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## Global people's protest forces US-Israel to call ceasefire of unprovoked war

Anti-war peace-loving people round the world including the citizens of America and Israel have been vociferous against Pentagon rulers for being assaultive against first Palestine and then Iran using Zionist Israel as spring-board. Demonstrators held up signs such as "hands off Iran" in almost all main cities of US. Also, peace-loving citizens of Israel have taken out rallies in capital Tel Aviv denouncing Prime Minister's unprovoked war on Iran. Netanyahu's subterfuge that Iran was poised to attack Israel and so was his decision of military strike has virtually no taker. They were chanting the slogan— "We are sorry Iranian brothers" expressing their solidarity with Iranian people. Demonstrators took to the streets in New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, San



**Demonstration of US citizens in Washington protesting US-Israel's war against Iran**

Francisco and Toronto (Canada) in protest with banners reading "Hands off Iran" and "No US-Israel war on Iran." Footage shared on X showed protesters chanting anti-war slogans

and urging the Trump administration to stop backing Israel and withdraw from the escalating conflict. Outside the White House, demonstrators waved Iranian flags and carried the

signs. "Trump has bombed Iran three times. This is an outright war crime," said one protest speaker. "We are anti-war. We support the Iranian people. We want to prevent more deaths, more destruction," observed another protester. One lady who joined the protest after learning that the US used "bunker buster" bombs in the attack, said to the media: "This is absolutely insane. It's totally unconstitutional. This guy needs to be given the boot. In a big way." In New Orleans, protesting populace held that "the billionaire capitalists at the head of the military industries, oil and gas, hi-tech and the banks in US are trying to dominate, occupy and conquer Iran for profit. These are the powers that really

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### Ceasefire call by US marks victory of people's protest

— SUCI(C)

**Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued following statement on 24-06-25**

Being forced by the anti-war protests of peace-loving people round the world including the soils of US and Israel, US President Trump had to beat retreat and announce *suo motu* that Iran and Israel have agreed to a ceasefire of 12-day old war. It is a victory of the global anti-war peace movement and the firmed determination of the brave Iranian people to protect the sovereignty of their motherland.

World people including the citizens of US and Israel need to remain vigilant against any recurrence of such a war of aggression by the imperialist powers, maintain pressure of their anti-war stand and remember that so long as imperialism would exist, it would continue to generate war.

## Can Aviation ministry skip responsibility of Ahmedabad air crash?

On 12 June afternoon just outside the Ahmedabad Airport an Air India plane crashed which claimed at least 276 precious lives including crew members. Air India Flight 171 was a regularly scheduled international Air India flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick Airport. The plane broke into pieces and collapsed on a wide area. One of its parts fell on the canteen of BJ Medical College & Hospital, while another part hit the *Rojgar Kachhari*, a crowded place where people would gather every day for different official jobs. It was a bolt from the blue for those people. But, without expressing any heart-felt regret for such a massive disaster, Mr. Amit Shah, the number two of the Modi Government said after the tragic crash, "This is an accident. Nobody can stop accidents."

A serious question arises: how could an important minister declare the tragic air crash as an accident before holding a full-length investigation? When the Union Home Minister was trying to shrug off the

responsibility of his Government and the aviation department and pass the buck on fate, the records are telling something different that makes one look askance: Was it an accident that could not be averted? Were there any human errors involved?

### Boeing aircrafts faced problems earlier

In 2011, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner was introduced into the commercial aviation market as a "leap forward" as the company boasted its lightweight composite materials, long-haul capabilities, greater fuel efficiency, passenger comfort, and range. Soon after, Air India adopted the jet into its fleet from the assembly South Carolina facility. But the Dreamliner has been at the centre of controversy over technical problems since its commercial debut.

Many allegations were coming in the last decade. "The problems began in early 2013 when fires broke out aboard two Dreamliners owned by Japanese airlines. One plane had just landed at Boston's Logan Airport, the other was just leaving Japan and

had to turn around and land. Both blazes were traced to overheating of the planes' lithium-ion batteries that power the electrical system. Snags in the Boeing 787 aircraft have been reported several times in the last few months across the world." (Time Magazine: 13-06-25)

In October 2018 when a Lion Air flight operating a 737 MAX

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- Scrap anti-Worker 4 Labour Codes.
- Stop Privatisation of Public Sectors & Govt Enterprises - Scrap NMP.
- Ensure Trade Union Rights.
- No to NPS / UPS. Introduce OPS for all without any condition.
- Provide Employment to all.
- Repeal Electricity (amendment) Bill - 2023 and stop installation of Smart Meters.
- Regularise all Scheme Workers as Govt Employees.
- Ensure 8 hours daily working period.
- Provide Welfare & Social Security for all Unorganized Sector workers, etc.

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control the US government. These are the powers behind endless wars that are murdering and starving people around the world. These are the powers looting US federal and state treasuries while claiming there's no money for health care, food or housing... U.S. intervention only brings misery and starvation to the people of the world. U.S. wars, sanctions and interventions are for the purpose of stealing resources from the world, controlling the people and driving down wages everywhere. Such has been the fuming reaction of the peace-loving US citizens. The Communist Party of Israel (MAKI) and the left coalition



**Israeli citizens against Zionist Israeli rulers in Tel Aviv for launching war on Iran**



**Anti-war demonstration in Paris, France**

## US has long been flexing military muscle to bend down Iran

breaching its defence infrastructure. And on 22 June, seeing that Israel is a bit on the backfoot because of retaliatory military action by Iran, President Trump removed all veil of so called non-involvement and confirmed that the US military had

reassured Qatar that its target was the US military base and “did not pose any threat to its friendly and brotherly country and its noble people.” Evidently, both US and Israel were startled by seeing Iran’s capacity to counter-attack. Also,

would benefit them by way of causing moral setback to the anti-US resistance movements crystallizing among the people of West Asia. And Iran repeatedly refused to genuflect before US dictates. Hence, US rulers had long branded Iran as a ‘rogue state’ and a constituent of the ‘axis of evils’ of three ‘hostile’ groups, alongwith the UN Security Council’s five permanent members

—China, France, Russia, the UK and the US— and Germany, reached in July 2015 a landmark agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The deal drastically limited the Iranian nuclear programme along with assurance of not developing nuclear weapons in return for relief from

of Hadash (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), the Communist Party of USA and Workers World Party condemned the actions of the of US and Israel for dragging the region into a broad and dangerous escalation of war and affirmed their full fraternity with the Iranian people.

