, which constitute a significant part of their income. The police are using GPS system for direction and are spending many nights in the forest in search of the Maoists. They are not using the roads and avoiding entering villages while carrying out operations so as to stop the information of their movement from reaching the PLGA. These batches also lie in wait at night for PLGA squads near villages, occupy school buildings and set up ambushes. 35 villagers were arrested by the police from Bolangir and Bargarh districts after falsely framing them as Maoists. 21 has been released subsequently while 14 are still imprisoned.

In March 2013, the police and CRPF caught a beaf-dumb youth from Satrahbera village of Paikmal block in Bargarh district of Odisha and took him with them. The villagers protested against this, but the police refused to release him and claimed that he was a Maoist. Later, he was brutally beaten up by the police, as a result of which he died. Thousands of villagers came out to protest this killing, blocked the Paikmal-Padampur road and beat up some policemen as well.

Lower Suktel dam and the danger of displacement

Gandhamardan hills are located on the borders of Bargarh and Bolangir districts of western Odisha. In order to extract the 200 million tons of bauxite deposits in the hill, a plan was made to set up two dams on its Bolangir side on the Lower Suktel and Lower Indira rivers coming out of Gandhamardan hills while on the Bargarh side another dam was planned near Pujaripali. The then chief minister Biju Patnaik laid down the foundation stone in the 1980s. Since then several attempts were made to mine the Gandhamardan for bauxite, but it could not succeed due to the strong protest by the local residents. The mine and the dams threaten lakhs of people in the entire area around the hills.

Lower Suktel dam will submerge a total of 4564 hectares of land, of which 3,981 hectares are private land and 583 hectares are forest land. Of the 29 villages to be affected, 12 will be completely submerged by the reservoir. According to a survey conducted in 2009, 27,636 people from 9,212 families will be directly affected by this dam. These numbers have increased since then. The Naveen Patnaik government has made preparations for starting the construction work of the dam in April 2013 to serve the interests of big capital. With the demand of completing the dam at the earliest, an Action Committee has been formed in Bolangir town by businessmen, traders and leaders of all the political parties. Hunger strikes and bandhs have been called by this committee in support of the dam. This pro-dam lobby is falsely propagating among the town residents that, once completed, the dam will change the face of the district and will become its lifeline.

On the other hand, the people who face the threat of displacement have formed a struggle committee and are carrying out peaceful agitations against the dam. After Naveen Patnaik declared the beginning of the dam work in the assembly in April 2013, ten platoons of police force were deployed. They beat up the protestors and the work was started with earth movers. Despite such state repression, the residents have not given up their struggle. Even after getting beaten up and arrested, they are again and again coming together to continue their agitation against the dam. Moreover, Bolangir has the highest temperature in the entire state, which goes up to 47 degrees in the summer. Experts are of the opinion that the dams and the mining of Gandhmardan can turn western Odisha – which depend on the hill and rivers coming out of it to replenish the ground water – into dry land in a few decades. The process of desertification has already started in some places of the district. There is an urgent need to intensify people's movements against displacement and deforestation as well as to protect the environment, which are being put at stake by the government to serve the interests of the capitalists and imperialists. Our party's BBM divisional committee has extended full support to the struggling people and their just demands.

Take Action against Jindal Management

The peasants of Tumnar in Rayagada have not forgotten the police brutality they had to undergo five years back defending their *jal-jangal-zameen* and livelihood. The police lathi-charged on villagers carrying out a peaceful demonstration against the proposed Jindal power plant on the day the company was holding a farcical public hearing. Their land was acquired by the company using force and conceit, including a promise to employ persons from the displaced families in the plant after imparting training. The company did not fulfil its promise even after five years and after giving 'training' to some of the village youth. The villagers recently took out protest demonstrations demanding punishment of the police who undertook the lathi-charge and action against Jindal management.

Dandakaranya (DK)

'No' to police camp in the village

The police tried to open a new camp in Singanpur village in Korar area of East Bastar division but had to face the wrath of the people. "We have peace in our village, we do not need a police camp. We would never give any land for it. We will not allow police camp in the school where our children study," was the firm statement of the people. The entire people of the panchayat signed a memorandum protesting the camp and gave it to the Kanker collector.

Punish the CRPF men guilty of perpetrating Sarkeguda Massacre

Chhattisgarh government was forced to order a judicial enquiry into the massacre of 17 villagers in Sarkeguda in Bijapur district on 28 June 2012 by government's armed forces after widespread protests against it in the state and all across the country. The Commission headed by Justice V K Agarwal started the process of collecting testimonies of the eyewitnesses in December 2013, after more than one and half years have elapsed. 28 villagers – mostly women and children – from Sarkeguda, Kottaguda and Rajupenta villages belonging to Korsaguda Gram Panchayat reached Jagdalpur, the district headquarter of Bastar district on 14 December 2013, 14 of whom recorded their statements before the retired judge. Before coming to Jagdalpur, the Commission had already held a hearing in Raipur to receive the government's version of the incident. The government has repeated the lie it had maintained since the incident that the CRPF "fired in self-defence". The villagers studied the government's version already and strongly refuted it over the two days of deposition by exposing what had happened on that evening. They narrated before the Commission how the three teams of CRPF coming out of Basaguda camp located three kilometres away from their village cold-bloodedly killed the villagers in a pre-meditated manner. The villagers said that none of the killed or injured were 'armed Naxalites' as claimed by the CRPF, the then Home Minister Chidambaram, Raman Singh and top officials of the paramilitary forces. Irpa Laxmi of Rajupenta said that the villagers were gathered there in a meeting to plan for the upcoming *beej-pandum* and was not attending a Naxal meeting as claimed by the government. 17 villagers were killed in the indiscriminate firing of the CRPF from all directions, while Irpa's husband Irpa Ramesh was killed not on that day but on the next morning when CRPF men entered their house and shot him dead. They demanded that the Commission identify the guilty CRPF personnel and recommend strict punishment.

We would not silently suffer any more !

After two CRPF jawans were annihilated during the last Chhattisgarh assembly elections by PLGA in Nayanar under Katekalyan police station of Dantewada district, a team of desperate CRPF men mercilessly beat up more than a dozen people of Tumakpal village in revenge. Four polling booths were set up in this small village of a few households, and in this way the farce of elections was carried out in Nayanar and other villages of DK. The villagers told journalists that they had just returned to their village after performing the last rites of a villager who had passed away, when CRPF personnel also reached the village and gathered all the residents at one place. Thereafter the villagers were forced to accompany the CRPF. Once they reached Dumam River, the government forces suddenly started to beat the villagers with sticks and rifle butts. The CRPF blamed them for supporting and cooperating with the Maoists. After beating them for an hour in the fields, they were brought to the police station, where the bodies of the two dead CRPF jawans were also brought. The villagers were finally released at 8 in the night. They complained that the youth are being especially targeted by the CRPF for cooperating with the Naxals and in the name of interrogation. They were beaten so badly that it was difficult for them to even stand up on their feet for days. Refusing to file a police complaint of the incidents as they very well know its possible outcome, the villagers warned that they would not silently suffer atrocities at the hands of the government's armed forces anymore, and would put up resistance if such repression continued.

If this is “Free and Fair” elections, Is it not ‘fair’ that the DK masses ‘freely’ boycott them?

How “Democracy was Strengthened”

- Assembly elections for 90 seats in Chhatisgarh held in two phases on November 11 and 19, 2013. The elections for a total of 18 seats that were identified as falling in Maoist areas were held on November 11 in the first phase by turning this entire area into a cantonment of large contingents of police and the paramilitary forces.
- An unprecedented total of 1, 50,000 armed forces deployed
- Deployment of an extra force of 580 companies, i.e., 65,000 paramilitary forces
- Deployment of an additional 13 military helicopters for transport of troops and supplies
- All National Highways patrolled by the armed forces for 24 hours – from Kanker to Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur to Konta upto Bhopalpatnam. Police ambush parties and road opening parties engaged for 24 hours – one batch replacing another like an occupying force of another country
- An IG rank officer monitored the armed forces in the field
- The record of highest number of forces were deployed for an assembly constituency till date in our country – 25,000 for the Bijapur assembly constituency
- 2,38,000 state government personnel deployed for poll duties
- 167 ‘very sensitive’ polling booths were shifted 10 to 40 kms away from their original locations and located near police camps or road points and as a part of carpet security maximum number of polling booths were put up in camps of enemy forces
- Intensification of cordon and search operations by police and paramilitary forces all over Dandakaranya in September and October
- Killing of dozens of Krantikari Janathana Sarkar (KJS), People’s Militia members and people including around ten PLGA fighters in fake encounters in these two months not counting the massacres just a few days/months back
- Arrests of a large number of revolutionary mass organization and KJS leaders and activists and severely torturing them in police stations and camps
- Destruction of (KJS) schools, people’s agriculture farms and martyrs’ memorial columns in the interior villages in these two months not counting huge scale destruction and loot just a few days/ months back

Just a tip of the numerous threats by the government machinery, armed forces and the political parties

- No rice if you don’t vote
- No ration cards if you don’t vote
- No funds from centre if you don’t vote
- The attacks of police on your villages, arrests, destruction, incarcerations would increase
- There are more police forces than the leaves on the trees, where would you hide? Better vote
- We would raze down your villages, beat you up and kill you if you don’t vote
- Don’t listen to the Maoists poll boycott call, vote or be prepared to die

Dandakaranya People's Response to the "Inhibiting and Unfair" Elections

- Huge rallying despite the busy harvesting season in November of people (women and men, old and the young), People's Militia-Bhumkal Militia, Gram Raksha Dals, Militia Platoons and Militia Companies and Jan Militia Dals, revolutionary mass organizations under the leadership of the various CPI (Maoist) party units in response to the call of the CPI (Maoist) to boycott sham assembly elections
- An extensive and a wide-reaching creative political propaganda campaign that took the message of boycotting the sham elections and building KJS as the people's alternative political power to the nook and corners of DK. Tens of thousands of posters and banners pasted and hung; a few thousand of village level and dozens of major public meetings & rallies held with several hundred to 4-5 thousand people attending each rally
- As thousands of state forces occupied the roads, putting posters and banners required a battle plan and execution and readiness to engage in battle and sacrifice, even one's life. One police batch was replaced by another within five minutes and these five minutes were all the PLGA, People's Militia, KJS cadres and revolutionary masses got to send across their message of poll boycott. It was a cat and mouse play, a life and death battle, a war of ideologies and politics in the sphere of propaganda
- Several press conferences held by the people explaining their reasons for poll boycott. The issues ranged from displacement, opposition to big dams and projects and state repression to relocating schools and ashrams away from their villages, turning their villages into carpet security camps of the state forces to neglect of their villages and several of their unresolved basic issues
- A 15-day intensive traditional booby trap laying campaign involving nearly 50,000 people to stop in tracks the police and paramilitary forces that come for cordon & search operations, patrolling etc in the name of conducting 'Free and Fair' polls
- Digging tens of thousands of traditional pits and using them as traps by planting iron rods and bamboo stakes in them in Guerilla Bases and where strong mass base exists, near polling booths and on the paths connecting villages
- Planting & camouflaging of tens of thousands of wooden planks embedded with nails and iron rods in various places in the forests likely to be used by the armed forces, including the streams
- 87 jawans of the state forces severely injured due to these traditional traps, one greyhound policeman dies, two policemen severely injured due to a trap laid in the streams
- Armed active resistance of the PLGA, People's Militia and the people in several places in DK from October 15 to November 30 as part of implementing the boycott call given by the party
- Six instances of exchange of fire between the armed forces and the people's guerillas on the polling day November 11
- A total of 17 jawans of state forces died and 20 jawans injured from September to November 2013. Five weapons were seized from them
- Hundreds of villages completely boycott polls in South Bastar and West Bastar. Zero polling or minimal polling recorded in hundreds of polling booths in Bastar
- * The only 'electoral' gain for the central and state governments – Further piling up of the hatred and wrath of the people
- * The only result declared – Further alienation of the vast masses of Dandakaranya from the polling process and the parliamentary parties

* The undivided verdict of the revolutionary masses is out

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Villagers protest arrest of innocent youth

A search team of Kanker police arrested a youth named Nandlal Sori from Khasgaon village in Korar region of Kanker district on 28 December 2013. The police booked him on trumped-up charge of being involved in many Maoist military actions as a People's Militia member, and said that an award of Rs.2000 was declared on him by the government. The villagers carried out a protest demonstration at Korar police station demanding his release. The protestors said that Nandlal has been wrongly implicated as a Maoist whereas he was working as a cook in the government-run village primary school serving mid-day meal, and that such arrests on false charges have become a common practice of the police engaged in anti-Maoist operations.

Campaign by revolutionary MOs

DAKMS, KAMS and CNM (the revolutionary peasant, women and cultural mass organizations of DK respectively) took up a joint propaganda campaign in September and October 2013 in Pratapur, Kutul and Indravati areas of Maad-North Bastar Joint Division area against the deployment of Indian Army and against mining in Raoghat. Posters, banners and pamphlets were pasted, hung and distributed in large numbers. Public meetings, rallies, torch light processions wound their way through dozens of villages with slogans renting the air. Millions of oppressed masses and various sections of the people, particularly women participated in huge numbers in these processions. A concluding rally was planned in Badgaon after the campaign which was attended by more than three thousand people.

People gherao Chintaguppa PS against police excesses

From September 1st to 3rd the Chintaguppa enemy forces raided Kollaiguda, Dabbakunta and Pidimel villages. In this joint operation the paramilitary, CoBRA commando, district police and SPOs from Kakerlanka, Polampalli, Errabore, Vinjaram, Gorkha and Bhejji police stations conducted area domination. They looted the small property, jewellery, money and domestic animals of the people. More than seven hundred enraged people from eleven villages gheraoed the Chintaguppa PS protesting this. They forcefully entered the PS and protested the excesses. Women were not only present in huge numbers but had been in the forefront.

People demand - "Death to counter-revolutionary Naveen!"

Naveen who had worked as a member in Maad-North Bastar Joint Divisional Committee surrendered to the police taking along his weapon in May 2013. Since then he is accompanying the police patrolling parties and getting activists in villages around Chote Dongar and Orcha police station arrested. They are being tortured, threatened, put in jails and being forced to surrender. Nearly a thousand people from this area went and gheraoed the Dhanaro PS protesting Naveen's excesses. They demanded "death to betrayer Naveen." The police could not contain the enraged people. The people demanded, "Hand over that counter-revolutionary to us, we would kill him in the spot." They continued the gherao all day long and left after severely warning the police against using Naveen to conduct raids on their villages and to destroy the revolutionary movement.

Andhra-Odisha Border Area (AOB)

PLGA and People's Militia protest Silakota fake encounter

Nearly 50 PLGA guerillas and militia members carried out a daring night attack on the block headquarter town of Podia in Malkangiri district of Odisha in the last week of December 2013. They first destroyed the papers kept in the block office and then blasted the concrete building leading to its complete destruction. The camp of IRB is barely one kilometre away from the block office, but they did not have the courage to come out and fight the guerillas, who left safely after carrying out the action. The attack was a retaliation against the fake encounter in Silakota village of this region a few months back, in which more than 13 villagers were shot down by the paramilitary personnel after capturing them alive. PLGA demanded a judicial enquiry into the incident, punishment for the police and paramilitary personnel involved, including Malkangiri SP and withdrawal of IRB and BSF camps in the area.

Jharkhand Police to review intelligence network

July 02, 2013

Dumka: Stunned by the brutal Maoist attack on Tuesday that claimed the lives of six policemen, including Pakur SP Amarjeet Balihar, Jharkhand Police will review its intelligence network.

“We will review and a special drive will be carried out against the Maoists,” state Home Secretary NN Pandey told reporters when asked whether intelligence failure had led to the attack in the Santhal Parganas area. Balihar was known for his tough stand against Maoists and had been their target ever since he took charge at Pakur.

Today’s attack was so sharp and sudden that the policemen, who were returning in two vehicles from Dumka to Pakur, could not retaliate and the attackers made away with their arms.

Pandey reached Dumka and visited the hospital where the injured were admitted.

The review meeting, whose date is yet to be announced, would also discuss whether the police personnel stuck to the drill while moving in the Maoist dominated areas, sources said.

Sporadic Maoist violence had been reported from both Pakur and Dumka districts for the past five years and police had assured that intelligence network would be tightened in the two areas.

The assurance had been given after the killing of a nun, Sister Valsa Joan in November 2011 at Pachuara in Pakur. According to the police, the nun was killed by Maoists as she was campaigning for tribal rights in the area for years.

On June 13, DGP Rajeev Kumar told a press conference in the presence of Governor Syed Ahmed in Ranchi that Jharkhand Intelligence Training and Technology School was fully functional.

Massive anti-Maoist operations launched in Jharkhand

July 03, 2013

Ranchi: Security forces on Wednesday carried out massive combing operations in the forests of Dumka and Pakur, officially declared as Maoist-hit districts in Jharkhand, a day after a top police officer and five policemen were gunned down by the ultras but made no headway in tracking them down.

“The security-men have launched an operation to take strong action against the extremists,” Anand Shankar, the adviser to Jharkhand Governor Syed Ahmed, said.

“If necessary, assistance will be sought from the Centre,” Shankar, who is in-charge of the state Home department under President’s rule, told reporters here.

Yesterday’s Maoist ambush on a police convoy near Kathikund in Dumka district bordering Pakur, about 400 km from here, would be investigated, he added. Terming the killing of Pakur SP Amarjit Balihar and other policemen as a cowardly act, the Governor said a strong response would be given to the Maoists.

The sacrifice of the security-men would not be frittered away and the killers would be caught and brought to justice, he said.

He said the ambush would not lessen the morale of policemen and they would fight with renewed vigour.

