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Hail the thirty year old Dandakaranya Revolutionary Movement!

Let us strengthen the Janatana Sarkars!

Let us carry out revolutionary land reforms and increase production with the aim of liberating Dandakaranya!

Dear Activists of Janatana Sarkar !

By 2010 the Dandakaranya revolutionary movement completed its thirtieth year. Nearly 2000 revolutionary masses, revolutionary party activists, leaders, PLGA commanders, soldiers, Janatana Sarkar activists, leaders, members and leaders of mass organizations who had strived for the building and advancing of this revolutionary movement since 1980 to this day have laid down their invaluable lives and built up new people's power. It is as a result of their struggle that today we hear the slogan "All powers to Janatana Sarkars" reverberating all over DK. This has created a new chapter in the history of India. Celebrate grandly the 30th anniversary of this new history for three weeks on the occasion of the 2011 Bhumkal – Formation Day of People's state. Clearly place before the people of this country the successes achieved by the Janatana Sarkars and the tasks it has to fulfill. With the support and help of the entire masses of our country, all the Janatana Sarkars should stand firmly to advance in the path of People's War to concretely achieve the liberation of the revolutionary masses of Dandakaranya with more enthusiasm and more determination. They should give leadership in a responsible manner.

The revolutionary successes achieved by the masses with the slogan of "All Powers to the Janatana Sarkars !"

1. On the basis of the slogan "Land to the Tillers", at least one lakh families belonging to hundreds of villages in the eight divisions of Dandakaranya have occupied more than three lakh

acres of forest land and the lands of the feudal lords and bad gentry, brought these into production newly and are now enjoying ownership rights on the lands. This is the biggest success achieved by the three decade old agrarian revolution.

2. As people have armed themselves, formed their own army and waged People's War, in nearly 300 panchayats in Dandakaranya, Revolutionary People's Committees – Janatana Sarkars – people's



People of DK celebrating 30 years of the movement

political power was established. In nearly 1500 villages people have destroyed or crippled the semi-colonial, semi-feudal state power and elected Janatana Sarkars and are enjoying real democracy of the people. This is the fundamental success they achieved politically.

3. With the revolutionary aim of "All Rights over Forests to the Adivasis", oppressed people have dented the authority of the government on forests and are enjoying all rights over the forests. They have banned the entrance of Indian comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and MNCs, have taken steps in the direction of preserving the invaluable natural resources and are using them for their development and that of the country. We must describe this as another fundamental success in the political and economic spheres achieved by the people.

4. Another fundamental success won by the Dandakaranya Adivasi oppressed women is the half share they won in political sphere, in people's political power and social life along with share in agricultural production by fighting back the tribal patriarchy, male authority, state violence, insults, atrocities and oppression declaring that they would no longer bear

all these.

5. It is a people's victory in the superstructure that a path was paved for new ideas by propagating people's culture, progressive, democratic ideas and new education and sciences by opposing age old tribal customs and culture full of superstitions which proved a hindrance to the development of the productive forces and by fighting back the Hindu fundamentalist attacks and the conspiratorial infiltration of Hindu and Christian religions.

All the successes achieved by the lakhs of adivasi oppressed masses who stood up united and with the full support and help of the People's Liberation Guerilla Army in Dandakaranya are excellent. With these five successes at the core they have achieved many small and big successes too. The exploiting ruling classes are carrying on offensives with more cruelty than in the past to destroy the successes won by the Dandakaranya masses in the past thirty years. It is necessary that we bravely fight back the enemy offensive with more organized force to defend these successes and achieve the liberation of Dandakaranya. Place before the revolutionary masses the following tasks for its sake and encourage them to fulfill these.

The tasks to be fulfilled by the masses under the leadership of the Janatana Sarkars

1. Salwa Judum in the past, Green Hunt, Santi Sangharsh Samitis in the present and even if we have to face the army and another fascist offensive next – defeat all of them and turn Dandakaranya into a liberated zone. Pave the path for the liberation of India by destroying the exploitation of feudals-comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie-imperialists and the state. This is the strategic task in front of the people of Dandakaranya. Increase the psychological make-up of people for war in order to establish real peace.

2. Intensify revolutionary land reforms with the aim of self-reliance. Strengthen mutual aid teams and cooperative movement and expand in newer areas. Increase production. Achieve better improvement in the living standards of the people.

3. Recruit young women and men into PLGA on a huge scale. Train them up well. Recruit all the able people in the villages into People's Militia. Propagate widely that without a people's army the people have nothing. Continuously educate the people politically by explaining the establishment of people's

political power as the central task of the revolution.

4. The natural resources should be used only for the sake of needs and progress of our people and our country. Launch small scale and cottage industries for the local needs of the people and their development. With the coordination of agriculture and industries establish a people's economic system which would ensure all round, independent development.

5. Preserve the forests and flora and fauna for the interests of the people, ecology and People's War. Do not allow deforestation anywhere. Continue ban on commercial hunting. Preserve the wild animals. Punish those who kill birds, fish and animals using poisonous chemicals.

6. Oppose male domination in all spheres by developing the democratic concept that women and men are equal. Fight back caste, religious, tribal and gender discriminations. Enhance unity among the people in the revolutionary movement.

We must take this pledge collectively to immerse ourselves in the fulfillment of the above revolutionary tasks and to fight for their fuller achievement.

** Let us defeat any number of fascist Green Hunt military offensives !*

** Let us join the People's Army and fulfill the responsibilities given to us!*

** Let us defend People's Political Power and preserve natural resources !*

** Let us turn Dandakaranya into a liberated zone !*

** Let us develop the concept that women and men are equal !*

** Let us fulfill the dreams of the martyrs !*

** Make success the campaign (February 10 to 28, 2011) of leveling the land as part of the reforms in irrigation methods !*

With revolutionary greetings,

**Kosa
President
Revolutionary Janatana Sarkar
Preparatory Committee
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25 October 2011

Let us celebrate ten years of AOB movement advancing in the path of Protracted People's War from May 7 to June 7, 2011

(Abridged version of AOBZC message on the occasion)

Beloved people, Democrats!

The Andhra-Odisha Border zone was formed in the beginning of 2001. In these ten years we won many successes under the leadership of our party over the ruling classes who have been exploiting and oppressing us. We faced many difficulties, travails and defeats too. These experiences are proving that the People's War (PW) path chosen by us would be protracted and difficult. They are also proving that this path is the correct one and that there is no alternative to this. We are learning from all these experiences under the leadership of the party through collective efforts. We are collectively learning from mistakes and again going into practice. We are advancing through this process which happens again and again. On this occasion AOBZC is inviting you to review the past one more time to rededicate ourselves with more determination. It is requesting you to participate on a wide scale in the rededication meetings and the various propaganda meetings along with consolidating yourselves into various structures to intensify the PW with class struggle politics. It is only natural that we remember all those 76 martyr comrades (including 23 women comrades) who had laid down their lives in these ten years while advancing the movement here. Let us hail the sacrifices of all those thousands of martyrs who had laid down their lives for New Democratic Revolution in India.

Struggle legacy of Eastern Ghats

The Eastern Ghats area is not only home to all kinds of wealth but also home to daughters and sons of soil who waged courageous struggles to preserve that wealth. This border area is full of high mountains, thick forests and vast water resources. There are vast stretches of bamboo, *tendu* leaf, teak and medicinal herbs which are making the capitalists richer. There is no dearth of mineral wealth here. This area is favorable for growing coffee plantations and fruit orchards. Due to these special features of this area, alien kings and British colonialists have gained grip over this area since centuries and have conducted brutal offensives several times on the local Adivasis. But the Adivasi peasantry who love freedom have fought back these offensives through glorious rebellions. The prominent leaders of these rebellions are Ram Bhupati, Tamma Dora, Dwarabandala Ramachandraiah, Alluri Sitaramaraju and Laxman Naik. All these leaders rallied Adivasi peasantry against imperialists and feudal kings and conducted courageous and militant struggles. Along with these struggles the Adivasi rebellions conducted in various parts of our country and the militant struggles of patriots like Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru played main role in the democratic struggles which chased the British imperialists away.

With transfer of power from the hands of the British into the hands of the Indian exploiting ruling classes in 1947, the exploitation and oppression of the MNCs; the feudal lords and the comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie (CBB) who are lackeys of imperialists; Indian state and non-Adivasi land lords went on unchecked. Due to the intensification of these contradictions, Naxalbari Adivasi peasantry rose in rebellion under the leadership of Com. Charu Mazumdar in 1960. This spark spread all over India. With this inspiration the peasantry of Srikakulam once again rose in rebellion. In the brutal repression unleashed by the state, hundreds of Adivasi peasantry lost their



Adivasi peasants occupying lands

lives including movement leadership. Srikakulam movement faced a setback. They know only successes and failures in the struggle; surrenders and bending their knees is not to be found in their lexicon. That is why the Eastern Ghats once again rose in struggle in support of the Jagityal Jaitrayatra (Victory March), the glorious upsurge of the poor peasantry and landless labor in Telangana in late 70s against the unbearable feudal exploitation and oppression of the cruel land lords.

People's Struggles give a death knell to exploitation and oppression

The movement spread from Telangana to East Godavari and Visakha districts under our party leadership and later it gradually spread to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and undivided Koraput district in Odisha. The Party and the squads won the confidence of the people by mingling with them. They consolidated the people against all forms of exploitation. They rose the democratic and class consciousness of the people. The Adivasis rose in struggle against the exploiting classes which are controlling all aspects of their lives. They first fought against the forest officers who made their lives unbearable. They made them return thousands of rupees of bribes and levies imposed on them forcefully and illegally. They not only conducted people's courts and punished the guards and watchers who freely exploited their labor in forest works, but also made them pay for their labor. They put an end to bonded labor. They annulled taxes on goats and other taxes. They stopped the forest officials from entering their fields (shifting cultivation). Thus they completely pulled out the roots of exploitation and oppression of the forest officials. It is not an exaggeration to say that new generations are not aware of the exploitation of the forest officials unless told by the old generations. Particularly, the *Rytu Coolie Sangams* (Peasant-labor Associations) stopped the state, MNCs and non-Adivasi land lords from occupying lands. The government is falsely raising a din that shifting cultivation of the Adivasis is destroying the forest but in fact it is the culprit that is destroying the forest by allowing the cutting of forests and growing of eucalyptus and silver plantations in lakhs of acres to serve the interests of the MNCs and the CBB. Adivasis understood these conspiracies and they destroyed thousands of acres of plantations and turned them into fields. The total forest land thus occupied would be more than one lakh fifty thousand acres. The peasantry rejected the *Van Samrakshan Samitis* and other schemes which were brought forth

by the government to serve the interests of the MNCs and CBB. They also understood that all these schemes are aimed at annulling the traditional rights they have over the forests.

The non-Adivasi land lords who came from the plains deceived the Adivasis in various methods and occupied thousands of cultivable lands. They have even seized the rights over forest produce like tamarind trees. Finally they chased the peasants away from their lands and turned them into labor. They imposed illegal levies and taxes and even resorted to atrocities on women. Acts like 1/70 (AP), 2/52 (Odisha) were confined to writing. These Acts completely failed in preserving the lands of the Adivasis. It has once again been proved that government laws are promulgated only for the rich. Under these conditions thousands of Adivasi peasantry rose like a storm under the leadership of the *Sangam*. Thousands of acres of lands belonging to land lords and feudal temples were occupied. Bad gentry were controlled. Cruel land lords who proved to be a hurdle were annihilated. In East division alone people of 700 villages occupied 17 thousand acres of land. Thousand acres of land was occupied by people of 34 villages in Srikakulam. In Basadhara division thousands of peasantry raided the lands of land lords and seized the harvests in hundreds of acres. Nearly four thousand acres of land was occupied from land lords and *sahukars* (usurers) by people belonging to 11 *panchayats* of Bandugaon and Narayanapatna blocks. In Kalimela block of Malkangiri district too lands of land lords were seized by the peasantry. In the armed agrarian revolutionary struggle conducted under the leadership of the party, majority of the peasantry gained lands. In this process revolutionary land reforms were taken up in many villages in the East Division to correct the mistakes committed while distributing lands.

Due to the struggles done in the past 30 years, the rate for collecting *tendu* leaf increased from 5 paise to 1.40 paise per bundle. Collection of bundles free of cost was put to end. With the support given by the Adivasi peasantry, the watchers and *kalledars* working in *tendu* leaf collection centers got consolidated and increased their wages from 200 rupees to 3,500 rupees. Thousands of bamboo labor got consolidated and conducted strikes against MNCs and CBB like paper mill owners ITC Bangur Seth, Thapar etc. Bamboo depots, lorries and jeeps belonging to the management were burnt down as part of these militant struggles. Due to bamboo struggles which are conducted in every season the

daily wage increased from 4 rupees to 66 rupees. The wages for dragging, loading and unloading also increased. The discrimination in wages of women was ended. The struggles which began for wage increases for digging and picking coffee have now been transformed into struggles for occupying coffee plantations.

People of 33 villages in Balapam *panchayat* rallied and occupied 110 hectares of coffee plantations. In the past 30 years, innumerable struggles were conducted demanding minimum needs of the people and against famine conditions and deaths due to illnesses. The governments built seven hydro-electric projects on Sileru river alone and supplied for very cheap rates hundreds of megawatts of electricity to the capitalists. But they had completely ignored the needs of the local Adivasis. Particularly, they could not provide any basic needs of the people including electricity for the people of the cut off area in Malkangiri district. In 2009 and again in 2011 thousands of people rallied from several *panchayats* to Chittrakonda and conducted dharnas for 15 days. The district collector had to bow to the demands of the people. Great militant struggles were waged against Jindal Al Khaima MNCs and against the Telugu Desam (TDP) and Congress parties which gave permission for bauxite mines between 2000 and 2009. The ruling classes had to step back both the times. Naveen Patnaik government of Odisha also gave permission for bauxite mines in Mali and Deomali and tried to displace the local Adivasis. People are fighting against this. Thousands of people held seminars and rallies for autonomous status of Adivasi areas.

Thousands of people rallied against state repression and Operation Green Hunt (OGH). They held rallies and *rasta rokos* on several occasions demanding the release of their leaders and villagers.

The role of women in all these struggles is very active and crucial. The Adivasi women of Eastern Ghats participated actively in the anti-arrack struggle which shook the state of Andhra Pradesh in the 90s. The anti-arrack struggle which rose in Koraput division as a continuation of it became successful too at present. They conducted several agitations against police atrocities and against incidents like Vakapalli and Bhalluguda gang rapes on Adivasi women by the security forces.

The political consciousness of the people increased due to these struggles. They could understand the fascist nature of the state. They realized that their liberation is linked with seizure of

political power. They gained self experience that they must arm themselves for this. That is why the slogan of '**All powers over Jal, Jungle, Zameen to the People**' reverberated in the Eastern Ghats.

Advancing Revolutionary movement – Repression of the ruling classes

Andhra Pradesh has a long revolutionary history. That is why the ruling classes tried to nip in the bud the revolutionary movement which blossomed again in the Eastern Ghats. The TDP government under NTR unleashed an undeclared war by 1985 itself. It formed a counter-revolutionary killer special force named Grey Hounds with the training of British Scotland Yard. The impact of this destruction campaign was severe in the East Division. 63 police camps were established in East Division alone in this period. 106 villages were razed down. Hundreds of Adivasi peasantry was arrested. Dozens of *Sangam* leaders and members were killed in fake encounters. More than 120 women were raped between 1985 and 87. Sexual atrocities were cruelly used as weapons in repression. With this first repression and annihilation campaign of the enemy the whole of East Division was turned into a concentration camp. The hatred of the people against the state increased. They fought back the police forces everywhere. People's guerillas raided the Sileru police outpost with the support of the people. They conducted ambushes in Puttakota and Peddalanka and wiped out the police. With this resistance of the people's guerillas and the people under the leadership of the party, the police forces were forced to step back. The situation began changing gradually. 50 police camps were lifted in Manyam due to these attacks. The Congress government which came to power in 1989 had to temporarily stop the offensive on the revolutionary movement.

By 1991 the second repression and annihilation campaign started in the state under the leadership of the Congress party. The offensive was more brutal this time. This offensive extended to Srikakulam along with East Division. The change in the intensity of the offensive was now strongly linked to the economic and political changes occurring in the country. By 1991 reforms dictated by World Bank entered our country. The main objective of these reforms is loot of this country by the imperialists. The revolutionary movement proved to be a hurdle to the process of reforms. It was in this backdrop that the central and state governments began implementing low intensity conflict strategy with the backing of the imperialists

Manyam Adivasis resist mining of China clay

It is estimated that 60 lakh tonnes of China clay mineral deposits are spread over an area of 50 acres in the hilly terrain near Sarai, Jankarguda, Jodiguda and Bailuguda villages belonging to the Kandrum panchayat of Dumbriguda mandal in Visakha district. According to market rates and quality, China clay could be sold at 500 to 1500 rupees per tonne. This mineral is used mainly in making porcelain ware and is also vastly used in paper, ceramic, rubber, cable insulation, glass and fibre industries. The comprador rulers of our country dictated by their imperialist masters have been looting the natural resources of our country which genuinely belong to the people of this country and the latest addition to their loot is this China clay.

