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SUCI(C) vehemently condemns hefty rise in salary and perks of MPs

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(Communist), issued the following statement on 23-03-25:

We vehemently condemn 24% rise in the pay packets and pensions of Members of Parliament (MPs), with retrospective effect from 1 April 2023. Now, with 788 MPs in total (543 in the Lok Sabha and 245 in the Rajya Sabha), the cumulative expenditure on all MPs has now reached about Rs 3,400 crore per year. When the toiling masses of the country are bleeding white
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Nagpur violence: handiwork of Hindutva zealots out to precipitate communal divide and hatred

It hardly came as a surprise when India Hate Lab's 2024 reported a 74.4% rise in hate speech, with the BJP-ruled states accounting for 79.9% of communal violence. Among them, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh ranked at the top of the list of hate speech events, having reported nearly 50% of such cases last year. Almost all such cases targeted minorities, Muslims facing the maximum brunt with 98.5% hate directed towards them. In November last, the Sangh Parivar affiliates with discernible connivance with state BJP government riled up water in Sambhal, UP, claiming that the Jama Masjid situated there, was built by demolishing a Hindu temple—just like what they claimed in case of first Babri Masjid and then of Gyanabapi masjid, Varanasi and the Shahi Idgah, Mathura. Sangeet Som, a prominent Hindutva leader and former BJP legislator, sparked controversy with his recent statements regarding the demolition of disputed structures in Mathura and Varanasi which were raised as Mosques after destroying Hindu temples. Speaking at a Holi event in Meerut, Som declared that
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SUCI(C) Maharashtra condemns Nagpur violence fuelled by Hindutva brigade

Comrades Anil Tyagi, Secretary, Mumbai Organizing Committee and Vijendra Rajput, Secretary, Nagpur area organizing Committee, SUCI(C), issued a statement condemning the violence fuelled by Hindutva brigade in Nagpur and demanded of the administration to take immediate steps against groups spreading provoking rumours and appealed to the common people not to fall prey to such mischievous rumours and maintain peace and amity.



Recalling teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on the eve of 78th Party Foundation Day

Remember, a nation can stand erect even if it goes hungry, can conduct struggle even without food, if it possess higher human attributes. But if fascism takes root very few will remain in the country worthy to be called man. Because fascism creates hindrance in the man-making process. (SW Vol. IV)

Why was Socialist System dismantled by Counter-revolution

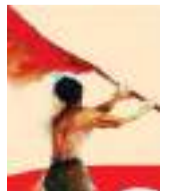
One of the most tragic incidents in history is that despite tremendous development and advancement of the socialist system, it could not last long. Was it inevitable? On this question, we may take a lesson from history that for the final victory of any ideology or establishment of any new system, it requires time following the course of defeat, defeat, victory again defeat, then victory. It takes many decades, even centuries. It took thousands of years to replace the slave system by feudalism, claimed as 'divine rule'. It took about 350 years for the final victory of capitalism over feudalism i.e. establishment of parliamentary democracy the process of which started from outbreak of Renaissance. Marxism as well as communism is a new idea. This idea is challenging the beliefs of thousands and thousands of years starting from the slave system to capitalism i.e. the rule of class exploitation. The earlier changes were all transformation of one form of class exploitation to another. But socialism was to end class exploitation once and for all. It fought against thousands and thousands of years of class exploitation for seventy years braving all attacks, foiling all conspiracies and overcoming all difficulties. But in spite of that, foreign imperialists and counter-revolutionaries within the socialist society could succeed to dismantle this new socialist system. By that, can it be concluded that there is no future of socialism?

It is very relevant to mention here that proponents of Marxism never claimed that once socialism is achieved, then there will be no danger of restoration of capitalism. Rather they forewarned about this danger repeatedly. As Marx said, "What we have to deal with here is a communist society, not as it has developed on its own foundations, but, on

the contrary, just as it emerges from capitalist society; which is thus in every respect, economically, morally, and intellectually, still stamped with the birthmarks of the old society from whose womb it emerges."⁽¹⁾ He added further "...In a higher phase of communist society, after the enslaving subordination of the individual to the division of labor, and therewith also the antithesis between mental and physical labor, has vanished; after labor has become not only a means of life but life's prime want; after the productive forces have also increased with the all-around development of the individual, and all the springs of co-operative wealth flow more abundantly—only then can the narrow horizon of bourgeois right be crossed in its entirety and society inscribe on its banners: From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."⁽²⁾ That means according to Marx, narrow horizon of 'bourgeois rights' will be in vogue till the higher phase of communism is achieved. It follows that until full-fledged communism is achieved, urge for 'bourgeois right' will remain in the socialist society as a danger of capitalist restoration. Lenin also warned, "The dictatorship of the proletariat means a most determined and most ruthless war waged by the new class against a more powerful enemy, the bourgeoisie, whose resistance is increased tenfold by their overthrow (even if only in a single country), and whose power lies, not only in the strength of international capital, the strength and durability of their international connections, but also in the force of habit, in the strength of small-scale production."⁽³⁾

Now let me discuss some of the concrete
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Observe **78th Foundation Day of**
24 April SUCI (Communist)
2025 IN A BEFITTING MANNER



Why Socialist System Dismantled

Marxist stalwarts warned of restoration of capitalism, if socialist rules are not followed

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internal developments which aggravated counter-revolution in Soviet Union and China. On this, I want to refer certain important evaluations of Shibdas Ghosh, eminent Marxist thinker and the founder General Secretary of SUCI (Communist). As far back as in 1948, when glorious worldwide communist movement was making bold strides ahead, he after appreciating this forward march of global communist movement, gave a caution, "... the present leadership of the world communist camp is to a very large extent, influenced by mechanical process of thinking.... because of this there has been continuous violation of the Marxist dialectical principle... most of the parties have chosen the easy way of mechanical centralization which has led to the formation of bureaucratic leadership at the top."⁽⁴⁾ This happened because of absence of appropriate ideological standard and proletarian culture.

Moreover, he pointed out, that by revolution, economic structure was mostly changed along with political power. But, different aspects of the old superstructure like philosophy, ideology, ethics, moral values, family relations, love and affection, forces of habits, etc., also required to be changed. But this change does not happen automatically with the change of economic base. It needs a separate all-out intensive class struggle in the ideological-cultural-ethical sphere to bring revolutionary change in superstructure conducive to socialist economic structure, which also takes much time. Otherwise there lies the danger of bourgeois forces attacking the base and destroy it from the superstructure.