### Massive protests have surged round the globe

People gathered in cities around the world over the weekend to protest Donald Trump’s decision to strike Iranian nuclear facilities and Israel’s aggression on Iran. In Europe, tens of thousands have taken to the streets in cities like The Hague, London, Paris, Berlin and Brussels, condemning the genocide in Gaza and opposing their governments’ support for US-Israeli policies. Hundreds marched in Melbourne condemning the aggression on Iran and calling for an end to the escalating war. Large protests have also been reported in Morocco, South Africa, Somalia, and Portugal. These demonstrations call for a ceasefire and criticized imperialism and foreign intervention. Besides asking the US to step back, the protesters condemned Israel for initiating the conflict with Iran as well as their war of destruction in Gaza. This happened even within the Republican Party to which Trump belongs.

### US involvement in military strike against Iran

But it seems after initiating missile attack on Iran, neither Israel nor its mentor US seems to have been able to estimate the retaliatory power of Iran. Missile barrages fired from Iran overnight caused considerable damage to Israel

carried out airstrikes on three of Iran’s most critical nuclear installations using B-2 stealth bombers. Though Trump hailed the attack as a “spectacular” success, claiming that Iran’s nuclear sites were “obliterated”, but then CNN, US-based media giant, citing a US intelligence assessment, has reported that US air strikes on Iran’s nuclear sites “did not destroy the core components” of the country’s nuclear programme.

### Victory for peace-loving people of the world

This aggravated further the wrath of global people, particularly of the people of US and the anti-war demonstrations intensified further. Forced under the pressure of these massive people’s movements coupled with brave Iranian people’s firm determination to protect sovereignty of their motherland, the US brigands and their Zionist Israeli felons, President Trump within 48 hours of associating US directly in the unprovoked military aggression of Israel on Iran, announced that both Israel and Iran have agreed to an armistice. After few hours, first the aggressor Israel and then the defender Iran consented to the ceasefire. While US and Israel launched a war against humanity, victory of the anti-war peace-loving people of the world has been achieved.

### Changed plot

But then the plot changed dramatically. Iran was not cowed at all. It, on 23 June, with powerful missiles struck the headquarters of the US Air Force Command in Qatar, known as Al-Udeid, located far from urban facilities and residential areas in Qatar. Iran

pressure of people’s vehement protest, both in and outside the country, was weighing significantly on them. Hence, US had to beat retreat and declare ceasefire.

### Why is this hostility of US-Israel duo against Iran?

Many believe, the main reason that Israel, with full backing of US, chose this moment to launch a war with Iran was to make Gaza fade from view: to make people forget his failure to eliminate Hamas; to forget the hostages that are still in captivity; to forget the mounting international outrage over the horrific images emanating from the Strip; to forget the growing domestic frustration with the war; and to forget that the monstrous plan to push Palestinians into southern Gaza in preparation for expulsion has stalled, accomplishing little beyond shooting at starving civilians waiting in line for food.

This, no doubt, is one of the reasons. But, there are other reasons as well. Among the Arab countries of the Middle East, Iran enjoys a leading position. It has the 2nd largest oil reserves in the Middle East (after Saudi Arabia) and 4th largest in the world, the second largest natural gas reserves in the world, as well as considerable reserves of other natural resources like coal, sulphur and a host of metallic minerals. Besides this richness in natural resources, Iran commands a superior military power among the Arab countries and has a strategic geographic location. Destabilizing Iran would allow the US rulers not only to capture its vast natural resources but also help them consolidating their domination in the entire region. At the same time, it

sanctions. Iran also accepted extensive monitoring by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has verified 10 times since the agreement that Tehran has complied with its terms. In return, all nuclear-related sanctions were lifted in January 2016, reconnecting Iran to global markets.

The vulture was keenly observing the developments from afar waiting for its chance to pry open the hitherto impenetrable country on its ready-made plea of human rights violation. Once the first Donald Trump regime had commenced, the Pentagon unilaterally broke out of the Treaty. Trump, obviously in subservience to the class interest of the ruling US monopolists, announced that US would re-impose sanctions against Iran. Finally, in 2018, Trump unilaterally pulled out of the deal in his first term accusing JCPOA of failing to protect America’s national security interest and slapped Iran with further sweeping sanctions. The US rulers were determined not to allow Iran to be enriched in uranium, key material for building nuclear power and wanted to strangulate Iran’s energy resources sector and bring about a ‘regime change’ in that country on the lines of Iraq and Afghanistan.

### Every country has a right to defend itself

Reopening the Iran chapter, the IAEA, now turned a stooge of US imperialism and its cohorts, passed a resolution on 12-06-25 to censure Iran over its advancing nuclear programme for violating non-proliferation obligations. Iran bristled at the statement, vowing to

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# Trump's War Comes Home to Los Angeles

When the bootsteps of US Marines echoed through the streets of Los Angeles on 10 June last—not in defence of the nation but turned inward against its own citizens—history did not just stir; it recoiled. President Donald Trump, trusted political manager of ruling US monopolists and multi-nationals, has crossed a Rubicon—not to safeguard public security, but to reframe dissent itself as sedition, and to weaponize coercive imperialist state power against the people of his own country.

This was not a drill. This was not merely political brinkmanship either. It was a cruel manifestation of how the government of the imperialist chieftain treats its own citizens when they dare to protest against blatant subversion of their democratic rights. The demonstrations began on Friday after it emerged that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers were carrying out raids in areas of the city with prominent Latino populations. Raids had stepped up after President Trump returned to the White House and pledged to crack down on illegal immigration.