A mining company named Trans World Services has been trying to get permission to mine this since five, six years. It employed a ploy to loot the adivasi in the name of adivasi. It filed for permission in the name of an adivasi woman Muchika Sridevi and got permission to mine 15 thousand tonnes every year. All laws and provisions which have been formulated after years of struggles accompanied by sacrifices by the adivasis to preserve the resources and ecology of the adivasi areas have been shamelessly flouted to give this back door permission to an "Adivasi Woman". They even lied that the land being given is barren land whereas this is land assigned to the adivasis. The overt permission is for 20 acres whereas under cover activities are ongoing for illegal mining in another 25 acres. And not surprisingly leaders from ruling and opposition parties are involved in this. It is difficult to know but not difficult to guess how many bags of money would have changed hands to shamelessly flout all rules and regulations.

All this went on very secretly and people gradually came to know the facts only by March 2011. The anger of the adivasi people at this atrocious loot of their resource and the damage it would cause to their pristine ecology knew no bounds. They decided to oppose this tooth and nail and began making preparations.

On May 10, officials decided to conduct a sham meeting in Sarai village in the name of gathering people's opinions. People decided to stop this sham. Hundreds of women, men and children from the surrounding areas carrying bows, arrows, knives and axes congregated at the village. They blocked the roads so that no officials or political leaders could enter it. Sensing the seething anger of the people this meeting was cancelled by the officials in the last minute as they did not dare to face the wrath of the people. At that time, local MLA Siveri Soma and MPP Danne Rao (both belonging to the Telugu Desam Party) arrived on the scene. The anger of the people knew no bounds. They surrounded the MPP who began running for his life. Women chased him for about one kilometer and hurled dung and stones at him. Then they began arguing with Soma. His vehicle was destroyed. Soma somehow managed to convince the people that he is opposed to this mining and only then was he let off.

Then people conducted a meeting and demanded that the lease for China clay mining be annulled. They took a vow that they would preserve their lands with their lives. They decided to surround the collectorate on May 16.

Meanwhile the police "took their lawful course" i.e. "booking cases to harass the agitators". Cases were booked on ten adivasi leaders for attacking Danne Rao. Manyam bandh was conducted on May 12 to protest this. People belonging to 24 villages under the Kandrum panchayat clearly stated that they would not allow any officials coming for China clay mining or any police coming to arrest the leaders in their villages. Women, men and children carrying their traditional weapons are keeping watch by blocking roads so as not to allow any new persons from entering into their villages.

On May 16, a massive rally was conducted in Visakhapatnam and people participated in it carrying their traditional weapons. They sat in dharna in front of the collectorate for three hours. They loudly declared their opposition to the mining and demanded the annulment of the lease given for it.

The lines have been drawn for another battle –

The impoverished but proud inheritors of a struggle legacy (right from Manyam Pithuri against the British Raj to the recent anti-bauxite mining struggles along with scores of anti-feudal and anti-imperialist struggles including armed struggle for a New Democratic Revolution in this country)

Vs

The day-light robbers and looters of our country's resources – the feudal lords, the CBB and the imperialists.

The struggle of the Manyam people against China clay mining has now found its place of pride besides the innumerable struggles being waged by the poor people of this country to preserve the resources of our country for the future of our children.

to suppress the revolutionary movement.

Now the government unleashed a multi-pronged attack as part of LIC strategy and banned our party, the erstwhile CPI (ML) (People's War) in May 1992 along with seven revolutionary mass organizations. Several party leaders and ordinary people were killed in fake encounters. While armed offensive was primary, the ruling classes also implemented economic reforms and took up psychological warfare too. Particularly, a section of the people was divided through these reforms and they were turned into their favorable social base. This multi-pronged attack took a comprehensive form by 1997 in AP and went on intensifying. By 2002, the Odisha government also took up a multi-pronged attack.

With the formation of CPI (Maoist) by the merger of MCCI and CPI (ML) (PW) on September 21, 2004, the ruling classes declared that our party is the biggest internal security threat in India. Since then the central government is coordinating all the movement affected states and is directly leading the suppression of the revolutionary movement. With the world wide financial crisis of 2008, loot of natural resources of our country through various MoUs intensified further. The peasantry who are getting displaced in mind boggling numbers are arming themselves under the leadership of our party and fighting back the loot of our country.

In order to completely wipe out our revolutionary movement a massive military offensive was launched from mid-2009 by the central and state governments. This offensive was intensified in AP and Odisha pockets which come under AOB. The police stations which have been vacated previously began functioning again in the name of carpet security. Nearly ten new police camps were established. Along with the local commando forces namely Grey Hounds (AP) and SOG (Odisha), five battalions of BSF and CRPF were deployed on a huge scale. Hundreds of Adivasi youth were recruited as SPOs and police in the name of creating employment but in fact this is nothing but fighting the Adivasi with Adivasi. 25 crores of rupees were allotted for each district under the AOB zone. Lakhs of rupees of unaccounted

people's exchequer is spent indiscriminately for informers, coverts and vigilante gangs to particularly annihilate the party leadership. A huge misinformation foul campaign is taken up on the revolutionary movement, revolutionary theory and the leadership. Special departments are being formed for conducting psychological warfare. With the temporary setback of the AP and North Telangana (NT) movements, the state offensive intensified at an unprecedented scale in Visakha, East Godavari, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of AP under AOB zone. Right from the DGP to the lower level police officials had already announced in 2006 that they would make the AP state Maoist free. But the people and PLGA under the leadership of the party are courageously fighting back the offensive of the ruling classes.

People's War advances

Though the ruling classes have made every attempt to stop the advance of the revolutionary movement from the beginning, it is advancing in waves. People are arming themselves to defend and preserve the successes won by them through struggles. The adivasi peasantry who have learnt from their own experience the historical fact that people have nothing without a people's army are consolidating themselves into militia. In this process they conducted many resistance actions against the armed forces of the exploiting classes. They chased away the khaki forces which came to attack their villages. In dozens of villages they not only rebelled against the police atrocities but had also defended their *Sangam* leadership from their clutches. The



Adivasis of AOB harvest the lands occupied

guerilla squads wiped out people's enemies with the help of the people. They seized weapons after wiping out government armed forces.

On December 2, 2000 People's Guerilla Army (PGA) was formed to develop the revolutionary war to the higher stage. The formation of a People's Army greatly enthused the revolutionary masses and at the same it worried the ruling classes to no end. Since 2001, the attacks of the base, secondary and main forces of the People's Army on the enemy armed forces intensified. With the formation of CPI (Maoist) on September 21, 2004 PGA changed its name to People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA).

We increased recruitment into PLGA as part of developing it. The local forces participated in many war operations along with Central Regional Command forces. They independently conducted some operations. In the past ten years they conducted several raids and ambushes jointly and independently. In ambushes such as Maredumilli, Chintavaripalem, Bejjankiwada, Tellarayi, Balimela, Paluru, Mantriyamba, Gotlabhadra, Potakal, Polavaram, Gunikiralla, Lakshmiapuram and China Antijwala 123 enemy armed forces were wiped out and about twenty weapons were seized. The Balimela and Kalimela ambushes have not only controlled the aggressive attacks of the enemy but had also given boost to the morale of the people. With this inspiration hundreds of people rallied and occupied the coffee plantation in RV Nagar area. Hundreds of martyrs' columns were built during July 28 martyrs' week. Raids were conducted at Kalimela, Motu, Uppalada, Saluru, Anakapalli, Chodavaram, Koraput, MV-79, Sileru, Kureru, R. Udayagiri, Nayagarh, Damanjodi and Poteru where 46 enemy forces were wiped out along with seizing 969 weapons. The Koraput and Nayagarh are considered great courageous raids in the whole history of the Indian revolutionary movement. Due to these military operations of the PLGA new organs of people's power are being established with the aim of self-reliance. Particularly revolutionary movement is advancing towards democracy with people's participation.

Beloved people!

Since the past 63 years the ruling classes and the governments which represent the exploiting system have given nothing but tears, travails, poverty, deaths, illnesses, unemployment, corruption, price rises etc. to the people. Rich became super rich and the plight of the poor worsened. The ruling classes have concentrated their offensive on the revolutionary

movement to maintain this status quo. In fact, this is a complete war on the people of this country.

This war would be multi-pronged. Particularly there would be reforms on the one hand and repression on the other. The aim of all these is to loot the wealth and labor of the people economically and continue their rule politically. The material conditions in the world are excellent for revolution. The basic contradictions in the world are sharpening further. We must fight bravely to utilize this excellent material condition. So let us rededicate ourselves for the victory of the revolution on the occasion of celebrating ten years of AOB movement by imbibing the ideals and inspiration of the martyrs. Let us take up a campaign to recruit people on a huge scale into the *Manyam Pituri Sena* (Militia) on this occasion. Let us celebrate May 7, the birthday of *Manyam* People's Hero Alluri Sitaramaraju, as the formation day of *Manyam Pituri Sena*.

- ***Let us develop People's War to the higher stage by defeating Operation Green Hunt!***
- ***Let us intensify guerilla warfare with the aim of liberating Dandakaranya, Bihar-Jharkhand!***
- ***Let us develop guerilla warfare into mobile warfare!***
- ***Let us develop PLGA into PLA!***
- ***Let us build Revolutionary People's Committees from the village level to the higher level!***
- ***Let us build people's movements like Lalgah and Narayanapatna!***
- ***Let us take up political struggles by rallying broad masses against pro-imperialist LPG policies!***
- ***Let us build militant struggles of oppressed masses against all kinds of fundamentalist forces, particularly against Brahminical Hindu fascist forces!***
- ***Let us fight against the imperialists, particularly against the world hegemony of US imperialists!***

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Homage to Five TKP/TIKKO Women Guerillas

The Press statement of the **TKP/ML-TIKKO** Dersim Region Committee from April 20th 2011 states that on 2nd February 2011, 5 guerillas of **TKP/ML-TIKKO** have lost their lives as a result of an avalanche. According to the statement of the Dersim Region; on February 2nd 2011 at 5am an avalanche destroyed the Winter-Camp and killed five female **TIKKO** guerillas.



Sefagul Kesgin: code name, Eylem; was born in Erzurum in 1977. She joined the guerilla struggle in 2007. She was the Political “Polit- Luitenant” of the Dersim Region

Nursen Aslan: code name, Emel; was born in Tokat (Black Sea) in 1981. She joined the guerilla struggle in 1999. She was a forward sympathiser of the TKP/ML. She was a commander in the Dersim Region.

Gulizar Ozkan: code name, Ozlem; was born in 1967 in Dersim. She joined the guerilla in 2005. She was a forward sympathiser of the party. She was a TIKKO commander.

Fatma Acar: code name, Dilek; was born in 1983 in Mersin. She joined the guerilla struggle in 2006. She was a forward sympathiser of the TKP/ML and a commander of TIKKO.

Derya Aras: code name, Sevda; she was born in 1979 in Erzincan and joined the guerillas in 2009. She was a forward sympathiser of the TKP/ML and a TIKKO fighter.

Even if right after the landslide a immediate interference took place, only the lifeless bodies of the five comrades were buried.

The Dersim Regional Committee further declares that “including comrade **Sefagul Kesgin** the martyrdom of our five comrades is a big loss for our organization. We know that these losses and death is part our war. In order to bear the price of this heavy loss we will focus on our struggle with all our abilities and strength and we will increase the struggle that has been handed over to us by our martyrs in a way that our comrades deserve.”

“Our five comrades have left a note on the page of history; they have done this with their leading role in our war and in showing the oppressed women the way towards freedom. Their lives, just as their martyrdom, was a rebellion against the oppression of women since thousands of years and this rebellion will illuminate the path of the comrades who will continue the struggle. We can only keep our comrades alive with the weapons we have taken over from them for the struggle of democratic peoples’ revolution, socialism and communism.”

As the international office of the **TKP/ML** we know that the path of proletarian world revolution is a path full of willpower, sacrifices and determination. The way to final victory can only be reached with the knowledge of proletarian world revolution and the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist ideology. For this we call upon all revolutionary and communist forces to take notice of the martyrdom of our comrades **Sefagul Kesgin, Nursen Aslan, Gulizar Ozkan, Fatma Acar, Derya Aras.**

Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!

Long Live Peoples War – Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Maoism!

TKP/ML-International Relation Office

How are Koya Commandos appointed, asks Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed concern over the creation of Koya Commandos by the Chhattisgarh government and giving them arms to deal with Maoists .

A Bench of Justices B. Sudershan Reddy and S.S. Nijjar, taking a serious note of the statements made by social activist Agnivesh, who was attacked during his recent visit to the State, said in its order: “We direct the State of Chhattisgarh to provide the details as to under what authority and rules the Koya Commandos are appointed and arms are provided to them.”

The Bench, after perusing the affidavit filed by Swami Agnivesh, also sought Chhattisgarh’s response by April 15. Counsel for Chhattisgarh shall report to the Court the further developments in the matter of appointment of Commission of Inquiry.

Mr. Justice Reddy asked senior counsel Harish Salve, appearing for the State: “What is this Koya Commandos? How are they appointed and how are they given training? It is very dangerous to give them arms to fight the people.”

The Bench was hearing a petition filed by Nandini Sundar and others challenging the continued presence of Salwa Judum despite denial by the government. Petitioner’s counsel Nitya Ramakrishnan read out Swami Agnivesh’s affidavit explaining the sequence of events and said the Salwa Judum was still active and the Chief Minister was indulging in double-speak and people in the three villages were denied even basic relief materials. She said that since social activist Harsh Mander and another person were already in the State, they might be asked to submit a report.

Mr. Salve submitted that the Chhattisgarh government had already ordered an inquiry into the incident by the District and Sessions judge, Bastar. He, however, said he would request the government to order an inquiry by a High Court judge, rather than by a sessions judge considering the sensitivity of the incident. He said there were conflicting versions in the media about the incident as society was divided into pro and anti-Maoist groups

Mr. Justice Reddy also wanted to know from the government as to how many MoUs it had entered into with multinationals recently and whether these MoUs had the effect of displacement of villagers. The Bench posted the matter for further hearing on April 15.

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Women Martyrs of Indian Revolution

(Naxalbari to 2010)

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VOICES AGAINST WAR ON PEOPLE

Campaign in Italy in support of the People War In India

The international campaign in support of the People's War in India serves the unity of Marxist-Leninist-Maoist communist and revolutionary forces, internationally. It serves the regrouping of the international communist movement around the largest and most active people's war, while those in Peru, Philippines etc. go on.

From the point of view of Maoism and people's wars, the people's war in India is at the heart of the current clash between revolution and counter-revolution.

That is why the attention of imperialism has increased, as well as the attention of its media. The coming months we will reach an International Conference of support, that will gather many genuine revolutionary, internationalist and anti-imperialist forces in the world.

India can be the weak link of imperialism, right when it is trying to prevent the advancement of the revolution. The revolution in India helps to show the relevance of Maoism and communism. That is why this campaign is very important.

We are like drops in the sea. This is the meaning of our work in Italy. But the sea is made of many drops. Each advance of the revolutions in other countries is a drop in that sea, that turns into a sea of armed masses that can really change the face of the world.

The campaign in Italy

On 20th of March a daily information activity has started, along with a widespread circulation of the call and posters.

We are preparing a slide-show and videos. There will be not a major central initiative, but several initiatives to reach a significant number of people, workers, unemployed, temporary workers, students, women and immigrants. The initiatives nationally announced will be:

- Meeting of workers and immigrants in Marghera, Venice on 2nd of April
- Demonstration at the University of Milan on 6th of April
- Demonstration at the Academy of Arts, University of Palermo, on 7th of April, with students meeting and video
- Spread of leaflets and signature collecting of a support resolution amongst the workers of Ilva, Taranto, South Italy; Dalmine, Bergamo, North Italy; Fiat and Cantieri Navali, Palermo, Sicily
- Action at the Indian Consulate in Milan on 8th of April
- Meeting of support in Taranto on 5th of April
- Meeting of support in Palermo on 8th of April
- Meeting of support in Turin on 9th of April

International Committee in Support of People's War in India – Italy

Revolutionary Intellectual–Cultural Forum in Nepal extends Solidarity to Indian Revolution

*Let us condemn the state terror on the oppressed people of India
by Indian reactionary government!*

Let us unite in support of the Great People's War of India!

First of all we would like to express our strong solidarity to the International Campaign in support of People's War in India.

At present, a new type of people's movement and political upsurges are in rapid action worldwide. Especially the movements and upsurges of Arab Africa and Asian countries have made the imperialism restless and they have created a great revolutionary enthusiastic situation and inspiration in favor of oppressed people. Worldwide, there has been a mass upsurge in favor of Marxism and once again it has proved the relevance, importance, and indispensability of Marxism–Leninism and Maoism.

Now, the Marxists of all countries are uniting to make maximum effort and to accelerate the Maoist movement of a new type in a new way. They want to move the Maoist movement rapidly ahead in the

revolutionary direction. Recent upsurges have prepared a revolutionary atmosphere to form Maoist parties in the Arab and African worlds. In the European context, the Maoists of Italy have done tremendous work in this field. And we all know that the Indian revolutionary people have raised the flag of the Great People's War to accelerate the People's War in the dynamic leadership of the Communist Party of India (Maoist).

We all know that the Indian expansionist is exercising the neo-colonialist attitude upon the neighboring countries in the name of democracy. And it is suppressing the national liberation movement of the Indian people. India is the number one enemy of the people of Southeast Asia. These days, under the leadership of Maoist Party, the oppressed people of India are challenging the so called regional super power. This challenge has given to the people of the whole world a great optimistic and enthusiastic inspiration.