Further he pointed out another phenomenon i.e. bourgeois individualism. This 'individualism' came in history at a time when rising bourgeoisie was struggling to develop individual ownership over means of production. So, slogans of 'individual right', 'individual freedom' were progressive at that time. But after establishment of capitalist ownership over production with exploitation of wage labour, these very slogans became reactionary which led to self-centric approach, indifferent attitude towards the society.

The Russian revolution was an anti-capitalist socialist revolution since the bourgeoisie captured the state power and according to Lenin

'to that extent bourgeois democratic revolution was completed'. But change of other aspects of the bourgeois democratic revolution such as economic, social, cultural, etc., remained unaccomplished. Chinese Revolution, in essence, was a bourgeois democratic revolution under the leadership of the working class. In both the revolutions, individualism played a relatively progressive role as it had played in the Indian freedom struggle and other anti-imperialist liberation movements.

Accordingly, at the time of revolutions both in Russia and China, the moral concept was 'interest of revolution is primary' and 'individual interest is secondary'. After revolution and after a considerable development of economy, that individual interest turned into a new feature of 'socialistic individualism'. Shibdas Ghosh said, "...Although this individualism in the socialist society is essentially bourgeois individualism, in terms of character, its manifestations and pattern in the post-revolutionary socialist society are not, however, identical with bourgeois individualism. To point out the difference between the nature of the two, we call this form of individualism in socialist society 'socialist individualism'. It has to be kept in mind that establishment of the socialist society has not ipso facto put an end to bourgeois individualism within the working class."⁽⁵⁾ This could be fought out by developing a new concept of communist morality such as freeing the individuals from the shackles of individualism and identifying individual interest with the interest of the society, revolution and revolutionary party. This was not done in both the countries. Although in the last stage of his life, Stalin smelt this danger which I will refer later.

Besides above-mentioned points, following factors are also to be noted. At the time of revolution, people supported revolution because they felt it would remove exploitation and poverty, and would get them better life. But all the people were not communists. In both the countries, non-communist people were in big number. In comparison, members of the communist parties were very much less. So long as people were not ideologically turned as Marxists, they carried non-Marxist bent of thinking, i.e. bourgeois ideology and

that created an antagonistic contradiction between people and the communist party members. If people are not freed from alien bourgeois ideology by intensive ideological struggle, it endangers the communist party and leads to degeneration of its members. Exactly that had happened.

Another point is also to be noted. There was a contradiction between mental and physical labours. Unless intellectual section of the society acquires communist morality, they become victims of a sense of superiority and begin to think that physical labourers are inferior to them. It prevents them from accepting the dictatorship of the proletariat and develops a yearning for bourgeois individual freedom.

Moreover, due to lowering of ideological standard and absence of higher communist morality, democratic centralism turned into mechanical centralism leading to bureaucratic leadership in different spheres of leadership in the party and state and thereby developed ultra-democracy as a counter reaction among rank and file and people.

Moreover, the old generation who suffered from ruthless oppression, extreme exploitation in Czar-ruled Russia and fought for revolution and protected nascent Soviet socialism from combined direct foreign imperialist aggression, economic blockade and internal counter-revolutionaries, were no more. The new generation, who emerged after few decades enjoyed all the benefits and fruits of developed socialism mostly being victim of 'socialist-individualism' and lacked communist ideology and morality, knew unbearable sufferings of pre-revolutionary period and sacrifices of old generation in revolutionary struggles only from books, did not have that emotion and revolutionary spirit of earlier era. All these above mentioned phenomena along with overt and covert conspiracies of foreign imperialists caused counter-revolution in both Russia and China.

But as mentioned above, in the last hours of his life, Stalin felt the danger which was expressed with much agony in the report of 19th Party Congress of CPSU submitted on his behalf due to his illness. He said in that report: "*Ideological work is the prime duty of the party and under-estimation of this work may cause irreparable damage to the interest of the party and state.*

We must always remember that any weakening of the influence of the socialist ideology signifies strengthening of the influence of bourgeois ideology. ... We still have survivals of the bourgeois ideology, relics of the private property mentality and ethics. These survivals do not die away of themselves. They are highly tenacious and may strengthen their hold, and resolute struggle must be waged against them. ... Nor are we guaranteed against the penetration of alien views, ideas and sentiments from outside, from the capitalist countries or from inside, from the remnants of groups hostile to Soviet state which had not been completely demolished by the party."⁽⁶⁾ It is clear that he felt the danger and preparing the party to launch a battle against these capitalist forces endangering socialism, but his sad demise after a few months prevented it.

Shibdas Ghosh just after the 20th Congress of CPSU held in 1956 under stewardship of Khrushchev criticized that "*No doubt, this trend of thinking by Khrushchev is sure to generate the trend of reformism-revisionism in the communist movement of different countries.*"⁽⁷⁾ Further he pointed out, "*To black out Stalin would have the inevitable result of disowning his authority and consequently of rejecting his interpretation of Leninism, which is the present-day understanding of Marxism-Leninism. ... It would mean invitation to all sorts of counter-revolutionary ideas to pass for Marxism-Leninism and the ideological foundation of the communist movement would suffer a setback.*"⁽⁸⁾

Renegade Khrushchev is not the only one to be blamed. He represented a counter-revolutionary trend which was developed within Soviet Union. As ideological standard of the rank and file was low and they were habituated to follow the leadership blindly, they could not apprehend the conspiracy behind the slogans of fighting 'cult of personality', 'liberalization', 'democratization of socialism' raised by renegade Khrushchev.

Similar thing happened in China also. In 1966 Mao Zedong himself felt the danger of counter-revolution in China and launched the historic Cultural Revolution to counter 'capitalist roaders' at the head of the party and state. But the Cultural Revolution could not decisively defeat the bourgeois forces and ultimately the capitalist-roaders established capitalism after demise of Mao Zedong in 1976.

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Zionist Israel flagrantly violates ceasefire and renews pounding Gaza with full support of US imperialism

Beneath the rubble of Gaza's shattered hospitals and schools lies a truth as unyielding as the concrete that crushes Palestinian lungs: this is not merely a war, but a brutal expression of capitalist imperialism. The numbers that numb, tell a story of exploitation. Over 50,000 Palestinians have been killed. According to UNICEF, the toll of children's life has been as high as 14,500 since the start of the war of aggression by Israel, that's more than the number of children killed in 4 years of wars worldwide. These casualties are the hallmark of a system that commodifies life for power and profit. Gaza strip of Palestine has been transformed into a graveyard of child amputees, its economy annihilated by innumerable US-made 2,000-pound bombs.