## Tanks Were Redrawing the Map of American State Power

In a stark echo of history's most troubling precedents, US Marines and National Guard troops had been patrolling not distant battlefields, but the streets of American cities. The pretext: a crackdown on protests following mass immigration raids, executed with immense cruelty. But peel back the rhetoric about “national sovereignty” and “foreign lawlessness,” and what remains is a naked attempt to militarize policy failure and crush democratic expression.

In Los Angeles, over 4,000 National Guard and 700 active-duty Marines, were stationed in proximity to protest sites. Their stated mission: to “protect federal property.” But their real function was symbolic—the projection of raw power, of martial discipline to muffle legitimate voice of protest. Curfews were imposed, hundreds arrested, and images of troops “accompanying” ICE agents into neighbourhoods of Latin American communities sent a singular message: *Dissent will be policed at gunpoint.*

The fascist Trump administration was pretending that they were going after criminals. But what is painfully clear is that the majority of these raids were directed at poor working-class people. They were arresting people at Home Depots, at construction sites, at

factories where poor people are working in quite miserable situation, both in terms of wage as well as working condition, and creating the resources necessary for this society to exist.

## Law and Constitutional Precedent

This step of Trump administration marks even a rupture of US constitution. The National Guard acts as a hybrid entity that serves both state and federal interests. Typically, a state's force is activated at the request of the governor. But President Trump circumvented that step by invoking a rarely-used federal law, arguing that the protests constituted “*a form of rebellion against the authority of the government of the United States*”. Trump's move to federalize the California National Guard without the state governor's consent defied established precedent and struck at the core of much-touted American federalism. California Governor Gavin Newsom's lawsuit, *Newsom v. Trump*, invoked the Tenth Amendment and the Posse Comitatus Act, which forbids the military from enforcing civilian law.

And yet, federal troops roamed Los Angeles with semi-automatic precision. What was once unimaginable—federal armed forces deployed in US cities to crush peaceful protests—is now *fait accompli*. Legal experts warned this deployment could set a precedent as dangerous as it is durable, allowing future presidents to invoke vague notions of “sovereignty” to sidestep governors, mayors, courts—even Congress. This was no law enforcement, this was naked imperialism.

## Political Theatre Masquerading as Public Safety

President Trump's belligerent tone—accusing protesters of waving “foreign flags” and bringing “third-world lawlessness” in US—is less a diagnosis than a dramaturgical strategy. In invoking militarism in the guise of patriotism, Trump is staging a pantomime of leadership for his base, wielding the US military not as a shield of the republic, but as a prop of the presidency. In the process Trump has proved his presidency's aim is nothing but to protect capitalist-imperialist socio-economic-political system as a true servitor of this systemic exploitation and governance.

Let us be clear: the majority of protests were peaceful. Community leaders, clergy, and concerned citizens chanted “peaceful protest” with their hands raised. But Trump did not seek de-escalation. He sought

a show. Marines in flak jackets, helicopters buzzing overhead, police with rubber bullets—it is not governance. It is political theatre, laced with menace and intent.

## Military Strain: Morale Collapses Under Orders

Behind the stoic faces of America's uniformed services lies a brewing crisis. Soldiers have privately expressed alarm at their use against civilians. Reports from Seal Beach and downtown staging areas describe low morale, chaotic logistics, and profound unease about what they are being asked to do.

The mission, ambiguously defined, leaves many service members caught in a legal and ethical limbo. Are they defenders of the nation, or enforcers of a presidency? Are they protecting property, or intimidating political opposition?

We must ask: How long can the military endure being cast in this role before the institution itself begins to fray?

## Democratic Erosion: The No Kings Moment

In a fiery, televised address, Governor Newsom declared, “*Democracy is under assault.*” It was not rhetoric—it was an alarm. Across the nation, protests have erupted under the banner “No Kings Day,” symbolically timed with Trump's birthday and echoing the rejection of monarchy by the founding fathers of democracy in US following American war of independence.

What we are witnessing is not a partisan rift. It is a populist, cross-ideological resistance to the corrosion as well as erosion of democratic norms. When the military is used to quell dissent, when judges are ignored, when governors are threatened with arrest, when immigrants are hunted and their allies imprisoned—what remains of the democratic edifice?

A republic does not fall in a single day. It erodes—*curfew by curfew, raid by raid, arrest by arrest.*

## A Global Reckoning

For decades, the United States has styled itself as a global custodian of democratic ideals, from the rhetoric of Jefferson to the resolve of Lincoln. But today, that image is cracking. Scenes of armed troops facing down families of immigrant citizens, of citywide curfews enforced by soldiers in combat gear, and of governors forced to sue the White House to defend constitutional rights do not reflect a democracy in strength—they reflect one in distress.

What was once projected abroad as

American moral authority now rings hollow. Administrations, past and present have, in the name of national interest, turned a blind eye—or worse, lent support—to the suppression of democratic movements by respective capitalist rulers across the globe. Now, that same machinery of repression is being repurposed at home. The militarization of university campuses, the intimidation of faculty and students for voicing dissent, and the silencing of protests against America's complicity in the Gaza conflict are not aberrations. They are part of a broader erosion of civic liberty, fuelled by a growing intolerance for scrutiny and moral contradiction.

The irony is stark: a republic that once defined itself by its protection of speech, assembly, and dissent is now persecuting those who dare to exercise those very rights. Let it be clear that with imperialism-capitalism, now in its death throes, becoming more and more fascist and subversive of all democratic values, norms, codes and practices, America is no longer a democratic standard-bearer, fascist authoritarian reflexes are taking roots within.

## They Are the Symptoms of a Failing One

What is unfolding in the United States today bears an unsettling resemblance to the democratic backslides witnessed in Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Turkey, Narendra Modi's India, Macron's France, Netanyahu's Israel and such other imperialist-capitalist powers—where show of electoral democracy masks a deeper erosion of institutional guardrails.

Similarly, in the United States, a strikingly similar script is playing out: a hyper-nationalist narrative coupled with militarized domestic enforcement; vilification of migrants and protestors; federal overreach into traditionally autonomous state matters; and the criminalization of university-led dissent. Trump has been wrapping his project in the language of national renewal and law and order—but the subtext is a withering of democratic culture, the erasure of independent voices, and the transformation of civic protest into a punishable offense.