The Great Peoples War of India is not only the concerning issue of Indian people. In fact, it has a worldwide importance and value. It is part of the world proletarian movement. The international campaign in support of the People's War in India serves to unite the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist communists and the revolutionary forces internationally. In this regard we condemn the state terror and war loaded by Indian reactionary regime to the people of India. And we stand up in support of the Great People's War of India.

This is the week of the worldwide campaign in support of the Indian People's War. The people of Italy are in the forefront in this campaign and we would like to express our strong solidarity with them. We request all, especially the intellectuals and cultural activists, to express their solidarity to support the campaign for the Great Peoples War of India

Marxism–Leninism–Maoism Zindabad!

New Democratic Revolution Zindabad!

The Great People's War of India Zindabad!

April 4, 2011

Rishi Raj Baral, Convenor

Revolutionary Intellectual–Cultural Forum, Nepal



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STATEMENT ON THE ILLEGAL DETENTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDIA

Brazil, April 30th, 2011

The Cebraspo (Brazilian Center of Solidarity to the Peoples) and ABRAPO (Brazilian Association of People's Lawyers) strongly reject the arrest of three members of the Central Committee of Communist Party of India (CPI-Maoist) - Vijay Kumar (Jaspal), Varanasi Subramaniam (Saroj), Jhantu Mukherjee - along with three dwellers - Rishi Shyam, Aniruddha Rishidev and Mohammad - all taken into custody after a joint operation of the Special Task Force (STF) police in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh SIB and central intelligence agencies, last April 29, in Basalgaon, Katihar district.

Urges the immediate presentation of the six detainees before a legal court, duly accompanied by lawyers chosen by themselves - according to the legal procedures and the rights of Indian people.

It is unacceptable that, even after 24 hours of arrest, Indian police continues to deny the arrests, as well as the presentation of prisoners. This only increases the overall concern for the life and physical integrity of all detainees, which is the direct responsibility of the Indian state.

Down the illegal detention of Vijay Kumar (Jaspal), Varanasi Subramaniam (Saroj), Jhantu Mukherjee along with three villagers by the Bihar police!

Demand the immediate production of the six before a Court of Law!

Safeguard the lives and rights of the six political prisoners!

In solidarity

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Public Meeting in London - June 12, 2011

Please join us for a public meeting and an audience with celebrated authors who will discuss their recent experiences in India with a special focus on the raging war against the poorest of the poor, the tribal people living in the heartland of India.

Arundhati Roy From India and the author of recently published books “Walking with the Comrades” and “Broken Republic”

Jan Myrdal From Sweden and the author of “Red Star Over India”

Basanta Indra Mohan From Nepal and the author of “Imperialism and Proletarian Revolution 21st Century”

Harbhajan Cheema General Secretary of East India Defence Committee (Canada)
Program includes : Presentations by the speakers, film and Q&A session

Sunday, June 12, 2011 - 1:30 pm till 5:00 pm

Place: Friends House, Main Hall, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

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Please send your messages of solidarity with the Campaign Against the War on People of India for publication through the ICAWPI website and other media

Odisha - Mass Rally in Bhubaneshwar on June 19 against OGH and POSCO land acquisition

Organised by JANAANDOLAN SAMANNWAYAMANCH, ODISHA

Recent times has seen the naked assault of global capital on the rights and livelihood of the people at every level. The state and its various machineries are shamelessly acting at the behest of the various national and multinational companies at the cost of the people. Among the recent in the series of such acts by the state is the attempt by the Odisha government to forcibly evict people from their land for the proposed steel plant by POSCO. We are all witnessing how the state is actively facilitating the loot of the natural resources, trying to forcibly evict people from their land and trampling upon the democratic rights of the people who are organizing and resisting this onslaught on their lives and livelihood.

Thus we call upon you to participate and strengthen the people's resistance by joining in this rally and demonstration. We urge you to come forward to protest against this current paradigm of “development” based on forcibly snatching the livelihood resources of people for companies and attempt by the state to suppress the resistance of the people.

We demand the Odisha Government to

- * Immediately stop forceful land acquisition for POSCO
- * Cancel all anti-people MoUs with companies
- * Stop state oppression on people's movements
- * Release all political prisoners of Odisha

Participating Organizations :

Dalit Adivasi Ekta Manch, Jajpur; Sangrami Mahila Morcha, Puri; Chasi Mulia Dalit Sangha, Puri; Odisha Jana Adhikar Morcha; Mula Nibasi Samata Parishad, Odisha; Jal Jami Jangal Surakshya Manch, Sukinda; Vanavasi Surakshya Parishad, Kandhamal; Athakosia Adibasi Sangathan, Sundergarh; Adibasi Adhikar Morcha, Jajpur; Bhumihi Adhikar Sangathan, Koraput; Odisha Janabadi lekhak Sangha; Yuva Bharath, Odisha; Chasa O Paribhesh Surakshya Parishada, Dhenkanal; Adivasi Adhikar Andolan, Odisha; Jungal Adhikar Committee Mahasangha, Ganjam; Janashakti Sangathan, Sambalpur; Campaign For Survival And Dignity, Odisha; Adivasi Chetana Sangathan, Dhenkanal; Malyagiri Adivasi Sangharsh Manch, Angul; Ekta Parisada, Odisha.

Stop War on People! Withdraw the Central Forces!
Scrap the Planned Army Bases in Bastar!
STOP ARMY ENCROACHMENT IN BASTAR!
OPPOSE INDIAN STATE'S WAR ON PEOPLE!

3.00pm – 8.00pm, 21 May 2011 (Saturday), Gandhi Peace Foundation, DDU Marg, New Delhi

The Indian state's war on the people in the name of Operation Green Hunt (OGH) is about to complete two years. These two years have left a bloody trail of state brutalities. Soon after the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) started its second term in 2009, it was hell bent in repressing the people's movements for their land, water, forests, and mountains. Thus it declared war against the people in the name of OGH. In the leadership of the central government, the state governments of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and other states unleashed the same war on the people. The adivasi population of central and eastern India has been subjected to extreme forms of state repression and brutalities since the beginning of OGH in the leadership of the Army. More than 2 lakh police and paramilitary forces have been deployed in the above-mentioned states. People in their hundreds have been killed in Chhattisgarh alone in the last two years. There the OGH was carried out by the paramilitary forces consisting of the CRPF, COBRA, Grey Hound, BSF, ITBP, C-60, CISF etc. along with the SPOs. These forces perpetrated mass murder of adivasis in various villages. Adivasis have been forced

to flee to Andhra. There too, the illegal vigilante gangs of Chhattisgarh government – the Salwa Judum – have been oppressing the adivasis in various ways. Hardly any civil society bodies, democratic organizations or media are allowed to visit these areas to probe into these instances of atrocities perpetrated by the state. If someone tried to go to these places then the government-backed lumpens of Salwa Judum and Maa Danteshwari Swabhiman Manch have either harassed them or beaten them up in order to restrict them for entering these areas.

In Odisha, the CRPF has been widely utilized in the last two years to repress the people's movements which are trying to reclaim people's lands from the illegal appropriation of the landlords and the contractors. Within the last two months the armed forces of the government killed around 20 people related to peoples' movements in fake encounters. All the dead were part of struggles against forced displacement in various places of Kashipur, Sundergarh, Gandhamadan, Niyamagiri, Kalinga Nagar etc. In the Adivasi areas of north and western Odisha, the people are forced to stay under the perpetual looming terror perpetrated by the state. In Jharkhand too, thousands of deployed forces are repressing the people. There too a number of people have been killed in fake encounters. In Kharasamba and Latehar alone almost 30 cases of harassment and repression by the police and paramilitary forces have been registered. In these incidents the police forces have slapped false cases on the people, they have been tortured with illegal third degree methods, their houses have been set on fire, their forests have been burnt, encroached in social affairs like marriages, and so on. They have even arrested women for the 'crime' of wearing *salwar kameez*. Serious cases have been slapped on persons without any basis who have stood by people's movements. In addition, the government is using various mercenary gangs like the TPC, JPC, JLT etc. to finish off militant struggles of the masses, particularly

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Sudha Bhardwaj, PUCL, Chhattisgarh
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targeting their leadership.

The repression ushered in by CPI (M), the ruling party of West Bengal, on the people of Jangal Mahal is known to all. In Lalgarh area more than 50 armed training camps of CPI (M) are being run illegally with the full consent of the state government. There are more than 1600 Harmad goons in these camps who ruthlessly repress the villagers and play the same role as the SPOs of Salwa Judum in Chhattisgarh. In West Bengal the Joint Armed Forces, the Harmads and the Gana Pratirodh Committee (GPC) have so far brutally killed more than a hundred people. The leaders of People's Committee against Police Atrocities (PCPA), like Lalmohan Tudu, Umakant Mahato, Sidhu Soren have been killed by the CRPF in fake encounters. Hundreds of people have been arrested and jailed under draconian charges. They had put the entire area under section 144 and heavily scuttled the democratic rights of the people in the area. In order to malign the movement the police staged the Jnaneshwari Train 'accident' which resulted into the deaths of hundreds of people. In Bihar, as soon as the Nitish Kumar government was elected for the second term, it intensified its repression on militant people's movement. Following the notorious Andhra model the Bihar government is doing covert operations to exterminate the leadership of revolutionary and democratic movements.

With the objective of intensifying the war, the state has now announced the setting up of Indian Army bases in the adivasi areas. According to the Indian Army, two training camps, one in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh and the other in Raygada district of Odisha will be set up soon. Going by the army sources, these so-called training camps will be of the same model as the Jungle Warfare Schools in Mizoram and Kanker. The question is: what is the need of setting up army training camps right in the middle of the country at this juncture? The real motive behind setting up these 'camps' is not merely to provide 'training', but is aimed to serve strategic purposes for the state. Since the last few years the Indian state which is parroting the phrase "Naxalism is the biggest threat to internal security", has been trying all means to repress the people's movements that are growing against its agenda of corporate loot of natural resources. These camps should be seen as a part of furthering that same agenda. Although the Indian Army has so far denied any plan of undertaking direct combat action

against the Naxalites, there can be no explanation for establishing such infrastructure for the army other than intensifying the war on the people of these regions.

The setting up of army bases in Chhattisgarh and Odisha is a precursor to Indian Army's induction into the war on people as direct combatants. If such an extensive scale of state repression has been carried out even before the direct involvement of the army in combat role, one can well imagine the situation after its entry. It is however known that both the Army and the Air Force have been closely involved in OGH from its very inception. Now the Air Force is given the license to shoot and kill, although in the name of 'self-defense'. It is worth noting that the central coordination of this Operation from its inception has been done by the army. Army officials of the brigadier rank have been appointed in the office of the home ministry to coordinate this operation. Moreover the forces deployed in the operation have been trained in the Jungle Warfare School in Mizoram which is run by the army. The army is also training the forces in the Jungle Warfare School set up in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh.

Operation Green Hunt is a multi-pronged attack on the people and their movements. In the past too, a sub-command of the army was set up in Bilaspur which was directly under the army central command. Moreover, the 'Unified command Structure' has been already put in place in order to centrally coordinate OGH in various states under the central Home Ministry. In the pretext of setting up 'training camps' the state is preparing the army to confront the struggling people directly. According to *The Hindu* the army has marked out 600 square kilometers for its camp out of the 4000 sq.km. area of Abujhmad. Thus by carving out such a big area the army will not only clear the forests but will also displace the local people. There will be invariable use of force to displace the people living here. So in the process of setting up of camps the army will attack the people and in the name of land-grab they will perpetrate further atrocities. This is clear from a statement made by the army in 'Jansatta' on 23 March 2011, where they clearly stated to have "the right to attack first and not always to wait for their enemy to attack first". Thus training camp is just a pretext to actually spread state-terror in this region to devastate the forests, grab the land and mineral

resources and ravage the people's movements. The army trainer in Kanker, Brigadier Panwar spoke about his intentions in clear terms by declaring that "this is to tell the Maoists clearly that the lion is waiting right outside your doorstep".

The incursion of the Army must be opposed.

The central government has an undeclared understanding that the central region of the country belongs to foreign corporates. Thus although they sugar-coated their project with terms like 'training' etc. they are actually trying desperately to remove the entire adivasi population from this region and hand over the land and resources to the corporates. As a part of the same project they had earlier used Salva Judum to clear 650 villages and forced its residents to migrate outside or stay in government camps as prisoners. When the force of people's movements

ousted this project of the government, the state is now using army to further its agenda. That is why they are planning to capture this huge area of 600 sq km. Using these bases as their stepping stone, the army would penetrate deep into the forested adivasi areas and 'clear' them for the corporate. This will be done by using the might of force and by unleashing violence, thereby pushing the country towards an inevitable civil war. Forum against War on People appeals to the progressive and democratic sections of the society to raise a strong voice of protest and opposition to the Indian state's decision of setting up these army bases, so as to put a stop to this genocidal war on people.

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DISCUSSING THE SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF INDIA

- Jan Myrdal

(Speech given at Public Meeting in London conducted by International Campaign Against War on the People in India - June 12, 2011)

We here at this meeting know - or at least have heard - that the organizers of this meeting are right; there is an ongoing war against the people in India. The very fact that we are here shows that we consider it necessary to organize an international defense for the rights of the peoples of India.

Here I will take up some questions concerning this urgently needed solidarity. I will try to discuss them one by one.

As I had come back from the guerrilla zone in Dandakaranya and was writing about the visit and the discussions I had there this time with the General secretary and other responsible political and military cadres from the Communist Party of India (Maoist) I could read in Hindustan Times for July 4th 2010:

INDIA'S INSURGENCY BATTLE

In a country where one in five people live under the shadow of insurgency, it is a battle far tougher than Kashmir or Iraq or Afghanistan. India's richest lands, home to its poorest people, are set to become the country's main theatre of conflict in a massive new push against Maoist rebels over the next five years and beyond, in impossible terrain and in impossible conditions.

India has finally decided to take the 42-year-old

insurgency head-on. In terms of scale and terrain, it is set to be one of the world's toughest battles against insurgency. The main battleground, Chhattisgarh's remote, deeply forested Bastar region - home to some of the world's best iron ore - is ten times the size of Kashmir Valley and has vast swathes under the domination of the rebels for at least two decades."

Not only was the war no secret in India also the very real material reason determining the state behaviour in this war - "some of the world's best iron ore" - is no secret in India. As the "Committee on State Agrarian Relations and Unfinished Task of Land Reforms, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India" put it in Volume 1 (Draft Report), of March 2009:

"Conclusion - The Biggest Grab of Tribal Lands after Columbus A civil war like situation has gripped the southern districts of Bastar, Dantewara and Bijapur in Chattishgarh. The contestants are the armed squads of tribal men and women of the erstwhile Peoples War Group now known as the Communist Party of India (Maoist) on the one side and the armed tribal fighters of the Salva Judum created and encouraged by the government and supported with the firepower and organization of the central police forces. This openly declared war will

go down as the biggest land grab ever, if it plays out as per the script. The drama being scripted by Tata Steel and Essar Steel who wanted 7 villages or thereabouts, each to mine the richest lode of iron ore available in India.”

In The Hindu on June 3rd I read an article by Markandey Katju, a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. He there quotes a speech delivered by P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor of The Hindu and Magsaysay award winner, on September 6, 2007 in Parliament House in the Speaker’s Lecture Series:

“The mass reality in India (which has over 70 per cent of its people living in the rural areas), is that rural India is in the midst of the worst agrarian crisis in four decades. Millions of livelihoods in the rural areas have been damaged or destroyed in the last 15 years as a result of this crisis, because of the predatory commercialisation of the countryside and the reduction of all human values to exchange value. As a result, lakhs of farmers have committed suicide and millions of people have migrated, and are migrating, from the rural areas to the cities and towns in search of jobs that are not there. They have moved towards a status that is neither that of a ‘worker’ nor that of a ‘farmer.’ Many of them end up as domestic labourers, or even criminals. We have been pushed towards corporate farming, a process in which farming is taken out of the hands of the farmers and put in the hands of corporates. This process is not being achieved with guns, tanks, bulldozers or lathis. It is done by making farming unviable for the millions of small family farm-holders, due to the high cost of inputs such as seed, fertilizer and power, and uneconomical prices.”

This growing Indian discussion is now beginning to be reflected in large media even outside India. On June 7th the English language web site of Aljazeera published a very important article by dr Vandana Shiva, the recipient of “the Right Livelihood Award” [Alternative Nobel Prize] in 1993:

“The great land grab: India’s war on farmers. Land is a powerful commodity that should be used for the betterment of humanity through farming and ecology.” In this article dr Vananda Shiva says: “Financial capital is hungry for investments and returns on investments. It must commodify everything on the planet - land and water, plants and genes, microbes and mammals. The commodification of land is fuelling the corporate land grab in India, both through the creation of Special Economic Zones and

through foreign direct investment in real estate.

Colonisation was based on the violent takeover of land. And now, globalisation as recolonisation is leading to a massive land grab in India, in Africa, in Latin America. Land is being grabbed for speculative investment, for speculative urban sprawl, for mines and factories, for highways and expressways. Land is being grabbed from farmers after trapping them in debt and pushing them to suicide.

