

Regional Meeting

Call to the People of South Asia

This joint statement was issued 1 January 1985 by a regional meeting of South Asian Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations which uphold the Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. The meeting was an important step in the consolidation of genuine Marxist-Leninist forces in the region and reflects the growing strength of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement.

The countries of South Asia are rapidly emerging as centres of intense turmoil due to the intensification of people's struggles and the contention and manoeuvring of the two imperialist blocs led by the US and the USSR, as part of their global strategy for war. Though formally independent, all these countries are plundered and exploited by imperialism which has forced an extreme pattern of lopsidedness on their economies. The rulers of these countries try to project themselves as defenders of independence and peace, but they directly serve the interests of imperialism.

In this region, apart from imperialist powers of the two blocs, Indian expansionism is a major threat to the revolutionary aspirations of the peoples of different countries. Indian expansionism, which is a creation of imperialism and is closely linked to it, has a specific interest in dominating and annexing neighbouring countries. It pursues its expansionist policies with the active connivance of imperialism. Indian expansionism is the central pillar of reaction in this region and as such it is a common enemy of all the peoples of the different countries in this region.

However this very pillar is only a paper tiger and has started cracking up due to its inherent contradictions. This has immensely brightened the prospects for revolution. Today in

almost all countries of this region powerful national struggles, apart from militant mass upsurges against dictatorial regimes, imperialism and feudalism, are rapidly emerging and are increasingly taking the form of armed struggle. The Tamil people's liberation struggle in Sri Lanka, the powerful movements against fascist military rule in Pakistan and Bangladesh, the militant mass movements against the despotic monarchy in Nepal, the movements of broad masses and liberation struggles of oppressed nationalities in India are all powerful manifestations of this development. Overall, a situation favourable to revolution exists and is rapidly developing in these countries. But, due to the weakness of Marxist-Leninist forces, imperialism, social-imperialism and Indian expansionism are interfering in these struggles and are trying to utilise them for their reactionary interests. Though the subjective forces of revolution are lagging behind, a turn in this situation has already taken place. The formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement and its *Declaration* has given a strong impetus to this process. It has raised the unity of the communist revolutionaries to a higher level and in the future it will continue to play an important role in forging this unity into a mighty force. In the favourable revolutionary situation existing in this region the communist revolutionaries have the task of taking bold steps and advancing revolutionary struggle to destroy the reactionary regimes and defeat the war machinations of the two imperialist blocs. Guided by the revolutionary ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought they should take up the task of giving leadership to the powerful national movements and people's struggles and direct

them against imperialism and reaction as part and parcel of the New Democratic revolution. They should persist in waging armed struggle where it is already being carried out and heighten their preparations to initiate armed struggle in other countries.

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STRENGTHEN THE RANKS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT!

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