The global pattern in India, Israel, Turkey or such other bourgeois countries, is clear: populist strongmen capitalize on real grievances, repurpose democratic institutions for personal power, and delegitimize opposition as unpatriotic. What makes the American case

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open a new enrichment site and upgrade centrifuges at its Fordow nuclear facility. This defiance of Iran has been too much for US imperialism to tolerate and so Israel was given a free hand to put into action its long-standing plan of militarily attacking Iran.

Point of utmost importance is that every country has a right to defend its sovereignty. So, if any country is threatened of being attacked with nuclear armaments, its preparation for building suitable defence mechanism is fully justified. Also no one from outside can force any country to stay away from developing nuclear power as a source of energy for peaceful purpose like generation of electricity and engage in the nuclear fuel cycle. Non-proliferation Treaty even allows all member countries to develop uranium enrichment facilities, provided they are properly safeguarded.

### US rulers including Trump have "great" track record of telling white lies

The US imperialist rulers before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, repeatedly asserted that Iraq possessed Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) including nuclear weapons, and that Saddam Hussein's regime posed an imminent threat to global peace. On this pretext, they conducted various inspections in Iraq then under President Saddam Hussein and virtually played all tricks to not only stop any further progress in Iraq's nuclear programme, but making all their nuclear projects defunct. Once it was ensured that Saddam has lost any capability to launch nuclear attacks, US imperialists launched war of occupation on Iraq, killed over 5 lakhs of Iraqi citizens, subverted sovereignty of that country and planted a puppet regime there. With this, US killed two birds with one stone. First it diffused a possible nuclear retaliation of a country not amiable to it. Secondly, it could establish its control on the vast oil reserves of Iraq. And then shamelessly, George Bush, the then US President, publicly acknowledged that the pre-war intelligence regarding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), including nuclear weapons, was flawed and the US and its allies did not find stockpiles of WMDs after the invasion of Iraq, and subsequent reports indicated that the intelligence used to justify the invasion was unreliable. But neither did US withdraw its illegal occupation of Iraq, nor did it regret its savage military operation killing so many common citizens including women and children. This is the fiendish face

## If aggressor US can build nuclear armaments, why not others

of corrupt, inhuman and utterly felonious imperialism today. Almost the same strategy has been used for taming the country with IAEA inspection as a camouflage.

It bears recall that after taking the oath of office for his second term in January last, Trump said he would push to "stop all wars" and leave a legacy of a "peacemaker and unifier". Of late, he claimed to have brokered ceasefire between India and Pakistan and also making efforts to stop Russia-Ukraine war. He even expects to be conferred with Nobel Peace prize for his "spectacular" achievements. But, now with launch of direct military aggression by US against Iran, Trump's manoeuvre of projecting himself as peacemaker has proved to be a fiasco.



People against war in USA

### Who has been worst offender of war crimes?

It is not that Iran is a saint country. It is also a theocratic bourgeoisie state which has been oppressing and exploiting its own people and often faces wrath from the masses. But has Iran ever occupied any other country militarily? Has it been involved in any game of orchestrating regime change in any country by organizing *coup d'etat*? Does it have any military base in any foreign land? But US has a history of not only engineering regime change in various countries, occupying foreign lands like Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, but having created as many as 128 military bases in 55 countries and territories as of February 2025. Then who is a threat to world peace? Iran or US?

### Protests in US and Israel against war

Meanwhile protest demonstrations have taken place in

multiple cities across the United States over the past few days urging the Trump administration not to join Israel in military action against Iran. Demonstrators held up signs such as "hands off Iran." Also, peace-loving citizens of Israel has taken out rallies protesting war on Iran.

As Trump publicly threatens to join Israel in attacking Iran, an unlikely coalition of lawmakers has moved to prevent him from involving US forces in the conflict. Republican Senator Rand Paul wrote in a social media post. "I urge President Trump to stay the course, keep putting America first, and to not join in any war between other countries." Tulsi Gabbard, the US Director of National Intelligence testified in March this year contradicted Trump's claim by saying that "the intelligence community continues to assess that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon."

### Indian government is tight-lipped

But reaction of the Indian government has really been weird. On 12 June 2025, India abstained from voting a United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for an "immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire by all parties" in Gaza. Two days later, India distanced itself from a Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) that "strongly condemned" Israel's military strikes on military bases, missile facilities, and nuclear installations in Iran. As for the SCO statement on the Israel-Iran war, India's decision to distance itself made it not only the only outlier in the regional organization but also one that did not stand in support of a co-member of the group. The Indian foreign affairs minister simply informed that he had telephonic discussions with both Israel and Iran. What a farce! India cannot go against either US or Israel as both are its formidable partners in arms trade. On the other hand, Iran was the third-largest source of crude oil supplier for India till 2018-19 and Chabahar port of Iran is being developed and operated by India through a long-term contract with Iran. So, Indian government simply issued a benign statement on 13 June which stated: "India was deeply concerned at the recent developments between Iran and Israel...and urging both sides to avoid any escalatory steps." Such is the nature of binding of Indian ruling class and its pliant governments to side with US imperialism.

### Crucial aspect of militarization of economy

A very crucial aspect which many either miss or overlook is the connection between dying capitalist economy and war machination of imperialists. 63 years back, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary of the SUCI(C) and an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, had shown that with aggravation of insolvable market crisis endemic of capitalist system, "...the capitalists in the advanced capitalist countries—and even in backward countries which are being reconstructed on the capitalist lines—are dovetailing the whole economy with the military economy. In other words, since a market boom cannot be sustained due to crisis, attempts are being made to stimulate it

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## SUCI(C) on unprovoked barbaric military attack by US imperialism on Iran

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 22-06-25:

We strongly condemn barbaric military attack of US imperialism on Iran violating all international norms, ignoring warnings of even International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and disdaining opinion of all peace-loving world people.