Across the length and breadth of India, from Bhatta in Uttar Pradesh (UP) to Jagatsinghpur in Orissa to Jaitapur in Maharashtra, the government has declared war on our farmers, our annadatas, in order to grab their fertile farmland.

Their instrument is the colonial Land Acquisition Act - used by foreign rulers against Indian citizens. The government is behaving as the foreign rulers did when the Act was first enforced in 1894, appropriating land through violence for the profit of corporations - JayPee Infratech in Uttar Pradesh for the Yamuna expressway, POSCO in Orissa and AREVA in Jaitapur - grabbing land for private profit and not, by any stretch of the imagination, for any public purpose. This is rampant in the country today.

Today, a similar situation is brewing in Jagatsinghpur, Orissa, where 20 battalions have been deployed to assist in the anti-constitutional land acquisition to protect the stake of India’s largest foreign direct investment - the POSCO Steel project. The government has set the target of destroying 40 betel farms a day to facilitate the land grab. The betel brings the farmers an annual earning of Rs 400,000 (\$9,000) an acre. The Anti-POSCO movement, in its five years of peaceful protest, has faced state violence numerous time and is now gearing up for another - perhaps final - non-violent and democratic resistance against a state using violence to facilitate its undemocratic land grab for corporate profits, overlooking due process and the constitutional rights of the people.

The use of violence and destruction of livelihoods that the current trend is reflecting is not only dangerous for the future of Indian democracy, but for the survival of the Indian nation state itself. Considering that today India may claim to be a growing or booming economy - but yet is unable feed more than 40 per cent of its children is a matter of national shame.

Handing over fertile land to private corporations,

who are becoming the new zamindars [hereditary aristocrats], cannot be defined as having a public purpose. Creating multiple privatised super highways and expressways does not qualify as necessary infrastructure. The real infrastructure India needs is the ecological infrastructure for food security and water security. Burying our fertile food-producing soils under concrete and factories is burying the country's future."

Such texts by scientists, journalists and officials in India should be spread in our countries in the West. When necessary translated. They give a true perspective of India and the public discussion in India. I have taken these long quotes because they make plain the difference between the real discussion in India and the reporting on India in a country like Sweden, a country in the Western block.

A primary responsibility in organizing a solidarity movement with the peoples of India in our countries is overcoming what in reality is a news blockade in our official media. There is nothing strange in the way our official media behave. In fact those among you who - like me - have been active in peace movements or active on the so called "left" for some sixty or seventy years know it well. Those of us with an interest in history can also go to the libraries and read through the newspaper files these last two centuries. Nothing is new in this media behavior.

But there are three points to keep in mind. The first is one of degree. It was possible - but dangerous - to inform publicly about the real situation in Wilhelmine Germany during WW1. It was not possible in Hitlerite Germany in WW2. At present it is difficult but not impossible to publish real information about the situation in India in the official media in a country like Sweden.

The second point is that there are determining material and ideological reasons behind the lack of media interest in the real situation in India. The tourist one - that it is enough if India is depicted as the extremely fascinating country with a great cultural heritage that it is - is not decisive. The economic one is more important. Sweden is not only Bofors, you know. The iron ore and the hydrology resources in the guerrilla zone where people are defending themselves are of extreme interest to also the Swedish capital groups. The media under their influence are thus supposed not to write too much about that.

There is also an ideological aspect. It is very

clear to the leading circles in India that if the struggle of the poor and down-trodden for their rights (especially if it is armed) can be defined as extremism and terrorism they will benefit by depicting their policies against the peoples of India as being a part of the global war against terrorism.

Remember that "the West" (including officially up to recently "non aligned states" as Sweden) is engaged in at least three open wars in what they call "the Middle East"; officially against terrorism and for democracy and feminism but in reality - as I and many of us see it - for more material and imperial interests such as oil, trade routes and spheres of military influence. Like during other wars in our era individuals and parties (Norway gives good examples) that have made their career during struggles against wars, against NATO and the United States are now directly and profitably engaged in these new wars. If the ruling circles in India can present their war against adivasis and dalits as part of the general war on terrorism they will get stronger political support.

We should also be conscious about the terms we use. Even in India words like adivasis and dalits carry casteist overtones and are being used by the ruling circles to utilize unconscious traditional prejudices (as in our languages when we take over colonial expressions like "tribal" and "outcaste").

We should keep in mind that "adivasis" has nothing to do with either "primitive" or "terrorism". They are indigenous, have lived here long before any Indian states had been created. "Adivasis" and "dalits" are parts of the peoples of India and now officially Indian citizens. The government in waging war against them are truly waging war against its own people.

But they are a part of that large section of the peoples of India that have been robbed of their rights by the ruling circles and their government and are struggling to regain their human, social and political rights.

Exotism is an ideological tool used by colonialism, imperialism and the present day ruling classes.

Many, maybe even a majority of writers and TV-personnel also in our countries are reasonably good and honest and would report honestly if they got the possibility. The difficulty is getting correct reporting past the gate keepers. Many of those gate keepers, i.e. "responsible editors", in my country Sweden were more than a generation ago part of the so called "youth

revolt". Several of those that now are highly paid and responsible editors in our media have in one way or another repented after in their youth having described themselves as some kind of "marxist-leninists". There is nothing strange about this. It was the same in the United States sixty years ago. Then many intellectuals repented their ideological sins during the "New Deal years".

To understand this one ought to look up the "law on editors" ("Schriftstellergesetz") that Goebbels instituted in 1934 after the Jews and communists had been cleaned out and ask how many of these Schriftstellers/editors were brought to justice according to that Nazi law during the years to 1945. The answer is very clear. Not one. I was not the Gestapo that kept the editors in line; it was their salary, their car, their house or flat.

But there were still at that time many honest German journalists. I knew several. Our situation is not that of Germany in WW2 - or even West Germany during the Adenauer time. It is possible - though not very easy - to get real news on India printed or produced on radio and television even in our countries in the West. Though to do this one should remember the injunction of Jesus to the disciples: "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves". For me that advice is probably too late, I should have thought about it nearly seventy years ago.

But if the ruling economic (and thus political) circles in our countries are closely bound up (competing and struggling of course but still bound together) with the ruling groups in India will a solidarity movement with the peoples of India be able to have any real impact?

We can go back in history and find the answer. Take the slavery issue of the nineteenth century. There were in the United Kingdom very strong economic interests in the slave trade and later on for the support of the South during the Civil War in North America. The arguments against the slave trade were often ideological and/or religious. Still the anti-slavery movement step by step succeeded during the nineteenth century and on December 10, 1948 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights where article 4 states:

"No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms."

There are several such examples. I think we did - despite the uproar in much of the official press - manage to stop the outbreak of a nuclear war around 1952/3. The movement against the United States war in Indo China also was a determining factor in forcing an end to that war.

The lesson is that it is possible through broad based solidarity movements to change the political reality. Not that it is always possible. Most of us have probably gone in such mass demonstrations as those against the then coming war against Iraq. Still, even those were of vital importance.

Another lesson has been that often those individuals who for religious or other ideological reasons seem far from us - bishops for instance who often have been brave in their opposition to unjust wars - stand up when political comrades and friends on the official Left look to their own good and crumble.

It is now seventy years since I read my first serious book on India - R. Palme Dutt. "India Today", 1940 - what he there wrote on "Indian poverty" is still as true as then:

"Two facts stand out in the present situation of India. One is the wealth of India - the natural wealth, the abundant resources, the potential prosperity within reach of the entire existing population, and of more than the present population. The other is the poverty of India - the poverty of the overwhelming majority of the people, a poverty beyond the imagination of any accustomed to the conditions of the Western world. Between these two lies the problem of the existing social and political order in India."

It is more than fifty years I first came to India and it is now thirty years ago I - together with my wife and daughter - went to Andhra Pradesh to visit and report on the oppression, the violence against women and the armed squads of that time (See "India Waits") now I was invited to the Eastern Ghats to meet and discuss with the leading comrades of the Communist Party of India (Maoist). Much has happened in these years and the horrors of the onslaught of the ruling class against the oppressed (and their women) are if possible worse.

It is not for me - as a non-Indian - to tell those that are struggling against this oppression what to do. I will always try to remember what Rewi Alley told me in China during the turbulent time of the Cultural revolution: "Remember it is their country!"

**Widespread condemnations and exposure of the truth
behind the carnage at Tadmetla, Timmapur and Morpalli**
**Press Statement on latest attacks by state forces on
Adivasis in Chhattisgarh**

March 19, 2011

Reports have been pouring in about a large-scale campaign of murder, rape and arson in adivasi villages carried out in the last few days by the Indian Government's armed forces and Special Police Officers (SPOs) of Salwa Judum in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh.

According to these reports made by activists, local media reporters and other reliable sources, in the latest wave of repression under Operation Green Hunt, a large group of paramilitary, state police and SPOs have attacked many adivasi villages. On 11 March 2011, the government's armed forces attacked Morepalli village and burnt down 35 houses. One adivasi villager - Marvi Sula - was murdered by them. After this, the next day these forces attacked Timapur village, and from there they went around and burnt another 50 villages. On 16 March, the same group of armed forces and SPOs attacked Tadimetla village, raped five women, and gutted 207 houses. One of the raped women, Marvi Jogi, was brutally murdered

by mutilating her with knives and sharp weapons. After their houses being burnt, the villagers are living in the open, taking shelter under trees. They have nothing to eat, all their belongings having been burnt down by the state forces.

This latest onslaught on the adivasi people of Chhattisgarh by the Indian State, carefully hidden from the outside world, call for a strong protest from all the democratic and progressive sections of the society to compel the state from putting an immediate stop to this extermination campaign. The perpetrators of this crime, be it the paramilitary personnel or SPOs at the ground or the police officers, bureaucrats and political heads who have planned these atrocities, must be brought to book so that truth and justice does not become the casualty in the Indian State's war against the people of Central and Eastern India.

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**Fact finding report of the Chitalnar massacre,
11 to 16 March, 2011, Chhattisgarh**

A 13 member fact finding team of Coordination of Democratic Rights organisations visited the Chitalnar Area of Dantewada district in Chhattisgarh to probe into the incidents of atrocities perpetrated by the Salwa Judum and the state forces on the adivasis living in this area between 11th and 16th of March 2011.

The incidents was propagated by the police as an 'encounter' between the CRPF and Maoists in which, according to the police, 36 Maoists were killed. Also 3 SPOs were killed and 9 others were injured. The police had celebrated this incident in the media to prove their dominance over the Maoists in this region. Media persons and fact finding teams were restricted from going inside on the pretext that it is 'war zone' and the so-called war between the state and the Maoists are still going on, hence it is risky for any outsider to go inside. Most recently, the state home minister, Nankiran Kumar gave a written statement in the assembly stating that the Maoists had led the attack on villagers and burnt and looted

homes in a bid to divert attention of the police who were in the area for 'area domination exercises'.

Against this backdrop of serious crimes committed by the security forces and Salwa Judum and the cover up by the police and politicians, a fact finding team comprising various civil and democratic rights activists and other individuals, went inside this area on the 26th and 27th of March 2011 and visited Morupally, Timmapuram and Tadmetla villages. As members of the team, we spoke extensively to the villagers and the victims of the incident. We were shocked to find that once again, the police version propagated by the state is completely hoax and far from reality.

What exactly happened?

Morupally village

According to the residents, on the morning of 11 March 2011, a huge contingent of 300 paramilitary and Salwa Judum forces attacked Morupally Village

in the Chintalnar area after they got prior information that a big meeting of adivasis will be held there. While people started running towards the forest for cover, the Judum forces, dressed in military fatigues, entered the village and started attacking the elderly and women.

1. Death: Madvi Sula, an elderly villager was picking tamarind from the tree when the Judum forces accosted him, accused him of being a Maoist informer and shot him dead in front of his wife and hanged from a tree.

2. Rape: Mangi Ganga was raped after her valuables and other belongings were looted from her house. Emula Modey, a 35 year old woman, was raped after she was threatened for not disclosing the location of the Andhra Maoist Dalam. The Judum members also took away 10,000 rupees from her.

3. Assault and Arrest: Madivi Bheem, an 80 year old woman, was brutally assaulted. Her belongings were also looted. While leaving the village, Judum members picked up Madvi Joga, his daughter Likke and his son Madvi Bheema and took them to Chintalnar PS. There, Likke was separated from her brother and father, stripped and kept the whole night. The following morning when she was handed over to her father, her clothes were not returned.

4. Burning of homes: 33 houses were burnt, looted and destroyed.

5. Identification of Accused: Villagers identified



A man stands amidst ruins in the aftermath of the five-day anti-Maoist operation in Dantewada district

Photo: Aman Sethi

9 members/leaders of Salwa Judum. They are: Madakam Bheema, alias Ramesh from Junaguda; Telam Anda from Lakapole; Vanjam Deva from Cherpan; Dasar from Vilampalli; Ramulal from Bodikel; Maara from Morupally; Keche Nanda from Korapad; Kartam Dula, alias Surya (Judum leader) from Misman; Payake, woman Judum member from Timmapuram.

Timmapuram Village

Encounter between Salwa Judum and Maoist forces: Two days later, on 13th March, the forces advanced towards Timmapuram after ravaging Morapally village. On the way, the next day Maoists came and tried to stop them. In the armed clash, that lasted for two hours, one villager Bhima alias Sudarshan was killed while two other got injured. 3 SPOs were killed while 9 others got injuries, of which one died later.

Killing of Burse Bhima and burning of homes: The CRPF and Salwa Judum SPOs were forced to retreat after the prolonged encounter. They came to Timmapuram village and took shelter there. They made bunkers inside the village to quell probable Maoist attack. Before leaving the village they set fire on 55 houses. Burse Bhima was picked up by these forces from Pulampad village on their way to Timmapuram. After setting the villages on fire, they hacked Burse Bhima to death with an axe. This is probably due to the fact that Bhima was an eye-witness of their entire carnage.

Identification of Accused: People of Timmapuram have identified several Salwa Judum members who led this carnage. They saw, Mantam Bhima alias Ramesh (from Jannaguda Village), Telem Anda (of Lekapor Village), Wanjan Peva (of Charpan Village), Dasar (from Villampally Village), Mara (of Monipally Village), Ramlal (of Bodikal Village), Keche Nanda (of Korapad), Kartam Dula alias Surya (of Misman Village), an SPO and one woman SPO Payake from Timmapuram itself.

Tadmetla Village

From Timmapuram on their way back, they entered Tadmetla village and it became their next target. In Tadmetla, they burnt a total of 207 houses. These houses were simply gutted to ashes.

They raped Marvi Jogi and beat her till she lost consciousness. When she came back to senses, she found her cash and jewellery worth Rs. 12,000 missing. Around 20-25 other people in Tadmetla were beaten up including children as young as 12

years old. Marvi Anda and Marvi Ayita of this village were picked up by police and are still missing. They have not been produced even in police station. We spoke to the affected villagers like the rape victim from Tarmetla village Marvi Joga. No case has still been registered against anyone and not even a medical test has been done. Two people from Tarmetla Muchaki Anda and Muchaki Ayita have gone missing and villagers claimed they have been taken by the forces but are yet to be produced.

This one-sided ruthless attack by the state forces and Salwa Judum on innocent unarmed adivasis was propagated in the media by the police as ‘ongoing encounter with the Maoists’. The rampage of the Salwa Judum and state forces continued for almost five days. Two people were murdered cruelly, while 3 women were raped. Almost three hundred homes were set on fire and completely gutted down. They looted everything the adivasi people had including domestic animals like goats, cows, chicken and pigs along with their money, jewellery and other belongings. More than fifty people have been grievously injured that includes children as young as 12 years old and women. This clearly shows that the Salwa Judum is active and functioning like always. The state’s branding of them as ‘Koya Commandos’ is bogus. Despite the Supreme Court directive to disband Salwa Judum it is fully functional and actively promoted and sponsored by the state.

These rampages were done with full consent and active support of the state. In the middle of these unilateral atrocities, the state air-dropped rations and other food supply to the forces while taking away the dead and the injured. On 24th March, the SDM had visited these villages with some relief material. But even after he directly spoke to the villagers and saw the evidences of the atrocities, no case has been registered against anybody. Even now instead of taking action against the perpetrators of these atrocities, the state is still stopping civil rights activists and individuals to visit the area.

People in Morupally and Timmapuram are living in utter dire condition. People in these two villages have received no relief from the state. They said that they have got some interim relief from the Maoists. Many of them are staying under trees. After the fact finding team left, one local newspaper reported of six starvation deaths in Morupally village which needs to be confirmed. We have been inside these areas for two days, only to see that there was no ‘encounter’ with the Maoists as claimed by the police, which is nothing but a myth propagated by the state to justify these atrocities.

The attack by the state forces and the Salwa Judum was heinous and the attack on the innocent adivasis has been done persistently by the state and its mercenaries in the name of ‘Operation Green Hunt’. These villages were particularly targeted as they have done alternative development works like digging ponds, distributing lands among the landless, making irrigation facilities which the state has failed to provide in all these decades. As we saw these areas are still the most underdeveloped regions of the country and all that the state has done is to violate the rights of autonomy of the adivasis, denied them of their basic means of livelihood and life and now they are perpetrating such monstrous atrocities by Salwa Judum and paramilitary forces.