Anti-Maoist ops to be stepped up in Jharkhand

July 03, 2013

Ranchi: Jharkhand Police chief Rajeev Kumar on Wednesday said that anti-Maoist operations would be intensified across the state, a day after Maoists killed a police officer and five other policemen in Dumka district.

After laying a wreath on the body of slain SP of Pakur Amarjit Balihar at the Jharkhand Armed Police premises at Doranda here, Kumar told reporters that a state-wide operation would be launched against the Maoists.

Pakur and Dumka were also yesterday officially declared as Maoist-hit taking the number of such districts to 20 of the total 24 in the state.

He said that Tuesday's incident was an ambush by Maoists.

Earlier, Governor Syed Ahmed and several senior government officials placed wreaths on the body as buglers sounded the last post.

The governor consoled the wife and two daughters of the police officer, an IPS officer of 2003 batch, who was a target of Maoists because of his tough stand against them since his posting at Pakur.

Chief Secretary R S Sharma, the Governor's two advisers, Madhukar Gupta and Anand Shankar were also present.

After the ceremony, the body of the police officer was taken to his home at Purulia Road here from where it would be taken to a church, before being laid to rest.

Balihar was the second SP to fall victim to the ultras.

On October 4, 2000, the ultras of the erstwhile Peoples War, which merged with CPI (Maoist), had killed Lohardaga SP Ajay Kumar Singh in undivided Bihar.

Lohardaga later became part of Jharkhand.

The Maoists had also killed several policemen, civilians and political leaders like CPI (ML) Liberation MLA Mahendra Prasad Singh, JD(U) MLA Ramesh Singh Munda and JMM MP Sunil Mahato in the last 12 years.

Security forces surround 250 Maoists in Jharkhand

Ranchi, July 5, 2013

In a massive operation against the Maoists, security forces have laid siege to a hill in Jharkhand, entrapping nearly 250 guerrillas by cutting their supply lines, police said in Ranchi on Friday.

The 'Jaal Char' operation has been jointly launched by the state police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Latehar district, around 145 km from the state capital Ranchi.

"The operation was launched 10 days ago in a well planned manner with around 2,000 security personnel now surrounding the hill. Gun battles took place at least on five days. We have cut the Maoist supply lines by deploying forces at Kumadih railway station," a police officer involved in the operation told IANS.

Police claim to have killed at least eight Maoist guerrillas, destroyed one camp, seized landmines, explosives, mobile phones, medicines and other materials in the last 10 days of the operation.

The hill is spread around 17 sq km. With more than 15 villages located in the area, the security forces are gradually closing upon the guerrillas, a police officer said. According to sources at the police headquarters here, the union home ministry has been informed about the operation.

Earlier on Thursday, Jharkhand police chief Rajiv Kumar, who is monitoring the entire operation, said the Maoists should either surrender or be prepared to face bullets.

According to police sources, some important Maoist leaders could be among those trapped by the security forces.

Operations against them are going on in various parts of the state, including the Saranda forest in West Singhbhum and Palamau and Dumka districts where Pakur Superintendent of Police Amarjit Balihar was killed by the Maoists Tuesday.

Maoist guerrillas are active in 18 of the state's 24 districts.

Security tightened in Red zones of Bokaro

July 5, 2013

BOKARO: District police on Thursday beefed up security arrangements in Maoist-hit areas in Bokaro.

This arrangement has been made following the recent rebel attack in Dumka district in which Pakur SP Amarjit Balihar was killed along with five other policemen.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) deployed in the Red zones is also on alert.

CRPF personnel are cautious and are avoiding movement in and around the area other than the patrolling and operations they are carrying out.

The security in the bordering areas of Purulia (West Bengal), Giridih and Hazaribagh districts have also been intensified.

Police in Jhumra hills in Gomia and the Upperghat of Nawadih block are , sensitive areas under the Bermo sub-division. SP, Bokaro Kuldeep Dwivedi said each police station have been directed to tighten security arrangements in their areas.

Police personnel equipped with hi-tech weapons can be seen guarding different points in Red-hit areas. Checkpoints on roads are also well-guarded and checking made stricter. Political leaders were asked not to take out rallies in remote areas. SP said they are also concerned about the security of political leaders in the area. They have asked MLAs and MPs to avoid visiting any interior areas of their constituencies for functions and meetings and also inform police if they do so.

Ever since the Senari massacre, the Maoists have taken a policy decision to avoid killing of innocents and that explains the deliberate choice of low-intensity blasts and odd hour timing. Moreover, if the Maoists really did it, they have at least partially succeeded in diversionary objective given that soon after the blasts, quite a few of the CRPF personnel engaged in anti-Maoist operations were withdrawn and deployed in Bodh Gaya.

However, the officials soon realized the consequences of lowering the guard on the Maoist front and a couple of days later, the CRPF personnel were re-deployed for anti-Maoist operations. The intensity of the operations against the Left wing extremists too appears to have weakened and that way the blasts have given Maoists the much needed breathing space to re-draw their strategy.

In case, the CPI(Maoist), as an organization did not plan and execute the Bodh Gaya blasts, the probability of its activists lending their services to the real operatives for monetary consideration has not been entirely ruled out. Given the falling level of discipline in the Maoist body and the low level of indoctrination of its squad members, the rebels falling to the temptations of easy money is not a far fetched proposition.

Whereas, at the macro level, international terror modules remain the prime suspects, the time tested 'benefit theory' of crime detection tilts the nail of suspicion towards the Maoists and anti-Nitish political forces in almost equal measure. All that can be said at this stage is that it is uphill task for NIA - currently investigating the Bodh Gaya blasts - to nab the culprits and the agency needs a bit of luck to find out tenable evidence to solve the case.

Civic action programme by paramilitary forces in Naxal-hit states

New Delhi: August 25, 2013

Central paramilitary forces will soon be seen in a new avatar as they are set to carry clothes, medicine and transistors instead of guns in far flung areas of Naxal-affected states in an effort to woo villagers.

To win hearts of people, the forces will launch a massive civil action programme in Maoist-hit areas by conducting medical camps, skill development programmes and providing drinking water at an estimated cost of Rs 20 crore each year. The civic action programme, approved by the Home Ministry, will be carried out by Central Reserve Police Force, Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Sashastra Seema Bal — the four paramilitary forces engaged in anti-Naxal operations.

The programme will be carried out in nine worst Naxal-hit states — Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The forces will run health, medical, dental, veterinary camps, besides distributing medicines to patients, bearing cost of pathological tests, giving out mosquito nets in malaria endemic areas, mobilizing sick, pregnant women to the nearest health centres for treatment. Youth living in Maoist-hit areas will be imparted vocational training and career counseling. They will also be provided study material.

Farmers will be given good quality seeds, fertilizer, fruit bearing plants and cooperative farming will be promoted among them. Hand pumps will be installed for providing drinking water, besides helping people to

develop sources of non-conventional energy including provision of solar lamps. The forces will promote local handicraft and cottage industries, develop sports facilities, make sports items available to children and youth and also conduct sports tournaments. Poor, children, old and handicapped will be provided clothes and blankets. Economically backward families will be given aluminum utensils, knives etc. Besides, the forces will regularly host film shows on various subjects including India's freedom movement, culture of different regions of the country, social evils like dowry and child marriage.

No question of withdrawing BSF camps from Malkangiri: DGP

September 02, 2013

Koraput: Odisha Police on Monday rejected the Maoists demand of withdrawing BSF camps from Chitrakonda area, the Naxal hot-bed of Malkangiri district, while the state government stressed on the augmentation of developmental activities in the Southern districts.

Director General of Police (DGP) Prakash Mishra said the Maoists blasted a landmine killing four BSF jawans out of frustration as the government did not withdraw the para-military force as per their demand. The Maoists hand are tied due to presence of BSF jawans in the area, the DGP claimed.

Odisha's home secretary V K Saxena and DGP Mishra today reviewed the ongoing anti-Maoist operations in Southern districts of Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada here six days after the killing of BSF jawans.

Focusing on the cut-off area of Malkangiri district where launch service was stalled from August 21 to 30 to the 151 villages in and around Balimela reservoir reportedly for Maoist threat, the DGP said.

As three new BSF camps were established in the Chitrakonda area, the Maoists out of frustration halted the launch service expecting that by this we will withdraw forces. However, question of withdrawing forces from Chitrakonda doesn't arise.

Describing the Maoist offensive of August 27 as unfortunate, the DGP rejected alleged lapses in intelligence failure and said steps will be taken to ensure such incidents doesn't occur.

According to the DGP as the Maoist activities has been contained to a good extent in Narayanpatna and Bandhugaon blocks of Koraput district, the Naxals were in search of an opportunity to hit back and they succeeded in attacking the BSF convoy.

The home secretary said development and security goes hand in hand in the Maoist-hit districts and more emphasis is given to rural connectivity and electrification of villages.

Earlier on the day, the DGP held meeting with the SP's, collectors of the four districts and top BSF officials regarding Maoist activities in the area.

Jharkhand police upload Naxal Information System

Ranchi: September 7, 2013

The Jharkhand police have uploaded information about 16,000 Naxalites and their supporters in its digital information system and put in place anti-virus software for its protection.

"The Naxal Information System has a database of 16,000 Naxalites and profiles of 19 Naxal organisations," Inspector General of Police (CID) Anurag Gupta said on Saturday.

The information about Naxalites is, however, not in the public domain, senior scientist, National Informatics Centre, (NIC) Jharkhand, D Nayak said, adding that the anti-virus software had been given to the users in the police department for its protection.

Police pursuing extremists could share the information as Jharkhand is moving ahead in its war against the left-wing extremism which affected 20 of the total 24 districts, he said.

Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order) SN Pradhan expressed satisfaction at the success of his young and dedicated team enabling Jharkhand Police to bag Skoch Award, 2013 on September 2 for Implementation of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in policing, Best Web Portal, Criminal Information System and Naxal Information System.

“It's the dedication and silent work by the team for six long years that has brought this moment of glory for Jharkhand police,” Pradhan said and described receiving the awards from UIADI chairman Nandan Nilekani in New Delhi was an honour for Jharkhand Police.

Congratulating the team today, Jharkhand Police chief Rajeev Kumar announced Rs. one lakh for its members.

Two more BSF platoons sought in Koraput

September 08, 2013

Koraput (Odisha): In order to intensify anti-Maoist operations in Odisha's Koraput, the administration has sought deployment of more BSF platoons in the district.

“We require three more companies of BSF and have placed the demand before security advisor to Union Ministry of Home Affairs K Vijay Kumar during his recent visit here,” a senior police officer said today. Additional forces are required for establishment of a few more permanent camps of the paramilitary forces. “We are contemplating setting up of three to four camps of central forces in Narayanpatna and Machkund area”, the officer said.

In the wake of Maoist killing of BSF men in a landmine blast on NH-26 near Pottangi on August 27, police have prepared a blueprint to deal with the red rebels and require additional forces for this.

Official sources said though Maoist offensives have come down in the past few months in Koraput because of intensive operations by security forces, loopholes still exist helping Maoists to execute their attacks.

SC notice on integrated action plan to counter Maoists

September 09, 2013

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday issued notice to the central and nine state governments on a PIL seeking the effective implementation of the integrated action plan to tackle the Maoist menace.

A bench of Chief Justice P.Sathasivam and Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai issued notice on a PIL by Kishore Samrite, who contended that even four years after the plan was formulated in 2009, it had not taken off and nothing appears to have been done either by the central government or the Maoist-affected states.

The PIL pointed to the conflicting position of ministries of rural development and home affecting the implementation of the plan.

Besides, the central government, the notice has been issued to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Samrite, a former lawmaker of the Samajwadi Party, told the court that because of tardy implementation of the integrated action plan, there were several incidents of Maoist violence including attack on security forces thereby posing security threat.

He has sought directions to the government to effectively implement the action plan.

Indian State may import weapons for police force directly

September 12, 2013

Home Minister K.J. George on Tuesday said that the government would seek the Centre's permission to directly import weapons for its police weapon modernisation programme if the delay on the part of Union Home Ministry in getting them imported continues. Speaking to presspersons here, Mr. George said that he would visit New Delhi next week to discuss, among other things, the weapon modernisation programme. He said that the government has sufficient funds provided by the Union government to procure weapons. As far as old weapons are concerned, the government is considering the option of upgrading them instead of phasing them out.

An expert team would visit the State soon to guide the department, he said. During the visit, Mr. George would discuss strengthening coastal security and invite Union Minister of State for Home Mullanpally Ramachandran to inaugurate three coastal police stations in Udupi district. Naxal-hit Mr. George said that the government would continue to press the Centre that Karnataka be declared a Naxal-affected State. "It is not to show that the State is Naxal-infested but only to take up development work in the four affected districts and infuse economic development," he said. He said that the government is open to having talks with Naxals but at the same time it has not stopped anti-Naxal operations. The situation is completely under control, he said and added that the government has released Rs. 9 crore to upgrade 13 camps of the Anti-Naxal Force.

The government is keen on taking up a pilot project to rehabilitate tribal people within the forest area by providing them vocational training. Also, rules regarding physical standards would be relaxed for tribal people in recruitment to police force. The Tata group has offered to give vocational training and also placement for these people, he said. Prison security The department has constituted a committee under the Director-General of Police (Criminal Investigation Department) Bipil Gopalakrishna to review the security system in eight central prisons in the State, in the wake of jailbreak of serial rapist Jaishankar (who has since been caught).

The committee, which comprises Additional DGP (Crime) N.S. Megharikh and Joint Commissioner of Police (Law & Order-West), Bangalore, S. Ravi, is expected to submit its report within three weeks on strengthening the security system in central prisons in Bangalore, Mysore, Belgaum, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Dharwad, Tumkur and Bellary. Meanwhile, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), S.K. Pattanayak, who is inquiring into the jailbreak, would submit his report in a couple of days, Mr. George said.

Community policing to counter Maoist menace

Debabrata Mohapatra, Bhubaneswar, Sep 24, 2013

The Centre has asked the state government to explore the feasibility of strengthening internal security system with the help of 'community policing'.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), an apex body in the areas of police research, correctional administration, training and modernization, recently held a meeting at New Delhi with several states, having their own community policing systems. Odisha has Ama Police community policing system that was launched in April.

"Though Ama Police was launched to bridge the gap between police and public, the Centre wants to address the internal security challenges like Left-wing extremism, cross border terrorism, religious fundamentalism and ethnic violence through community policing," state nodal officer for Ama Police Satyajit Mohanty told TOI. "We will soon draw up the strategy," Mohanty said.

At present, the state's biggest internal security threat comes from the Maoists. "While the central and the state intelligence agencies are at work, prompt intelligence on internal security often comes from the police stations. But people will come forth to give information to local policeman, only when they see him as a friend. Community policing can be helpful in addressing the issue," Mohanty said.

But the moot question remains whether the plan can actually be translated into action as the Ama Police was introduced in only one police station in each of the 34 police districts, whereas the Maoist menace has spread to many interior pockets of 19 districts.

Though chief minister Naveen Patnaik has reviewed the functioning of Ama Police twice since its launch, the government is yet to provide basic infrastructure at the existing police stations for its sustenance. The Badagada police station in Bhubaneswar is a case in point. Acute shortage of staff and poor mobility system has taken its toll on Ama Police.

"The project involves a three tier system — beat patrolling, formation of a committee comprising of local people (Ama Samiti) and district advisory committee consisting of senior police officers to review its progress. Though we are supposed to touch each and every house and interact with locals regularly, we cannot do so because of staff crunch," said an officer of Badagada police station. Sources said an estimated

64,8793 families in all 34 Ama Police stations of the state have been covered under community policing system. Over 379 beats have been constituted and police officers in the rank of assistant sub-inspector/havildar/constable have been given the charge as beat police officer to contact each family in the beat area.

Special central project for youth in Maoist-hit states

September 25, 2013

New Delhi: Aiming to prevent youth from joining the Naxal fold and provide them a sustainable source of income, over 50,000 acres of land in Maoist-affected states will be used for rubber plantation under a specially funded Central project.

The proposal, formulated jointly by the ministries of Home and Commerce, was given a go-ahead at a high-level meeting chaired by Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde and attended by chief secretaries and directors general of police of nine Maoist violence-hit states here today.

The Commerce Ministry had earlier sought the Home Ministry's help to fund the Rubber Board's project for the cash crop across 50,000 hectares of land in five Naxal-hit states over a period of 16 years.

The day-long meeting also reviewed anti-Naxal operations and development works being undertaken in these states even as the top officials shared their views on initiating more such schemes.

Sources said the meeting also decided to focus the operations on hitting the top and middle leadership of the Maoists in a coordinated fashion.

"The frontal organisations of the Naxals operating in large and tier-II cities was also discussed," they said.

A special central government sponsored project of creating well trained anti-Naxal operations squad, like the Greyhounds in Andhra Pradesh and CoBRA (under CRPF command), was also discussed in the meeting.

Centre for uniform pan-India counter-insurgency policy to deal with Maoists

Bharti Jain, NEW DELHI, Sep 25, 2013

The Centre on Wednesday asked the nine Naxalite-hit states to focus their counter-strategies on tracking and apprehending top and middle-rung leaders of the CPI(Maoist), and crackdown on its urban front outfits.

At a meeting of chief secretaries and DGPs of nine affected states, chaired by Union home minister Sushilkumar Shinde, the anti-Naxalite campaign was reviewed in detail and emphasis laid on evolving a uniform pan-India counter-insurgency doctrine to deal with Maoists who operate freely across state borders.

"There is need to step up intelligence to track the top and middle-level Maoist leaders and apprehend them in covert operations," the Centre is believed to have told the states. It also called for decisive action against CPI(Maoist) front outfits who have been mobilizing support in the urban centres.