US imperialist monsters first aided and instigated Zionist Isreal, their front office in the Middle East, to orchestrate genocide in Gaza killing tens of thousands of innocent hapless Palestinians and now has launched an unprovoked lethal military assault on Iran so that the latter bends before their dictates thereby facilitating extension of their domination over the region and ensuring their hegemonic design to remain unchallenged. But this heinous conspiracy is being defeated by the brave resistance put up by people of Iran. Having failed to tame Iran by military assault by Israel, the US has now directly attacked Iran.

We demand of the US imperialists to immediately stop this brutal military assault on Iran. According to us, this attack is not merely on Iran but against entire humanity and world peace.

We appeal to all peace-loving people of the world to unite and raise their voice of protest against this felonious aggression of US imperialist monsters.

# Countrywide demonstration in protest against US-Israel war on Iran



Delhi



Kolkata



Rohtak, Haryana



Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Agartala, Tripura



Srinagar, Uttarakhand



Patna, Bihar



Hyderabad, Telangana



Guwahati, Assam



Guna, Madhya Pradesh



Chennai, Tamil Nadu



Bellary, Karnataka



Jamshedpur, Jharkhand



Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh



Trivandram, Kerala



Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh

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artificially. This means that the government itself turns up in the market as the buyer with the money from the government budget funded by the people's money. ... if ...they do not get a market to release these, it will not be possible for them to maintain the artificial boom in the market even through militarization of industries." (SW Vol IV) By orchestrating war at various places, US imperialism, the chieftain of global imperialism, and its associates, are trying to fuel their militarized economy. Initiation of

## US-Israel duo's war on Iran

war against Ukraine by Russia, which is also now a formidable imperialist power after counter-revolution, is also, among other reasons, compelled by the need of nourishing militarized economy. Donald Trump had said in September 2020 that "...The top people in the Pentagon ...want to do nothing but fight wars so that all of those wonderful companies that make the bombs and make the planes & make everything else stay happy."

### Imperialist War efforts must be foiled

Great Lenin had said more than a century ago that "imperialism generates war". He showed with impeccable argument that the nature of imperialism, characterized by the dominance of monopolies and the export of capital, inherently leads to war. He connected the drive for profit and expansion in capitalist economies to the inevitability of conflict between imperialist powers

for control of resources and markets. Situation today is that imperialism cannot exist without war. So long imperialism would exist, possibility of war would also exist. This war of US-Israel duo against Iran is not just another diabolic show in the series of armed assaults against Iraq, Palestine, Syria or Lebanon, it portends, as we have said earlier, a grave danger to the entire humanity. Emboldened by the absence of mighty socialist bloc, which once existed as a bulwark against imperialist war machination, US imperialism, in particular, is now

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Dharavi, the biggest slum of Asia is situated at the very centre of Mumbai, the commercial capital of India. Total area of Dharavi is just over 2.39 square kilometers, roughly 590 acres. About 10 to 12 lakh people live here in approximately 2.5 square kilometer area. The life of Dharavi slum dwellers which comprise people from all corners of the country, in one word, is miserable. Most of the shanties are made of bamboo sticks and long dry grass. The width of the lanes here is so narrow that even a single person cannot move freely. Even during midday, sunlight does not reach many crude, run-down shacks. The adjacent river is silted and now turned into a drain choked with waste products including human excreta. Very often nasty water inundates the slum, and the residents are virtually marooned for days. There is scarcity of potable water. Makeshift toilets are dirty and virtually unusable. The kids often suffer from diseases like typhoid, cholera, malaria, etc. Because of this most unhygienic subhuman habitation, the average life span of the slum dwellers has come down to only 39 years. In such a filthy environment, over 5,000 small and big workshops and factories like tannery, pottery, garment, carpentry, recycled goods and even perfumes etc., are located there. Goods produced here are sold not only throughout the country but exported

Conscious and sensible democratic minded people perhaps do not have much doubt that the fundamental right to freedom of expression granted in Indian constitution is systematically curtailed during the fascist autocratic regime of the BJP, the trusted servitor of consequences of the ruling Indian bourgeoisie. What is most undemocratic is that ruling dispensation is blatantly discriminating between the Hindus and Muslims in so far as exercising whatever little of that right is allowed to be exercised. It is glaringly manifest in the cases of Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad of Ashoka University and Shri Vijay Shah, a BJP minister of Madhya Pradesh government.

Associate Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad has been made a target for his Facebook comment on the briefing by Colonel Sophia Qureshi, one of the two military spokespersons, on "Operation Sindoor". Professor Mahmudabad expressed happiness that a lady officer belonging to the minority community was entrusted with such a very important responsibility. At the same time, he also wrote, "I am very happy to see many right-wing commentators applauding

as well. Many Dharavi residents also work as daily wagers in construction sector, sewerage clearance, railway track maintenance, roadside food stalls etc.

Dharavi surrounded by developed areas with skyscrapers and even newly developed shining business hub like Bandra-Kurla complex is indeed a living spectacle of inequality, exploitation and oppression, key features of capitalism. Though Dharavi contributes substantially to the economy of Maharashtra, the plan for "civilizing" of Dharavi is rolling on for decades after decades. Just a day before the last assembly election, the BJP—Shiv Sena (Shinde) government promised that they would provide rehabilitation for 50 thousand to 1 lakh people of Dharavi and undertake a project to turn it into a modern 'Urban Hub'. But there is no answer to the question that if 50 thousand to 1 lakh people are rehabilitated, where the rest 9 to 11 lakh dwellers go?