We condemn these outrageous acts of state violence and demand:

- Registering the cases of rape, murder, atrocities and kidnap against the CRPF and Salwa Judum
- Exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of the crime
- Immediate providing of medical facilities to the injured and medical tests of the rape victims
- Compensation of the people according to their specific losses
- Allowing more civil rights organisation and media persons to go inside the area
- As per direction of the Supreme Court the salwa judum must be disbanded immediately and functioning of the Salwa Judum in the name of ‘Koya Commandos’ must be stopped
- Operation Green Hunt must be stopped immediately

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Cobra, SPOs raped tribal women, kill three: HRF

April 14: The Human Rights Forum alleged that Koya Commandos, Cobra (Combat Battalion for Resolute Action) and Special Police Officers (SPOs) who had raided three villages — Morpalli, Timmapuram and Tadmetsla — from March 11 to 16, killed three Adivasi farmers and sexually assaulted three Adivasi women of Morpalli and Tadmetsla and set afire over 290 houses — 207 in Tadmetsla, 33 in Morpalli and about 55 in Timmapuram.

The State general secretary of HRF, Mr V.S. Krishna, said here on Thursday that a two-member fact-finding team visited Tadmetsla and Morpalli under Chintalnar police station limits of Dantewada district in Chhattisgarh on April 5 to inquire into reports of arson, rape and killings. Mr Krishna said security forces and Koya Commandos, numbering well over 200 and dressed in uniform as well as in plainclothes descended on Morpalli on March 11 morning. On seeing them from a distance, the Adivasis fled into the forest.

Madvi Imle, who was working in her field, was unlucky. The security men caught and beat her, stole

Rs 10,000 from her and sexually assaulted her. The raiders also caught hold of Madvi Ganga, aged about 45, his son Bhim and daughter Bime. They were tied in the village, abused and beaten up for “supporting the Maoists”. Besides, the attackers set their houses afire. In all, 33 dwellings were razed that morning at Morpalli.

On their way back, these men shot dead Madvi Chula, 35, on the outskirts on the village. He was shot dead while on a tree and his body left hanging there. They also stole several hens from the village. Ganga and his children were taken to the Chintalnar police station where he and his son were beaten up. Bime was separated from father and brother and was sexually assaulted. The three have since been let off.

The HRF team also tried to determine the veracity of media reports that six Adivasis of Morpalli had died due to starvation following the attack by security forces on March 11. Villagers told the visiting HRF team that three residents of the village, all aged above 60 died in the forest in the following days of March 11.

NHRC seeks report on police excesses in Dantewada

NEW DELHI: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), taking suo motu cognisance of the March 23 report published by The Hindu on murders, violence and rape in a Chhattisgarh village, has sought a report within two weeks from the Union Home Secretary, Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary and the Director-General of Police (DGP).

Social Activist Swami Agnivesh, who was attacked twice by members of the Salwa Judum and Special Police Officers (SPOs) of Chhattisgarh when he and some others tried to take relief materials to the people of Chintalnar and other villages on March 26, has sought President Pratibha Patil’s intervention to render justice to the villagers.

He demanded a judicial probe by a retired Supreme Court judge into the incidents and dispatch of immediate relief to the starving villagers.

The NHRC, in a sitting on Monday, considered the incidents and observed that the contents of the press report, if true, raised serious issues of violation of right to life of the tribal communities.

It wanted the officials to explain the steps being taken for the rehabilitation of those whose houses were burnt; and whether monetary relief was being considered for the victims.

The Hindu published reports and photographs, saying 350-members of the police forces of the State and Central governments, during a five-day anti-Maoist operation in the villages of Tarmetsla and Timapuram from March 11, torched about 300 homes, granaries and wood-sheds, killed three men and sexually assaulted three women.

Journalists, who tried to visit the affected villagers, were intimidated.

The reports said the Koya commandos of the Chhattisgarh police and CoBRA battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force let loose violence while conducting the operation to destroy an arms factory, reportedly being run by Maoists at Morpalli in Dantewada district.

The Koyas burnt about 50 buildings, including homes and granaries in Chintalnar.

In Tarmetsla village, the police burnt about 200 structures, including homes, granaries and woodsheds.

They shot dead Sulla (30), a villager who was picking tamarind from a tree and left his body hanging from the tree. Some women were kept in the Chintalnar police station and allegedly raped by policemen.

Despite a growth in readership, reporting events in Chhattisgarh is almost impossible because journalists are denied access to the interiors

A police operation in the jungles of Timapuram (Chhattisgarh) lasts for six days affecting three villages and leaving an estimated 300 burnt homes, and killings and rape in its wake. A whole week after it ends, the first first-hand newspaper reports from the affected villages appear. Meanwhile the highest circulated newspaper in the state has already produced two graphic reports on the operation, including a photograph, without attribution and without a visit. Its version is totally different from that of the two reporters who have made it to the area.

The mobile phone-based citizen news service CG Swara says on March 18 that the state police and SPOs have attacked villages near Chintalnar in Dantewada district and have burnt many houses. The Hindu and Rajasthan Patrika reported on March 23 after visiting the villages that some 300 houses had been burnt, six, including commandos, had been killed, and three women raped. A fact-finding team of "Coordination of Democratic Rights Organisations" released a report in Delhi last fortnight which said that in three villages two residents had been killed, 300 houses burnt, and three women raped. It listed the names of nine members of the Salwa Judum whom the villagers identified. All versions including a press note by the Maoists say that one Maoist was killed.

Ambush journalism

The Dainik Bhaskar, however, reported on March 16 there was a Naxal ambush in the Chintalnar area foiled by the the Koya commandos of the state

in which more than two dozen Naxalites were killed. Much graphic description followed of the formations the jawans had assumed and the weapons they used to foil an attack in which three bureaus of Maoists were involved. On March 19, the paper reported (I am using the web version) that Maoists had burnt the bodies of 37 of their comrades. The headline said as much. Accompanied for good measure with a photograph of fires burning. The story said, "this was the biggest ever loss for Maoists so far. In addition to killing of 37 Maoists, 15 were injured seriously and 21 suffered minor injuries" (translated from Hindi). Welcome to journalism in Chhattisgarh.

A public hearing takes place on February 28 in the town of Dharamjaigarh in Raigarh on giving land to a power project for the coal mines it will require. Since it will swallow up six villages and half a town, more than 400 people attend it, all staunchly opposed to it. The Times of India, The Hindu and the Hindustan Times have reporters present and all report along more or less the same lines. From the TOI: "At a public hearing for a proposed coal mine on Monday, after seven long hours, the score ended at 438 versus none. 438 people spoke at the hearing. Not a single in support of the project."

The Hindu describes this exchange: "Can you please tell me the name of the owner of this company?" insisted Abha Ekka, a post-graduate student, at a public hearing held this Monday in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district. "I don't think it is relevant," replied Additional District Magistrate, S.K. Sharma who was conducting the hearing for the acquisition of 693.32 hectares of land for a coalmine for DB Power Ltd."

The Hindustan Times said the villagers thought several facts about the area had been deliberately excluded from the environmental impact assessment and grumbled that since it was in English they could not understand its contents. The English papers tell you baldly that the power company conducting the hearing is owned by the Dainik Bhaskar group.

Even before the public hearing there has been violence against this power company's offices by those opposed to the power project. Days before the hearing, Dainik Bhaskar



Blocked: Salwa Judum members erect barricades to prevent the Collector from reaching the villages

carries a pageful of stories in favour of the project. Sample headline: “ Kale hire se chamkegi, Dharamjaigarh ki takdeer”. (The black diamond will illuminate Dharamjaigarh’s future.) It neglects to mention that it is owned by the same industrial group as the project, DB Power. Meanwhile, 11 local reporters in that district covering protests against the project have cases filed against them by the police. Welcome to journalism in Chhattisgarh.

For the title of ‘most difficult state to cover’ Chhattisgarh has little competition. There is plenty that should make news, but a reporter needs access to the site of news to produce a story. That the police operations in the state effectively deny. Hardly surprising because this is a state where the police can also stop the District Collector from going to a site of reported arson, killing and rape as happened in March in Dantewada, the district where the operation described above happened. The Collector had to turn back, and when he tried to send supplies to the villages, the driver of the vehicle was beaten up, allegedly by the special police officers here. International press freedom organisations that issued two statements about journalism in Chhattisgarh last month, did so from a distance after The Times of India among other newspapers wrote of the lack of access. When things happen, they happen in the jungles. If you want to take the roads that get there, they are blocked. The reporters who actually made it to the site of the police operation wrote that they did so through a forest route.

Free for all

Apart from the confrontation between the

Maoists and the state, the generosity of the state in allocating land for industry has also fuelled considerable unrest. Many MOUs have been signed in Chhattisgarh. There are supposed to be public hearings and environmental impact assessments before clearances are given, but sometimes the project owners jump the gun and begin work. Reporting of violations? Doesn’t happen. Reporting of opposition to the projects? Doesn’t always happen. Why not? Because of both intimidation and inducements. A reporter willing to stick his neck out in Chhattisgarh will be dubbed a Maoist. Further, as one of them discovered some months ago, he stands to lose his job. The newspaper that employed him sacked him for his reporting, when the state government leaned on it, and the paper faced the prospect of losing government advertising. And inducements to not report, by companies trying to fend off protests against acquisition of land? They consists of plain cash, you are told off the record.

Journalism may be down, the media business is not. Two of the leading newspapers, Dainik Bhaskar and Hari Bhoomi are owned by power and coal interests in the state. New entrants continue to come in because both the government and industry have advertising to offer. The Rajasthan Patrika entered this state in September 2010, and partly to fend off the competition both Nai Duniya and Dainik Bhaskar launched Re. 1 variants of their paper before the Patrika’s entry. Even without those there are six major Hindi dailies. The state has registered the fourth highest growth in readership among Hindi-speaking states over the last two years. So as far as the industry is concerned, why worry?



Up in flames: A file photo of Adivasi houses torched by Salwa Judum members

Salwa Judum's war on the people

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Will the Supreme Court's Commissioners, ordered to carry out a fact-finding inspection, be allowed to visit the cut-off villages in Dantewada and Sukma in Chhattisgarh, and engage with the people on a long-term basis?

Having gone once will they be able to sustain the access of supplies with the help of the Supreme Court?

The Supreme Court order of March 29, 2011 asking its Commissioners and the District Collector to carry out a joint inspection in the three villages of Tademtla, Morapalli and Teemapuram, in the Chintalnaar area of Dantewada District is very significant and let us hope that the Apex court engages with the situation in these villages on a more long-term basis so that relief actually reaches and the people can rebuild their ravaged lives.

It maybe recalled that these three villages were attacked and burnt down by COBRA and Koya Commanders and SPOs of the Chhattisgarh Police on March 11 and 16, 2011. The plan of the Government of Chhattisgarh is very clear, which is to use the front of the Salwa Judum and SPOs and

push these people out from their villages into either migrating out of their homelands into the Salwa Judum camps or to join the IDPs in Khammam, AP or go deeper into the forest area and join the Maoists or stay in the village and die of hunger. This tactics is not new. All this is being done in order to shrink the mass base of the Maoists.

Documented state violence

This is how it was done in 2005 and the first report of the PUCL, PUDR, carried out under the leadership of Dr. Binayak Sen, called "When the State makes War against its own People", clearly documented this. This was also highlighted in subsequent human rights reports by various organisations and individuals. After all, in the first phase of the Salwa Judum, they pushed people out of their homes, hearth, farms, fields from hundreds of villages. It is ultimately a game of who will actually control these lands. So, as it was then so now, prevent people from being accessed, cut all communication and supply lines to the village and let them either join "us" or "them" or "die".

Thus it is a test whether the SC Commissioners will be allowed to go to the area by the Chhattisgarh Government as the five earlier attempts in the last one week made by people to reach these areas from the Raipur-Jagdulpur-Sukma route was thwarted by stage-managed obstructions. And if they do manage to go, will it be sustained by allowing supplies and communication from being established?

The latest in the series of preventing the affected villagers from getting any aid was that of the team of 10 Congress MLAs whose attempt of going on March 29 with relief supplies was obstructed by the same set of people with the support of the police.

Ex-Minister turned back

The Congress team was led by Ex Home Minister Nand Kumar Patel. They left Sukma with



A burnt house and granary in Tadmetla

food supplies at about 10.00 a.m. and proceeded towards Chintalnar. This team too was stopped at the same village Polampalli, where the Collector was stopped on March 24, 2011, by a group of about 25 SPOs and Salwa Judum persons only. The IG, Long Kumar of Bastar who was escorting them, instead of stopping the hoodlums prevented the Congress MLA team from going, saying that he could not provide security to them as there was a risk involved in going to the villages of Tadmetla, Morapalli, Teempuram. When the MLAs insisted that they would go as they argued that this kind of resistance was routine for politicians, they were told they would not be allowed. The IG, instead of using his command and stopping the SPOs and Salwa Judum personnel from breaking the law, arrested and brought the MLAs to Dornapal, where they were released on personal bonds. The Congress MLAs left for Raipur by evening to raise the issue in the State Assembly.

A day earlier, on March 28, on the instructions of the District Collector, the Dornapal village Naib Tehsildar, Vijendra Patil, tried to take relief to the three villages. At around noon he was stopped and not allowed to proceed. When the ASI Dhruv tried to clear the obstruction at Polampalli he was stopped by an SPO.

In the police hierarchy the SPO would be at the lowest rung, but here they are the war lords. They even refused to take instructions from the District Collector and the Divisional Commissioner who tried to go there with supplies on March 24. They threatened the SDM who went ahead with the supplies, then on March 26, Swami Agnivesh was stopped twice, although he was being taken by the Additional SP Marawi in his own vehicle, they did not spare their own senior and threw stones and smashed the vehicle. It took the Additional SP two days of struggle to get an FIR lodged as the local police station would not lodge a case against the Salwa Judum and SPO lords of the region. And, of course, IG Long Kumar also does not want to exercise his control over them.

Which means that till now, all those who have attempted to visit those areas from the Sukma end have been prevented by the Government from going there. On March 20 and 21, the Times of India and The Hindu reporters were prevented from going to the area. They could only reach there through a longer and difficult alternate route. The All India team of members from the democratic rights organisations

who went there on the same dates as Swami Agnivesh could reach and conduct a fact finding could do so because they took a third route to get there. This the first fact-finding team that visited the area after September 2009, since the PUDR team had gone to Gompad area when 16 people were killed by CRPF and other forces in its Operation Green Hunt intervention. And subsequently teams were not allowed to go to the affected areas (A women's team was not allowed to visit Samsetti village to study a gang rape case on December 15, 2009. Professors Nandini Sundar and Ujjwal Singh of DU were chased out of Dantewada and Sukma, were not allowed to stay in any hotel on the eve of the new year of 2010. Then Medha Patkar and Sandeep Pandey led a NAPM team of 40 people in early January, 2010 and they too were harassed and were not allowed to move freely into the areas to hear the woes of tribals and then in May 2010 a team led by Prof. Yashpal and 40 other intellectuals met the same fate).

Urgent questions

Now suppose the SC Commissioners are taken by chopper from Raipur to these villages, then they will have to go alone and not with a local team of journalists or villagers who can be objective local guides for such visits. And then having gone once will they be able to sustain the access of supplies with the help of the Supreme Court? Who will monitor it there? Till public access of these villages is not assured nobody will know what is happening there.

The news of how a Government lets its "lesser people" be killed, raped, their houses and granaries burnt, allows them to live in conditions of food scarcity, perhaps even die of starvation does not even make it to the national channels. Soon this will be forgotten, till the Maoists strike back and then we will only see channel after channel breaking news, calling the poor tribals, terrorists, monsters and killers. And the human rights workers will be verbally flogged with the pitch of the anchors going higher and higher on these very channels.

Would not the Chhattisgarh Government be responsible for that eventuality, if it ever happens? We should all raise our voices and stop this from happening.

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PLGA RESISTANCE IN VARIOUS GUERILLA ZONES

January 2011 to June 2011

Dandakaranya

On January 1, a STF jawan died in an encounter with the PLGA guerillas in Mankeli forests situated 10 kms from Bijapur.

On January 24, a notorious company commander of Koya Commando forces Mohammed Ismail Khan was annihilated in a weekly poultry market inside Sukma town in Dantewada district.

On January 28, an ITBP jawan died in an attack conducted by the PLGA in Rajnandgaon district.

On February 7, PLGA blasted a PS and barrack in construction at Chitrakot of Bastar district.

On March 14, in a brave ambush conducted by the PLGA near Timpuram (situated 12 km from Chintalnar PS) four Koya Commandos died and eight policemen were injured. The condition of three of them was said to be critical. The police entered an empty Timpuram village when twelve guerillas conducted a surprise attack on them. Seeing that the number of guerillas was less the police chased them for six kms and got caught in an pre-planned ambush of the PLGA. The PLGA forces conducted a surprise ferocious attack for the second time. Some of the guerillas positioned themselves on tree tops and fired on the police. Some guerillas attacked the police from the rear. Three Koya Commandos were wiped out here. Among them was the notorious Platoon commander of the Koya Commandos Vetti who died a dog's death here. PLGA Section Deputy Commander Comrade Muchaki Ganga was martyred while valiantly fighting the police forces. Three SLRs and some ammunition was seized by the PLGA

On April 8 an encounter took place between the police and the PLGA near Kandodi village in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. A police died here and SLR was seized by the guerillas.

On April 20 a CRPF jawan died and five policemen were severely injured in an encounter with PLGA forces near Kobramenda village of Gadchiroli district. Gondia divisional Commander-in-Chief Com. Nagesh and PLGA members Manju and Mangal died while fighting valiantly with the police.