The assault has internally displaced nearly Gaza's entire 2.3 million population and caused a hunger crisis. There is an unknown number of people still under the rubble. It is no collateral damage but logical endpoint of hegemonism, gangsterism and naked military aggression of imperialist sharks like US and Zionist Israel, its front office in the Middle East.

US imperialism, architect of this orchestrated bloodbath, is operating as the engine of a planned imperialist plunder. Since October 2023, the erstwhile Biden administration has fast-tracked 2,000-pound bombs to Israel—weapons produced by Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, the leading corporate arm manufacturers, whose profit through sale of sophisticated military hardware has not only rocketed sky high, their stock prices also soared as Gaza burned. Each bomb dropped is a dividend paid to shareholders; each UN ceasefire veto by US shields not Israel, but the profit machinery of the military-industrial complex of US-Israel duo. Urge for profit maximization through militarization of economy has made the imperialists totally bereft of rudimentary human feeling.

Ceasefire

In the face of global criticism of the barbaric military assault of US-backed Israel on the freedom-seeking Palestinians, the Zionist government reluctantly agreed to a temporary armistice with Hamas, the Palestinian militant group seeking to resist Israeli military aggression, and a hostages-and-prisoners exchange. The ceasefire was decided to be from 19 January to 18 March 2025. Qatar and Egypt spent months brokering the ceasefire which laid out a path for permanently ending the war and had seen the release of hostages held by Hamas in exchange for Palestinian

Unite Against the Killing of Over 400 Palestinians Including Women and Children by Imperialist US-backed Zionist Israel Violating the Ceasefire Agreement

Joint Statement of
25 Students Organisations of South Asia

The imperialist US-backed Zionist Israel has once again launched a barbaric attack on the unarmed people of Palestine violating the ceasefire agreement. Israel has carried out a heinous aerial and drone attacks violating all ceasefire agreements, targeting the defenseless, innocent, and sleeping civilians of Gaza, Palestine. This brutal attack and massacre stand as one of the most heinous crimes in the history of human civilization. The photographs and videos of the mutilated bodies of Palestinian civilians, including children, circulated in the media, have shocked the conscience of the mankind. The vicious nature of the capitalism-imperialism is being exposed time and again through such barbarian aggressions. To escape the crisis of market downturns, the imperialists are artificially creating war-like

situations or directly initiating wars to sustain their military industries. This is the reason behind the aggressions. Palestine has been enduring continuous attacks by Israel for a long time, with direct support from American imperialism. From October 2023 until the ceasefire, around 50 thousand Palestinians were killed, and nearly 115,000 were injured—most of them are women and children. Due to immense anti-war pressure from global people's opinion, including in Israel they were forced into a ceasefire on January 19, 2025. However, suddenly violating the agreement, they have resumed their barbaric attack. Not only that Israeli Prime Minister and war criminal Netanyahu threatened that they are to set out greater attack on Palestine! The world knows behind this aggression there is a direct

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prisoners held by Israel. Accordingly, the exchange of hostages started and continued for 42 days. Thereafter, it was agreed that a permanent ceasefire will be established, remaining living hostages in Gaza will be exchanged for more Palestinian prisoners and Israeli forces will make a complete withdrawal. Since 1 March, when stage one expired, the ceasefire had been in limbo.

Israel disobeys conditions of armistice and revives military assault on Gaza

But the world awoke to the shocking news that Israel had resumed its genocidal war on Gaza by unilaterally violating the truce and resumed air strikes on the enclave killing, as per media report, 500 Palestinians on a single day. The pounding is continuing and let alone the refugee camps, even a lone cancer hospital has not been spared. In western Gaza City, a group of civilians, including a woman with special needs, was attacked in front of al-Rantisi Children's Hospital. Additionally, two schools sheltering displaced families, al-Tabin School in Daraj, Gaza City, and Dar al-Fadhila School northwest of Rafah City, were severely bombed.

While Israel claims that the refugee camps are abode of Hamas

militia, fact is that armed groups stationed in Palestinian refugee camps were formed in 2021 to respond to Israel's violent, frequent raids on the camps and its entrenching and increasingly violent occupation, which violates international law. They in no way pose a threat to Israel. Yet Israeli rulers make it a pretext to justify their barbaric action. Paradoxically, it is Israel which has held on to the bodies of hundreds of Palestinians over the years to use as a bargaining chip, a practice known as necro-violence. Hamas has called the attacks a "blatant violation of all international and humanitarian conventions" and said the perilous humanitarian situation and lack of fuel on the ground meant many of the wounded died because they were unable to reach hospitals. Also, on 9 March, Israeli Energy Minister Eli Cohen ordered halt of electricity supplies to Gaza, which affected the entire enclave, but particularly a desalination plant producing drinking water for part of the enclave. These moves have justifiably led to an outcry from the United Nation and countries around the world.

Despotic assertion of Israel to continue offensive

Like worst despots, rulers of Zionist Israel have warned, their new offensive will "continue as long as

necessary and will expand beyond air strikes"—suggesting plans for renewed military action on the ground. Israel has also sealed off Gaza, preventing the entry of any humanitarian assistance, including food, fuel and medicine—a move evidently backed by the Pentagon regime. It is reported that US administration confirmed having been consulted by Israel before resuming the attacks and lent its support to recommencement of the attack. When US President Donald Trump began speaking of Gaza as a demolition site, calling to "clean out that whole thing", it was not clear how far these were off-the-cuff remarks. But in the lead up to his Oval Office comments before meeting visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, it was clear that he is profoundly serious about his proposals. Trump had previously publicly warned using similar words, saying that Hamas should release all hostages in Gaza or "let hell break out." "This is your last warning! For the leadership, now is the time to leave Gaza, while you still have a chance....the People of Gaza: A beautiful future awaits, but not if you hold hostages. If you do, you are DEAD! Make a SMART decision." It is unclear how the "beautiful future" Trump promised residents of Gaza would fit into his ethnic cleansing plan. Trump previously said, under his proposal, Palestinians would not be able to return to the territory. The deliberate killing of thousands of children is a part of the design of ethnic cleansing. What can be a better illustration of a rogue, inhuman and utterly insolent war-monger who considers that the whole world is his fiefdom and entire global population are bound to genuflect before his autocratic dictates and hegemonic design.