What is the reason of this forcible pushing of 50 thousand to 1 lakh people in the midst of the severely polluted 'death valley' of

## Whose interest is served by Dharavi Slum Development Project of Maharashtra?

the garbage waste land by the BJP government? The government departments are avoiding irritating questions by passing the onus on one another. The cat is out of the bag. The Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) of the Maharashtra government has handed over almost all the responsibilities including the scrutiny of the land of Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP) to the monopolist shark Gautam Adani, known for his close proximity to PM Modi. The design is clear. Adani is eyeing this vast piece of land at a very important area of Mumbai for promoting realty business by evicting the slum dwellers as he is forcibly occupying forest areas by displacing the downtrodden tribal people to take full control of mining and other natural resources of jungle land. Where the proposed rehabilitation of 5 to 10% of Dharavi residents has been planned? It is Deonar, a running garbage waste ground. As per the 2021 guideline of CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board), no development project can be taken within 100 meters from the boundary of the garbage waste land. As per the CPCB report of the year 2024, poisonous gases exist in the air

of Deonar. 6202 kg of poisonous methane gas emits per hour in that area. Questions are raised if it be the rule then how can housing construction can be permitted there. In reply to a question on this issue, Eknath Shinde, the deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra has stated, "All the necessary clearance certificate would be taken prior to the starting of construction work." What does it mean other than blatant subversion of rudimentary pollution regulations by exercising governmental power just for favouring Adani group. It is but a cruel irony with the life of the poor slum dwellers.

This is cruel heartless ruthlessly exploitative capitalist civilization. The shining pride of wealth of this Mumbai metropolis has been built at the cost sweat and blood of innumerable toilers like the Dharavi slum dwellers. The "rehabilitated" Dharavi residents would also return to their own haggard shelters in the nasty waste land of Deonar after back-bending toil for 10-12 hours for building the palaces for the rich and earning barely a pittance. Time has come for these oppressed people to imbibe the truth behind their growing misery, penury and neglect and come forward to build up united movement in demand for their legitimate rights including right to live under correct revolutionary leadership which alone can show them path of emancipation.

## Will Religion Decide One's Right to Freedom of Speech?

Colonel Sophia Qureshi, but perhaps they could also equally loudly demand that the victims of the BJP'S hate mongering be protected as Indian citizens.... The optics of two women soldiers presenting their findings is important but optics must translate to reality on the ground - otherwise it is just hypocrisy." (The Print 20-05-25) With the allegation that Professor Mahmudabad has humiliated Colonel Sophia Qureshi as well as the Indian women soldiers, the chief of the MP state women commission and the BJP minister Vijay Shah lodged an FIR against him. At once Haryana police became very active. All of a sudden, in a predawn raid they arrested the professor from his home on the charge of sedition. While in police custody, he was not allowed to contact his family members and reportedly not even given permission to have his medicines. Two FIRs were made against him. Afterward, when the Supreme Court (SC) was moved, he was granted bail but on conditions of

surrendering the passport, not being allowed to give opinion or write on the sub judice matter. The SC has also instructed to form SIT comprising three police officers of DGP rank to investigate if there is any deeper meaning of the professor's post. The SC clarified that there was no bar on professor's right to free speech and expression but maintained that he must refrain from writing or speaking publicly on the two posts of his under investigation. His bail may be cancelled if incriminating evidence is found.

The arrest of the professor on the allegation of sedition and measures by the Apex Court have raised an outcry throughout the country. Many personalities including noted educationists, intellectuals and film directors have stood by Professor Mahmudabad. Eminent historian Romila Thapar is among them. None of them has found any communal overtone or misogynist approach in the FB post of Professor Mahmudabad. This aside, as the SC had to grant him

bail for not finding ground to keep him in jail. No answer is available as to why it has to take the serious step of forming SIT to reveal the meaning of the post? So, the question arises, is it that the Apex Court had to retreat two steps back even while it tried to protect the right of free speech of the professor who has been a victim of the anti-minority hate campaign of the RSS-BJP?

But at the same time the BJP government has taken no step against BJP minister Vijay Shah of Madhya Pradesh who had made a very objectionable and highly communal statement. Shah, had branded Colonel Sophia Qureshi as 'sister of the terrorists' obviously pointing at her belonging to the Muslim community. While BJP-RSS and the purchased media are trying utmost to raise waves of war psychosis besides making patriotism synonymous with anti-minority hatred, was it not incumbent on the government to take strong measures against the minister?

But no such step was taken. Evidently the minister's remark is not only humiliating to a high ranking military officer but also to the entire defence force. As furore was raised

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crashed due to a malfunction in the Manoeuvring Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS), a programme designed to prevent stalls. That crash killed all 189 people on board. Just months later, in March 2019, an Ethiopian Airlines flight using the same aircraft model crashed for the same reason, killing all 157 people aboard. Thus, while flying the model a new version of Boeing aircraft, 346 people lost their life. Those crashes were attributed to badly-designed flight control software, which forced both aircraft into catastrophic dives that the pilots were powerless to prevent. Testifying before US lawmakers today, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of US, Mike Whitaker said inspections of 737 Max aircraft had shown that *“the quality system issues at Boeing were unacceptable and require further scrutiny”*. A door that blew away from a Boeing 737 Max 9 aircraft of Alaska Airlines shortly after take-off from Portland, Oregon, in January 2024 may not have been properly secured, a news report said. The missing bolts appeared to have allowed the door panel to move out of position and break. The door plug was manufactured by Boeing’s supplier Spirit AeroSystems, and originally installed in the fuselage before being delivered to the aerospace giant.

Five incidents of issues with engines, gears, flaps, loss of cabin pressure, and altitude were reported in Boeing 787 aircraft this year, according to AeroInside, Air India itself has faced issues with this aircraft for over a decade, the most recent on December 13, 2024. While travelling from New Delhi to Birmingham, flight AI-113 reported a hydraulic leak in the nose gear during its final approach to Birmingham’s runway 15. On landing, the aircraft was towed away and grounded for 28 hours. A review report to the US government has raised serious concerns about Boeing’s safety management systems and found a *“disconnect”* between senior management and regular staff, and signs that safety-related messages and behaviours were not effectively implemented across the company.

So, Boeing, the US-based aircraft manufacturing giant has been under scanner for clearing the planes by compromising with production flaws like including improper fuselage joints, loose debris left inside aircraft, and gaps that failed tolerance checks. Repeated complaints prompted Boeing to halt nearly all 787 deliveries between 2021 and 2022 amid intense FAA scrutiny and internal audits. These serious compromises are obviously attributable to keen competition with France-based Airbus company in the world market.