On May 6, when a head constable working in Bande PS in Kanker district was going on a motorcycle, the PLGA action team laid ambush and

wiped him out.

On May 17, PLGA forces blasted a mine under a police vehicle near Borguda situated on NH-221 at a distance of 6 km from Sukma. Police were traveling in three vehicles and PLGA targeted the third one. Seven CRPF jawans belonging to the 2nd battalion died here. One police jawan was seriously injured. This was conducted at night 9 pm between Kerlapal and Sukma camps.

On May 18, PLGA attacked the house of Salwa Judum leader Chandraiah in Cherpalsibir which falls under Gangalur area of Bijapur district. But Chandraiah managed to escape. Suddenly a batch of additional forces came in between and firing started between the police and the PLGA in an unexpected manner. A police jawan was wiped out. A SPO was caught by the PLGA during the firing and they retreated taking him with them. This SPO was wiped out on May 21.

On May 19, four policemen died in two separate incidents which took place in Bhamragarh taluq of Gadchiroli district. In an ambush conducted on four C-60 commando search parties at 7.30 am near Narugonda, the notorious C-60 commander Chinna Venta died while two commandos were injured. Platoon commander Com. Maharu and PL member Rakesh laid down their lives valiantly fighting the commandos. On the same day PLGA attacked two C-60 commando search parties at 9.15 near Tadgaon and three police died. In Tadgaon area the patrolling police party got information that a mine was present on a road. When they were searching the area for it, PLGA attacked them.

On June 3, a police jawan Budruram Poyam was annihilated by the PLGA militia action team in Tongpal weekly market in Dantewada. Another police jawan was injured. After this incident police fired indiscriminately on the people who came to the market. Maadavi Deva and Hemla Nanda died and two villagers were injured in this attack.

On June 9, PLGA conducted a night ambush on a mine-proof vehicle near Gattam village under Kattekalyan PS limits in Dantewada district. Nine policemen died on the spot, while another succumbed to the injuries in the hospital. Seven of them were SPOs and three of them were district police. Three

more police were severely injured. PLGA seized three INSAS rifles, two SLRs and a two-inch mortar from the PLGA.

On June 9, at Jharaghati of Narayanpur district the PLGA attacked the one and half month old newly established camp of the 16th battalion of the Chhattisgarh armed force at wee hours. Five police died and two were injured in this daring attack. One of them is a head constable. One AK-47 and an Insas rifle was seized from them. PLGA lobbed five mortar shells three of which fell inside the camp and injured the jawans.

On June 10 an encounter took place between the PLGA guerillas and the police near Kongera-Motanar in Keskhal area in which a police constable was injured.

On June 10, a bomb disposal squad member was seriously injured while trying to dispose off an IED near Kochvahi village in Narayanpur village.

On June 11, the PLGA attacked a patrolling police party near Bejji PS in Dantewada district in which three CRPF police died and three were seriously injured. PLGA seized three AKs, three bullet-proof jackets and a walkie-talkie.

On June 14, PLGA blasted a mine near Hidmam between Kuvvakonda and Palnar of Dantewada district in which two policemen of the 111 CRPF battalion were seriously injured.

On June 24, PLGA action team conducted a daring ambush very near the Vayanar PS in Bastar district where three police were seriously injured. One of them died in the hospital.

On June 26, PLGA conducted mine attack on a police vehicle very nearby the Kirandul PS of Dantewada district at 8.30 pm. Three jawans were wiped out there and the seriously injured TI died while being taken to the hospital. Three police were also severely injured in this attack.

On June 26, PLGA attacked a road opening party of BSF under the Koyalibeda PS limits in Kanker district in the afternoon. Two BSF jawans died and four were injured in this attack. Company – 1 members comrades Jogonal and Syamlal died while valiantly fighting the enemy forces in this ambush.

People's Resistance as part of the boycott of by-election to the Jagdalpur parliamentary seat

CPI (Maoist) and the PLGA took up resistance activities boycotting the by-election to Jagdalpur parliamentary seat. At several places PLGA attacked

the police parties who came to 'assist' (read 'to forcefully make the people to vote with a gun pointed to their head') in the conducting the sham elections.

On May 8, PLGA attacked the police accompanying the polling party and a SPO died on the spot while another was injured. Guerillas seized an INSAS rifle. A mine was blasted under a police vehicle near Syamgiri in Kuvvakonda block and three policemen were injured. Road blocks were created on the whole stretch of roads at Orcha and Anthagarh. Not a single vote was cast in Tadmetla of Dantewada district. People have not forgotten how their village was razed down and looted by the security forces just a few months back.

On May 10, PLGA blasted a mine on the Narayanpur-Kondagaon main road in Bastar district at 2 pm in broad daylight. A STF constable was severely injured. As the culvert under which the blast occurred was completely damaged, traffic was completely stopped on the state highway.

People's Militia and PLGA guerillas conducted many an attack and blasted mines targeting the police at several places during the entire phase of these sham by-elections and gave a loud message to the ruling classes that they do not recognize the "looty Sarkar" and that their real Sarkar is the "Krantikari Janatana Sarkar".

Jharkhand

On February 5, 2011 PLGA conducted an attack on the police commando forces at Marangburu of Khunti district (80 km from Ranchi) and injured six policemen. Three among them were Cobra commandos.

On May 3, PLGA forces attacked the CRPF forces which were conducting combing operations on a massive scale (two battalions) under the Jhumrapahad PS limits in Bokaro district. An assistant commandant of the CRPF was seriously injured in this attack.

On May 3, a daring and dashing ambush was conducted by the PLGA near Urumuri village near the Dhardharia falls in Lohardagga district. More than a company force consisting of CRPF and Jharkhand armed joint forces were returning from Urumuri when they got caught in the ambush. A circle of mines was planted within 500 metres of radius at a distance of ten feet. The PLGA allowed the enemy forces to enter this circle and conducted a surprise attack. Fourteen policemen died and about sixty to sixty five of them were injured. The condition of several of them turned critical. This was the first instance where

so many of the enemy forces were injured in an ambush. This gave a new experience in battlefield to the PLGA guerillas.

On May 20, PLGA conducted an ambush on the paramilitary and police parties combing the area near Duragara situated 70 km from Hazaribagh and a CRPF constable was injured.

On June 2, a fierce encounter took place between the police and the CRPF near Murhu in Khunti district. Three comrades were martyred in this encounter while valiantly fighting the enemy forces. Several police were injured in this attack and the PLGA guerillas seized three rifles from them.

On June 20, PLGA attacked the railway police between Barkakhana-Gomango railway stations near Jhumra hills in Bokaro district and a police died there. PLGA attacked the railway police between Dumri-Bihar-Daniya. Guerillas first blasted the railway track and then led the pilot engine of the RPF police away. A RPF constable died here, one more constable and two personnel were injured. The pilot engine was razed down. These attacks were conducted in response to the bandh call given in Bihar-Jharkhand-North Chhattisgarh to protest the arrest of CPI (Maoist) Politburo member Com. Bhupeshda.

North Telangana

On April 30, PLGA shot dead the deputy general manager Ramakrishna of “Bilt graphic paper product limited” – AP Rayons Factory near Kamalapuram (Mangapet mandal in Warangal district). This action was conducted as per the demands of the workers and the people and with their support. Nearly 2000 permanent and casual workers are working in this Bilt factory. Production is done in shifts. More than a decade back, workers got consolidated under the leadership of erstwhile CPI (ML) [PW] [now CPI (Maoist)] against the exploitation and oppression of the management. They won demands like wage board, PF, permanent quarters, education and medical facilities etc. As the revolutionary movement became weaker in the state, the management again started exploiting the workers and was resorting to corrupt practices. They joined hands with the police and increased vigilance on the workers by recruiting informers and ex-naxalites as factory workers.

The management was suppressing the rights won by the workers. Hand in glove with the bourgeois party trade union leaders they began taking lakhs of rupees of bribes from the workers for permanent jobs and promotions etc. Harassment of workers increased. Workers are fighting in various forms (strikes, protests, agitations) since 4 years but the

management was adamant and unrelenting. DGM Ramakrishna was notorious for his tough stance towards the workers and he conspired to damage the CPI (Maoist) activists working in the area. In spite of many warnings he continued his schemes against the workers and the party and so finally PLGA had to annihilate him on the demand of the workers and the revolutionary masses.

Bihar

On April 20, a police constable died in an encounter with the PLGA which took place in Gaya-Aurangabad area.

On April 20, an ASI died in an attack conducted by the PLGA on a polling booth under Chandramandi PS limits during the *panchayat* elections in Jamui district. Tragically four ordinary workers too died in this attack. PLGA expresses its deep grief at this unfortunate incident and is issuing a public apology in front of the people.

On May 15, a police jawan died in a mine blast by PLGA under the Sono PS limits of Jamui district.

On May 15, a mine was blasted by the PLGA in Jamui district during the panchayat elections in which two policemen died and two more were injured.

AOB

On May 2, PLGA attacked a 20 member police patrol in Kalingbadi forests of Daringbadi block in Kandhamal district. Two policemen belonging to IRB died and SP guard and ASP guard were injured.

Chhattisgarh-Odisha Border Zone

On May 23, in a surprise attack conducted by the PLGA near Sanbayil (Sonabeda block on the borders of Navapada-Gariaband districts located on the borders of Chhattisgarh-Odisha borders) nine policemen including ASP Rajesh Pawar died. Nine weapons, ten grenades and a high-tech wireless set were seized by the guerillas. ASP Rajesh Pawar gained notoriety as a cruel police officer in Narayanpur and Dantewada districts. He used to be very aggressive during patrols and other operations. That is why he was promoted as an ASP and sent to Gariaband. People were happy that this notorious officer who was a pain in the neck was wiped out by the people's guerillas.

On June 21 an encounter took place near Banjipali in Gandhamardhan forests under Khaparakhhol PS limits of Bolangir district. Platoon member Com. Manjula died in the encounter while two SOG commandos were injured.

Jailed Maoists, people's activists and inmates go on hunger strike in Odisha's jails

Senior Maoist leader Sriramulu Srinivas, who has been spending time in the Malkangiri jail, led a group of nearly 220 *adivasis* on a hunger-strike against the government on the morning of 12 April. Protesting against the government's inaction on the 14 promises made during Malkangiri collector Vineel Krishna's release, the tribal inmates refused food for over a day.

The militant hunger-strike took the jail authorities by surprise. At the noon of 13 April the fast ended, after Malkangiri Additional District Magistrate Sunderlal Seal met Sriramulu to reassure him of government's intent in meeting those demands. After consulting the Centre, the Odisha government had agreed to fulfill the demands the Maoists put forward during the hostage swap.

These demands included release of women cadre, giving ST status to Konda Dora and Konda Reddy tribes, stopping mega-projects like Polavaram dam and bauxite mining, in Deomali hills and an end to Operation Green Hunt.

Earlier, the jailed activists of the Chasi Mulia Adivasi Sangha (CMAS) went on a hunger strike in the neighbouring Koraput prison on 3 April. Tapan Mishra, one of the jailed leaders of CMAS, led nearly 170 tribal inmates into an indefinite hunger strike, demanding the release of women and juvenile prisoners and better conditions in the prison. One of the negotiators during the hostage crisis in Odisha, Dandapandy Mohanty, told Tehelka that the government has indeed failed to keep its word. "The government had promised fast-track courts, release of women prisoners and a halt of [anti-Maoist] operations. It has broken all these promises," he said.

According to the Odisha government's estimates, there are nearly 1,500 Maoists in the state prisons, who have been arrested in the last decade. "A collective movement inside prisons by them can put the state authorities in trouble" reported Tehelka.

Hunger Strike by Maoists in Dantewada jail

379 Maoist inmates started a hunger strike from January 11th, 2011 in Dantewada jail demanding

annulment of the false cases foisted on them and to release them immediately. They fought for proper provision of food and the right to meet their families and won these demands.

27 injured in clash between Maoists and jail staff in WB

Twenty seven people, including five jail staff and head warden Deepak Kumar Baidya, were injured during a clash with Maoists lodged in Midnapore Central Jail here on March 22, 2011.

Maoists lodged in the prison complex clashed with them following the death of an under-trial prisoner the previous night, said officials

Oppose Arrest & Torture of Comrade Harbhinder Jalal

Harbhinder Singh Jalal, who has been editing a revolutionary Punjabi magazine "CHAMKDA LAL TARA" (Shining Red Star), was arrested by Kharar Police while he was traveling in a bus near Gharuan village. The police alleged him to be the head of Punjab unit of CPI (Maoist). A .32 bore pistol and some live cartridges were shown to have been recovered from him.

In police custody Harbhinder was severely tortured and subjected to third degree methods of interrogation. A case under S.10,13,18 & 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act; S. 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act and Section 121, 419, 420, 471 of the IPC has been slapped against him. He was denied the legal assistance of his chosen lawyers. Lok Morcha Punjab, along with his family approached S/ Sh. R.S. Bains and Harinder Pal Singh Ishar, Chandigarh based Human Rights lawyers, who moved an application for permission to meet Com Harbhinder in police custody and for his medical examination. The State vigorously opposed this application on the fictitious ground of threat to national security. However the court allowed the advocates to meet him daily in the Police Station between 7 PM to 8 PM and also to get him medically examined every

48 hours from the Civil Hospital.

On 9.5.2011, when Com Harbhinder was produced in court for further remand, dozens of his friends and well-wishers from all over Punjab, came to see him, but the police did not allow them to meet him. His further police remand was sought on the plea that he was to be taken to Ranchi to affect certain recoveries. Subsequently this pretext proved to be false as he was not taken to Ranchi. Perhaps the court's order permitting his lawyers to meet him everyday in the extended period of remand, acted as a dampener for the police. On 14.5.2011, he was remanded to judicial custody and is now lodged in Ropar Jail.

On 6.5.2011, a heavy contingent of Ropar and Bathinda Police raided his house at Rampura. Finding it locked, the police tried to find its keys from the neighbors, abusing, threatening and misbehaving with them. The people however refused to be cowed down and did not allow the police to search his house in the absence of any of his family members. To terrorize the people, the police raided the houses of two trade unionists living in the locality. Next day, the police party again came early in the morning along with some Municipal Councilors of Rampura City and forcibly entered in and searched Harbhinder's house in the absence of his family members and any person from the locality. The police took away a computer, a large number of books and some domestic articles. This move was strongly opposed by the democratic mass organizations of the area. Next day a strongly worded statement denouncing the terror tactics of the police was issued jointly by the Bharti Kisan Union (Dakonda), Technical Services Union, Democratic Teachers Front, and B.K.U. (Ugrahan).

Lok Morcha Punjab, Democratic Front Against Operation Green Hunt Punjab, and a revolutionary paper SURAKH REKHA condemned the arrest and false implication of Harbhinder Jalal in a criminal case. To keep the people informed about this, we utilized the medium of Facebook by posting news items and press statements on it. Now the DFAOGH

Punjab has decided to hold Conventions at Chandigarh and Rampura on this issue along with the repressive measures taken at village Selbrah and Kotra Kaurian Wala, against the people opposing opening of liquor vends.

The planting of .32 bore revolver and live cartridges on Harbhinder Jalal, seems to be a part of the Punjab Police's crude attempt to discredit revolutionary democratic movement in Punjab. Recently the police unearthed a gang of serving police employees and Arms Dealers, supplying country made illicit arms as genuine, by putting fake stamps and markings of reputed arms companies on them. As many as 8 police employees serving in various districts of Punjab have been arrested. The



COM. HARBHINDER JALAL,
BEING PRODUCED BY POLICE IN KHARAR COURT

DGP Punjab, with the aid of certain pliable press persons, has been trying to link it with the Maoists, although up till now, no such proof is forthcoming.

Lok Morcha Punjab views the arrest of Com Harbhinder; falsely charging him with unlawful activities, waging war against the Govt, forgery and cheating; subjecting him to third degree torture, and illegal raids at his house and the houses of other trade unionists at Rampura, as atrocious, totally illegal and undemocratic steps, deserving strongest condemnation. These steps are aimed at stifling the political dissent, and ruthlessly crushing of every attempt to organize the people against the policies of liberalization, globalization and privatization, being pursued by the anti-people and anti-national rulers to ensure super profits for the MNCs and their Indian agents, through unhindered exploitation of our rich natural resources. We call upon all democratic people to join us in demanding withdrawal of the criminal case registered against Com. Harbhinder Jalal and his unconditional release; putting an end to all repressive measures initiated against revolutionary political and mass activists and the people; and complete halt to neo-liberal economic policies.

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10,000 rally, demand release of political prisoners; prisoners on hunger strike

APDR demands release of political prisoners

JHARGRAM, June 24, 2011: The state government was yet to initiate measures to expedite the release of political prisoners, it was alleged at a rally organized by the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) at Midnapore town on Thursday. Several mass organizations, including the PCPA and the Santras, Durniti o Samrajyabadi Aggrassion Birodhi Ganatantrik Mancha – the banner under which PCPA leader Chhataradhar Mahato had contested the Assembly election – took part in the rally that was attended by more than 10,000 people.