The Union home ministry and state government brass reviewed the implementation of the surrender-cum-rehabilitation policy for Left-wing extremists, with the Centre impressing upon the states to operationalize screening committees for examining surrender applications.

The meeting also reviewed progress made by Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha in upgrading their Special Forces.

The meeting saw a presentation by the commerce ministry on a Rubber Board proposal to bring around 50,000 hectares of land across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha under rubber cultivation.

Aimed at providing the local tribals gainful livelihood, the proposal was endorsed by all the aforesaid states. It was decided that the MHA and the state governments would make available the funds, while Rubber Board would provide extension services like supply of rubber saplings to the local farmers.

The estimated cost of developing one hectare of rubber plantation in the region works out Rs 3 lakh over a six-year gestation period. The MHA and states intend to support farmers during this gestation period with a subsidy and wage component, which could be decreased as plantations start bearing produce and ancillary activities like bee keeping are taken up.

Police wants revamped roads to Naxal-hit belt for better inter-state operations

Oct 04, 2013

To keep a close watch on inter-state movement of Naxals, Chhattisgarh Police has recommended improvement of road connectivity to strategic locations near border areas of Maoist-hit Bastar region.

Police have recommended construction of 40 roads in Bastar to help inter-state operations with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra besides accelerating the economic activities in the area.

The recommendation also includes improvement of road connectivity between several police stations for swift mobilisation of security forces in restive Bastar, spread across an area of about 44,000 sq kms.

“Secure road connectivity is the backbone of effective anti-Naxal operations and logistic and administrative support. Recently, we have identified different locations and recommended construction of around 40 roads in the region,” Additional Director General of Police (Naxal operations) RK Vij told PTI.

“It includes development of inter state highways and connectivity between several police stations of southern districts namely Sukma, Narayanpur and others,” he said.

“We have always got a positive response from the state on our recommendations,” he expressed.

Being well acquainted with the dense forests and hilly terrain in the region, the Naxals easily move from one place to other. Contrary to this, security forces face serious trouble in the movement during operations due to lack of road connectivity, an intelligence bureau official said, on condition of anonymity.

“In the recent Darbha Naxal incident, cadres fled to Odisha after executing the attack within few hours. To tackle with ultras, during such eventualities we need better routes,” the IB official said.

Highlighting some important inter-state roads, the IB official said a bridge is required to be constructed at Bhopalpatnam of Bijapur district across Indravati River on NH-16 so that Jagdalpur is directly connected to Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Nagpur (Maharashtra).

Likewise, NH-202 is connecting Bijapur via Bhopalpatnam to Hyderabad where 40 kms stretch in Chhattisgarh state is ‘kutch road’ and a bridge is required across river Chinta Vagu near Bhadrakali. Once it comes up, inter-state operations with AP can be made smoother, he said.

Widening and repairing of NH-221, connecting Jagdalpur to Hyderabad via Sukma-Konta, will have the same effect, he said.

Also, development and construction activities in Naxal affected areas can be achieved on provision of security cover. “Security component” is an integral part of development, he said.

Therefore, 3-4 per cent of the cost of projects in Left Wing extremism areas should be earmarked for the security component, he suggested.

NRLM to be implemented in Maoist-hit areas of Odisha

October 08, 2013

Bhubaneswar: Odisha government will implement National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) in 40 blocks of 10 Left Wing Extremists affected districts of the state during this fiscal. The decision was taken at the first general body meeting of the Odisha Livelihoods Mission (OLM), presided over by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here yesterday.

Patnaik said above 50 lakh poor households had already been organised into women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through ‘Mission Shakti’ movement.

The government would implement NRLM in a phased manner based on the success of ‘Mission Shakti’, he said.

All the 30 districts of the state would be covered under the scheme in the next five years. In order to make poor people credit worthy and valued customers of banks, SHGs would be given priority bank linkages under OLM. The OLM has targeted to provide credit linkage to one lakh women SHGs with credit requirement of 1000 crore, he said.

The Chief Minister said institution building was a priority area where all poor and vulnerable households would be organised into SHGs, SHG Federations and Producers' Collectives.

Capacity building initiatives would be taken to make these institutions economically viable and self-reliant, he said, adding that focus will be on marginalised communities like scheduled tribes, scheduled castes, persons with disability and other such groups.

Patnaik said that community based institutions would be provided with financial assistance upto Rs 15,000 as revolving funds. Loan of larger size would be made available to them through their gram panchayat level federations, he said.

Panchayat federations would be provided with community investment fund, a grant ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh based on their population.

Ministry of Home Affairs to sensitise EU about Maoist threat

ICSWP, November 28, 2013

Alarmed at a recent revelation that the CPI (Maoist) is seeking international alliances, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sprung into action. The MHA intends to request the External Affairs Ministry to sensitise the European Union (EU) countries about the activities of certain LWE organisation in the continent. According to security agencies, there are 24 international groups that were identified from a letter sent out by CPI (Maoist) general secretary Mupalla Lakshman Rao alias Ganapathy in September. The letter, which was intercepted by security agencies recently, lauds the efforts of "international groups in support of people's war in India".

"The people in the field of the revolutionary movement remember with warmth the international solidarity expressed by the different parties, organisation, individuals to the proletariat and the people of different countries because this is exactly the kind of support that any real people's movement should extend," Ganapathy writes. The letter was in response to the first International Conference in Support of the People's War in India, held in Hamburg on November 24, 2012. Communist groups hailed CPI (Maoist) and pledged support for the "role model" outfit at the meet. Ganapathy also mentioned the recent encounters in which Maoist leaders Kishenji and Azad were gunned down.

He said despite heavy loss of senior management and some comrades, "the revolution in India will continue to strengthen". Talking about 'Operation Green Hunt', Ganapathy says, "Our party believes that for the communist forces that support the people's war in India, the need of the hour is to strive to mobilise as broadly as possible the anti-imperialist, democratic operation green hunt aiming to build a worldwide anti-imperialist front, that is already in the process." The MHA, which has been claiming that violence in LWE areas is at an all-time low, is worried over the recent revelations. Apart from trying to reach out to international groups, the CPI (Maoist) also highlighted a "solidarity campaign to support the New Democratic revolution in the Philippines, that our party called for on 22-28 April, 2013.

40,000 troops launch mammoth Anti-Naxal operation in remote areas of Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh on Mao's Birth Day !

New Delhi & Vivek Deshpande, Nagpur, Dec 28 2013

A massive anti-Naxal operation is currently on in all affected states in a well co-ordinated manner at places that are "very remote and far-flunge", sources told The Indian Express.

The proposal was recently mooted during a meeting of police chiefs of all the Naxal violence hit states and the results of the four-day operations will be analysed threadbare and a decision to undertake such offensives in the future would be decided. The operation is being coordinated by CRPF with other forces like ITBP, BSF, SSB and various state police forces. Close to 40,000 personnel have been mobilised, especially

along state borders, to take on the Naxals, sources said. Led by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and assisted by state police, the operations are on since December 26 – birth anniversary of Mao. While the CRPF is saying it's a four-day long operation, sources refused to acknowledge the period, saying, "no comments on it." This is the first time that all states are doing these operations together with operational boundaries of jurisdiction being fused in a seamless manner. While it covers all affected states, Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are where the operations are particularly intensive. Authorities, however, are completely tight-lipped about the nature of operations, but sources said, "it's a ground offensive and combing by over 40,000 policemen in very remote areas and many Naxal camps have so far been busted."

A senior official told The Indian Express on Saturday: "That there is a security vacuum in many of these states is well-known. The idea is to best utilise this clear-weather time of the year till monsoon by when the next elections are due, to make an effective dent in the Maoist-held areas ." The operation was planned at a recent meeting of all DGPs of Naxal-affected states. It was decided to undertake them after the forces are done with their preoccupation with the recently-held elections in five states.

"The operation has begun today and a huge deployment of joint forces has been made. The idea is to scramble all the forces at one time so that Naxals cannot flee into neighbouring territories if they feel pressure by the security forces in one area," CRPF chief Dilip Trivedi told PTI. Officials said all the states, which also include West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are part of this maiden offensive being undertaken against Maoist groups.

The forces, according to sources, have asked their senior commanders to be on ground and all the operations are coordinated not only at state police headquarters here but also at the CRPF directorate here. Enough quantity of arms and ammunition has also been made available to the forces while a fleet of BSF and IAF helicopters have been positioned by airdroppings and evacuation. Choppers stationed at Nagpur and Raipur for assistance have been put on high alert, sources said.

Initial reports did not suggest any casualty on the forces' side but few Naxal camps have been busted, they said. *

The central and Chhattisgarh governments are spending crores of rupees in the name of modernising the police force to use it against the people of the state. However, even after a lot of fanfare in police recruitment and upgradation, the rulers have not been able to fill up all the posts in its police forces due to the unwillingness of the new recruits to undertake the counter-revolutionary war against the people in the areas of revolutionary movement. The media has reported that in Chhattisgarh, 75 new recruits out of 678 who have qualified for the post of SI have failed to join their job because they were to be posted in the DK region. Likewise, the state government started the scheme of 'One Time Promotion' to fill the vacancies of the post of *arakshaks*. Under this scheme 108 were selected and posted for ten years in movement areas. Ten did not even join their new post, while ten more resigned from their jobs within a few days of posting.

It has been reported that the officers too are reluctant to come to the movement areas where the class struggle is intense. It is quite common to find that just when officers are transferred to such areas, they are suddenly attacked by some 'serious' illness, and thereby manage to stop their transfer by using their connections in Raipur police headquarters. The Chhattisgarh DGP had suspended dozens of police personnel just before the elections who had refused to serve in the 'sensitive areas', but all of them have now been reinstated as the elections came to an end. In fact, half a dozen officer-rank policemen working in the police headquarters who were previously transferred to Maoist areas still continue to be in their old posts, sidestepping any effort to deploy them "in the field".

Statements From Other Organizations

Press statement on Unmarked/mass graves, enforced disappearances and the unabated cover ups in Kashmir

A section of media recently gave an impression that the Argentinean government had secretly probed the mass graves in Kashmir. As the organization primarily responsible for research, campaign and international lobbying on the phenomenon of mass graves and enforced disappearances, we clarify that the Argentinean government has never directly, or indirectly, probed the mass graves of Kashmir. In 2008, the European parliament through its resolution expressed support for the investigations on mass graves and enforced disappearances in Jammu and Kashmir. It was followed by the statements of support by Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC). Now, in a similar manner we urge the Latin American countries to also publicly offer their support to pressurize Government of India to investigate the phenomenon of enforced disappearances and mass and unmarked graves in Jammu and Kashmir.

On 20th December, the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Ashok Prasad while responding to media queries on the issue of ‘secret probe’ of the Argentinean government on mass graves in Jammu and Kashmir, reiterated the lies trumpeted by the government. Previously Omar Abdullah also had stated that there are no mass graves and that the phenomenon of unmarked graves in rural areas of Kashmir is normal.

This misinformation is a part of the ongoing State attempts to obfuscate the truth and confuse the public opinion, locally and internationally. DGP Prasad and other government functionaries audaciously want the people of Jammu and Kashmir to forget the tyranny they have suffered and witnessed, besides of course the inquiry conducted by the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) followed by a judgment in 2011 which vindicated the research of APDP regarding mass graves and unmarked graves.

The reality is that the Indian State is criminally culpable under international law for the existence of 7000 unmarked graves across 5 districts (Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Poonch and Rajouri) of Jammu and Kashmir. In our December 2009 report, “Buried Evidence” we asserted that besides unmarked graves there are several mass graves as well. As no defense or justification exists, the government has chosen to not respond to facts but rather confuse the issue by talking in abstractions. DGP Prasad and other apologists of State atrocities in Jammu and Kashmir should visit and probe the mass grave at Kanenaar Kalarus, Kupwara where 17 unidentified persons are buried in one grave. They must also probe the mass grave at the main Kalaros town graveyard where 5 bodies are buried in one grave, the mass grave at Nullah Nigley, Leyan Marg Gulmarg, Baramulla where 12 unidentified persons are buried, the mass grave at Gharkote, Baramulla where 16 persons are buried in one grave, the mass grave at Wilgam Kupwara where 5 skulls of unidentified persons are buried in one grave, the mass graves at Kichama graveyard where many graves contain more than one body and many more places, but clearly the will to do so does not exist. One of the unmarked graves at Bimyar, Chahal in Uri contains a bullet ridden dead body of a six month old baby girl.

Unmarked graves, as per APDP and SHRC, are those graves where bullet ridden unidentified bodies were buried by locals after being brought by armed forces or police. The police in many cases filed FIRs, as for receiving the monetary incentives for killing the ‘militants’ it would be a requirement. The information acquired by APDP through RTI further corroborates the fact that most of the people killed in the alleged encounters are still unidentified and police have never carried out any investigations to identity the bodies and the actual circumstances of the deaths. According to RTI information, in Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts there are 2683 FIRs filed where unidentified people being killed in alleged encounters have been buried in unmarked graves without maintaining any identification profile of these unidentified dead persons, and neither conducting any investigations after filing of these 2683 FIRs.

So far we have also furnished the records of 53 exhumations of those who were buried in unmarked graves and were claimed at the time of their killing as foreign militants. The exhumation records prove that

49 out of the total 53 exhumations turned out to be local civilians and not the foreign militants, while as one was a local Kashmiri militant and remaining three continue to be unidentified persons. Similarly the inquiry conducted by the Police Investigation Wing of the SHRC also established that 574 persons after being buried as unidentified and foreign militants were later identified as local residents. It is pertinent to mention here that the investigations of the infamous Ganderbal fake encounter led to the exhumation of 5 persons who otherwise were claimed by army and police as foreign militants and monetary rewards were sought by the accused personnel. The trial of that case is ongoing. Similarly in 2010 the exhumations of three persons in Macchil uncovered the mystery behind the disappearance of three youths from Nadihal, Baramulla.

In this context it is clear that all unmarked graves may not contain the bodies of militants. Therefore thorough investigations, including DNA tests and forensic examinations, of all those buried in unmarked graves, and relatives of the disappeared, would help in ascertaining the identities of these unidentified persons and the process may also help us in finding the answers to the questions of the family members of the disappeared.

Government officials presently involved in refusing, delaying or subverting the investigations in mass graves, unmarked graves and enforced disappearances in Jammu and Kashmir, are only implicating themselves in a future case of cover up.

**Spokesperson
Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons**

A Statement by Shramjivi Pahal

Death, Destruction and the Electoral Calculus : A Report on Muzaffarnagar Riot

September 22, 2013

Since last two weeks, rural areas of Muzaffarnagar and its neighbouring districts are simmering with communal strife. Although it has subsided to an extent in the last few days but tensions still prevails in the riot hit areas. At least forty people have been confirmed to have died so far. Many people are still missing, hundreds have been injured and over 40,000 people have fled from their homes. However the actual numbers of dead and injured could be much higher and cannot be ascertained until the situation stabilizes. Massive loss of property and livelihood in this relatively prosperous rural belt will affect generations to come. For the first time, even the remote villages, where traditional feudal relations still persists and people live in communal harmony, came under the fire of communal violence.

It is becoming increasingly evident that parliamentary political parties are solely responsible for this deadly riot. It was planned meticulously to further electoral gains in the coming parliamentary election. There is now a clear pattern that RSS and its affiliates try to instigate communal strife before each and every major elections so that polarisation of votes along communal line can benefit BJP. But it is obvious that the ruling Samajwadi Party (SP) government, who always boasts about their secular credentials, were equally responsible for this riot. SP was directly and indirectly involved in this conspiracy along with the Sangh Parivar.

Muzaffarnagar and its surrounding districts are known to be crime prone –caste violence, crimes against women and gang wars are quite common in this area. As per official statistics, these districts have relatively higher crime rates compared to many other districts in Uttar Pradesh. Moreover, these places are thought to be sensitive because population of three groups, upper caste Hindus, Dalits and Muslims are comparable with each other. Despite all of the above, there was no history of communal divide and communal violence in Muzaffarnagar. One reason, which has contributed to communal harmony, is that three powerful groups of Hindus, Jat, Gurjaar and Tyagi can be found among the Muslims as well. Social and class position of these groups among the Muslims are similar to that of their counterparts among the Hindus. Tyagi and Taje, Jat and Muley Jat had always participated in each other's social functions and had voted together as a group. The fault line used to be of caste division. Irrespective of their religion, landowning upper castes used to come together in exploitation and atrocities on landless Dalits, who work mainly as agricultural labourers and sharecroppers in the upper caste land. This was common not only in Western UP but in the adjoining districts of Haryana as well. Since identities were formed along the caste-class lines, Sangh Parivaar, for a long time, was unable to spread its

influence in this region. However they were untiring in their effort to break communal harmony and the present riot should be seen as the first sign of their success. As reported in 'The Hindu', functionaries of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) have admitted that Western UP is being used as a laboratory for propagating communal ideologies through what they call 'resistance against love jihad'. Such communal campaigns are intensified before the election in order to polarise the voters and to secure 'Hindu votes' for BJP.

The first incident of communal conflagration took place at Kawal village of Muzaffarnagar district on 27th August. This was a relatively small incident, the likes of which happen occasionally in this area. Two versions of this incident are in circulation. According to one, it started with an incident of eve-teasing which led to a clash between two groups. The other version says that the clash started after a motorcycle accident. A couple of people died and few others were injured in this clash. Till then the incident had no communal angle and the local administration quickly brought it under control. However the DM and SSP got transferred the next day. Sangh affiliated groups took this opportunity and campaigned that the incident was a pre-planned attack on the honour of Hindu women. One local BJP MLA circulated a fake video on a social networking site claiming it as a recording of the 27th August incident. Later it was found that the video was recorded in a foreign country and was deleted from the website but by that time the video got widely circulated through mobiles etc. and the damage was already done. Bharatiya Kishan Union (BKU), which once fought a memorable farmers' struggle, led by Mahendra Singh Tikayat, also helped the Sangh affiliates to spread hatred.

