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**Condemn the brutal killings of Kashmiris
who are agitating for their freedom by the Indian ruling classes !
Participate in huge numbers in the 24 hour bandh called on September 30, 2010
in protest of the massacre of Kashmiris by the government armed forces and
in support of the just movement of the Kashmiri people!**

Massacres of people in Kashmir by the state is out bursting all limits. People are conducting protest marches all over the Kashmir valley against the innumerable atrocities, indiscriminate firings and endless curfew hours. The slogan of AZADI is reverberating all over the valley. More than a hundred Kashmiris have lost their lives since June 11 in the firings done by the paramilitary, army and police forces to suppress the just struggle of the Kashmiri people. Most of those who died are youngsters below 20 years of age and children. Hundreds of protestors have been injured. The exploitative and expansionist Indian ruling classes who claim that this is the biggest democracy in the world are shamelessly deploying the armed forces to suppress the Kashmiris who are conducting peaceful, unarmed and just protests. While the UPA government led by the Congress and all parliamentary parties including the so called left parties CPI, CPI(M) are supporting directly or indirectly this massacre of the Kashmiri people, the Hindu chauvinist BJP is repeatedly inciting the government to suppress the Kashmiri people in cruelest manner. The Omar Abdullah government which is working as a stooge of the Indian ruling classes is participating in this brutal suppression and has been completely isolated from the people. Kashmiri people hate these traitors. Firing, tear gas shelling and lathi charges on each and every procession have become the order of the day. It is in this background that the Kashmiri youth are resorting to counter offensive by hurling stones. This resistance done in self-defence against the brutal massacres is completely justified and democratic.

Kashmir people had never considered themselves a part of India. By 1947 when a sham 'independence' was handed over to India and Pakistan by the British rulers, Kashmir was an independent state under the rule of Raja Hari Singh. The Indian and Pakistani ruling classes who are stooges of the British imperialists had integrated Kashmir into their countries for their own interests and against the aspirations and desires of the Kashmiris. One part was occupied by the Indian expansionists and the other half was occupied by Pakistan. Thus Kashmir was divided into two parts in the most atrocious manner. In order to cool down the fury of the Kashmiris, Nehru government had promised to the people of Kashmir and the UNO in writing to conduct a plebiscite and promised that it would give them independence if people wanted to secede. Nehru had reiterated this promise many more times. But within a short time Nehru began suppressing the Kashmiris under the iron heels of his armed forces. This promise had been deeply buried by every ruling class party which had come to power from Nehru to Sonia-Manmohan's UPA. Indian expansionists had always used repression against the Kashmiris whenever they agitated for their independence. The Indian ruling classes had been conducting a planned propaganda that Kashmir is an integral part of India by hiding even the recent past and burying the promises. The desire for independence has been simmering inside the hearts of the Kashmiris since then and it turned into a militant armed movement in the 90s. Many militant organizations conducted armed struggle. Though there are some differences in the political aims of these organizations, they got the support of the people because they expressed the national liberation aspirations of the Kashmiris. But the fascist Indian ruling classes had deployed more than 7 lakh para military and military forces all over the Kashmir valley and had already killed more than 80 thousand Kashmiri people. Thousands of Kashmiris had gone missing. It is no exaggeration to say that no other government had carried out such a cruel repression on any nationality struggle by deploying armed forces in such large numbers on such a massive scale. The Indian ruling classes had resorted to

all kinds of conspiracies and scheming and had ignited differences between Kashmiri Hindus and Muslims using divide and rule policy. They are still conspiring to counter pose the Kashmiri Pandits against the just movement of the Kashmiri people. Particularly, the role of the expansionist chauvinist Congress, and role played by the saffron Hindu chauvinist Sangh Parivar in the past and present is outrageously heinous. With the excuse that there are pro-Pakistan forces and Islamic forces in the movement of the Kashmiris, Indian rulers are propagating that the movement of the Kashmiris is aimed at seceding from India and integrating in Pakistan. This is nothing but an utter lie. The only aspiration of the Kashmiris right from the beginning is to win liberation for their nationality. That is why, though the Indian ruling classes had been repeatedly stating that they had put down militancy in Kashmir, in fact, it had never been extinguished. Though this movement has been erupting under various circumstances as a response to different problems, the fact that the main slogan of all these agitations is AZADI is testimony to this. CPI (Maoist) firmly reiterates that Kashmiri movement for the liberation of Kashmiris, for their right to self-determination is completely just and that neither India nor Pakistan have any rights over them.

Freedom-loving people of Kashmir,

Our party supports and stands in complete support of your struggle for independence and right to self-determination against the expansionist Indian ruling classes. Our party is sending revolutionary greetings to you on behalf of the entire revolutionary, democratic and struggling people of India and salutes the determination you are demonstrating in your agitations braving police firings, lathi charges, curfews, continuous searching operations and unending insults. Though dozens of youngsters are being killed in indiscriminate firings, you are hoisting the dead on your shoulders and are participating in the funeral marches in thousands all the while demanding AZADI. Your determination and sacrifice will forever be etched in the annals of history. Our party expresses deep condolences to all the martyrs' families, their near and dear and to the whole Kashmiri society who had lost their beloved sons and daughters to the bullets of the mercenary troops of the Indian expansionists. It is the ruling classes who are trying to isolate you by branding you as anti-national and your movement as a secessionist movement who are the real enemies of all the oppressed nationalities and peoples all over the sub-continent. So let's fight unitedly against this common enemy of ours. Let us intensify our struggles.

Justice-loving people of India,

Our party is appealing to all of you to not to believe the chauvinist lies propagated by the Indian exploitative ruling classes, particularly by Congress and saffron terrorist brigade against the just struggle of the Kashmiris. It is appealing to all of you to verify facts and stand in firm support of this just struggle. We are calling upon all of you to participate in huge numbers in observing a 24 hour bandh on September 30, 2010, in support of the just struggle of the Kashmiris and against the massacres perpetuated by the government armed forces.

The concrete demands of our party in this context are as follows

- 1. Stop immediately the massacres of Indian armed forces in Kashmir !**
- 2. Withdraw immediately military and para military forces from Kashmir !**
- 3. Immediately repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) which authorizes the armed forces to kill the people indiscriminately !**
- 4. Plebiscite should be conducted in Kashmir and Kashmiris should be allowed to decide their future on their own !**
- 5. Release all political prisoners unconditionally !**

We are calling upon the people of six states (Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh), people of Gadchiroli, Gondia, Chandrapur districts of Maharashtra and people of Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh to close down all rail and road traffic, banks, government and private offices, industries, educational institutions and business establishments and refuse to attend them. We are excluding essential services like hospitals and other services from this bandh call.



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