Thousands converged at the rally from areas near to Jhargram, Lalgarrh, Sankrail, Nayagram, Binpur and Gopiballavpur. PCP leader Monoj Mahato and Chhataradhar Mahato's wife Niyati Mahato were among those who addressed the gathering. The meeting was delayed after joint forces intercepted vehicles ferrying people to the rally at Manikpara in Binpur. APDR state general secretary Debaprasad Ray Choudhury contacted SP Praveen Tripathi after which the vehicles were allowed to pass.

“Mamata had promised that she will ensure the release of political prisoners and hundreds of others who have been held on false charges. So far, not enough has been done to free them,” said Niyati Mahato at the rally held at Vidyasagar Hall ground.

Memorandum on political prisoners submitted by APDR to the Hooghly district administration

June 26, 2011

Recently, a five member APDR team submitted a Memorandum on Political Prisoners to the District Magistrate, Hooghly.

The submitted document contains the following-

- (1) APDR Hooghly Memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister (through DM Hooghly)
- (2) APDR Hooghly Memorandum addressed to the DM Hooghly
- (3) Lists attached with the memorandums (all in

English) -

Annexure 1 : Cases pending in courts in connection with Ganges Jute Mill Wokers' Movement in 2007 (Magra Police Station)

Annexure 2 : Some of the Cases pending in courts in connection with Itachuna Primary Health Centre Movement in 2007 (Panduah Police Station)

Annexure 3 : A few Illustrative Police Cases against the People of Singur

Annexure 4 : An Incomplete List of Political Prisoners from Hooghly for alleged Maoist Activities

In the memorandum, the following demands were made to the newly elected government in West Bengal :

(i) It should immediately make a policy decision on the unconditional release of all political prisoners (imprisoned, under trial or on bail) and immediately take all steps for a quick implementation of that.

(ii) It should immediately withdraw all cases that have been filed against all mass organisations engaged in workers-peasants' struggles, environmental struggles, struggles for right to livelihood or right to natural resources (water,land,forest) like in Singur, Nandigram, Lalgarrh and other places.

(iii) It should immediately withdraw the joint forces from Lalgarrh area and also bring an immediate end to using UAPA in West Bengal.

(iv) It should immediately set up inquiries into all incidents of police repression, all atrocities committed on undertrials/prisoners and all killings carried out by fake encounters - the guilty should be adequately punished and the victims should be adequately compensated. It should also take steps such that incidents are not repeated in future.

(v) It should allow representatives of APDR to visit all jails so that detailed informations regarding political prisoners can be obtained and also for observing the actual conditions inside the jails.

Children escape from Juvenile home

On June 21, seven children arrested from the revolutionary movement areas on the allegation of being child guerillas escaped from a juvenile home in Panposh area in Rourkela (Sundargah district, Odisha) and reached their villages.

“Implement the fourteen-point agreement!”

“It would not perhaps be an overstatement to say that the systemic exploitation of the adivasis and the more blatant persecution of them in the last two decades have almost gone unnoticed and unopposed in Odisha, if we leave aside the valiant resistance by the adivasis themselves. The recent kidnap of Malkangiri collector Vineel Krishna and Junior Engineer Pabitra Mohan Majhi by the CPI (Maoist) and their fourteen-point demands as preconditions for the release of the two officers, have forcefully brought the plight of Odisha’s adivasis into the centre-stage. A written agreement was concluded between the Odisha government and the Maoist-appointed mediators on these fourteen points, and honoring their commitment the Maoists released both the officials subsequently. Even though the government too promised to fully honour its word in letter and spirit, we are dismayed to find that it is yet to walk the talk and honour its own commitment. In fact, many of the actions of the government subsequent to the signing of the agreement go against the very spirit of the mutually agreed consensus. **For instance, the agreement on release of more than 600 adivasis who are languishing in various jails of the state on false charges and which do not stand scrutiny of procedural justice is still to be respected by the government. In fact, since the district collector was released on 23 February, more adivasi people have been put behind bars by the government, and the incidents of atrocities against them have been continued unabated.** Likewise, the promised restraining in the use of coercive force by the government against the Maoists as long as they do not resort to any armed action has not been followed in practice. On the contrary, the government has pursued an aggressive armed campaign against the Maoists and the adivasis all over Odisha without any apparent provocation, thereby daily adding to the incidents of atrocities on the people. **It has also come to notice that the government attempted to mislead and misinform the group of mediators during the talks by feigning ignorance about five persons whose production in the court as per the law was demanded by the Maoists. The government denied that it knew anything about their whereabouts, but later it transpired that all five of them were in fact in illegal police custody. One of them – Lalit Dehuri – succumbed to the torture he was subjected to by the police.**

The Odisha government’s total apathy towards fulfilling its own commitment puts it in poor light. Such an approach calls into question the very credibility of the government in front of the general public, and particularly in the eyes of the adivasis who have for long experienced an unbroken history of broken promises. The government therefore must rethink its apathetic policy towards the fourteen-point agreement with the Maoists, which is nothing but an expression of the demands and aspirations of the adivasi people, and fulfill its part of the commitment without delay. Moreover, all coercive actions against the adivasis in the pretext of anti-Naxal operations must be ceased by the government immediately. Last but not the least, the Odisha government must scrap all the MoUs signed with the corporations in order to sell-out the natural resources of the adivasi regions for private profit, which is at the root of many a people’s resistance raging in the state today.

However, by undertaking actions contrary to its words, the Odisha government in connivance with the central government is bolstering the impression that unless forced, it will not do anything for the wellbeing of the people, and will rather continue to work against the people’s interests even if by flouting their constitutionally guaranteed rights. By so blatantly disrespecting and violating its own agreement, the government is pushing the people – and particularly the adivasis – on a warpath, for which the government will solely be responsible. We call upon the people at large to raise the demand that Odisha government honour its commitment, and take immediate and concrete steps to implement each and every clause of the fourteen-point agreement in letter and spirit.”

(Excerpt from invitation released by Jana Adhikar Manch for a convention on May 25, 2011 in Odisha demanding the implementation of the fourteen-point agreement between the Government of Odisha and the Mediators, highlighted by MIB)

Govt's anti-maoist plan comes a cropper

The states have expressed reservations over the proposed unified commands, to fight Maoists

BY Iftikhar Gilani, Delhi

The Home Ministry's plan to set up unified commands in four Maoist-hit states, on the lines of a similar command in Jammu and Kashmir, has failed to take off.

The plan announced after the prime minister's meeting with the chief ministers of the affected states here on July 14 envisaged appointment of retired major generals as "advisors" to the unified commands that were meant to comprise of police and paramilitary forces with the respective chief secretaries as their heads.

Since the army bosses have refused to get their personnel involved in anti-Maoist operations, offering instead to train the police personnel to function effectively, the government had thought up the idea. The proposal, however, was made only after the defence ministry cleared the deployment of ex-servicemen use their de-mining experience to counter the Maoists. Maoists have used land mines as a major weapon against the police forces in forest areas controlled by them.

The plan was, however, sabotaged after the Home Ministry appointed a brigadier-rank officer in its internal security section as advisor. "How do you expect a retired major general sitting in a state to take orders from a junior brigadier?" an army officer asked, pointing out that ranks matter a lot in the army, even when the officers are not in service.

The failed mission will be reviewed soon by Home Minister P Chidambaram as part of a regular exercise the ministry does to coordinate with the affected states in fighting the Maoist menace. Ministry sources said the Centre can only advise the states to have the unified command and cannot force them, as law and order is a state subject.

Besides West Bengal, the other three other states — Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa — have also turned down the proposal for unified commands and conveyed to the home ministry, their reservations. The Chhattisgarh government, for instance has conveyed to the ministry that it finds no point in having a retired major general as an adviser when the Central Reserve Police Force is already handling the

operations, with its director general heading from the front. It is no infantry job, that a retired senior army officer should get involved, another affected state government stressed.

Teeth for Maoist strategy

New Delhi, Jan. 11: The Centre is honing its anti-Maoist strategy by pumping in additional funds, recruiting new personnel and bringing more rebel-infested areas within its glare.

Sources said the government had pushed funds under the security-related expenditure scheme (SRE) for 83 districts in nine Naxalite-hit states from Rs 80 crore to Rs 580 crore for this fiscal. It has already released over Rs 200 crore towards schemes under SRE implemented by the states, sources said.

"More than Rs 320 crore worth of funds will be released before March. Expenses of states regarding hiring of choppers, building approach roads and police stations will all be covered," a home ministry source said.

Some of these announcements were made by home minister P. Chidambaram at a review meeting for paramilitary forces at the CRPF headquarters on Monday.

Sources said the number of special police officials (SPOs) would be increased to 25,500 from 13,500 now. Their salary of Rs 1,500 was also likely to see a substantial increase, the sources added.

SPOs have been a big help to paramilitary forces who have often not been on the best of terms with state police forces. These officials, mostly tribal youths with anti-Naxalite leanings or with a history of being Maoist, have excellent local knowledge that come in handy when security forces conduct operations.

"When we do not have enough policemen like in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada, we take SPOs, so an increase in their number is a welcome move," said a CRPF officer.

A senior police officer from Chhattisgarh said

Bastar alone needed around 100 battalions of security forces to overcome the Naxalite challenge. At present, the state has about 40,000 personnel aided by about 25,000 paramilitary personnel — far from the one lakh needed in Bastar.



CRPF jawans patrol in Dantewada

So far, 35 of 83 districts in Naxalite-hit states, including West Midnapore, were named “focus” districts. But the government has now raised the number to 60. Some of these districts are believed

to be from Madhya Pradesh which are not under the SRE.

An impact assessment of the SRE scheme was to be done for the entire state of Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. There has been an almost tenfold increase in violence in Bengal since 2008, home ministry figures show. With elections approaching, there are fears the violence will increase.

Tamil Nadu Police ‘adopt’ 300 villages in bid to curb spread of Naxalism

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THENI (TN): In an attempt to curb Naxal movement from spreading its wings in Tamil Nadu, police have ‘adopted’ 300 villages bordering the state and are providing them basic amenities to improve their lives, according to a top police official.

Speaking at a function at nearby Varushanadu after distributing welfare schemes to tribals, DGP Letika Saran said the villages would be adopted in phases. She expressed confidence that the scheme would thwart any attempt by Naxals to again intrude the territory after a failed effort to set up an arms training camp at Murugamalai in 2007.

The function also saw police receive petitions from tribals to assess their needs and being given cattle and sheep and some basic amenities like soaps and toothpaste.

Police had food and tea with the tribals, assured them that their rights would be safeguarded and urged them to educate themselves to better their prospects

in life.

Police sources said enhanced basic amenities would be provided to 300 villages in the first phase of a total of 471 identified villages. Villagers were being given milch animals, as also ration cards and blankets in the hope it would help them improve their standard of living, they said.

A top police official, requesting anonymity, said the idea took shape after they found some villagers possessing gadgets and watches. Enquiries revealed they had got it from Naxals, whom they used to help enter and exit jungles, which have myriad pathways.

Army unit in Maoist hotbed

New Delhi, April 13: The Chhattisgarh government has permitted the army to use 54,543 hectares in a Maoist hotbed for a training unit, a move in which it could showcase its military might before the rebels without coming under the scanner for “deploying” or “using” the defence force against them.

The land (around 1.34 lakh acres) in Narayanpur district, which is close to Bastar district, is to be used to set up a “manoeuvre range” for counter-insurgency drills.

A infantry brigade — which would have around 2,500 soldiers with supporting units of engineering, supply and signals — will arrive for the “manoeuvres” before the monsoon sets in.

However, even as it moves ahead with the plan, the state’s BJP government does not itself have full control over the land, large tracts of which fall on the fringes of the Abujhmarh region controlled by Maoists.

There may even be an exhibition of air power over the thickly forested hilly area with the army’s choppers hovering around and airfields built for them to land.

In Bilaspur, also in Chhattisgarh, sources said the Centre-run Airports Authority of India had transferred more than 350 acres at the local airport to the defence ministry for possible use by the Indian Air Force (IAF). Sources said there were plans to station an IAF Hercules plane, used to transport troops and material, at Bilaspur.

At present, the IAF is engaged in rescue and evacuation during anti-rebel operations led by the police and the central paramilitary forces such as the CRPF. The army is involved in training the central forces.

For the army, a manoeuvre range is usually used for drills either within the confines of a counter-insurgency unit or a jungle warfare school. Such a range on international borders involves the infantry or armoured troops. In Narayanpur, however, it would be about counter-insurgency exercises in the jungles and, perhaps, even amid villages. It will involve troop movements, cutting off enemy lines and rescue and evacuation procedures in difficult terrain.

A senior Chhattisgarh government official suggested he saw no major hurdles in the way of the plan. "We are foreseeing some trouble from the pro-Maoist civil society groups but nothing much. In any case, the government has not transferred the land to the army (but only permitted its use)," the official said over the phone.

The state government, though, is treading cautiously. It has, for instance, put three conditions before the armed forces, all of them relating to environmental and human concerns. The ministry of defence has been told that no trees should be felled, nor should people be evicted from the area. Also, no permanent structures should be built.

Officials in the ministries of defence and home affairs feel the conditions are a bit restrictive but hope the issue may be "sorted out" soon.

The decision to allow the army to use the land comes less than a year after a key Delhi meeting where the Centre had ruled out the use of the army against Maoists. The cabinet committee on security huddle on June 18, 2010, had struck down a proposal to deploy two battalions of the army's Rashtriya Rifles in rebel-hit Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

However, the same meeting had put the seal on a plan to ensure the "presence" of the army in the Naxalite-affected central India, including Chhattisgarh, by setting up a Chhattisgarh-Orissa Sub-Area (Cosa) command. "A brigadier has been deputed here in Raipur to do the work (for the sub-area)," a source said.

Indian MI Director visits Nepal to discuss 'counter insurgency'

Islamabad—A powerful Indian military delegation led by its Military Intelligence Director, Lieutenant General D.S. Thakur arrived in Kathmandu on Wednesday on a five-day visit to Nepal.

The Indian team on Wednesday met with Nepalese Minister for Defence Bishnu Prasad Poudel

and Defense Secretary Navin Kumar Ghimire and COAS General Chhatra Man Singh Gurung.

The Indian Army delegation will attend various programmes arranged by the Nepalese Army.

The delegation is scheduled to visit the Nepalese Army Mountain Warfare School at Jomsom and Counter-Insurgency & Jungle Warfare School at Amlekhgunj. Indian military intelligence defence team on Wednesday visited Command and Staff College at Tokha. The 4-member Indian delegation includes Lt. Gen DS Thakur & his spouse Brigadier Sanal Kumar and Lt. Col. Naveen Kumar.

CG govt to raise industrial security force in Naxal prone areas

June 20, 2011: Chhattisgarh government will raise its own state industrial security force (SISF) to speed up infrastructure development works and provide cover to the industries in the insurgency-hit pockets.

"Under the proposal that is under consideration, the state government will raise a battalion of state industrial security force comprising about 1000 jawans," a top official in state's home department told Business Standard. The force will be solely reserved for industrial security, he added.

The company or the agency engineering any work in the restive areas would send a requisition to the state government that would provide personnel subject to availability. In return, the government would charge fee from the company, the official said.

Explaining about the role of SISF personnel, the official said jawans were required to provide cover to the contractor and his men executing projects like roads, bridge, hospital and school buildings in the Naxalite-infested pockets of Chhattisgarh. The lack of such arrangement had stranded the construction works in the red zone.

The SISF jawans would also man the big dams and other centres of strategic importance. Besides the state government departments involved in infrastructure development projects, private companies could also avail the service of SISF.

A senior official in the state police headquarters here hinted that the force could be used to speed up the work in Rowghat in Naxal-infested Bastar region

where the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had allotted iron ore mines.

The steel maker had been allotted mines in over 883.22 hectares of land in the Rowghat area that had an estimated iron ore reserve of 511 Million Tonnes. Two years have nearly passed after getting the necessary clearances, the work in the project site could not be started following threat from the Naxalites.

In all, about 28,000 trees had to be cut down in the area while the rebels had warned not a single labourer would be allowed in. "Since it is hard to get labourers, the government is planning to use machines

to cut down the trees," Principal Secretary (Forests) Narayan Singh said. The state government had also planned to deploy the SISF in the area to facilitate the construction works that include building roads, laying railway lines and others. The Rowghat mines would feed SAIL's flagship entity Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) here.

Amid fast depleting iron ore reserves in the captive mines of Dalli-Rajhara, the fate BSP hangs on Rowghat mines. At present, the total iron ore reserves left with Dalli-Rajhara mines is around 50 million tonnes, which the company officials claimed would not last for more than five years.

Women resist the obscene behavior of the Jungle Warfare college jawans

The people, especially the women residing around the much-hyped Jungle Warfare college have become so fed up with the obscene behavior of the army jawans who came for training there that they surrounded the college on May 1 and demanded that the jawans better behave or will have to face the wrath of the people. When one hears about the sexual harassment and totally disgusting indecent behavior of the jawans one really wonders if they are receiving "training" in harassing women too. And we already know it is what they do after they are deployed for "warfare in the jungles". Wherever the army jawans are deployed we find that it is followed by instances of rapes and various kinds of sexual harassment of women that too of the poor, vulnerable women who are part of the populations these arrogant jawans are posted to make 'warfare' on. Ever since the training college opened there have been complaints of sexual harassment against the jawans from the neighboring people. They have become a menace to the women. Just one day before 40 to 50 women gheraoed the college, two jawans threw colors over two minor girls and behaved indecently with them. They were arrested and sent to remand on the complaints of the people.