Three mahapanchayats were called after the Kawal incident, of which the last one was on 'Bahu-Beti Bachao'; it took place in Nagla Madhok village. Four MLAs of BJP, one BSP ex-MP, one Congress ex-MP, many local leaders of Congress, Rashtriya Lok Dal and BKU led by Rakesh Tikayat, son of Mahendra Singh Tikayat, attended this meeting. Over one lakh Hindus, mainly Jats, were present at the mahapanchayat. Armed people on tractor and trolleys passed through Muslim villages and mixed villages on their way to Nagla Madhok. The mahapanchayat was used as a platform to spread communal hatred and by the time procession was returning from the mahapanchayat, a full blown riot was already under way. Section 144 was imposed in the entire area but still permission was granted for the mahapanchayats, not just for one mahapanchayat but three. Administrators who initially handled the situation well were transferred and were replaced by elements that were sympathetic to communal elements. All this show complicity of the state government in the riot that followed. Actually Samajwadi Party thought that they would gain Muslim votes from polarisation of voters and hence allowed Hindu communal elements to vitiate the situation. Starting from the sanction on the fake Panchkoshi yatra organised by VHP to suspension of Durga Shakti Nagpal, SP tried to exploit the vulnerability of Muslim population. They created communal tension where there was none (like in Panchkoshi yatra) and fanned the flame where it was already present (like in Muzaffarnagar).

There is no illusion about BJP politics any more. Their agenda is the same as that of its parent organization, the Hindu fascist RSS. However it is extremely disturbing to see that all other parliamentary political parties, including SP which claims its root in Lohia-ite politics, has now been drawn into the same vicious cycle. They are ready to play all sorts of dirty tricks for pure electoral gains. The atmosphere is getting increasingly polarized since Narendra Modi has been nominated as BJP candidate for Prime Minister post. While BJP expects Modi to polarize voters along communal line in all over India, as he did in Gujarat, Congress is hoping to benefit from the consolidation of anti-Modi votes. It is now evident that Modi is not only backed by RSS but he has direct and indirect support of big corporates. Capitalists are banking on Modi to create the same investment climate in India as he did in Gujarat through anti-labour policies and repressions. In this electoral calculus of the Indian big bourgeoisie, regional parties like SP are completely redundant. As the polarization between Congress and BJP sharpens, regional parties would find it difficult to control their vote banks. That is why SP formed a tacit collusion with BJP in Uttar Pradesh and the communal riots in Western UP are a consequence of this unholy nexus.

It is evident that the state is entirely immersed in electoral politics and has completely alienated itself from the real problems of working people. If we truly stand against the politics of competitive violence, if we honestly stand against communal politics then we must stand against capitalism today. It is not possible to clean this mess with a broom. This has one and only one solution, let us bury capitalist politics as well as the capitalist system.

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS)

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Prevalence of unregulated prices of essential commodities responsible for recent salt panic in Manipur, Nagaland and Bihar

In an unfortunate turn of events, people across Manipur and parts of Nagaland have been spending their precious money on an essential household item, i.e. salt, which was rumoured to have fallen short in supply in the state earlier this week. The rumours initially began in certain districts of Bihar and soon spread to Manipur and parts of Nagaland, triggering panic buying of salt. Not surprisingly, within hours the price of salt had reached a shocking figure of Rs 200 per kilogram.

While the media, local authorities and government are simply attributing the crisis to rumours, the fact is that many progressive people's organizations like NEFIS (North-East Forum for International Solidarity), etc. are accounting for the crisis in terms of the troubled past experiences of north-east people. Due to little regulation by the government of prices of essential commodities like oil, grains, fuel, soap, cooking gas, etc., rumours consciously spread by wholesalers, retailers and middlemen found fertile ground to create panic-like situations. Indeed, the past experiences of Manipuri and Naga people have shown that with the crumbling of public distribution system (PDS) and growing presence of the black market which thrives on artificially created shortages, the daily lives of ordinary people have been ridden with problems. Considering the true nature of the problem, NEFIS appeals to the people of Manipur and Nagaland not to fall trap to the vicious rumours and to condemn them openly. Furthermore, considering the apathetic approach of the local authorities and the government's failure to provide the people with subsidized grain and fuel, NEFIS demands the following:

- That all those persons who sold salt at inflated prices be investigated and suitably punished with immediate effect if found guilty;
- That appropriate punitive action be taken against all those associated with the spreading of the rumour;
- That the government ensures the distribution of essential household commodities at subsidized prices through the Public Distribution System;
- That the local government constitutes an enquiry into the state of black-marketing and hoarding in the state;
- That a citizen's price committee be constituted and
- That the consumer former/consumer court be made fully functional and accessible throughout the states of north-east.

Yours Sincerely

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Statement on casteist verdicts on Bathani Tola, Laxmanpur Bathe and other Dalit massacres

Burn the New Manusmritis !

December 25, 2013

“There can be no doubt that the greater responsibility to bring about this social revolution in a non-violent manner lies with the opponent. Whether this revolution is peaceful or not is totally dependent on the response of the upper caste. Those who accuse the French National Assembly of brutality during the revolution of 1789 forget the despotism of the French monarch that forced the people's rebellion. They also forget his brutal repression with the aid of foreign military forces that forced the rebellion to be violent. The social revolution need not have been vicious. We appeal to our opponents – do not oppose us, set aside the scriptures, abide by the law, and we promise you we will perform the program peacefully.” – Excerpts from the speech by Babasaheb Ambedkar at Mahad.

Every struggle waged by the oppressed and humiliated dalit masses to establish a just and equal ethical society has been repressed violently and brutally by the casteist brahminical system. The history of society is the history of caste struggles. Struggles reflected in mythical stories of Shambuk, Ekalavya and other Asuras; the struggles of common people and philosophers like Charvak, Lokayat and Buddha and the battles of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Dalits in modern history for caste emancipation. Every battle fought by Dalits to assert their humanity – the Mahad struggle over access to public water, the temple entry struggle at the Kalaram temple,

and the conversion to Buddhism were all met with violence.

The foundations of the new Indian nation were laid on the promises of universal principles such as liberty, equality and fraternity. This new beginning has proved to be mythical. Which promise of liberty, equality and fraternity was realised? Oppression and injustice is our collective reality. Anti-caste struggles for land redistribution like the contests over 'gayraan' and 'panchnami' lands; for establishing new symbols and histories of Dalit dignity like the Namanatar battle for renaming the Marathwada University have been countered with Chundurur, Karamchedus and Khairlanjis. There is no public outcry, no movement for justice against such visible violence and caste hatred.

If Manusmriti was the customary law that served to protect the interests of the political elite and privileged castes; then the contemporary laws have been created to establish and continue the dividends of caste. Every time we have demanded justice we have experienced insistent violence justified by the Law. The privileges of the unequal and undignified modern forms of caste oppression must be sustained at all human costs! Babasaheb Ambedkar burnt the Manusmriti to publicly reject the unjust brahminical system and laid the foundations of a new beginning for Dalits where they live as dignified human beings. The brahminical capitalist system is actively eroding these foundations. This new phase of upper caste-class politics is organised and mediated through law. This law and legal system is the new Manusmriti of our time.

Why did Babasaheb Ambedkar burn the Manusmriti?

Manusmriti codified and allowed for the systematic oppression of Dalits. Babasaheb rejected this reasoning and practice openly and loudly by burning the Manusmriti. He said, "By burning the Manusmriti we express our rejection of the hierarchical principles of the Brahminism and Hindu society. We hope the brahminised people will register our protest and rejection and accordingly change their behavior and attitudes. Our friends are skeptical that brahminism will end by burning Manusmriti. If this turns out to be the unfortunate reality then we will have only two paths available to us- one to burn those who are invested in the brahminical ideas and practices or the second to renounce the Hindu fold. We will have to choose one of the two paths."

What are the new Manusmritis?

The law that denies justice by condoning caste based oppression, exploitation and violence while making the struggles for justice themselves 'illegal' is the new Manusmriti. The law that repudiates the bestial rape of Bhanwari Devi and claims that "upper caste men will not rape an untouchable woman" is the new Manusmriti. The government resolution that dismissed all cases of violence against Dalits during the Namantar movement of Marathwada University is the new Manusmriti. The law that declared that Khairlanji was not a caste crime is the new Manusmriti. The courts that pardon the premeditated cold blooded murders of Dalits by an upper caste mob in Bathani Tola and Laxmanpur Bathe are new Manusmritis. These are all new forms of the old Manusmriti.

In Bathani Tola 21 poor Dalits and Muslims were murdered; in Laxmanpur Bathe private militia of upper caste landlords murdered 58 poor people including women and children. Of all the private caste militias of upper caste landlords, Ranvir Sena alone executed 29 massacres killing 287 Dalits and poor peasants in 5 years. The former President K R Narayanan has acknowledged that the incidents are a national shame. Despite this the recent judgments assure complete impunity to those who repress and murder Dalits. Dalit protests and reactions to massacres, on the other hand, are swiftly punished as we saw in the case of death sentences against four landless Dalit peasants in the Bara case and to eight landless poor peasants in the Dalelchak Baghoura case.

The recent adjudications and cases such as Laxmanpur Bathe, Bathani Tola, Kilavenmani, Belachchi, Karamchedu have explicitly and implicitly sought to create new Manusmriti which compels the downtrodden and most exploited people to distrust the judicial and political system of this country. Though the Manusmriti has been symbolically burnt year after year, the forces propelled by the new Manusmriti continue 'Manav Dahan' year after year. They are public pronouncements that Dalits will be excluded from the republic and even the human race. These courts, this law, this judiciary, indeed the morality embedded in this system are all the new forms of the old Manusmriti. We should burn these new Manusmritis. Once again we demand to be recognized as humans. Friends, it is time to reignite the struggle for Dalit emancipation that will give birth to a new society whose basis will be equality.

Recall the words of Shaheed Chander Kamble, the legate of the Phule, Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh's ideology and the militancy of Dalit Panthers, "without countering violence atrocities will not end". Time and again Dalit masses have shown that they have not forsaken their radical dreams of self-respect. The responsibility to keep this revolutionary quest alive is ours.

- Republican Panthers

COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST) CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Condemn and Fight back the tightening grip of US Imperialism on Internet freedom! Overthrow of imperialism is the only way for all kinds of freedoms!

The top-secret National Security Agency (NSA) documents released by Edward Snowden, a US IT expert, beginning in June 2013 have disclosed that the NSA runs surveillance programs that has the capability of intercepting nearly any electronic communication originating anywhere in the world. NSA scans all forms of electronic communication – telephone calls, mobile messages, emails, online chats, communication made and information shared through social media websites, internet search history – virtually all forms of data generated by the users of communication devices such as telephones, mobiles, computers etc. connected to telephone networks or the internet. These documents have also shown that the highly secretive surveillance system not only targets the countries, organizations and individuals that the American state consider to be its enemies, but also include its ‘friends’, allies as well as the mass of US citizens themselves. In fact, even the German Chancellor has been subjected to years of telephonic surveillance by the NSA along with a few other heads of states. This is another proof that the US monopoly bourgeoisie and the state run by their representatives find it necessary to know and minutely scrutinize everything under the sky, which is crucial for furthering its class interests, for sustaining US’s position as world’s foremost imperialist power and to safeguard its global economic empire. As Snowden has noted, the US intelligence agencies are “intent on making every conversation and every form of behavior in the world known to them.”

Edward Snowden has said that his decision to make the people aware of NSA’s clandestine monitoring of their electronic communications was inspired by his loss of trust in the US government, which trampled people’s democratic rights behind the smokescreen of democracy and freedom. Concern for democratic values and civil liberties, horrors of imperialist wars, etc., have compelled conscientious people all over the world to stand up against the powers that be even at the individual level, and the US is no exception to this. Daniel Ellsberg, an American journalist, released the “Pentagon Papers” in 1971. More recently, an American soldier Bradley Manning exposed the true nature of the US imperialism’s aggression against the people of the world, and particularly against the Muslims through its so-called War on Terror. The evidence he released of the arbitrary killings in Iraq or the brutal tortures in Abu Gharib and Guantanamo Bay prisons by the US army helped strengthening the demand for closing down these prisons and withdrawal of the US armed forces from Iraq and Afghanistan. Manning is punished with 35 years of imprisonment for his ‘crime’, while the real criminals not only go unpunished, but in fact pose as his prosecutor and judge. The hounding of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange by the US government and its European allies is too well known to need elaboration.

Such acts of individual courage, however, have brought little change to the ways and means of US imperialism. If anything, these disclosures have made American imperialism even more brazen and arrogant. Nevertheless, such acts help in the further unmasking of US imperialism before the people and add to the anti-imperialist consciousness of the broad masses, and at times trigger militant mass movements like the worldwide Anti-Vietnam War campaign of the 1960s and 70s. They help in shattering the illusions of a section of liberal and petty-bourgeois intellectuals across the world about US government’s claims of defending liberty, freedom and democracy by fighting wars on foreign lands. Daniel Ellsberg, Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden belong to the democratic and anti-imperialist section within the American society constituted by the laboring classes and include Black Americans, Hispanics and other persecuted minorities who have a history of standing up against the US government. Though very weak and disorganized at present, this anti-imperialist opposition of the American people would gain greater significance in the future as the crisis of US monopoly capital becomes even more acute, adversely affecting them as well.

On the other hand, the hundreds of millions of people across the world who continue to be the targets of the US's wars need no such disclosure to convince them what imperialism is capable of doing. The people of Iraq, Afghanistan and north-western Pakistan face a much more sinister form of mass surveillance in the form of Predator drones that keep an eye on them from the sky. Ever so often it obliterates the lives of unsuspecting people at the push of a button in the command centres located in the US, half way across the world. They live under constant shadow of death. They know from their bitter experience that imperialism is incompatible with democracy and freedom, that they cannot coexist. The people of these countries, therefore, have been putting up death-defying national liberation struggles against imperialism to win their liberation. From their perspective, the mass surveillance conducted by NSA on internet and telephone users may appear to be a much milder and benign act of US imperialism.

The methods imperialism deploys in its own country and in foreign lands for maintaining its dominance can be different, ranging from open war and covert operations to secret surveillance. Nevertheless, differences in the manifestation of imperialism and variations in its form do not in any way change its essential characteristics. They constitute different but essential aspects of a single entity. The history of imperialism's development over the last one and a half century demonstrates that gathering of information on a mass scale is an indispensable attribute and inevitable outcome of the dominance of finance capital. It is the concentration and centralization of finance capital and the overwhelming control of monopolies that prepare the conditions for mass surveillance.

The giant internet and telephone companies that collaborate with NSA and other intelligence agencies too have found their trustworthiness questioned, since it became established that they breached the trust of millions of people in keeping their communications confidential. Public anger against such collaboration has compelled these companies to deny their complicity in such surveillance program and even to feign ignorance about it. Obviously, both the US's government and corporations have sought to keep this collaboration hidden from public view, since the corporations are aware of their obligation to guarantee the inviolability and privacy of user data, while the government is aware of the violation of its own constitution that guarantees individual liberty and freedom. These principles, as has been proven one more time, have been turned into empty rhetoric by these corporations and the state.

By controlling the private data of millions of internet users, these companies have largely divided the virtual space of the internet amongst themselves. This division of the virtual world by monopolistic corporations is a reflection of the division of the real world by monopolies, the characteristic feature of capitalism in the era of imperialism. If Google and Yahoo have a monopolistic control over the bulk of world's email traffic, Facebook has monopolized social networking and Twitter is the last word in micro-blogging. Google became the owner of the world's largest digital video collection by acquiring Youtube. It holds the largest collection of e-books through Google Books. All major US internet companies have charted a similar path.

The US government and NSA has defended its surveillance mechanism, arguing that it has done nothing wrong or illegal, and that the threat of 'terrorism' against the US state and its citizens provides enough justification for such sweeping surveillance. On the other hand, it has made attempts to persecute Edward Snowden, terming him as a traitor who revealed state secrets and aided its enemies. He is accused of undermining US 'national interest' and putting its armed forces in foreign countries under the threat of terrorist attack. They have also argued that US's efforts to fight 'Islamic Terrorism' and to introduce 'democracy' in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq has been adversely affected by the revelations. He is accused of violating a number of US laws such as the Espionage Act that attract severe penalties, including life imprisonment. The US has been seeking Snowden's extradition to the country so that he can be put on trial, notwithstanding the irony that it is NSA and the US government who are guilty of violating US and international laws through its espionage programs. The Democratic and Republican parties have shown exceptional like-mindedness in demanding the harshest punishment for Snowden.

In the wake of these disclosures, France, Germany, Spain and many other countries called the US ambassadors to their countries and registered formal protest. European diplomats hurriedly flew down to Washington to seek 'explanation' from the White House, while Barack Obama spoke to a large number of political leaders – particularly of Europe – to assuage their 'displeasure'. Even after such humiliating news, however, European politicians could only display empty and lame 'opposition' to the US, merely stating that such spying is 'unacceptable'. These governmental 'protests' against the US did not go beyond formalities that worked as face-saving device for the European leaders. A few Latin American countries, however, responded positively to Snowden's request of political asylum, while Russia actually granted him temporary asylum for a

year ignoring the US government's demands for extradition. Snowden himself has ruled out the possibility of ever returning to his country for fear of facing persecution like Bradley Manning and Julian Assange.