Point of view of Hamas

On the other hand, Hamas asserts that it has "adhered to the ceasefire agreement and implemented it precisely, but the Israeli occupation reneged on its commitment and reversed it by resuming aggression and war,...Hamas and the resistance factions are in constant session to assess the situation and working with mediators to curb the aggression." Hamas also added that as per conditions of the armistice, final exchange of hostages can take place only if the ceasefire is not violated by Israel. It warrants mentioning that when both sides agreed to a ceasefire, Israel refused to state in writing that it would not resume hostilities after the first phase.

Hamas still agreed to the terms after receiving verbal guarantees from mediators—Egypt, Qatar and the

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ASHA workers' strike in Kerala Exemplary struggle for workers' rights

As we had stated in Proletarian Era dated 1 March, Kerala is witnessing an extraordinary movement of ASHA workers. This movement, which began as a working class movement, has today grown into a social movement. The people of the state, those who believe in democracy, those who love humanity, those who aspire to see women rise as a social force, those who aspire for the progress of the working class, and above all, all sections of workers are united in this struggle with all their hearts. All people want the struggle to be victorious.

27,000 poverty-stricken ASHA workers have shown the path of an unyielding struggle to the workers who are suffocating due to denial of rights. The Kerala ASHA Health Workers Association (KAHWA), an independent organization currently not affiliated with any central trade union, started this day and night struggle in front of the state secretariat on 10 February demanding increase of the honorarium to Rs. 21,000 per month, payment of the honorarium to latest by the fifth day of following month, Rs. 5 lakh as retirement benefit and grant of pension to the retirees.

It is pertinent to mention that ASHA workers at present are paid a meagre sum of Rs 233 per day for a work they do 18 hours a day without leave. This low wage is also a violation of the law, considering that the daily minimum wage announced by the government itself in the state is Rs 700.

This is the first time in the history of Kerala that a fierce, yet completely peaceful, women workers' strike has lasted this long with participation increasing as the days are passing by. The ASHA workers came as messengers of comfort and solace during the Covid period, when death gripped the nation and people were under house arrest. They provided primary healthcare services to pregnant women, children, the elderly bedridden patients, and those facing mental challenges. For this reason, they have, like all other states, become dear to every household in Kerala. That is why the Kerala society has taken to their hearts the struggle of the ASHA workers. SUCI (Communist) is giving full support to the Asha strike.

Most regrettably, the attitude of the CPI (M)-led Kerala government towards such a legitimate struggle has been no different to that of any other bourgeois party. In the beginning, the Government ignored the protest, and the Health Minister, who herself is a lady, declared the protest an unwanted



one. As the support from the people and the media grew, the ministers and CPI (M) leaders started belittling the movement by using abusive words. The leaders of the ASHA association were driven away when they went to meet the health minister at her residence. Under pressure of the movement and formidable mass support towards it, the health minister agreed to hold talks but did not accept any demands and asked the struggling ASHA workers to call off the strike. The government even threatened to dismiss them and issued an order for appointing temporary workers to perform the work that requires long-term training. It is not only a complete anti-labour step but also have an adverse impact on the health of the people. There has also been the strange and undemocratic move of filing cases against not only the leaders of the movement but also against reputed social activists who have shown solidarity with the strikers. Not only that. Now the CITU, the labour wing of the CPI (M), has been fielded to frustrate the movement by undertaking various sinister moves. The CPI(M) and CITU leaders are also not mincing matters to denigrate the SUCI(Communist) by calling it an 'irresponsible party', 'anarchists', 'tin collectors', 'pests spreading infectious diseases' and so forth. This only indicate that as logic is ceasing their way, they have chosen to hurl invectives which only shows their ideological-political bankruptcy.

As the CPI (M) government is showing no inclination to settle the issue in a righteous manner, rather making desperate attempts to break the movement, the striking ASHA workers have decided to escalate the movement by initiating a relay hunger strike in front of the Secretariat, from 20 March.

Representatives from the Kerala ASHA Health Workers Association, including MA Bindu, State General Secretary of KAHWA, R Sheeja, State Committee member, and Thankamani, Thiruvananthapuram district committee member, have volunteered to participate in the hunger strike. Comrades K. Sadanand, state president of AIUTUC, and S. Mini, one of the senior leaders of the state AIMSS, have extended their support to this just struggle of the ASHA workers.

Why Socialist System Dismantled

Socialism is inevitable becomes of inexorable law of social development

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Although socialism is dismantled, it is to be remembered that socialism did create a new civilization in the history of mankind. A civilization without class exploitation, a civilization which fully guaranteed employment, food, shelter, education and health to all citizens, equality between man and woman and abolition of all nationality, social, ethnic, religious differences and conflicts provided most democratic constitution guaranteeing wide representation from workers of both sexes, right to recall elected representatives and cessation of nations. A civilization that yearned for world peace and stoppage of all sorts of local and world wars and destruction of all weapons. That is why eminent personalities of 20th Century like Romain Rolland, Bernard Shaw, Einstein, Rabindranath Tagore, Subhas Chandra Bose, Sarat Chandra, Bhagat Singh and others—hailed this new civilization. It was Soviet Union led by Great Stalin which saved mankind from the aggression of fascist countries in the Second World War. After Second World War, a powerful socialist world system had developed challenging world imperialism-capitalism and helping all anti-imperialist-capitalist struggles. Had there been existence of that world socialist system today, US imperialists could not dare to occupy Iraq, destroy Libya and aid Israel to attack Palestine. Also unleashing war of aggression on Ukraine by imperialist turned Russia, causing deaths of thousands and thousands of people, destroying hundreds of towns and villages and displacing myriads from the home and hearth, would not have been possible.

