

On the Massacre of the Royal Family in Nepal

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The Politburo meeting of our glorious Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN(M)), which was called for discussing the horrendous massacre in the royal palace, has successfully concluded with resolutions of far-reaching importance. The brief summary of the resolutions is as follows:

It is now clear that this horrendous massacre in the royal palace has been enacted as part of a conspiracy of the imperialists to "smash" the Maoist People's War, which has been advancing in the form of the Nepalese people's powerful patriotic and democratic movement. Behind this lies the strategy of the Americans, who want to tighten their hold on South Asia so as to encircle China, and that of the Indians, who want to "consolidate" their expansionist interests. It is crystal clear that the reason behind the massacre of King Birendra's entire family was his reluctance to mobilise the royal army to crush the People's War and the other forms of the Nepalese people's patriotic movement, which was marching forward by challenging this colonial master plan of the imperialists and expansionists. In this heinous massacre, the role of Gyanendra as a villain within the palace is now getting exposed. Today, the palace itself is justifying the saying "one lie leads to another lie" by conspiring to fabricate colourful theories in order to conceal the crime of this horrendous massacre. In such a situation it would be a big irony even to think that the truth will come out from the so-called investigation committee constituted by the murderers themselves.

From this whole episode it is clear that the traditional monarchy based on feudal nationalism has ended. King Birendra will always be remembered in

history for adopting a liberal policy towards the people's patriotic movement and not readily succumbing to the imperialists, mainly the Indian expansionists. The dignified patriotic Nepalese have already upheld the truth that Gyanendra, the main culprit of the massacre, cannot claim to be the King, from both a legal and moral point of view. Today, the traitorous, corrupt and murderous Girija clique has become a stooge of a stooge and destroyed even the achievements of the people's movement of 1990. There cannot be a bigger slavery than granting legitimacy to those who have committed such a heinous crime by tearing up their own constitution and value system. In this situation, to propagate that the traditional monarchy still exists and to talk of safeguarding the present constitution and parliament, which has murdered thousands of patriots from Madan Bhandari to King Birendra, eventually means playing into the murderers' hands.

In this hour of grave crisis, great historical responsibility has descended upon the whole patriotic Nepalese masses to remain firmly united and to safeguard the sovereignty of the country and the dignity of the nation. For this purpose all patriotic, democratic and leftist political groups and forces should independently initiate the process of forming a united interim government. In the present circumstances, when objectively the monarchical system has ceased to exist, the formation of an interim government will play a historic role in institutionalising the people's democratic republic. Those royal army personnel owing allegiance to King Birendra and patriotic Nepalese masses in the past should now not defend the foreign stooges and

murderers, but should perform their glorious duty towards the country by helping and giving support to the formation of the interim government of the patriotic Nepalese masses. As for those genuine patriots who saw in the king and the monarchy the means of safeguarding the country, there is no reason why they should feel terrified by the Maoist movement, towards which King Birendra had a liberal view. If two and a quarter crores [1 crore = 10 million] of Nepalese masses become united, then no power in the world can make us bend. It is not the foreign lackey and murderous Gyanendra-Girija clique but the interim government, representing the whole patriotic Nepalese masses, that can safeguard national unity and lead the country towards progress. For this our Party is prepared to unite openly with all patriotic Nepalese, with full seriousness and responsibility.

There cannot be any other method than the present one to develop Nepal into a really beautiful garden by means of a new national unity on a new basis of all the people of every oppressed class, caste, nationality, region and sex. Hence our Party makes a strong appeal to all leftist, progressive, patriotic and democratic forces and the general masses to create a powerful movement so as to consolidate the republic, which has been born with this dramatic chain of events and surprising speed, by unifying the country through an interim government. In this hour of crisis we are impatient to dedicate ourselves to serve the country with open arms.

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