The strong reaction of the masses across the world disapproving US's surveillance is in sharp contrast to the lukewarm and feeble opposition of the governments of their countries. Some protests have taken place in US and other countries against the NSA and the US government, while it has generated a debate questioning the increasing intrusiveness of the state into the lives of the people through electronic surveillance. Similarly, internet users have demonstrated their opposition by closing around 1.5 million Facebook accounts within months of the Snowden revelations. The American people have expressed their opposition in different forms against this blanket surveillance by the US government, effectively making everyone a potential 'terror suspect'. Opinion polls have shown that a majority of American people support Snowden's act of disclosure and oppose his persecution by the government. NSA's surveillance is widely seen as unconstitutional and illegal, and a subversion of the founding principles of the country. This is because it violates the freedoms and civil liberties guaranteed by the US Constitution to its citizens including the Fourth Amendment that protects US citizens against "unreasonable search". Some have opposed it by pointing out that government surveillance of this nature poses a threat to the foundational principles of the US state - democracy, liberty and individual freedom.

One of the outcomes of Snowden's disclosures is the revelation that India is among the countries most closely monitored by the NSA's mass surveillance program. This is not surprising, given the economic and geo-strategic importance of the country for US imperialism. Without doubt, this illegitimate, illegal and authoritarian mass surveillance conducted by the NSA on the people of India is a direct affront on the country's sovereignty and independence. In fact, the US has undermined the sovereignty and independence of every country that it has targeted for mass surveillance and cyber espionage. It has made a mockery of UN proclamations, conventions as well as international codes of conduct pledging equality, respect and democratic conduct among the nations and countries of the world. It has violated the established international laws and norms based on the principle of equality of all nations and countries. The US violated its own domestic laws and the laws of the countries it has subjected to electronic surveillance.

But unlike the European governments under similar intelligence scanner, the Indian government has not even made any token protest against this flagrant violation of sovereignty as well as the undermining of international laws involved in the process. It demonstrates the servility of the Indian rulers to US imperialism and presents another proof of the country's lack of genuine independence. Aligned firmly with US imperialism's neo-liberal economic policies and its aggressive imperialist wars under the garb of 'War on Terror', the feudal and comprador Indian ruling classes have no opposition to such draconian mechanisms to control and subdue the masses. As they meet increasing resistance from the people while pursuing their own class interests, the Indian rulers too are devising newer methods of sustaining their oppressive rule.

Edward Snowden has once again shown that the people killed, brutalized and maimed by US's imperialist wars are not the only ones to be repressed, but that the large majority of the people in the world are today under the tightening grip of imperialism aided by its local compradors. US's mass surveillance connected to its aggression against countries, nations and peoples of the world must be resisted. The oppressed classes, nations and peoples in contradiction with imperialism in general and with US imperialism in particular need to fight by building the broadest possible unity of working class movements in the imperialist countries, national liberation movements in the semi-colonial semi-feudal countries under the leadership of the Maoist forces. The fight is for smashing the control over the entire world by a handful of reactionaries and to establish real freedom, independence, sovereignty, peace and development of all countries. Only a new society where the reactionary classes are forcibly removed from power and the vast masses of the oppressed classes organize themselves as the ruling classes led by the proletariat will unleash the unbound creativity of the masses and vastly expand democracy and freedom to include the entire people, barring only the small minority of the reactionary classes.

Along with withering away of the state in communism, conditions for such restrictions also become non-existent.

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CENTRAL REGIONAL BUREAU

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**Condemn the dastardly murder of Comrade Ganti Prasadam!
Long live Comrade Ganti Prasadam who laid down his life
For the liberation of the oppressed masses!**

Observe protest week from July 15 to 21 condemning this brutal murder!

Observe AP-NT-AOB bandh on July 21!

The news of comrade Ganti Prasadam's martyrdom on July 4, 2013 at Nellore after he was shot by the government mercenaries masquerading as miscreants filled with great grief the revolutionary masses in the state, the ranks of various revolutionary, democratic mass organizations in the country and also our party ranks. Our party is strongly condemning this murder.

Our party, PLGA and the mass organizations pay red homage with bowed heads to this people's hero who dedicated his entire life for the liberation of the oppressed people of the country and stood steadfast in the New Democratic revolutionary movement for about four decades and has even given his life for a great cause. We, on behalf of our CC are sending our deep condolences to his family members, friends and relatives and the organizations in which he served who are immersed in deep sorrow with the loss of comrade Ganti Prasadam.

It is no secret that the Indian ruling classes that have mortgaged the interests of our country to the imperialists have intensified the counter-revolutionary war (OGH) on the revolutionary movement and the people's movements since the past few years all over the country to reach their goal without any hindrance. Particularly, they have chosen Andhra Pradesh (AP) that has a rich tradition of revolutionary, progressive and democratic movements as the laboratory for their oppression and are boasting that they have achieved victory in suppressing the long standing revolutionary movement there that is led by the CPI (Maoist). They are giving countless statements that they have cleared AP of Maoists. However the ruling classes clearly know that this victory of theirs is just temporary. They know that it is not possible to completely wipe out the revolutionary movement from AP that has a rich tradition of struggles. They fear that it would spread like prairie fire if they ignore it even a bit. True to their nightmares, various mass movements are raging in AP continuously in the recent past. The people are fighting uncompromisingly for Telangana statehood. On the other hand, they are fighting against several projects and SEZs that have been planned for furthering the interests of the imperialists and the Indian compradors. The people of AP are in the forefront in exposing the countrywide multi-pronged offensive Operation Green Hunt. Various sections of people are also fighting on their daily issues. Thus AP is coming to the fore as a model for people's movements in our country. The fascist central and state governments feared these movements and that is why they murdered the mass leader and the president of Association of Martyrs' Friends and Relatives and the vice-president of RDF comrade Ganti Prasadam in the garb of miscreants.

Comrade Prasadam was born in a middle class family and they had been sympathizers of the revolutionary movement in Srikakulam. Both he and his younger brother comrade Rajanna decided to become professional revolutionaries inspired by the glorious Naxalbari and Srikakulam armed peasant movements. In August 1998, comrade Rajanna, DVC Secretary and Regional Committee member of North Andhra of the erstwhile CPI (ML) (PW) was martyred in the Koperdeng encounter.

Comrade Ganti's revolutionary career started since the days of the Srikakulam struggle. He became a dynamic activist in the CPI (ML) that was launched with the aim of making the New Democratic Revolution in the path of Naxalbari. He did not get frustrated like several other cadres after the setback of Naxalbari and Srikakulam struggles and leave the movement. He continued in the party and later in the CPI (ML) (Party Unity) from the end of 1977. He led several mass struggles in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakha districts under the leadership of comrade Appalasuri and built strong peoples' and workers' movements by consolidating various sections of people. He led the historic Nellimarla Jute Mill workers' struggle. As a result of his activities and work he became a Central Committee member in CPI (ML) (Party Unity).

In 1998 a united party - the CPI (ML) (People's War) was formed with the merger of CPI (ML) (Party

Unity) and CPI (ML) (People's War) and he worked as a member of the Andhra Pradesh State Committee (APSC) of the unified CPI (ML) (People's War) and continued in those responsibilities till 2005. In that status, he did significant work in the organizational, political and ideological spheres. He held responsibilities for urban movement and the organizational work in the revolutionary mass organizations (MOs). He worked as the Editorial Board in-charge of 'Krantī', the official organ of the APSC. During this course, he was arrested in Aurangabad of Maharashtra in May 2005 and spent time in jail. After his release he began working openly for strengthening the revolutionary and democratic mass organizations and mass movements as part of united front activities for the success of the New Democratic Revolution in our country.

Comrade Prasadam worked as the Honorary President of the Association of Martyrs' Friends and Relatives and had condemned every murder perpetrated by the police in the name of 'encounters'. He exposed the murderous faces of the rulers and the police killer gangs. He stood in support to the families of several martyrs. Contrary to the wishes of the rulers and the police that even the last rites of the martyrs should not be conducted properly, he stood in the forefront and rendered their last rites in a respectful and inspiring manner.

The state continued its repressive measures against him as it could not tolerate his work in the people's movements. The Odisha government also arrested him in 2011 and put him in jail for few months. The people fought against the state and got their leader released.

Comrade Prasadam was a cultural activist and looked after the cultural front in the erstwhile CPI (ML) (PU). His life was associated with the revolutionary literary and cultural movements in AP from the beginning and later he worked in several democratic mass movements in AP particularly since his release from jail. He played an active role in revolutionary ideological and political propaganda. He had bypass surgery of the heart and had other health problems but he never let them interfere with his work. His family had suffered repression in the hands of the state but that did not deter him or his family members. They had always stood in support of his work. He was a dynamic person always brimming with revolutionary spirit. He was friendly with one and all. His commitment towards ideology, people and the revolution was without blemish. He was a good orator, singer and writer. He conducted classes to the cadre as a political teacher. Even after the revolutionary movement in AP suffered a setback he did not lose heart and worked unflinchingly even in the face of the countrywide OGH offensive. His selflessness was such that his only wish on the death bed was to survive so that he could serve the people more and fulfill his unfinished responsibilities in the revolution. He worked tirelessly for revival of the revolutionary movement in AP and to bring another upsurge in the state. He sacrificed his invaluable life for the development of a mighty democratic and mass movement in our country.

Comrade Ganti expanded his revolutionary activities and became the All India Vice-President of RDF. The government that could not tolerate the contribution of RDF in rallying support to the ongoing revolutionary movement in our country and in consolidating various sections of people against the Green Hunt repression launched by the ruling classes had banned RDF in AP. Now it had the audacity to kill its leader. Moreover it is shamelessly propagating that this was done by 'some miscreants'. The Andhra Pradesh government has a dubious history of forming killer gangs under various names to assassinate leaders such as Purushottam, Azam Ali, Mannem Prasad, Muneppa, Belli Lalita, Kanakachary, Venkateswarlu and several others belonging to APCLS, KNPS and mass organizations working for a separate statehood for Telangana etc. It is beyond doubt that this murder was perpetrated by the APSIB as part of Green Hunt.

This murder is a warning to the people's movements ongoing in our country and in the state. This is an example of the fascism of the ruling classes. We can strongly fight back such heinous crimes of the ruling classes only by developing mighty people's movements.

Observe protest week from July 15 to 21 condemning this brutal murder. Take up protest activities in various forms during this week. Rally people widely into these protest activities. Observe AP, NT and AOB bandh on July 21. We appeal to various oppressed classes and sections of the people and democratic organizations and individuals to participate widely in this program.

- **Comrade Ganti Prasadam is immortal!**
- **Condemn fascist assassinations of mass activists!**
- **Condemn the fascist repression on the people's movements!**
- **Let us build a strong mass movement against Green Hunt!**

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CENTRAL REGIONAL BUREAU

July 31, 2013

Revolutionary Greetings to the people of Telangana who won a historic victory by trouncing the Congress and other bourgeois parties!

Call to the people to carry on New Democratic Revolution for solving the basic problems of the people in Telangana!

The struggle for a separate state of Telangana that was going on since sixty years has achieved success. After the meetings of UPA Coordination Committee and the Congress Working Committee, the Congress party issued a statement accepting the demand for the formation of a separate state of Telangana. It announced that Hyderabad city was an integral part of the Telangana state that would be formed and that it would continue to be the capital of both the states till ten years. The CWC announced that it would start the process of tabling the bill in the parliament. The BJP too supported the announcement. Earlier, political parleys took place on a big scale in New Delhi. The Seemandhra political leaders desperately tried till the last minute to stop the formation of a separate state of Telangana. However their conspiracies could not prevent it this time. The formation of a separate state of Telangana is the historic success of the struggle of the entire Telangana people. The people of Telangana waged a glorious people's movement by facing up to the conspiracies of Congress, TDP and other bourgeois parties. They marched forward along the path of struggle by defeating the lobbying politics of the TRS. The Congress and the TDP had no choice but to get defeated in the face of the long-standing determined struggle of the people. On this occasion it was proved one more time in history that if the people fight with determination they would be able to achieve anything. This day would remain a milestone in the long, bloody history of sacrifices of the Telangana people.

Our party had been supporting the demand for a separate state of Telangana as per the aspirations of the people since 1969 and had been leading it. Our party's contribution was primary in launching the next phase of the movement since 1996. We conducted a massive public meeting and released the Warangal Declaration. Our party gave a call to the people to fight for a Democratic Telangana by declaring that the formation of a separate Telangana state was part of the democratic aspirations of the people of Telangana. It declared that the people could achieve a separate state for Telangana only through struggle and not through lobbying politics and it sustained the people in the arena of struggle continuously. We can declare vocally that this demand was fulfilled only due to the united struggle of the people of Telangana. Along with several students and people, our party activists also lost their lives due to state repression. Several of them were incarcerated in prisons. Our party stood in the forefront by carrying on an uncompromising and militant struggle for a separate state of Telangana. It led the people's movement during several difficult situations. It led the struggle against Congress, TDP and coastal Andhra big bourgeoisie. Along with demanding the implementation of 610 G.O. it gave the call that the resources of Telangana should be saved from the Seemandhra exploiters. It conducted agitations on displacement and life and death issues of the people such as Babli project, Polavaram, open cast mines, Special Economic Zones and Kavval Tiger project. It participated dynamically in several militant demonstrations apart from *Chalo Assembly*, Million March, *Sagara Haram* and Quit Telangana demonstrations. It stood on behalf of the university students and led those movements. It came to the fore supporting the political demand that the bill should be tabled in the parliament. It gave the call to participate actively in the *Sakala Janula Samme* and to carry it forward as a General Strike. It exposed from time to time the lobbying politics of the TRS party that were aimed at diverting the militant struggles of the people.

The people of Telangana had fought unitedly in this struggle and have also won the support of the Seemandhra people and the democrats. The support that they got from Seemandhra isolated the bourgeois leaders there and gave moral support to the Telangana people's movement. While the unity between the people of the three regions thus went on increasing, the bourgeois parties and their leaders got increasingly isolated from the people. However the bourgeois leaders in those areas are still trying hard to incite the people and the students. We must isolate the bourgeois leaders and defeat their conspiracies while trying to develop solidarity among the people of the three regions by taking the stand – Let us separate like brothers - Let us live in harmony.

The Telangana people should not lose their alert in achieving their goals by losing themselves in the celebrations over winning the demand for a state. Do not loosen the grip till the Congress party tables the bill in the parliament and implements its decision. Everyone is aware of how the then home minister had given a clear statement on the formation of Telangana and later reneged due to the pressure of Seemandhra leaders, made a second statement and betrayed the people of Telangana. The people should be alert in this matter and fight back any kind of conspiracies that may come to the fore. They should fight till the bill is tabled in the parliament. When the bill is passed in the parliament, a separate Telangana state would be formed as part of the people's aspirations. However, even in this state the political power would not lie with the people and would lie in the hands of parties like Congress, TDP, TRS and BJP that are the parties of the comprador big bourgeoisie (CBB) and the big landlords. With the formation of a separate Telangana state, there would be benefit to some extent regarding demands like end to discrimination, water and jobs. However the basic problems of the people would remain unsolved. These problems could be solved only when political power lies with the people.

That is why, the people of Telangana should fight for the following people's democratic demands :

1. Implementation of Land Reforms
2. The government and assigned lands that were forcibly occupied by the big bourgeoisie, land lords and political leaders should be seized and distributed to the urban poor.
3. The rights over lands occupied by the people as part of anti-feudal, anti-imperialist struggles should be handed over to the people.
4. The entry to imperialist and MNCs should be stopped. Plans should be taken up for the self-development of the state.
5. Along with public sector, small and medium scale industries should be encouraged. The rights of workers should be protected.
6. The 5th schedule of the constitution (PESA) and 1/70 Act should be strictly implemented and Adivasis should be given rights to their *Jal, Jungle and Zameen*.
7. Polavaram, Pulichintala, open cast mines, Bayyaram mines, Kavval Tiger Project and SEZs that are displacing the people should be scrapped. All the MoUs signed with the CBB and MNCs regarding these projects should be scrapped.
8. Lands should be distributed to all the landless Dalits. Dalits should be given protection from all kinds of attacks on them.
9. 50 percent reservation should be given to women in legislatures, education and employment. Women should be provided protection.
10. Minorities should be provided with reservations. Land should be distributed to the landless. Urdu should be given the status of second official language.
11. Privatization in education sector should be scrapped. Education should be provided only in government sector.
12. Privatization should be opposed.

13. For temporary and immediate employment opportunities, reservations should be implemented in the private sector.
14. Allotments for agricultural sector should be increased in the budget. Seeds, fertilizers and pesticides should be distributed free of cost to the peasants. Minimum support prices should be ensured. Electricity cuts should be done away with. Loans should be annulled. Loans without interest should be provided.
15. Civil and democratic rights should be revived in the state. Police encounters should stop.
16. The ban on CPI (Maoist) and other revolutionary mass organizations should be lifted.
17. Greyhound forces should be dissolved.
18. Political prisoners should be released unconditionally.
19. All the cases foisted on Telangana agitators should be withdrawn.
20. The families of Telangana martyrs should be given financial support.
21. The just share of water belonging to Telangana should be allotted and irrigation to peasantry and drinking water to the people should be provided.