Today two powerful imperialist powers, US imperialism and imperialist turned China turned imperialist after counter-revolution, are at loggerheads with each other over the issue of domination in the world market and plundering other countries economically. World imperialism-capitalism is engulfed in unprecedented insoluble economic crisis. In fact, continuous ever-intensifying ever-widening economic recession is pushing their economy to sink more and more. So, they have unleashed an economic war. Recently, US imperialism dared to order other countries to submit to its dictates by bending knees. Whether present economic war between two giant imperialist monsters will lead to armed warfare—future will tell. But everything is not dark. There is a light of hope as well. Unbearable acute problems of life are leading to spontaneous outburst of people's outrage. Just like surging wave it is rising then ebbing, again rising and ebbing—which continues. It is not accidental that movements like 'Occupy Wall Street', 'Arab Spring', year-long peasants' movement in Delhi, frequent workers' strike in Europe and other countries have been surging forth. It reflects people's desire to protest, people's desire to struggle, people's desire to change. This is the objective condition for revolution. But subjective condition such as development of powerful revolutionary proletarian parties armed with Marxism-Leninism to lead to these people's desire to logical culmination i.e. revolution, has not yet matured.

Urge for socialism did not arise because Marx and Engels desired it. It emerges following an inexorable social law based on antagonistic contradiction between capital and labour which was concretized scientifically by Marx and Engels. Future of humanity lies only with socialism and then with communism. Sooner or later, inevitably there will again be rise of socialist revolution.

As Russian socialist revolution learned from the defeat of Paris Commune, similarly, to resist and defeat counter revolution, future socialist revolution will have to learn from the counter-revolutions in Russia and China.

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Progressive Cultural Association of India organizes an All-India camp for artistes and cultural workers



Shri Pratap Samal, convener, PCAI addressing

In this country, a cultural movement has been initiated to complement the revolutionary struggle, leading to the creation of the Progressive Cultural Association of India, or PCAI. This organization has already spread to various parts of the country. Groups of actors, singers, artists, and filmmakers are forming in many places. In this context, there has arisen a need for interaction, exchange of ideas, and learning from mutual experiences among artistes from different parts of the country engaged in struggle in the cultural field.

With this objective in mind, the Progressive Cultural Association of India (PCAI) organized a national cultural camp from March 15 to 17 in Jaynagar, a cradle of mass movements and a town rich in cultural heritage. Nearly two hundred artistes from various parts of the country attended the event. The camp's activities began with an

inaugural ceremony, where speeches were delivered by the PCAI convener, Sri Pratap Samal, and Sri Soumen Basu, member of the Polit Bureau of the SUCI(C). Four separate workshops were held, each focusing on one of the four fields of the arts: music, drama, visual arts, and filmmaking. The core activities of the workshops included the review of various art forms, learning, practice, and discussions on different technical aspects.

Every day, the participants woke up at 5 a.m., completed their daily tasks, and then spent an hour engaging in vocal exercises for singers, physical exercises for actors, collecting subject matter for paintings from the local community for visual artists, and taking photographs for filmmakers. Additionally, discussions were held on how to create high-quality art based on the struggles of ordinary people, how to stimulate the emotional sensitivity of the audience, and

how to cultivate a refined sense of taste. In the final session of the workshops, Shri Chandidas Bhattacharya, West Bengal State Secretary, SUCI (C), delivered a speech on various aspects of the cultural movement and the teachings of the great leader and guide of the working class, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The final day, March 17, was dedicated to presenting the arts to the general public at the Shivnath Shastri Sadan (also called the Town Hall). At 10:30 a.m., Sri Sudhir Kumar, from Kerala, inaugurated an art exhibition at the Jaynagar Town Hall courtyard. Afterwards, Sri Pratap Samal paid floral tribute to the portrait of one of the prominent figures of the Indian Renaissance, Shivnath Shastri, who was from Jaynagar town. The main event began with Sri



A section of the audience

Comrade Provas Ghosh's message to the PCAI camp participants

To,

The participants of the All India Training Camp organized by 'Progressive Cultural Association of India'

Dear Comrades,

Perhaps some of you are informed that I assured Comrade Pratap Samal that I will be present in your last day performance. But sudden illness followed by medical advice prevented me from fulfilling that commitment. It is very painful to me.

Regarding the need, origin and evolution of different branches of art, I discussed in your last session at Ghatsila according to my understanding of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, which perhaps some of you are already acquainted with. I do not want to repeat that now. Here I want to place a few points before you for consideration.

It is known to you that in a class divided society where irreconcilable contradiction between antagonistic classes exist, none, even the artistes and art cannot remain and are not remaining neutral. All, unknowingly or knowingly, serves exploiting or exploited class. When society became class divided, this process started. Art and artistes also played this role in all earlier social movements. It was inseparably linked up with the social movements. You know from history when religious movement played a progressive role, how art played its role accordingly and developed also. Thereafter, it played that historical role in the period of anti-feudal Renaissance followed by democratic revolution in Europe. Accordingly, art also

flourished. Similarly, a glorious role was played by art and artistes in Great Soviet and Chinese proletarian revolutions.

Hence the slogan 'art for art's sake', 'art for entertainment' or artistes should merely run after cheap public applause, money-name-fame - all these are deceptive, impediments before social progress and hence reactionary. These hinder development of artistes and art also.

In our country, during foreign imperialist rule, there was development of Renaissance movement followed by freedom struggle which produced talents after talents not only in politics, but also in science, literature, different branches of art i.e. both vocal and instrumental music, drama, folk song, folk drama, painting, sculpture, dance etc. At that time, a section of them became inspired by Soviet socialist revolution and were attracted towards communism. They joined the then undivided CPI, which was not a real communist party and failed to provide them the revolutionary ideology and appropriate guideline. Although they had talents acquired from freedom struggle, after some time, most of them were dragged to individual careerism, name, fame and money and few became frustrated.

Great Marxist thinker Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded our party in 1948 when the tide of freedom struggle was over, and a process of

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Pratap Samal explaining the aims and objectives of PCAI and the workshop's purpose. He mentioned that our beloved leader, Comrade Provas Ghosh, had wished to attend the event, but due to sudden illness, it was not possible. Sri Samal read out a written message to the camp participants, in which Comrade Ghosh outlined the tasks before the workers in the cultural field. He said that, in a class-divided society, art cannot remain neutral, and artistes cannot but serve the interests of either the exploiting or the exploited class. It is the task of conscious artistes to avoid slogans like 'art for art's sake', 'art for entertainment', etc., which serve the interest of the exploiting capitalist class—and build up a mighty cultural movement that will draw the masses toward struggle.

Next, a video message from the eminent artist Sri Ganesh Haloi was shown, who could not attend the programme due to advanced age and illness. The cultural events that followed featured high-quality performances of drama and music by artists from Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Assam, and Kerala, which were appreciated by the audience. Distinguished musician Sri Ranjan Prasad gave a talk on folk music, followed by a song. The filmmaking team members presented a documentary on the workshop.