### **Whistleblowing about safety concerns in Boeing’s 787 Dreamliner**

John Barnett, a former quality control engineer who retired in 2017, had flagged some issues in 2019. He alleged that under production pressure, workers were installing substandard parts on the assembly line and that he had identified defects in the aircraft’s oxygen systems — raising the possibility that up to one in four emergency breathing masks might fail in flight in an emergency. He also alleged sloppy work around the wires that connect the planes’ flight control systems, with metal shavings being left behind when bolts were fastened. The risk existed that the shavings would penetrate the wires’ insulation, leading to consequences that Barnett called *“catastrophic.”* Barnett also alleged that damaged or substandard parts were being

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installed in 787s, including a dented hydraulic tube that a senior manager retrieved from a bin of what was supposed to contain scrap. Boeing denied his assertions. However, a 2017 review by the US regulator, the FAA, did uphold some of Mr Barnett’s concerns. Yet, Barnett was demoted and ostracized after he attempted to force workers to disassemble and clean wire bundles and electrical boxes that had been littered with metal scraps of floorboard fasteners, scraps he knew could cause the electrical systems to short-circuit. And, a day after giving evidence in a whistleblower lawsuit against the company, he was found dead in his car. The death was stated to be a *“self-inflicted”* gunshot wound.

Another former quality manager was fired after refusing to sign off on improperly-tied wire bundles littered with foreign object debris (FOD) that had already begun to fray. FOD was also involved in a massive engine fire aboard a 787 test flight in 2010, and another test flight in Charleston in 2016. But the Boeing authorities simply swept it under the rug.

Joshua Dean, a former quality auditor at Boeing supplier Spirit AeroSystems, alleged ‘gross misconduct by quality management’ He filed a complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) alleging *“serious and gross misconduct by senior quality management of the 737 production line”* at Spirit. Dean was fired by Spirit last year, and filed a complaint with the Department of Labor alleging that his termination was in retaliation for raising safety concerns. He also died a mysterious death following a trouble breathing, incubation, development of pneumonia and affliction with serious infection.

Richard Cuevas, a mechanic employed by Strom, a contractor for Spirit Aerosystems had reported witnessing improper drilling of holes in the forward pressure bulkheads of 787 aircraft at Spirit’s Wichita, Kansas, facility in 2023. He submitted a complaint to both Boeing and Spirit in October 2023, citing *“substandard manufacturing and maintenance processes,”* and was terminated several months later.

In April 2024, Sam Salehpour, a Boeing engineer, had flagged several *“systemic flaws and rushed manufacturing practices”* on the 787 Dreamliner programme in a formal complaint to the US Federal Aviation Administration. He had also alleged that Boeing skipped key inspections, misaligned fuselage sections, and ignored internal concerns. Salehpour even termed Boeing a *“ticking time bomb”* if the lacunae are not fixed as the fleet ages. Salehpour claimed Boeing *“cut corners to speed production”*, which allegedly compromised the structural integrity of the jet. He estimated that over 1,000 Dreamliners could be affected by these issues.

But, it is evident that no due cognizance was taken of the concerns raised by the whistleblowers and the aircrafts released without, as it appears, real inspection and confirmation about no manufacturing defects.

### **The role of Air India is also under question**

Air India, nationalized in 1953, was handed over to the TATA group in 2021 in exchange of Rs.1800 crore. Then Air India had a total debt of Rs 61,562 crore. The Tata Group assumed Rs. 15,300 crore of Air India’s debt with the remaining Rs. 46,262 crores taken over by the government’s Air India Asset Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a special company set up to hold half of the airline’s loans, four of its units and non-core assets.

After introduction of capitalist globalization in the early 1990s, there was privatization spree of all industries including service industries in all imperialist-capitalist countries on the pretext of better management and efficient service. After taking over

hitherto government-run sectors once created with public money, the capitalist owners whose sole objective was to maximize profit by selling even essential public services like railways, road transport, aviation, etc., began to sell these services as commodities. Giving excuses of better service and restructure as well as modernize the support system alleged to have deteriorated under the aegis of the government, siphoned out funds from the public sector, degraded the quality, malfunctioned the system, they merrily hiked fares, showed no concern for passenger safety, improving amenities and maintaining punctuality. Instead, they only looked for filling up their coffers while service standard deteriorated much more. Now in service sector, many components are sold as add-ons over and above the basic fare. For example, in domestic flights, serving food packets has been done away with. Food is to be purchased by paying exorbitant price. Previously, if any flight was delayed beyond one hour, passengers were served meal at the airport lounge. That has also been stopped. Difference in fare between business class and economy class is going up every day. In Train journey also, passenger trains have just been renamed as express trains for effecting substantial hike in fare. Train bogies are in dilapidated situation, toilets are either absent or so unclean as to be often non-usable. Number of general bogies is being systematically brought down. VIP deluxe trains are introduced for the rich at enormously high ticket cost. Train accidents have become frequent because of lack of proper maintenance. Pilots and loco drivers are often forced to work extra hours as there is shortage of hands. Corruption is rampant. Service quality of air crew members has declined. Road transport has also been following the suit though road taxes and passenger fares are on the rise. No one knows what the ministers of Aviation, Railways and Road transport do round the year save and except giving promises and drawing fat salaries from public exchequer. Earlier, if there was a major train accident or air crash, concerned ministers who had some sense of accountability used to resign. Now, there is no sign of such accountability as occupying ministries have become a lucrative profession with chance of establishing *quid pro quo* relationship with the private operators. The recent Air India plane crash comes as Boeing is already facing legal trouble over two deadly crashes of its 737 Max plane in 2018 and 2019.