The Telangana people have given a political model to the people of our country by achieving a separate state. The Telangana struggle would serve as a great inspiration to the people who are fighting with regional aspirations. This would also give a new inspiration to the nationality struggles. This would give strength to the struggles ongoing under the leadership of CPI (Maoist) in our country. The Telangana people have a rich heritage of struggle. They had waged several struggles for land, food and liberation offering several sacrifices along the way. In the path of the glorious Telangana peasant armed struggle and in the People's War following the path of Naxalbari, the people have waged anti-feudal struggles all over Telangana and occupied thousands of acres of land as part of agrarian revolution. They put a stop to feudal exploitation in the villages. People fought on several issues all over Telangana and won several successes. The state had crushed these struggles unleashing repression. Even to this day, it is severely crushing the New Democratic revolutionary movement led by our party. The Telangana people should continue the spirit of unity and determination that they displayed in the agitation for separate Telangana, carry on struggles for solving the basic problems of the masses and march forward determinedly in fulfilling the aims of the New Democratic Revolution (NDR). With agrarian revolution as the axis and the slogan of 'Land to the tiller', they should march forward in the liberation movement. The entire people should come forward to make the NDR successful. This is a great opportunity for us. The bourgeois parties and their lackeys would attempt to take the people along the bourgeois parliamentary path, destroy their unity and continue their power and exploitation. Our party is giving a call to the entire people that they should march forward with their unity as the basis, fight back the conspiracies of Congress, TDP, BJP, TRS, YSR Congress party and also of the revisionist parties CPI and CPI (M) and advance the NDR. The Telangana agitators and organizations should preserve the successes of the people and carry on struggles on democratic demands in the new state of Telangana in a united manner. They should unite with the people of coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema and fight against their common enemies – the big land lords and the CBB. Our party appeals to the people to conduct victory meetings in villages and towns and formulate the program for future struggles.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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War-monger Obama! Your dirty hands off Syria!

The right to decide the future of Syria lies with and only with the Syrian people, not with imperialists or any one else!

Oppose strongly the neo-Nazi US led imperialist aggression on Syria!

The imperialists led by the neo-Nazi US have tightened their dragnet around Syria and are just waiting to make the strike. Just as the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) were touted as the 'reason' for the strike on Iraq, use of chemical weapons (poisonous gas) is being shown by the neo-fascist US as the 'reason' for the strike on Syria. The US is claiming that there was evidence that chemical weapons were used by the Bashar al-Assad government on the people of Syria leading to the death of more than 1400 Syrian people and with deadly consequences for several more. A UN team of inspectors had gone to Syria to probe the allegations but even before their report could be submitted (which is supposed to take at least three more weeks), Obama is already making preparations for a war.

Obama went to the extent of saying that it is not his prestige at stake but that of the US and its Congress if they do not attack Syria! Indeed! The prestige of world No.1 mass murderer would be at stake if his record of killing maximum number of civilians in aerial strikes is not kept up. Even before the UN investigating team had returned, US secretary of state John Kerry has been howling that they have all evidence that chemical weapons were used and that it was the Assad's government that had used them. So in the eyes of the US imperialists all those countries and world people who asked for ample proof are just fools and the imperial master need not answer them! Note that preparations always include gathering enough 'lies' to hoodwink the world people about the 'necessity' of such a strike.

The US Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs had given authorization for limited attack on Syria to the President for a period of two months and this can be extended to another month subject to some conditions. It said that ground troops should not be sent. It is obvious that this 'limited' attack will in no way be 'limited' and would only end after strategically breaking the backbone of the Bashar's regime and everything on the ground is ravaged, leading to innumerable deaths of civilians and unimaginable damage to property and livelihood of the people. The US imperialists want to paralyze the Assad government by destroying its strategic/key military and economic installations and want to bring to power those forces that would serve their interests in Syria, similar to what they had done in Libya. Damascus is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities and now Obama is hell bent on destroying it with aerial bombing just as Bush had done irreparable damage to one of the world's oldest civilizations' heritage in Iraq.

Russia is severely opposing any such move and is seeking ample proof from the US for the claims. Putin cautiously stated that if it is proved beyond doubt that Assad's government had indeed used the chemical weapons, then any attack on Syria should have UN authorization. But if Obama attacks without UN authorization, he termed it would be illegal. He warned that any small missile hitting the nuclear facility in Damascus could lead to a nuclear emergency and the radiation could affect a large area and a large civilian population for generations to come. He also cautioned that it would exacerbate the world financial crisis they are mired in. China has been stating that any decision should be taken after the results of the UN probe are declared and only under the aegis of the UN. Germany is also taking this stand - as yet. With the state of the art war vessels of US that can fire long distance missiles from sea to land moving close to Syria and a spy vessel of Russia also entering the Mediterranean, the situation is highly tensed up in the entire West Asia and the world.

David Cameron sought the vote in the British Parliament for participating in the strike on Syria along with the US. He did not get it but his ambition to attack Syria would not wane is anybody's guess. UN authorization or any other pretext can change this at any time. France under the neo-fascist Francois Hollande declared that in spite of the rejection in the British Parliament to wage a war it was ready to participate in the strike to punish the regime of Bashar al-Assad. Even the reason for the British opposition rejecting the proposal was because there was no ample proof that Assad's government has used the gas, i.e., proof to legitimize the aggression and to rally its allies. It is the same story with the Democrats and Republicans in the US. The ruling and opposition parties (monopoly capitalists and their marionette) in imperialist countries never have any major dispute about their 'right to strike' any country. There is never any discussion about the fact that it is only the people of a country who have the right to decide its future and not any other countries or forces. And as always these imperialist heads of state are ignoring huge outpouring of public opinion and opposition against wars of aggression in their countries and the world and are aggressively pursuing their agenda.

The UN, as is its wont, is striving to provide the fig leaves of excuses for the destruction of Syria. Its list of complicity since its inception in all imperialist wars of aggression is long. Its veil of impartiality has long been torn and tattered revealing its servility to the imperialists, particularly to the US. This institution is supposed to ensure the implementation of five principles in relations between countries having different social systems-mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty; mutual non-aggression; non-interference in each other internal affairs; equality and mutual benefit; and peaceful co-existence. It is supposed to safeguard human rights, prevent wars of aggression and solve disputes among nations using diplomatic and other means. Even according to the rules and norms which the countries of the world including the imperialist countries formulated after the Second World War to avoid world wars, to settle regional disputes or local wars and which are supposed to be implemented by the UN, all kinds of diplomatic and political parleys/measures should be followed to solve such heinous crimes as usage of chemical weapons. But this international body that was primarily formed to ensure world peace is doing almost nothing to stop the aggression, except giving toothless statements that political and diplomatic means should be used to solve 'the Syria crisis' and beseeching that Obama have UN authorization for the attack. The shamelessness with which Obama is pushing his agenda of aggression is making it difficult even for the *Ji Huzoor* UN to justify it in this brazen form!

Ironically the US is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 'I have a dream' speech of Martin Luther King Jr even while it's Nobel 'Peace' Prize winning President, the blood-thirsty murderer and destroyer of humans and civilizations is raucously barking that Syria should be attacked. If Obama has not achieved anything else - at least he has proven beyond doubt that having an African-American in the White House in itself cannot fulfill the 'dreams' of the oppressed peoples including those of the Blacks. The proposed strike on Syria should be another eye-opener for this fact. Obama is pursuing the imperialist world hegemonic agenda of the US ruling classes with equal if not far more fervor and vigor as some other 'white' Presidents before him who had destroyed oppressed nations and butchered millions of oppressed people on the globe and razed countless cities and villages to the ground during their terms. The US ruling classes definitely find him more 'useful' than a 'white' man - to deceive the people though only for a while.

The US has been framing charges one after another since 1986 and particularly after the 9/11 attack on its twin towers that Syria too posed a threat to global security as it supported 'terrorist' groups, thus continuously targeting it in one manner or the other. Syria has become a play ground for the imperialist powers for the last two and half years. There has been a movement that was raging demanding the ouster of Assad. There have been innumerable armed confrontations between the 'rebel' forces and the government forces resulting in loss of lakhs of lives and destruction of property on a huge scale and migration of millions. The imperialists led by the US and their puppet regimes in Arab world have been diplomatically and politically manipulating and financially, militarily and technically aiding, hugely arming, training and guiding the opposition in various forms. They made it more than clear that they want Assad to go and their puppets to take over Syria. Russia and China have been supporting the Assad government consistently till date and have opposed any kind of armed imperialist intervention or attack on Syria. The corporate media had also to grudgingly concede that Assad too has considerable support among the Syrians. This is one of the reasons for not attacking Syria apart from crucial support to Assad from Russia, China, Lebanon and Iran though they very much wanted

to as they had done in Libya. In fact, it has been reported recently that Assad's forces have gained an upper hand over the rebels in their strong hold areas which is well one of the reasons for this haste to attack Syria.

Our Party, the CPI (Maoist) has always maintained that it is only the people of a country who have the right to retain or overthrow a particular regime in their country. It is for the people of Syria to decide whether they want Assad to be in power or not. They have every right to rebel and carve their own future. But due to the unwarranted intervention of the imperialists in the internal affairs in Syria the future of the country has already been facing a great danger and perhaps it will not lay in the hands of the Syrians for a long time to come.

The recent phenomena in the Arab countries like Egypt after the Arab Spring indicate exactly how puppet regimes are sought to be installed by the imperialists, particularly US. Morsi, though a compromising force was unceremoniously ousted as he opposed certain US interventions in their foreign relations and was put in jail by the military. Massacres of people protesting the military regime are taking place on a daily basis. The mighty mass upsurge and the formal democratic process that brought Morsi to power, whatever may have been its flaws, was trampled under the iron boots of the military backed by the US and forces of the former president. In almost all countries that had ousted their old dictatorial rulers during the Arab Spring, pro-imperialist puppets or compromising forces took over, notwithstanding the democratic aspirations of the people. This should serve as a revelation for any forces that seek to challenge and change the dictatorial regimes in their countries. They should never play into the hands of the imperialists. That would result in one dictator replacing another if not a worst one and the replacement would definitely be subservient to the imperialists. Any forces that seek genuine democracy and oppose autocratic regimes should do so independently and basing on their own strength by mobilizing the masses and the support of the world people. They should not collaborate with the imperialists. If not the people would again be forced to fight the subservient forces of imperialism that would take over – as it is now happening in Egypt or elsewhere in the world.

After Second World War until the victory of national liberation war of the Vietnam, the main pretext for the US wars of aggression was curtailing 'spread of communism'. With the disintegration of Soviet Union its oft-used excuse is 'violation of human rights' or 'terrorism' or both. Sometimes it is veiled as 'restoration of democracy' or 'granting of freedom'. But always the real reason was/is the pursuit for world hegemony. This has also been the reason behind the various wars of aggression either by France, Britain or the former Super Power USSR.

The usage of chemical weapons which is cited as the reason for the attack was countered very strongly by the Assad government which claimed that it was the rebels who had used it. Nobody would support the usage of chemical weapons either by the government or the rebels. If the allegation that the rebels have used them is true then without any doubt, it is the imperialists who had supplied the poisonous gas Sarin to them. As it has been more than two years and Assad is not being defeated the most plausible explanation for the use of Sarin can be that the US imperialists had supplied it to its agents in Syria for usage so that it can use it as an immediate excuse to attack it. If one remembers that Obama had warned Syria not to cross the 'red line' of using chemical weapons, one can easily connect that they would exactly use that 'red line' as the excuse.

But what is baffling is the way in which the US imperialists are crying 'foul'! As everyone knows it is the US imperialists who have the dubious record of using extremely destructive chemical weapons (napalm, Agent Orange, white phosphorus to name a few) whether in Vietnam, Iraq or elsewhere. The terrible chemical warfare of 1915 to 1918 led the League of Nations to adopt the Geneva Protocol of 1925, which banned the use of chemical and biological weapons. Although the United States had proposed and helped to draft the treaty, the Senate declined in 1926 to approve its ratification. In 1970 the treaty was resubmitted to the Senate, which approved it only four years later. Such is the double standards that had been typical of the US in all matters relating to arms control till date! Till now the US and other major imperialist powers are not ready to ban all types of WMDs like cluster bombs, chemical, biological and nuclear, etc weapons. So, why they are talking about Syria? This could only be with vested interests so as to use more lethal WMD on Syria or anywhere in the world.

It is the war-mongering imperialists who are developing chemical weapons either directly or clandestinely

and selling it to their lackeys or dictators of the backward countries for usage on common people and on their foe countries or supplying them to the counterrevolutionary forces to change regimes. Apart from using WMD on common people indiscriminately, the imperialists, particularly the US and Israel did not hesitate to use chemical and biological weapons in attempts to assassinate heads of countries or organizations that did not follow their diktats. If at all anybody is firstly to stand trial for the destruction caused by chemical and biological weapons in the entire world it is the US imperialists and the whole gang of imperialist thugs that are led by it or in connivance with it.

It is obvious that the US, Britain, France-Israel combine and Turkey want a puppet regime in power in Syria to further their geo-political interests in West Asia due to its strategic location apart from having their hands on the natural resources of Syria, mainly oil. It would also pave way for it to penetrate the central Asian countries that were once part of USSR/CIS in order to control oil and other rich resources in those countries. This would pose a big challenge to the increasing Russian clout and of China and help to establish the hegemony of its junior partner - Israel in West Asia further. Israel had been occupying Golan Heights in Syria since the Six-Day war of 1967 and permanently entrenched itself since 1973 Arab-Israeli War. It wants to retain it, while Syria that had been betrayed in the Camp David Accords has been demanding the unconditional surrender of the Golan Heights.

Syria has been consistent in its opposition to US-Israel imperialist interventions and designs in West Asia. Syria has also supported the Palestinian cause with regularity. Hezbollah (Lebanon) support to Assad and the Palestinian cause and its bitter opposition to Israel is another thorn which the imperialists want to numb with this attack. Likewise this attack would once again pose a greater threat to the unyielding Iran which is also very consistent in its opposition to the US-Israel hegemonic interests in the region and is at present bitterly opposing any attempt to attack Syria – two birds at one shot.

The amount of destruction caused in a particular region either during the First or the Second World War is less compared to the amount of devastation that is being caused due to imperialist wars of aggression or proxy wars that were instigated and supported by the rival imperialist blocks after the Second World War. The strategy of using long-range missiles from far away seas and aerial bombing from high altitudes is destroying everything on the ground - both human and material in the targeted areas. The indiscriminate and callous usage of drones on a daily basis has wreaked far more havoc on civilians than at any time in history. These wars of aggression are not only destroying the invaluable heritage of past civilizations, the lives of the present generations but also the future of several more generations to come. The damage is in several instances irreparable.

The neo-Hitler Obama is shedding crocodile tears that innocent women, children and civilians were killed in Syria due to poisonous gas and they cannot tolerate it. The killing of innocents of course is not tolerable. But is it not simple logic that the same applies to the countless innocent women, children and civilians being killed in regular US drone attacks in Pakistan, Yemen and Afghanistan etc? And what about the lakhs of innocent persons killed in an Iraq, Afghanistan or a Palestine since decades even if we leave all the previous atrocities perpetrated by the imperialists in innumerable backward countries during colonial times and after? Why is there always a conspiratorial silence on these?

It is a cruel joke that the US which has such huge stocks of weapons including nuclear weapons that can destroy the entire earth several times over (and it has not even hesitated to use them wherever and whenever it wanted to) had attacked Iraq on the pretext that it had WMD. Another incongruity is that the US which has detonated the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan is crying hoarse about possible development of nuclear weapons by Iran. The imperialists did not even bother to show any semblance of such ‘reasons’ for the attack on Libya and murder of Gaddafi. It is to be noted that WMD had never been found in Iraq; even though Iran has every right to manufacture nuclear weapons, still its government is repeatedly clarifying that they have no intention of manufacturing nuclear weapons; and the Syrian government is still strongly denying that it had used chemical weapons.

One is reminded of the ingenious folk tale where the lamb is destined to be devoured by the wolf irrespective of whether it drinks water upstream or downstream. Being born a lamb is reason enough to be devoured. And being resource-rich or just being located in a strategic geographical position is enough to be occupied. It is nothing but classic imperialist hunger for world hegemony tinged with wolf-like jungle justice.

The people of the world should realize that all the pretexts of human rights violations thrown at our face as justifications for wars of aggression by the neo-Nazis are nothing but humbug to cover up the imperialists' insatiable hunger for resources and blatant quest for world hegemony.

The world capitalist system is bogged down in an all-encompassing financial crisis. Wars of aggression are also being resorted to apart from bailouts and increasing ruthless loot of resources from the resource-rich 'backward' countries of the world. But all such attempts to overcome the crisis are just pushing the system even deeper into it. The imperialists are thinking they are amassing wealth but what they are actually piling up is the hatred and anger of the oppressed masses of the world in abundance with their every act of aggression and loot. These fools did not learn any lesson from history that wars of aggression would eventually lead to their overthrow. The war of aggression on Syria would never help them overcome the long running neck-deep economic and political crises, but will only bog them in deeper crises. This is already evident all over the world with prices of oil skyrocketing and markets turning highly volatile, not to mention the rapid devaluation of currencies in several backward countries including our own rupee that is having a free fall.

President Bashar al-Assad of Syria declared that they would fight back tooth and nail any imperialist aggression on their country. Syrian foreign minister declared defiantly that they are fully prepared to fight back the imperialist aggression and would not step back until they defeat the aggressors and even if it leads to a Third World War. Syrian government has also been repeatedly appealing to the UN to oppose the US military strike and settle the crisis peacefully. The people of Syria are defiant and are preparing themselves to fight back the onslaught to their death.

Though Assad had declared that they would oppose any kind of imperialist aggression this would be successful only when it is done by mobilizing the people and relying on them. It is equally true that no regimes can mobilize the people or gain their support against imperialist aggression unless people enjoy democracy. Hafez al-Assad, Bashar's father and former President of Syria had sent troops to Iraq in 1991 participating in the imperialist aggression. Syria had troops in Lebanon till as late as 2005 and has been accused by the Lebanese of interference in their internal affairs. The fact that no country has the right to interfere or send troops to other countries for its own interests or bending to imperialist pressures should be realized by rulers of backward countries in this context once again. Only a staunch uncompromising opposition to imperialist intervention and aggression in any country and their own countries could win the support of their own people and the people of the world in their opposition to the imperialists.