The delegates involved in the struggle for development of cultural movement in different states returned to their respective workplaces with a resolve to build a powerful and wide-ranging cultural movement based on a high sense of taste and ethical-moral values. This All-India cultural camp is hoped to be recognized as an important step toward initiating a cultural movement in this country.

Nagpur

RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar are out to poison mind of 84% Hindu community stating that 16% Muslims pose threat to Hinduism

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these mosques would be demolished by a Hindutva mob, just like the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, without involving the courts.

On 1 February last, a group of Hindu devotees, evidently assembled by the arch communal Sangh Parivar, offered prayers at a sealed basement area inside the Gyanvapi mosque, which was built in Varanasi as far back as in 1670. The district administration had made arrangements, literally on a war footing, to facilitate the puja. Then on 5 February, the Archeological Survey of India (ASI), which has now been found to be parroting the assumed views of the ruling dispensation keeping the science of archeology to the backburner, had, in reply to a query under the Right to Information (RTI) Act revealed that the Shahi Idgah in Mathura was built by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb after demolishing a Krishna temple that existed on its site. And also, a section of the judiciary, just on the line of the highly controversial Babri Masjid ruling where faith of the 'religious majority' was pronounced to be having precedence over facts and evidences, is also found to be active in endorsing the claims of the Hindutva brigade. On February 6, the Baghatpat district court of UP ordered Muslims to hand over the centuries-old Dargah of Badruddin Shah located at Barnawa to the Hindutva groups upholding the claim that it was the location of the 'Lakshagriha' (house of lacquer) mentioned in the Mahabharata. This claim is rather intriguing because, over the past three years, the BJP government of UP has been promoting a different site, Handia in Prayagraj district, as the site of the Lakshagriha. On 7 February UP CM Yogi Adityanath publicly endorsed the claims of the Sangh Parivar affiliates over the Varanasi and Mathura mosques. Earlier, on 29 January, Indresh Kumar, a top leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the BJP's ideological parent organization, told Reuters that the people of India and the world should think about whether the structures at Varanasi, Mathura, and the one in Madhya Pradesh should be considered as mosques at all. In Madhya Pradesh in central India, tension has been brewing over the Kamal Maula Masjid in Dhar district over the past few months after in September last, an idol of Goddess Saraswati was found within the premises, reportedly left by some unidentified persons. A leader of the right-wing Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha later

claimed that the idol "had spontaneously manifested itself" as if there is a divine indication of the place belonging to the Hindus. When a victory procession disrupted Ramzan prayers and raised derogatory slogans against Muslims in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh after the Indian cricket team won the ICC trophy, clashes erupted. But the police arrested 13 people, all of whom happened to be Muslims, despite the fact that a video showed a few participants in the rally provoking namazis with chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and vandalizing vehicles in front of the mosque. A number of anti-Muslim violence were reported in Madhya Pradesh on the day of Holi. Many mosques in UP were covered with tarpaulins on the day of Holi as if those are irreligious places. A Muslim man reportedly died in Uttar Pradesh after he was allegedly assaulted by a group of men who forcibly tried to smear him with colours on Holi. Hindutva group's are fomenting communal tension centring round imminent Ram Navami festival. And the latest neatly crafted move to inflame communal sentiments, was seen in Nagpur, Maharashtra, the headquarters of the RSS. On 17 March, the VHP and Bajrang Dal, two affiliates of the Sangh Parivar organized a rally demanding removal of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb in Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra. Purely as an act of provocation, the protesters burned a symbolic grave wrapped in a green cloth, allegedly picked up from a nearby local dargah. Also, it is reported that the VHP and Bajrang Dal supporters had burnt a 'chadar' (green cloth) with sacred verses written on it. Despite the fact that the caretakers of the shrine went to the local police urging immediate action against these communal miscreants, reportedly no steps were taken by the police other than the filing of an FIR, either to prevent the burning or thereafter. Two days after riots rocked Nagpur over demands by Hindu outfits for the removal of Aurangzeb's grave in Khuldabad, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)—through its spokesperson Sunil Ambekar—not only condemned the violence but also said the Mughal emperor was not relevant anymore. Coming as they do on the heels of weeks of protests by RSS affiliates—the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal - it is difficult to fathom how to read the statement of the RSS spokesperson. There has been no riot in Nagpur in the history of these 300 years. Then

AIMSS on recent Allahabad Court ruling in a POSCO case

Comrade Chhabi Mohanty, General Secretary, AIMSS, in a statement issued on 22-03-25 expressed indignation at the ruling of Allahabad high court that inappropriately touching private parts or snapping a pajama string do not constitute rape or attempted rape but can be considered aggravated sexual assault. The Court pronounced this verdict in a recent POSCO case involving an attack on a minor girl in Uttar Pradesh.

AIMSS has been of the opinion that the judgment should be reviewed suo moto by the Supreme Court, as this ruling will give undue indulgence to the perpetrators of crimes against women.

how could such a situation arise? There is a BJP government both at the Centre and in the state. If VHP and Bajrang Dal were found taking out rallies demanding removal of Aurangzeb's tomb, why did not the government take steps to maintain law and order?

Moreover, as the Hindutva zealots agitated to press the Maharashtra government to demolish Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb, none other than the chief minister Devendra Fadnavis endorsed their views. On 10 March 2025, Fadnavis sparked a row when he said that he believed Aurangzeb's grave should be removed. The anxieties among different communities in Nagpur after the riots had barely calmed down when Fadnavis further fuelled them by saying that it was "unfortunate that the government has to take responsibility for protection of Aurangzeb's grave" and that any attempt to glorify the Mughal king will not be tolerated. Anyone can understand that the bones of Aurangzeb who died 300 years back have long interred in the soil. Aurangzeb is not someone that the Muslims adore today. Tensions over the Mughal ruler have surged afresh after the release of Bollywood movie based on the life of the son of Maratha king Shivaji who fought against Aurangzeb. The film has been lambasted by some movie critics for not only presenting a distorted version of history but also feeding into a divisive narrative that risks exacerbating religious rifts in the country.