### **Reason behind Ahmedabad crash is shrouded in mystery**

It is often murmured among the airline staff circle that many a times, necessary checking of all flying implements is skipped for maintenance of time schedule assuming that everything is hunky dory. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft which has crashed in Ahmedabad on way to London was used prior to that as a domestic Delhi-Ahmedabad flight. A passenger of that flight reported, as quoted in many media, that the air conditioning was not working and other in-cabin features entertainment screens, call buttons, and reading lights were malfunctioning during their journey. AC failure is indicative of overheating of the engine, mechanical problems, electrical or operational malfunctions or is linked to contamination of the bleed air (air taken from the engines for pressurization and cooling) with engine oil or other fumes. In that event, question arises whether such malfunctioning noticed in the previous flight were duly set right before giving

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## Strong protest against gang-rape of a student inside College in Kolkata



Abhaya (named after the rape and murdered trainee junior doctor of the R G Kar Medical College & Hospital) still didn't get justice. Another horrific gang-rape occurred inside the South Calcutta Law College. This time the victim survived death. The culprits are the leaders of the TMCP (student wing of the ruling TMC). They locked her up in the guard's room of the college, raped, beaten by hockey-stick, threatened to murder her parents if this was disclosed and videographed the entire

incident to blackmail her. The girl dared to lodge complain in the local Kasba Police Station. When this incident was known, AIDSO-AIDYO-AIMSS activists rushed at the college gate on 27 June, blocked the road and gheraoed the police station. They bravely faced the police atrocities.

The movement against hooliganism, threat-culture in the educational institutions and violation of women is spreading throughout the state. People from all walks of life are joining the movement.

## SUCI(C) vehemently protest hike in railway fare

**Shri Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), has issued the following statement on 1-7-25:**

"We vehemently protest the most unjust hike in railway passenger fare from today through an administrative fiat bypassing the parliament despite vivid compromise with safety measures, passenger amenities, punctuality, condition of rakes, cunning increase in ticket cost by simply rebranding passenger trains as express trains, gradual reduction in general coaches, maintenance of the rakes, proper cleaning of toilet and availability of water during train journey. Moreover, accidents resulting death of passengers have become a regular affair because of overlooking due maintenance of

railway track, handing over crucial services like safety check, catering etc. and rampant corruption in railway operation along with continuous reduction of employees. Denials of rudimentary service and security to the train travellers coupled with periodic rise in fares, overtly or covertly, indicate how the passengers are on the receiving end in the BJP rule. With privatization process of the railways operative in full swing, more burden of fare hike is in the offing.

To thwart such multiple assaults, we call upon the passengers along with other sections of the common people to build up a united powerful resistance movement with due expediency."

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against this statement, the MP High Court had to take suo motu cognizance of the case and an FIR was lodged against the minister. Another bench of the Supreme Court reprimanded him sharply. It is noteworthy that the police of the BJP government did not arrest minister Vijay Shah. Begging pardon casually for his statement the minister is still enjoying the right to speech as a free citizen.

In such a situation, democracy-loving people of the country raise the question— does not this discrimination in dealing with

Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad and minister Vijay Shah make it clear that enjoying the right to freedom of speech and expression varies from man to man in our country especially if one's religion comes to the fore in a devious manner? Time is ripe for strongly raising our voice of protest against this utter injustice and blatant discrimination. Otherwise, the right to freedom of speech and expression in the whole country will only be enjoyed by the blind followers of the communal rulers. The biased government and its administration will seal whatever democratic conscience and values are still there.

## AIMSS unit formed in Punjab

On 31 May 2025, a meeting was organized with the members of AIMSS Punjab in Malerkotla district of Punjab. The meeting was presided by Balbir Kaurji. Comrade Ritu Kaushik, All India Secretariat Member of AIMSS was the main speaker. spoke.

A 13-member strong organizational committee of AIMSS, Punjab state, was formed with



Madam Balbir Kaur from Ludhiana district as the convenor.

## Trump's war in Los Angeles

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particularly chilling is that it comes not from the periphery of the democratic world, but from its historic centre. If this pattern is allowed to persist unchecked in the United States, the message to fragile democracies worldwide will be unmistakable: fascist autocracy can now wear a suit, win an election, and still strip a nation of its soul.

### The Final Question

This moment will be etched into history—but how it is remembered depends entirely on what follows. Will the courts reassert their independence? Will the military uphold

its constitutional boundaries? Perhaps such would to be too much of expectation in the imperialist state structure. But foremost is the action of American people. It is they who can at least preserve some of the vestiges of eroding democracy under pressure of organized powerful democratic movement.

The world cannot afford to look away. If the US normalizes soldiers on city streets, if democratic erosion becomes just another headline, then it is not just America that falters. It signals crumbling of cracking bourgeois democracy following inexorable law of history.

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unbridled in operationalization of their scheme of launching one after another war to boost its militarized economy and fulfil its hegemonic aspirations. They have also been daring to pursue such brigandage because of absence of a worldwide well-coordinated powerful anti-imperialist militant peace movement which alone can work as the

deterrent against such a wanton crime on humanity. Not just development but intensification of that movement against this fiendishly criminal attack by the imperialist sharks like US is the crying need of the day to save mankind and civilization. It is the people who pronounce the last word and not the despots as proved by the retreat of the US-Isreal duo wagging tails.

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clearance for a long-haul international flight? Secondly, as Turkey supported Pakistan in the recent military conflict between it and India, Air India decided to remove Turkish Technic, a Turkish aviation service provider hitherto engaged for maintaining wide-body aircrafts. In its place, the task has been entrusted to AI Engineering Services Limited (AIESL), and some by SIA Engineering Company, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines. Was there then any flaw in maintenance since the nature of the accident where the aircraft crashed immediately after take-off ascending not even 626 feet with both its engines failing simultaneously, does pose a big question in this regard. In fine, privatization is proving to be a bane and not boon for the transport sector passengers. It cannot be otherwise as

greed for profit is so protruding that no other consideration finds any place. This is the face of decadent moribund reactionary capitalism ruling the roost.

### Concluding lines

After the Air India plane crash, the entire country plunged into deep sorrow. Everybody mourned for the victims whose dreams were shattered due to the collapse of the Dreamliner. PM Modi who did not visit strife-torn Manipur or terror-struck Kashmir, however, did not miss the opportunity to visit the air crash site in media glare. The media flooded with his pose beneath the crashed plane. There he attended a meeting to review the ground situation and relief work pretending how much he feels for the citizens.

If this promptness was shown earlier, the accident could have been prevented.

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