Indian government stated that they should wait till the UN inspectors declare the results of their probe before any decision for the attack is taken. And it really does not have any objection to the attack on Syria if there is a UN authorization. The fact is Indian State does not want to antagonize either the US or Russia and so it conveniently perched itself on the fence ready to jump either way. It did not unambiguously oppose any kind of military intervention in Syria with or without the authorization of UN by any aggressor country or a set of felon countries. By not taking up the unequivocal demand that all attempts to attack Syria be stopped, it is actually helping the imperialists in their conspiracy to crush Syria. Given its rank servility to the imperialists or fence-sitting in several previous occasions when wars of aggression were waged by them, this is not in any way surprising, only utterly disgusting and outrageous.

CC, CPI (Maoist) condemns in unequivocal terms any attempts by the US led imperialists to attack Syria and demands an immediate stop of all such preparations. It extends its support and solidarity to all kinds of resistance by the Syrian people against imperialist intervention and proposed war of aggression. It sees their resistance as part of the entire range of various kinds of resistances the oppressed peoples and nations of the world are putting up against all kinds of imperialist intervention, aggression and control. It firmly states that it is the duty of every democratic person in the world to unequivocally oppose and condemn the proposed strike on Syria led by the US.

Anti-imperialist forces all over the world are voicing their protests against the impending US attack on Syria and pouring out into streets demanding a stop to all such attempts. Our CC welcomes all such protests and lends its voice of support to all such anti-imperialist forces. Our party is calling upon its entire ranks to join hands with all the forces that oppose the war on Syria and to turn it into a broad based and militant movement against all kinds of imperialist wars of aggression and intervention. Our CC appeals to all the anti-imperialist forces and organizations and proletarian parties of our country and the world to condemn the

blatant attempts of the imperialists led by the US to attack Syria. It is necessary to build international support to the resistance of the Syrian people against this war of aggression. The resistance to the imperialists in their own countries would play a crucial role in defeating their evil designs of occupying and looting other countries. Our CC upholds the opposition to the war in Syria that is outpouring into streets in the US and other imperialist countries. It particularly appeals to the people of the US, France, other imperialist countries, Turkey and puppet regimes in West Asia like Qatar and Saudi Arabia that are preparing to participate in the attack on Syria, to oppose their governments' attempts to destroy Syria and strengthen the united fight of the world oppressed nations and peoples against imperialism.

The war of aggression on Syria could well prove to be the proverbial straw on the camel's back for the US imperialism which is already bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan. But the monster of imperialism with feet of clay would never collapse on its own despite its innumerable vulnerabilities. It requires a blow from all the oppressed peoples of the world for it to be wiped out from the face of the earth. If the imperialists dare to attack Syria, the brave resistance of the proud people of Syria with a glorious history of resistance to imperialist interventions and the support of the world people to their resistance would drive one of the final nails into the coffin of imperialism.

The material conditions to form a broad anti-imperialist front against arm-twisting, intervention, control, exploitation, oppression and wars of aggression by imperialists on the oppressed nations and peoples of the world are maturing fast. Only such a broad-based, militant and all-encompassing anti-imperialist front would be able to fight imperialist domination and intervention in social, economic, cultural and other spheres and all wars of aggression. This would finally pave the way for its overthrow. We will be able to achieve genuine democracy, progress and world peace only through such united fight to overthrow imperialism and all kinds of reactionaries.

Since the past century the imperialists have been resorting to fascism and war to overcome their financial crises and people have been resorting to resistance and revolution to oppose and defeat them. The material conditions are turning more and more favorable for revolution in the world and our party calls upon the people of our country and the world to make successful revolutions. Only through revolutionary wars we can put an end to all imperialist and unjust wars and ensure world peace.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST) CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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**Observe Bharat Bandh on October 5 protesting the
brutal massacre of 14 Maoists in Malkangiri by the
neo-fascist Naveen Patnaik government in Odisha!**

On September 14, 2013 the SOG of Odisha conducted a joint operation with the District Voluntary Force and the police in Silakota forests in Podiya block of Malkangiri district in Odisha and brutally massacred 14 Maoists including a woman comrade. The police seized their weapons too. Our CC, CPI (Maoist) is calling upon the people of our country to observe Bharat Bandh on October 5 to protest this brutality perpetrated by the neo-fascist Naveen Patnaik government in collusion with the central government and under the guidance

of the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists.

Naveen Patnaik has been shamelessly playing the ultimate comprador since he came to power by signing countless MoUs with the MNCs to hand over for peanuts the natural riches and resources of Odisha. The people of Odisha, particularly the Adivasis and the Dalit peasantry are engaged in a life and death struggle against the central and state governments and their mining mafia which are hell bent on displacing them and impoverishing them to please the corporate houses by implementing these MoUs. On the other hand they are waging a bitter struggle against the big land lords, usurers and liquor mafia that are sucking their blood like leeches. The militant, long drawn and uncompromising struggles of the brave people of Odisha against POSCO and in Kashipur, Niyamagiri and Narayanapatna have not only inspired the fighting people of our country but also every activist fighting against the ill-effects of neo-liberal policies all over the world.

Naveen Patnaik government born with deaf ears due to its comprador character has ignored the genuine demands of the people and instead resorted to severe repression with the complete support and aid including 27 Battalions of paramilitary forces including COBRA Bns on all the people's movements ongoing in Odisha. Massacres of people and activists including Maoists have become a common feature of this repression. Arrests, false cases, harsh punishments, inhuman incarcerations, beatings, atrocities, rapes, burning peoples homes and property – what not, the neo-fascists did not leave any stone of cruelty unturned to suppress the genuine aspirations of the people.

Our party has been working since decades in Odisha and organizing the oppressed masses, particularly the Adivasis against the exploitation, oppression and suppression they are suffering in the hands of the ruling classes. It has either been in the forefront or has extended its full support to all the people's movements against liberalization, privatization and globalization not only in Odisha but in majority of the states in our country. So the Indian ruling classes under the guidance and goading of the imperialists launched the multi-pronged country wide offensive Operation Green Hunt - War on People since mid-2009 to wipe out our movement and suppress the genuine struggles of the people. Repression on oppressed masses is the hall mark of any exploiting state and OGH denotes a crucial node in this as it has surpassed all the previous offensives both in its scale and brutality. Though OGH is supposed to wipe out the Maoist movement it is in fact aimed to suppress every genuine democratic demand of the people, particularly for Jal, Jungle and Zameen. That is why the Maoists, democratic organizations and individuals and the people are at the receiving end of this offensive.

The Nazi Hitler, Fascist Mussolini or their current descendants like Bush, Obama, Hollande, Cameroon, or their *desi* avatars of Sonia, Manmohan, Rahul Gandhi, Chidambaram, Jairam Ramesh, Pranab Mukherji, or their satraps in the states like Raman Singh, Naveen Patnaik, Kirankumarreddy, Mamta Banerji, Piruthvi Raj Chavhan etc all have one thing in common. They all think they can play with people's lives as and how they want. What they unfailingly don't realize is that they are amassing the fury of the people and that they are bound to be buried underneath its torrent. The killings of people in Kashipur, Niyamagiri, Narayanapatna or in Malkangiri as on September 14 both in police firings and in fake encounters would never succeed in suppressing the people of Odisha. If at all it would give them more reasons to hate this government and mobilize for its overthrow.

The ignoramus DGP of Odisha, true to his nature of a boot-licking dog of the ruling classes has warned that any Maoists entering Odisha would face the fate of these 14 Maoists killed in Malkangiri. Would they never learn from history? No, unless it is their doomsday. It is the anti-people, pro-imperialist, pro-CBB, pro-land lord neo-liberal policies of the Indian ruling classes that is giving rise to Maoism in the vast rural tracts of our country in every state and there is no need for any Maoists to enter from 'outside' states or sky. Every comprador ruler who is implementing LPG policies is fated to face the resistance of the people and it is just one step forward in the right direction for them to turn into Maoists. As all fascists he refuses to respect facts and that is why the beloved children of Odisha who were killed in Malkangiri are looking like 'outsiders' to this progeny of Goebbels. The people of Odisha would definitely avenge the killing of their beloved sons and daughter in Silakota forests by embracing Maoism in large numbers and by teaching the Naveen Patnaik gang a fitting lesson.

Beloved People of India,

Our beloved comrades who were killed in Malkangiri are mostly Adivasis who have taken upon themselves the duty of fighting the neo-liberal policies that are most detrimental not only to the Adivasis but all other exploited and oppressed masses in our country. Protesting their encounter means lending your voice not only against the brutal offensive OGH but also saying a big NO to the pro-imperialist economic policies of the ruling classes.

This year alone has seen massacres of people and Maoists in places like Lakadbandha in Jharkhand, Govindgaon, Bhatpar, Sindesur, Medri and Bhagawanpur in Gadchiroli of Maharashtra, in Edesmetta and Puvvarti in Chhattisgarh to name a few. In almost all these incidents both village women and women Maoists were also brutally murdered. All of them belong to the oppressed sections of our country and they have been fighting for the liberation of all oppressed sections in the society. Protesting these massacres should be done by whoever opposes the lopsided development model of the ruling classes and we appeal to every citizen who aspires for democracy in our country to participate in the protest.

We appeal to all the genuine democratic organizations, parties and individuals of our country to unequivocally condemn the September 14 massacre and organize and participate in protests against it. We appeal to the people of our country to observe Bharat Bandh on October 5 and participate in the protests in huge numbers.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST) CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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**The oppressed cannot expect justice from the
judiciary of the oppressors!**

**Condemn the judgment of the Patna High Court (Bihar) acquitting
the perpetrators of Laxmanpur-Baathe massacre!**

**Condemn the Kandhamal District Court judgment that handed out
punishment to the innocent persons wrongly accused of killing
Laxmananand – the notorious leader of the
Hindu-fundamentalist VHP!**

On 1st December 1997, Ranvir Sena (the private militia of the upper-caste landlords) killed 58 dalits in Laxmanpur-Baathe village of the then Arwal district (in present Jehanabad) of Bihar. Of the killed, 27 were women and 16 children. The trial of the case went on for 13 years. The District Court finally gave its judgment where 26 persons belonging to Ranvir Sena were pronounced guilty of murder, out of whom 16 were given death penalty and life imprisonment to 10. The case was subsequently taken up in the High Court, and after three and a half years of hearing, it acquitted them all on 3rd October 2013. While 58 dalits were mowed down by Ranvir Sena, the High Court has murdered justice itself with its atrocious judgement. The families of the deceased have complained that the higher bureaucracy and top politicians harassed and

pressurised them to prevent them from giving eyewitness testimonies before the court by using every possible means in the past 16 years. The then president of the country, R. K. Narayanan, commented that this massacre was a shame to the country. Acquittal of the perpetrators of the massacre is one way of condoning the massacre itself. It will be an illusion to expect that the oppressed can get justice from the judiciary of the oppressors. Our party condemns the judgment of the Patna High Court in the strongest possible terms.

A judgment of a similar kind has been pronounced by the Additional Sessions Judge of the Kandhamal district (Phulbani) of Odisha. On 23rd August 2008, our PLGA guerrillas annihilated Laxmananand Saraswati, the notorious leader of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) affiliated to the Hindu-communal Sangh gang. He led them in committing untold atrocities on the adivasi people in Kandhamal district. The adivasis adopted Christianity way back during the time of their forefathers. VHP committed atrocities and repression on the adivasis in a bid to bring them to the fold of Hinduism through a “Ghar Vapas” (reunion) campaign. Laxmananand groomed this gang of communal elements in his Thumidibanda aashram and instigated them to work against the people. They unleashed violence on the people in different ways. Therefore, our PLGA guerillas under the leadership of our party annihilated him. The Hindu communal forces used this occasion to commit murder, rape, loot and arson against Christian religious minorities all over Odisha. Police however have acknowledged only 38 deaths in these attacks. On the one hand the perpetrators of this massive communal attack on adivasis are being protected, while on the other hand the District Court has punished innocent people with life imprisonment after they were wrongly implicated in the killing of the gang-leader of Kandhamal’s Hindu communal forces. This judgment is a travesty of justice and our party strongly condemns it.

These two judgments are not exceptions or aberrations of the present system and prove once more that justice cannot be separated from class interests in a class society. The revolutionary movement is advancing and spreading to newer areas. This has created panic and desperation among the exploitative ruling classes. So they have been conducting a multi-pronged offensive against it for more than a decade. Our party feels that the judgement should be viewed as a part of this counter-revolutionary ruling-class offensive.

The ruling classes launched campaigns like Sendra and Salwa Juduum in Bihar and Dandakaranya to terrorise the masses in the revolutionary areas. The people fought them bravely and defeated them. The ruling classes were shocked by their defeat and collaborated with the imperialists – particularly the US imperialists – to start “Operation Green Hunt” which is going on for the past four years.

It is a fact that this multi-pronged counter-revolutionary offensive aims to clear the way for the loot of forests, minerals and all other forms of natural resources. Odisha is rich in various kinds of natural resources. The destruction caused by the forcible land acquisition and mining by POSCO and Vedanta companies has thrown the lives of the adivasi people into disarray. These attacks aim to destroy the people’s strength to resist and fight back. However, such attacks are not concentrated on the forests and the adivasis people alone. The patriots, democrats, people-oriented intellectuals, poets, artists, writers, advocates, journalists and students too are becoming prey to these attacks. As a part of this, the courts are pronouncing one fascist judgment after another. They are handing down rigorous imprisonment and life sentence to people with the mere suspicion that they are related in some way to the revolutionary movement. Recently, the process of seizing the properties of revolutionaries has been started in Andhra Pradesh as per the orders of the Calcutta High Court. Since our party’s General Secretary Comrade Muppala Lakshmana Rao does not have any property, the land of his brother Comrade Balamuri Narayana Rao was seized by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA). All these attacks do not come across as surprising to those who know about the class nature of justice. While tens of thousands of our party activists, leaders and revolutionary masses languish in the jails all across the country, one-third of the members of Indian parliament and state assemblies who have serious criminal charges against them, roam free. There is no dearth of notorious criminals like Raghuraj Pratap Singh and Pappu Yadav in the country who have become powerful political leaders. Such anti-people ruling-class elements are not punished by any court. Those who play with the lives of the oppressed people by committing massacres like Belchi, Laxmanpur Baathe, Baithani Tola, Nagari, Miyanpur, Kandhamal, the murderers of Ranvir Sena, Sendra and Salwa Judum gangs etc., who perpetrate violence against the masses would meet the same fate as that of the hated leader of Ranvir Sena Brahmeswar Sing, VHP leader Laxmananand and Salwa Judum leader Mahendra Karma.

Dear revolutionary people and democrats!

Our party appeals to all of you to strongly oppose the unjust judgments of Patna High Court and Kandhamal District Court. Stand united with the revolutionary masses, workers, poor peasantry adivasis, dalits, religious minorities, women and other sections of the oppressed people. These judgements are a clear indication of the growing fascist trend within the judiciary. Let us raise our voice against these judgments and declare that this will not be tolerated. One-fourth of the Indian people are dalit and adivasis, and most of them are suffering with serious economic, political and social problems. Untouchability and casteism practiced by the oppressors continue to torment them. They are deprived of social peace, justice and respect. The revolutionary movement has stood in support of them. The propaganda of the ruling classes that they are undergoing 'development' and receiving welfare through government policies and reforms have proved to be fictitious and for duping the people. The presence of and participation in the revolutionary movement has provided relief, succour and a sense of dignity to the dalits, adivasis and other oppressed people by annihilating and punishing the upper-caste Senas in Bihar and Jharkhand who indulge in massacres and killings, cruel attacks, violence against women, destruction of property against the people with impunity. The revolutionary movement is also making sincere efforts to restore the self-respect and dignity of the religious minorities of the country. Our movement has proved in the past four and a half decades that land, social peace, justice, a life with self-respect and genuine secularism is possible only through revolutionary struggle. Our party therefore appeals to all of you once again to be part of this struggle and advance the Indian revolutionary movement with your participation.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

December 2, 2013

Red Salutes to the Revolutionary Masses for Boycotting the Recently-concluded Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections!

The election to the Chhattisgarh assembly was completed in two phases in November 2013. As per the directions of Election Commission, the farcical election exercise was completed in the first phase itself, that is, on 11 November, in areas where the revolutionary movement is going on. The scale of deployment of police-paramilitary forces, mine-proof trucks and vehicles mobilised through the land route and the use of helicopters and drones overhead during the first phase of the assembly elections is unprecedented. Following the valiant attack by our PLGA forces near Jeerram Ghati on 25 May where Mahendra Karma, the Congress leader and notorious enemy of the people, was annihilated, Election Commission got a convenient pretext for the massive deployment of armed forces. Everyone knows that during every election in the last three decades a massive scaling-up of troop deployment is carried out in this region. Everyone is witness to the holding of these farcical elections under the shadow of the gun. The masses involved in the revolutionary movement are consolidating the organs of alternative state power by electing their representatives to the Jantana Sarkars on the one hand and are actively boycotting the fake elections on the other. We extend our revolutionary red salutes to the

struggling masses on behalf of our Central Committee.