Notably, after fuelling an already charged environment, Fadnavis now has the audacity to term the Nagpur violence as "pre-planned", ostensibly by minorities - in what seems like a clear attempt to deflect attention from his own failure to contain Hindutva aggression on streets and portray a politically-motivated campaign as a "law and order" problem. But the only event that looks "pre-planned" is the organized demand by groups like VHP and Bajrang Dal to raze Aurangzeb's tomb and the chief minister's immediate endorsement of the call that clearly was intended to rile the Muslims. And paradoxically, though some of the VHP and Bajrang Dal activists were arrested as an eyewash, Fahim Khan, president of the Minorities

Democratic Party (MD DP), has been identified as one of the key instigators of the riot. Earlier, Zafar Ali, the chief of Jama Masjid Sadar and Shahi Mosque Committee, was taken into custody by Uttar Pradesh Police in connection with the violence that erupted in Sambhal. Reportedly, the houses of some of the arrested persons belonging to minority community have been demolished by bulldozer.

Of late, BJP chief ministers like Fadnavis of Maharashtra and Yogi Adityanath of UP have made it a habit to fuel tensions with their statements. Polarizing statements in a volatile environment used to be heard from fringe elements, but that isn't the case. Adityanath recently endorsed a high-level police official in Uttar Pradesh who asked Muslims to stay home if they did not want to be unwillingly smeared with colours on Holi. Taking a cue from him, legislators from the saffron party like Rameshwar Verma in Madhya Pradesh or Haribhushan Thakur Bachaul in Bihar threatened Muslims in a similar way. Maharashtra has been allowed earlier by Eknath Shinde-led government and now by Devendra Fadnavis-led government to host repeated events where controversial figures delivered provocative hate speeches that have undoubtedly left their impact on the social fabric. This is how, the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar are out to poison mind of 84% Hindu community of the country that 16% Muslims pose threat to Hinduism.

The RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar think tank is not short of pretexts to incite hate campaign against Muslim minorities and engineer communal conflagration. So to frustrate their heinous design, it is necessary that all right-thinking democratic-minded people rise in united protest and launch a countrywide organized democratic movement under correct revolutionary leadership on the pressing demands of life. The cultural milieu of this movement would remove all wrong thoughts, injected mutual hatred among communities, all disharmony and disaffection, all sectarian feelings and cement struggling solidarity of the toiling masses in fighting for their cause against the common enemy, ruling capitalism and its servitors like the Hindutva brigade.

Observance of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Day on 23 March

The day was observed in a befitting manner round the country by AIDS0, AIDYO, AIMSS and Komsomol



▲ Pilani, Rajasthan, by AIDYO



▲ Delhi by Komsomol



► Puducherry by AIDS0

On 8 March, AIDS0 JNU Unit, Delhi, observed the International Women's Day at Sabarmati Dhaba. The programme started with pinning paper badges, designed for the occasion, on everyone who gathered there. This was followed by a talk on the topic "Women in Resistance", and a cultural programme. Comrades Ritu Kaushik, Secretary, AIMSS Delhi and Activist of Shaheen Bagh movement, and Shreya, Secretary, AIDS0 Delhi, were the keynote speakers. After the talk a cultural program was presented by Aarohan.



Comrade Provash Ghosh's message to the PCAI camp participants

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stagnation had started. Moral-ethical ruination of the society had already started. At that time, our Party initiated to develop a cultural unit. But it did not last for a long time due to absence of competent organizers. Even today, there are some members of that group who are honest and dedicated. But they are old and physically ill-capacitated. They welcome and appreciate your initiative with much expectation.

Comrades, I want to remind you that in a period of decomposed and polluted atmosphere of dying capitalism, when self-centric, individualistic approach, immorality, unethical approach to life, sexual perversion are pervading the entire society, it is very difficult to develop revolutionary art and artistes. But even then, it is also crying need of the hour. It can only be developed by assiduous study of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and its application in all aspects of life by identifying rather merging the self with the pains and sorrows of the exploited class and actively participating in all class and mass struggles.

To develop one as a proletarian revolutionary artiste, it is imperative that one must be freed from the shackles of individualism and identifying self with collectivism. It demands continuous struggle to acquire proletarian culture. Proletarian art does not merely

mean reflection of oppression, sorrows and pains of the exploited people. It provides the path of emancipation also.

It is also necessary to be noted from earlier history how devotional songs, folk songs, dance, opera (jatra), kobi gaan (poems with songs) paintings, sculptures inspired the people and served religious movement. Similarly, these forms of art served freedom struggle although the contents were different, and forms were improved. These appeal to us even today. These are to be studied by the revolutionary artistes and assimilate from those what are necessary today to develop it further with new contents.

As I understand, although contents of art changes with the change of society, but forms do not change automatically. It takes time to change, decades after decades. Meanwhile, new contents emerge in old forms.

It is necessary for the revolutionary artistes not only to have emotional bond with the oppressed proletariat and revolutionary ideology, at the same time an earnest devotion, fullest dedication, untiring effort and free mind to learn from each other to improve their artistic standard further and further as a revolutionary. Then and then only you can achieve necessary success and serve the revolution and society. I wish you success.

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought
Long Live Proletarian Revolution
My Revolutionary greetings to you all. Red Salute to you all.

Comradely yours,
Provash Ghosh

General Secretary, SUCI(Communist)

Minister assures acceding to demands of Shaheed Mukund Kakati Civil Hospital Protection Committee, Nalbari, Assam

On 20 March last, a press conference was held at Nalbari Press Club, Assam, under the initiative of Shaheed Mukund Kakati Civil Hospital Protection Committee, Nalbari. While addressing the Press Conference, General Secretary Jitendra Kumar Jain, and other officials of Shaheed Mukunda Kakati Civil Hospital Protection Committee said that a few days ago, cabinet minister and Nalbari MLA Jayanta Malla Baruah expressed his desire to meet the leadership of the Committee, Nalbari, to discuss the demands regarding development of that Hospital. Accordingly, on 19 March, led by the President of the Committee Dr. Narayan Chandra Sharma, a delegation met the Minister. The Committee demanded

to restore the service of 235 beds and previous Civil Status of the said hospital. While responding to the demands the Minister declared that immediate arrangements would be made for 110 beds and step by step, the number of beds would be increased. He also said that if guidelines permit, civil status of the



hospital would be restored.

Committee also extended revolutionary greetings to the people of Nalbari District who continuously participated in the mass movement. They said it is a victory of people's movement.



A part of the gathering of peasants convened by AIKKMS at Hindpur, Andhra Pradesh, on 3 March 2025.

(Inset) Comrade Sankar Ghosh, General Secretary, AIKKMS, addressing

SUCI(C) condemns hefty rise in salary and perks of MPs

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because of growing economic distress and pauperized with every passing hour and when wage growth in several sectors, especially for informal workers, has not kept any pace whatsoever with rising living costs and allotments towards food, education and healthcare are reduced progressively, this hefty increase is uncouth to the core. The MPs are supposed to be people's representatives but are they really serving the people or induced to grab more bucks and lead luxurious lives at the cost of peoples' money? While they are expected to be

looked after by the people, they, instead, are shamelessly inflating their pockets by drawing into public exchequer.

Pertinent to mention that lone voice in the House against such unjust and undue favour to the legislators was that of Comrade Tarun Mandal when he was an SUCI(C) MP from 2009 to 2014.

We cannot but also note that the actual intention behind hiking the salaries of the MPs in a regular manner, is to turn them to lackeys of the government and the ruling class."

SUCI (C) extends full support to proposed bank strike

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), has issued the following statement on 18-03-25:

Our Party extends full support to the two day strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions on 24 and 25 March 2025 on legitimate demands of immediately filling up existing vacancies, introduction of 5-day week in banking operation, no privatization of public sector banks, regularization of contract and casual workers, withdrawal of apprentice recruitment system, stopping performance-linked incentives, equal pay for equal job and guarantee of job security.

We are of the firm opinion that only a united organized sustained movement under proper struggling leadership can compel the government and bank managements to accede to the just demands.

SUCI(C) protests arrest of Comrade Ravi Shankar Maurya

Comrade Ravishankar Maurya, Secretary, UP East Organizing Committee was taken into police custody on 11 March last, a day before UP BJP chief minister was scheduled to visit Jaunpur to attend 3-day Jaunpur festival and mass wedding ceremony.

He was retained in the custody even on 12 March. Such autocratic action on the part of the police to arrest a political leader for no cogent reason was highly condemned by people at large. SUCI(C) in a statement issued on 12-03-25 demanded immediate release of Comrade Maurya.

Joint Statement of 25 Students Organisations on Israel attack on Gaza

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incitement and support of American imperialism. Not long ago, Donald Trump arrogantly stated that Palestinians would be forcibly removed from Gaza so that it could be "occupied"! It would not have been easy for the imperialists in presence of Socialist camp which existed earlier as a strong resistant force. Despite repeated attacks and massacres, the United Nations

remains silent, effectively siding with the genocide. We call upon the democratic-minded people of the world to raise their voices against the genocide in Palestine and the imperialist war industries.

We also urge the people of the globe to put pressure on their government to take effective diplomatic measures and mobilize public opinion to put an end to this massacre.

● Bangladesh

BSU - Bangladesh Students' Union
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CGB - Chatro Gonomancha, Bangladesh
DSC - Democratic Students' Council
PCP - Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students' Council
PDSU - People's Democratic Students Unity
RSU - Revolutionary Students' Unity RSYM- Bangladesh
SFB - Students' Federation of Bangladesh
SSF - Socialist Students' Front
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● India

AIDSO - All India Democratic Students' Organisation
AISA - All India Students' Association
AISB - All India Students' Bloc
AISF - All India Students' Federation
PSU - Progressive Students' Union

● Nepal

ANNFSU - All Nepal National Free Students' Union
ANSU(S) - All Nepal Students' Union (Socialist)
SSSUN - Scientific Socialist Students' Union, Nepal
Revolutionary Student - Youth Movement (RS-YM, Maoist)

● Pakistan

BSO - Baloch Students' Organisation
DSF - Democratic Students' Federation
NSF - National Students' Federation
PSC - Progressive Student Collective
RSF - Revolutionary Students' Front

● Sri Lanka

RSU - Revolutionary Students' Union

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World people need to spearhead united anti-imperialist peace movement to thwart death-run of US-Israel duo

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US—that Israel would not restart its genocidal war against Palestinians. But Israel evidently has shunned talks to permanently end the war, and a person familiar with US-Israeli talks told The Financial Times of UK that US President Donald Trump "won't care if the war restarts". Qatar, one of the mediators, clearly stated that Israel was committing "a clear violation of the ceasefire agreement" and international humanitarian law. Notably, BJP government of India is tightlipped over such a genocide lest it should incur displeasure of US imperialism and thereby lags behind in the race of emerging as a formidable imperialist superpower.

Will this imperialist blood-thirst and gangsterism continue unabated?

The moot question therefore is whether this blood-thirsty Zionist Israeli rulers and their mentor US imperialism, the worst enemy of mankind, be allowed to carry out such savagery unabated? As peace-loving people of the world, are we to remain silent and

imperialist sharks could not have dared to commit such a ghastly crime with elan.

Let us reiterate once more that when the British and French imperialist forces launched war against Egypt in 1956 to take control of the Suez Canal, the Soviet Union issued a direct threat of bombing both London and Paris if the British-French troops were not withdrawn within 48 hours. And in no time the imperialist superpowers tucked their tail and fled. But now that mighty socialist bloc does not exist because of temporary setback of socialism because of counter—revolutionary intrigue.

Till the time, socialism comes back with renewed vigour—an inevitably ordained by the inexorable law of social change and progress—the brag and bluster, the war machination and killing spree of the imperialist demons can be thwarted if



Effigies of Trump – Netianhu burnt in Kolkata. 22 March

witness our brethren, our mothers, our sisters and much-adored little ones of Palestine to be slaughtered by the imperialist felons? Would our conscience permit that? Surely not. While the butchers seek to thump around with their blood thirst and pointed bayonet, the entire mankind, bearing the brunt of ruthless imperialist-capitalist oppression and led to the precipice of utter ruination, ought to prove that people only pronounce the last words, not the devils. As we had pointed out earlier in Proletarian era, had the mighty socialist camp which once was the bulwark against imperialist war machination, been in existence, the

a united movement of all anti-imperialist, anti-war, peace-loving people round the world surges forth in right earnest as a bulwark against heinous designs of imperialist forces and their lackeys.

This movement needs to raise united voice against the monstrous crime being committed by US-backed Zionist Israel, stand in solidarity with the Palestinians fighting justly for their homeland, and compel the Israeli government to immediately take its hands off Palestine, release the forcibly occupied areas in Palestinian land forthwith and recognize the independent sovereign state of Palestine in right earnest.

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