Apart from ensuring the heavy deployment of paramilitary and police forces, the Election Commission has also conducted its misinformation campaign equally extensively. Going one notch higher than before, the collectors of the seven districts of greater Bastar region also entered the fray by spitting venom and spreading lies against the revolutionary movement. They used a new mischievous weapon of propaganda against our movement by declaring that the fingers of the voters would not be marked with colour. This is to give credence to their foul propaganda that the Maoists punish those who cast their votes, even though there is not even a single instance of 'punishment' for voting by our party in the last three decades. At the same time, the significance of the provision of 'NOTA' in this election was also propagated with a lot of fanfare. However, it is the ground reality that the people have achieved the right not only to reject similar to 'NOTA', but have also the right to recall their representatives in the Jantana Sarkars they democratically elect. In spite of the terror, intimidation and misinformation campaign of the armed forces and the Election Commission, the masses have continued their long-held tradition of election boycott with even more enthusiasm and initiative this time. The political conviction of the masses could not be shaken even by closing down weekly village markets, putting checkpoints on roads, threat of withdrawing ration cards, unleashing a barrage of deceitful propaganda and putting the forests and villages of Chhattisgarh on the point of bayonet. This only helped in unmasking the farcical nature of the Indian parliamentary system even more clearly.

Our Central Committee sends its greetings to the PLGA which has provided protection and security with a great sense of responsibility to the revolutionary masses boycotting the fake elections. Encounters with the armed forces took place at many places while providing security to the people. More than two dozen policemen were either wiped out or injured in these resistance actions. The white terror of these mercenary forces, however, was not limited to the old Bastar region alone. C-60 commandos spread their terror in the bordering Gadchiroli and Gondia districts of Maharashtra as well.

Comrade Sarita and Comrade Rita of Gadchiroli sacrificed their lives while giving protection to the revolutionary masses from the mercenary forces of the reactionary ruling classes during the elections. Similarly, Comrade Manglu of the People's Militia got martyred due to accidental gunfire while in the security duty of the masses engaged in active election boycott campaign. Our Central Committee extends revolutionary homage to their sacrifice. In spite of the unprecedented deployment of police and paramilitary forces, not even a single vote was cast at many places. Election Commission has declared that empty ballot machines were returned from 35 polling booths. There was only nominal voting in hundreds of polling centres if we look at the ground reality of the struggle areas. One can easily understand the situation from the fact that polling parties had to be escorted to 170 booths in the interior areas by the armed forces. Moreover, two paramilitary personnel engaged in election duty the areas of our struggle died of heart attack while in another incident one constable shot dead his platoon commander. The Chhattisgarh DSP's message congratulating the government forces for their "laudable role" during the elections while covering-up these facts is quite laughable.

Our party's Central Committee once again extends revolutionary greetings to the masses that participated in the elections to the Jantana Sarkars with great enthusiasm and boycotted the bourgeois assembly elections. We appeal to all the democrats, intellectuals and civil rights organisations of the country, and also to those who have fought and won the Right to Reject through 'NOTA' after seven years of democratic struggle, to stand in support of the revolutionary masses who have not only boycotted the fake elections but also are electing their own government with a Right to Recall. We appeal to all of you to come forward and be a part of their struggle for establishing genuine democracy and political power.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

December 28, 2013

**Condemn the brutal murders of Comrades Ganti Prasadam and
Akula Bhoomaiah !**

**Condemn arbitrary arrests, harassments and false cases against
people's leaders !**

**Defeat the conspiracy of the ruling classes to crush mass organizations
By rallying, consolidating millions of masses into people's movements !**

Within the span of a few months, the AP ruling classes have killed two revolutionary mass leaders in quick succession. Comrade Ganti Prasadam and Comrade Akula Bhoomaiah fell to the state's mercenary gangs while leading their respective organizations, disregarding the constant danger to their lives from the killer gangs. They brushed aside open threats and intimidation, withstood severe repression, underwent prolonged jail terms, braved the ups and downs of the revolutionary movement over many decades, continued to hold fast to their conviction in the path of Naxalbari and never lost their belief that the people, and the people alone, are the makers of history. This confidence in the politics of the people gave them the strength and determination to hold the red flag aloft through many a trials and tribulations till they breathed their last. That the enemy could find no other way to silence the two popular activists armed with nothing but the weapon of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is, perhaps, the greatest compliment to their unflinching commitment to the goal of revolution. Standing at the frontline of battle, they bravely took the shots of the enemy's latest offensive against revolutionary mass organizations. With their lives they served the masses with utmost dedication, with their martyrdom they enjoin us to do our utmost in their service. Theirs is a death loftier than mountains.

Such fascist methods, of course, were ineffective in scaring the revolutionary people of AP into submission. They have witnessed and withstood similar phases of fascist repression in the past. They have seen popular civil liberties leaders like Dr. Ramanadham, Japa Laxmana Reddy, Narra Prabhakar Reddy, Purushottam, Azam Ali and leaders and activists of different mass organizations like Belli Lalitha, Kanakachari, Mannem Prasad and several others bleeding to death in the hands of the state either in the form of police without uniforms or in the form of state-sponsored killer gangs. They are aware of the brutal nature of class violence and harbor no illusions about the viciousness of ruling-class repression through selectively taking out mass leaders. By strongly protesting against the murders of Ganti Prasadam and Akula Bhoomaiah instead of retreating from the fight, the people of AP, their organisations and activists have resoundingly defeated the dastardly plans of the AP police and their political bosses. From the day of their death onwards, there were a series of vocal protests against the killings marking this spirit of defiance.

The two assassinations carried out by the state had an AP-specific context to it. At the same time, however, they are not isolated from the multi-pronged countrywide offensive launched by India's comprador ruling-classes against the revolutionary movement. By adopting the tactics of low-intensity warfare learnt from the imperialists and carried out in Kashmir and the North East for decades, the state is trying different means to uproot the Maoist movement. It is using brutal repression against the revolutionary party and the masses on the one hand and is aiming to win the "hearts and minds" of the people through fake reforms on the other. The objective is to scare the masses into submission by unleashing white terror, to isolate the revolutionary organizations from the broad masses, to eliminate the leadership of these organizations and to make it impossible for the revolutionary party to maintain a lively relationship with the people. Hundreds of thousands of police and paramilitary and military are being concentrated to crush the embryonic forms of people's power shaped by the revolutionary masses and to impose the farce of parliamentary elections on them at gunpoint. With its heightened offensive in the second phase of 'Operation Green Hunt', the Indian state is striving hard to wrest the initiative and gain the upper hand in the ongoing civil war.

As a part of this counter-revolutionary war, during the period between July and November 2013 marked by the assassination of comrades Prasadam and Bhoomaiah, the state has also carried out a series of arrests implicating a number of activists associated with the democratic movement of the country. Dandapani Mohanty, one of the most prominent faces of the democratic movement in Odisha and ECM of RDF was arrested in February 2013 and is facing charges in 19 Maoists related cases, all on fabricated evidence. Mohanty has been charged with sedition,

waging war against the state, rioting, being a member of an unlawful association, the Arms Act and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, amongst other charges. The Special Task Force (STF) West Bengal have flouted every norms as they picked up Jayeeta Das, a people's activist who has been active in the democratic and people's movements in Kolkata in August 2013. Cultural activist Utpal Bhaske and anti-displacement activist Ispat Hembram were kidnapped from the office of the Visthapan Virodhi Jan Vikas Andolan (VVJVA) by the lawless Jharkhand police in August 2013. Kerala state had resorted to several arrests of RDF leaders and other democrats in the recent past and is vying with other fascist state governments in suppressing voices of dissent. A retired doctor Samir Biswas was arrested by the Mamta government for treating comrade Kishenji in West Bengal in the past. RDF ECM Raja Sarkhel of West Bengal, Bengal RDF Committee Member Prasun Chatterjee have also been arrest and incarcerated.

Hem Mishra, a student and cultural activist from Uttarakhand was picked up by the Gadchiroli police in August and kept in illegal custody. He was alleged to be working for with the Maoist party and was booked under the draconian UAPA. Within weeks of his arrest, Prashant Rahi, a civil rights activist from Uttarakhand was also picked up by Gadchiroli police from Raipur, shown as arrested in Maharashtra and implicated in cases that were foisted upon Hem Mishra. Further, using the pretext of these arrests, the police raided the residence and interrogated G N Saibaba, a professor in Delhi University and a leader of the all-India front of revolutionary mass organizations and a leader of international anti-imperialist movement. Rajkishore, a prominent leader of the country's revolutionary mass movement and General Secretary of RDF was arrested in November in Bihar and put behind bars ignoring his old age and serious health problems. Implicated in cases registered way back in 2005-06, he faces serious charges including murder etc. that can keep him in prison for years. Given his advanced age and health condition, there is a serious threat to his life in prison.

Obviously, they have all been targeted because of their political beliefs, and particularly their political work in support of people's movements. All activities related to the exposing of state repression on people's movements, mobilizing support in the country and internationally for the struggles of the oppressed, undertaking fact-finding visits to the civil war zones and fighting for the rights of the political prisoners, building bridges among the peoples' movements in the subcontinent, and such political work are susceptible to the attack of the state. The international support for the people's war in India too has caused concern for the rulers. The state has therefore intensified its targeting of the urban revolutionary and democratic movement of the country.

In mid-November the home ministry has said in an affidavit in the apex court that "the ideologues and supporters of the CPI (Maoist) in cities and towns have undertaken a concerted and systematic propaganda against the state to project the state in a poor light and also malign it through disinformation. In fact, it is these ideologues who have kept the Maoist movement alive and are in many ways more dangerous than the cadres of the People's Liberation Guerilla Army." This is not a veiled but a direct threat to the functioning of the democratic and revolutionary mass organizations and all the recent attacks and murders should be seen in the light of this stand of the governments towards progressive pro-people intellectuals in our country.

We appeal to all democratic organizations and individuals particularly the people's intellectuals to see through the conspiracies of the Indian state to suppress every kind of support to the fighting people, to suppress every kind of solidarity to the oppressed classes fighting for their Jal, Jungle, Zameen braving all kinds of state brutalities. These political assassinations and arbitrary arrests and harassment of students and intellectuals are an integral part of the Low-Intensity Conflict strategy of the ruling classes. They are but the other side of the coin of the untold atrocities perpetrated on the poorest of the poor in the rural areas, an urban version of it.

We appeal to one and all to condemn the brutal murders of Comrades Prasadam and Bhoomaiah. Condemn arbitrary arrests, harassments and false cases against people's leaders. We appeal to the intellectuals and the people of our country to confront the enemy with resoluteness and carry forward the national democratic revolutionary movement, taking inspiration from the sacrifices made by comrades Prasadam, Bhoomaiah and other martyrs and to fulfill their dreams.

Let us vow to defeat the conspiracy of the ruling classes to crush mass organizations and their leaders by rallying, consolidating millions of masses into democratic mass organizations and bringing about an upsurge of people's movements! Let us vow to stand with doubled determination with the fighting people of our country in the villages, forests, mines, factories and *bastis* and build the widest solidarity to their struggle in our country and all over the world. Let us prove with our practice that the place of a genuine intellectual is beside the oppressed masses and not in the lap of the ruling classes. Let us vow to pave the way for the birth of hundreds of Prasadams and Bhoomaiahs by steeling ourselves in the class struggle.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

CENTRAL REGIONAL BUREAU

December 30, 2013

Condemn the murder of Telangana Praja Front President Comrade Akula Bhoomaiah!

Appeal to the people to observe Telangana Bandh on January 2, 2014!

On the night of 24 December at about 9.30 pm, when the President of Telangana Praja Front Akula Bhoomaiah (64) was returning on his scooter to his home in Adikmet after having participated in the inauguration of two books relating to Telangana, a municipal tipper hit him and killed him on the spot. This murder was perpetrated by the government and the SIB and we strongly condemn it. The CC, CPI (Maoist) remembers his tireless services to the revolutionary and democratic movements particularly the statehood movement for Democratic Separate Telangana and teachers' front and pays red homage to him. Let us vow to lead to victory the new democratic revolution in our country in order to fulfill comrade Bhoomaiah's aims.

We are sending condolences on behalf of our CC to all the family members of comrade Akula Bhoomaiah who had always stood in support and help to him throughout his life as an activist and leader of democratic movements and to the organizations in which he served. We thank all the leaders of mass organizations, intellectuals, democrats and revolutionary people who thronged in their thousands to the place of the accident and accompanied his body to his village Kachapur and paid rich tributes to him.

Comrade Akula Bhoomaiah was born in Kachapur village (Julapalli mandal) of Karimnagar district in 1948 in a middle peasant family. He participated in democratic movement ever since his student days. He participated militantly in the separate statehood movement for Telangana in 1969. Since then he studied and developed a clear understanding about the history and revolutionary movements of Telangana. When the Srikakulam armed revolutionary peasant movement spread like prairie fire to Jagityal and Sircilla taluqs of Karimnagar district in late 70s, he became a part of it. He participated actively in the anti-feudal struggles waged for the rights of agricultural laborers and poor peasants. As part of this struggle he was booked under false cases by the police during Emergency and spent some time in jail.

After completing his studies comrade Bhoomaiah took up job as teacher in a government high school and since then he strove for the rights of the teachers as part of teachers' associations. As soon as he was released from jail in 1977 he began organizing teachers in Panchayat Raj Teachers Union (PRTU) till 1983. He invited the APTF (AP Teachers' Federation), a popular democratic teachers union, that was confined to the coastal Andhra districts to Telangana in 1984 and strove hard for the development of the organization in Telangana. He held various responsibilities in the union at the district and state (including being its president) levels and worked to strengthen it all over the state. In that period he traveled extensively throughout the state, particularly to all the districts in Telangana to propagate and mobilize teachers for a democratic and scientific education. As a teacher who strove for a scientific education system he had close relations with the students. Later he played a crucial role as a guide in the formation of Democratic Teachers' Federation (DTF) in 1998. Through APTF and later through DTF he played a leading role in conducting countless seminars (*vidya sadassulu etc*) and meetings to spread revolutionary, progressive ideas among teachers, students and in society in general. This he had to do braving repression as even such activities had an unofficial ban on them during the severe repressive regimes of the TDP and the Congress parties.

As soon as the second phase of the Telangana movement was launched, he kept his job aside and plunged into the movement since the Warangal declaration. He played the main role in the launching of the Telangana Janasabha for achieving Democratic Separate Telangana in 1997 and was its founding convener. This organization conducted Telangana-wide propaganda in the towns and villages of Telangana and roused the people for a separate Telangana state. Troubled by its ever increasing popularity the World Bank agent

Chandrababu Naidu unleashed severe repression on this organization and killed comrades Belli Lalita, Ailanna, Chandrasekhar, Nalla Vasanth and Sudarshan apart from arrests and tortures of its leaders. The state hatched several conspiracies to kill comrade Bhoomaiah in those days itself. It even plotted to get him killed in his native village. However they were not successful.

During the second phase of the Telangana movement he led the Telangana Janasabha, Telangana Joint Action Committee (*Telangana Aikya Karyacharana Committee*) and the Telangana Praja Front. His contributions to that movement are invaluable. He gave a direction and vision to the Telangana movement from time to time with foresight by propagating about the 610 G.O., Babli project issue, the rights given under the 3rd article in the constitution and by taking up the slogans that Telangana Bill should be tabled in the Parliament, that Telangana is not possible through electoral means; it is possible only through people's struggle and that it is impossible for the Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema bourgeoisie to stop the formation of Telangana. He used to vocally defeat the anti-people arguments of the opposite camp using his political experience, knowledge and understanding of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Thus he fought lifelong as a champion of the Telangana people and the oppressed masses of our country. He applied the Maoist understanding regarding the nationality struggles in the light of MLM, to Telangana history and politics and led a great people's movement in Telangana. He had fought uncompromisingly for Democratic Separate Telangana till his last breath. It is a great loss not to have him among us for mobilizing the people for a democratic Telangana when a separate Telangana state is on the threshold of formation. The Telangana society has lost a great visionary.

Comrade Bhoomaiah was a national executive committee member in JAFIP, an anti-WTO forum and he played a crucial role in the countrywide anti-imperialist movements by participating actively in forums like FAIG (Forum against Imperialist Globalization) and Mumbai Resistance 2004 etc. He maintained close relations with other democratic organizations and movements and was in the forefront in taking up joint activities with them. He worked in the Editorial Boards of teachers magazines and Telangana magazines. He was a prolific writer and wrote innumerable pamphlets, booklets, articles etc on various democratic issues and particularly on the Telangana issue. As a teacher and leader of Telangana movement he traveled extensively and delivered lectures and participated in debates on countless daises. He was a good and sought after orator. Both in the teachers and Telangana fronts he conducted classes on relevant ideological, political and organizational issues for the cadres and guided them as to how they should lead the movements. He had diabetes and other health problems but he did not let ill-health impose restrictions on his work. His tireless work could be attributed to his strong commitment towards Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. He worked for the New Democratic Revolution in our country till his last breath and even sacrificed his life for it.

The Kiran Kumar government in the state and the UPA government at the centre had together assassinated comrade Bhoomaiah. In the recent past Manipenta Venkateswarlu of Mahaboobnagar district and comrade Ganti Prasadam, the Honorary President of *Amarula Bandhumitrula Sangham* (Association of Martyrs' Families and Friends) and Vice-President of RDF were brutally murdered by the state-sponsored killer gangs. The state is trying to suppress the people's movements by a series of killings its leaders. The state has been hatching conspiracies to murder comrade Bhoomaiah since the struggle for Democratic Separate Telangana was launched. Finally it assassinated him so that his intellect is not used for the rebuilding of Telangana as a democratic state. The government is threatening genuine Telangana agitators and those who spell out democratic aspirations in the rebuilding of Telangana and to the people by murdering comrade Bhoomaiah. Those who aspire for a Democratic Telangana should accept this challenge and come forward for achieving that aim by uncompromisingly fighting by mobilizing vast Telangana masses against the exploitative government. Only thus can we pay real homage to comrade Bhoomaiah. We can stop such killings by the state only when the people, democratic and revolutionary mass organizations and intellectuals put up a strong consistent fight by building mighty mass movements.

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Solidarity Week (April 22-28, 2013) in Support of Philippine Revolution ! (Some Photos of this Campaign from DK)