The anger of the women burst forth in their words when they spoke to the media during the gherao: It has become very difficult for the village women to protect themselves ever since this college came up. Now women do not venture to the open fields or to the bazaar singly. We are going in groups even to answer nature's call. If the jawans find any woman alone they are harassing her with indecent words and obscene behavior. We can no longer tolerate this. Yesterday's incident left us aghast. We would never allow another such incident to happen. We will never allow such jawans who harass women into our villages.

The women left after issuing serious warning and getting the apology they demanded.

Brigadier Ponwar ! Better remember that the women of this country will not remain victims of army atrocities always. We know the women of the movement areas are teaching a lesson or two to your "brave" jawans when they pounce on their villages like wolves. We hope that day will not be too far when the very existence of your college would be questioned by the women and would put an end to it. You are training jawans to fight a 'War on the People' (which 'inevitably' includes sexual atrocities on women) and the wrath of the people would get at you sooner. The women would realize that it is not an 'isolated behavior' of some 'errant' jawan and that you people at the top consciously inhumanize the jawans to do such atrocities as part of your 'training'. All your edifices would collapse once this realization turns into a physical force. Beware!

A report from ground zero :

Preliminary report of the DSU fact-finding visit to Narayanpatna

A team of students from DU, JNU and IGNOU belonging to the Democratic Students' Union (DSU) visited Narayanpatna Block in the Koraput district of Odisha from 11 April to 16 April 2011. The objective of the visit was to study the ground situation at present in the region where a militant mass struggle is going on for the last few years, and according to the media reports, has faced extreme forms of state repression. The aim was also to study the socio-economic aspects of the social life of Narayanpatna region, and to look into the factors that have contributed to the emergence of this important peasant struggle in contemporary South Asia.

Narayanpatna is inhabited by sixteen tribal communities including Kui, Parija, Jorka, Matia, Doria and others, of whom the Kuis are numerically predominant. The adivasis, who constitute more than 90 percent of around 45,000 people of Narayanpatna block, are interspersed with Dalit communities such as Mali, Dombo, Forga, Paiko, Rilli, etc. Dominant castes such as the Sundis and Brahmins are numerically small but are powerful and influential. Though the incursion of non-adivasis has a long history going back to the establishment of the Narayanpatna Raj centuries back, the Sundis have entered the district after they were driven away from Coastal Andhra during the Srikakulam armed struggle in the 1960s. The Sundis as well as a small section of Dalits from the Dombo and Rilli castes too have made money by exploiting the adivasis and selling them liquor. The non-adivasis are around 5000 in number, and the ruling elite of Narayanpatna belong to this group. It was also clear to us that the identities such as that of landlord, liquor trader, money-lender and politician are not separate or mutually exclusive, but usually coexist in the members of the dominant classes of the region.

Over the last few years, the poor and landless peasants of Narayanpatna, Bandhugaon, Simliguda, etc. have organised themselves under the banner of Chasi Mulia Adivasi Sangha (CMAS), and fought back their tormentors the Sundi-Sahukar-Sarkar nexus. Even though CMAS was working in the region

for more than fifteen years, it was only in the last three to four years that its anti-liquor movement took a decisive turn. It reached a flashpoint in January 2009 when the rural masses of Narayanpatna not only drove away the liquor traders from their villages, but mobilized themselves in thousands to pursue them to their stronghold, the towns. Four thousand people went to Narayanpatna town and destroyed liquor factories and wine shops, including shops selling foreign liquor. By late 2010, only two liquor shops were running in the entire region, and that too in the block headquarters of Narayanpatna and Bandhugaon where state's armed forces are stationed. In January 2011 more than 3000 CMAS members destroyed the shop in Bandhugaon town as well. In villages like Baliaput, Mahua trees from which cheap liquor was produced were destroyed under a political programme of CMAS and BAMS (Biplabi Adivasi Mahila Sangha), and today not a single Mahua tree is to be seen in Narayanpatna's villages. The prohibition in the sale and consumption of liquor was almost total by 2009. The mass upsurge led to the fleeing of landlords and liquor traders from the region, leading to the collapse of this parasitic trade. The villagers narrated how Jairam Pangi, the incumbent BJD MP from Koraput, tried to dissuade the people from the anti-liquor agitation by claiming that it was a part of adivasi culture, custom and worship, to which the people retorted that the very instrument which destroyed their lives cannot be a part of their devotion and sacrifice that is conducted for their common wellbeing.

The success in the anti-liquor movement encouraged the masses to intensify the land struggle. The CMAS led the reclamation of agricultural land from the landlords and sahuakars which were tricked out of the adivasis. Within months, we are told, more than 3000 acres of such land were recaptured and distributed among the villages. As a reaction to the growing tide of mass struggle, 'Shanti Committee' was formed by the landlords and liquor traders with the active support of the state administration on 4 May 2009. After the successful culmination of the

anti-liquor struggle and the intensification of the land struggle by 2009, and particularly after the NALCO raid by the Maoists in April that year, the state repression on the people and their movement was also scaled up. One such incident of state repression was the murder of Wadeka Singana and Nachika Andru at Narayanpatna police station on 20 November 2009, followed by wanton attacks, raids and combing operation in the region, establishing a reign of state terror. Entire village populations are often forced to take shelter in the forests and hills as fugitives. The government has now virtually imposed a seize of Narayanpatna by deploying more than 5000 paramilitary troops including BSF, IRB, CRPF, and hundreds of Special Operations Group commandos, Odisha police personnel and Shanti Committee vigilante forces and closing off all the important entry and exit points to and from Narayanpatna. Rather than addressing the demands of the people, it is mobilising more and more troops to crush the movement.

In the six days of our visit from 11 to 16 April 2011, we interacted with the residents of above twenty villages spread out in the adjacent blocks of Narayanpatna, Bandhugaon, Simliguda, Lakhmipur and Potangi, and visited about twelve of them. Our first stop was Dimtiguda village in the Alamanda panchayat of Bandhugaon block. We passed through the village Jangri Walsa in Kabribari panchayat, where we met the family of Kondahara Kasi who was arrested in 2010 for allegedly being a Maoist. The plea of his wife to meet him in prison has been repeatedly turned down. 14 persons associated with CMAS are presently in jail from this village alone. The next village we visited was Silpalmanda where we were told that Ratnal Madhava was arrested in March 2011 by the Bandhugaon police and a false kidnap case was slapped on him. Village Karaka Itiki under Borgi panchayat was the first village we visited in Narayanpatna, where we heard stories of atrocities committed in the region by landlords, liquor traders, the police and now the Shanti Committee. There we came to know from the villagers that eight out of the thirty houses in Masarimunda village were burnt down by the CRPF in January 2011 after an encounter with the Maoists in the vicinity of the locality. Just a month before this, CRPF personnel destroyed houses in Goloknima village as well after another battle with the Maoists, and looted Rs.8000 from the villagers.

The team could also talk to villagers from Jangri Walsa village. Madan Merika, Poala Malati, Polla Bhima and Seena Mandangi described the attacks from 'Shanti Committee' and Bandhugaon CMAS under the leadership of Kedruka Arjun of CPI ML (Kanu Sanyal) party in 2009. They attacked their village in thousands wearing police uniforms and with firearms on the suspicion that the villagers have started to align themselves with the CMAS Narayanpatna Area Committee under its president Nachika Linga. Nariga Poala, Aashu Pirika, Bhima Kedruka, Kasi Kondagari, Muga Poala, Penta Kondagari, Acchanna Poala and Enkanna Poala of this village, many of whom are teenagers, were arrested by the police later that year for allegedly being Maoists, and kept in prison for almost 1½ years, and only recently were they released on bail. K. Suhabsh and K Raman of Keshbhadra village of Bandhugaon block testified to the atrocities committed by the police, the Shanti Committee as well as by the CPIML (Kanu Sanyal) led by Arjun.

In Upar Itiki village we were told that the people have collectively undertaken developmental works under the leadership of CMAS, and rejected the government schemes. Though the pace of the land struggle has been reduced of late due to the intense state repression, the villagers have continued to undertake developmental works with their own initiative. They have completed 7 big irrigation projects in the last two years, and three are under construction as one we witnessed at Boriput village. The Block Development Officer (BDO) tried to distribute money to the villagers for these works, but was refused by the people. In February and March this year the CMAS gave a call to stop all governmental projects in Narayanpatna in protest against the continued atrocities by the state's forces including arrests, torture, forcible detention, etc. and demanding a halt to Operation Green Hunt and withdrawal of armed forces. As a result of the call, all projects such as NREGA, PDS, Indira Avash Yojana came to a halt in the entire region for two months. The influence of NGOs, which was rampant till the CMAS movement became popular, has also considerably waned, with very little presence now in Narayanpatna block.

The land reclaimed by the CMAS in Manjariguda village under Borgi panchayat was shown to us, where the villagers have collectively cultivated 14 acres of irrigated land. We are told that in this village

individual plots have not been distributed to the landless peasants so far, but will be done in the near future. Subbarao Somu, Sitala and Kanta from Langalbera village who belong to the Dombu Dalit caste, testified that poor people from both adivasi and dalit communities have benefitted from the peoples' struggle against liquor and for land. He said that dalits inhabit two of the nine panchayats of Narayanpatna – Borgi and Langalbera panchayats. They said that there was no truth in the misinformation campaign that the struggle has harmed the dalits, and that there has been an exodus of dalits from villages in the wake of the movement. Somu said that around 50 families from only two villages of Gumandi and Podaradar have fled after the land struggle started. He said that most of them were involved in the liquor trade and were working against the interests of the adivasis. Dinabandhu and Simadri from Borgi village informed that the six landless Dalit families in their village have received 3 acres of land in March 2011 from CMAS, and have irrigated the land by putting community labour. Simadri said, "Those among Dalits who have garnered wealth and become politicians tried to instigate a contradiction between adivasis and dalits, but the poor have no contradiction. The poor dalits of entire Narayanpatna supports CMAS are in the struggle." Gumpa Vidika, a dalit worker who is presently the spokesperson of CMAS and is hiding from the state in fear of arrest, also talked of the class unity between the adivasis and dalits forged by this struggle in spite of the repeated attempts to pit one against the other.

We were informed that 171 villagers connected to the CMAS have been arrested so far, out of the 637 adivasi political prisoners jailed in entire Orissa. We heard narrations of recent attacks by the paramilitary and police forces deployed in the region on the villages. The police entered Dakapara village on the night of 4 April 2011 and beat up villagers including Sirka Sika and Sirka Rupaya whom we spoke to. They looted Rs.5000 and Rs.2500 respectively from the two villagers. On a previous occasion, the government's forces attacked Sirka Bina's house on 1 January 2011, detained him and forcibly took him to the police camp, tortured for many hours and released him the next day. His wife's gold ornaments were also taken away by them. The team members interviewed Sonai Hikoka of Dumsili village whose husband Sitanna Hakoka was taken away by

policemen from Lakhimpur police station in November 2010 along with two others. While Kaila Taring and Sodanna Himbreka, the other two villagers have been released by police, there is no trace of Sitanna as yet. The police denied that they arrested him. She filed a Habeas Corpus application in the Odisha High Court, but her plea has been rejected recently by the court reposing full trust on the police's affidavit. Sonai says that her crops, grain, and cattle were looted by the goons of Shanti Committee when she went out to attend the court hearings. We visited Baliaput village where we saw the dilapidated houses of Nachika Linga and Nachika Andru which were burnt and destroyed by Shanti Committee goons. We met Nachika Taman who spent more than a year in jail for allegedly being a Maoist, and were released in bail just a week ago, while Nachika Sanjeeva of his village is still languishing in Koraput jail. In addition, two of the undertrials were killed by the police through third-degree torture, and later it claimed that they have committed suicide! Other prisoners are being subjected to regular beating and harassment, and many have sustained grievous injuries at the hands of the police and paramilitary forces. And these are only a few instances which were brought to us by the villagers of the region during our six days' of interaction.

The team interviewed Nachika Linga, the president of CMAS Narayanpatna Area Committee, and the 'most wanted' person for the police at present. He informed us that the movement has moved beyond the narrow limits of fighting for economic demands, and have held the present political system to be responsible for the marginalization of adivasis and the poor peasantry. We were told that the election boycott call given by the Sangha during the assembly elections in 2009 was highly successful in Narayanpatna, with very few votes being cast. He also informed us that CMAS has been able to form its organisation in every village of Narayanpatna block, and is spreading its base to the adjoining blocks as well. Linga told that in spite of severe repression, the people have been able to defend the gains of the movement by resolutely depending on their collective strength, by fortifying self-defence mechanism through the formation of Ghenua Bahini, the mass militia of CMAS, and by educating the people in political struggle. We also talked to the president and secretary of BAMS, who told us about the

overwhelming response of the women of the region to the anti-liquor struggle waged by CMAS, which enthused them to form a separate women's organisation. BAMS have fought against the patriarchal relations and customs within the adivasis such as the two-wives system, and have achieved considerable success in their endeavor.

The presence and role of the Maoists in Narayanpatna have also come under discussion in the media in the past, and this was one of the aspects we wished to investigate. From our interaction with the political activists of the region, we learnt that the Maoist movement started in Koraput from 2003, and soon garnered support from the poor peasantry of the district. We are told that the movement has grown to the extent of giving shape to embryonic forms of peoples' power to take place of the exploitative state power by forming Revolutionary Peoples' Committees (RPCs) covering two panchayat areas of Narayanpatna block. The RPCs are presently concentrating their energies in three heads: self-defence, agricultural development, and health & education. The Maoist party seemed to have roots among the working masses, and have so far been successful in withstanding the armed assault of the state. The state, alarmed by the spread of the movement, has sought to use brute force, and thereby further isolating itself from the people.

The Narayanpatna struggle, we came to realise, is one of the most important but least known movements of our times, and the corporate media as well as the statist academia has played their roles in presenting it in a distorted form. We appeal to the media, academics and the people at large to visit Narayanpatna and expose the crimes committed by the Indian state on its people, fighting for their inalienable right to land, livelihood and dignity. The fact-finding team wishes to bring out its experiences in Narayanpatna in a detailed report in the coming days, so as to act as a corrective to such media misinformation, to give voice to the peoples' concerns and bring out the reality which the Indian state so desperately wishes to hide.

The DSU Fact-finding team reiterates its solidarity with the peoples' movement of Narayanpatna, and makes the following demands to the Indian government:

1. All the 171 prisoners associated with the

Narayanpatna struggle must be released unconditionally and immediately. The state must ensure that the illegal arrests, torture and killings of people in custody must be stopped in Narayanpatna.

2. Cases against the office-bearers, activists, members and sympathizers of CMAS, BAMS and other mass organisations must be withdrawn, and these organisations must be allowed to work freely without fear of attack or persecution. The 'Most Wanted' warrant on Nachika Linga by the police must be withdrawn, and he be allowed to perform his duties as the president of CMAS freely, without any fear of intimidation and arrest.
3. The personnel of the state's armed forces who are responsible for the loss of lives and property of the people of Narayanpatna must be punished, and the people who suffered their atrocities must be compensated by the government.
4. The paramilitary and police camps in Narayanpatna must be withdrawn immediately.
5. The vigilante organisation called Shanti Committee must be disbanded, and their members be punished for their crimes.
6. The land reclaimed by the adivasi people of Narayanpatna under the leadership of CMAS must be recognized by the government.
7. The rights of the adivasis over their land, water, and forests and minerals must be ensured, and they must be provided with the basic necessities such as healthcare, education, drinking water, etc.
8. Journalists, intellectuals, academics, activists and all those who are interested to visit Narayanpatna and interact with the people must not be prevented from doing so by the government, and it must ensure their free movement to and from any part of Narayanpatna and Koraput.

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Urgent Appeal from POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti (PPSS)

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We appeal to one and all to strongly condemn the decision of the Minister of State for Environment and Forest, Govt. of India. Mr. Jaiaram Ramesh for giving final forest and environmental clearance to POSCO Company for use of 1253 hectare of forest land in our area.

This clearance is given on the basis of compliance report made by the Odisha government which is factually and legally incorrect and misleading.

Mr. Jaiaram Ramesh and the state government of Odisha disrespected the resolution of Palli Sabha (Village council) that opposed any handover of land to the proposed project. As per section 6 of the Forest Rights Act 2006 villagers of Dhinkia and Govindpur organised Palli Sabhas on 21st and 23rd of February 2011 respectively. We had sent the copies of the resolutions to the Odisha government authorities and the Environment Ministry for their information. The government authorities deliberately suppressed facts and declared in the government's submission to the MOEF that such resolutions were fake and said that 'only 69 and 64 signatures respectively were put in the Dhinkia and Govindpur Palli Sabha resolutions'. However, in reality, out of 2445 total number of voters in Dhinkia village, 1632 persons and out of 1907 total number of voters in Govindpur village, 1265 persons signed on the Palli Sabha Resolutions. We are attaching herewith the Palli Sabha notices, notices to Executive officer, and resolutions of Dhinkia and Govindpur village for your information. More than 65 % of the villagers participated in both the Palli Sabhas and passed the resolutions rejecting the proposal for diversion of land.

It is a matter of great concern that the Ministry of Environment & Forest in collusion with the Government of Odisha has deliberately chosen to overlook the key issues raised by us on the illegalities committed in the forest and environment clearance process. The MOEF and the Government of Odisha has fraudulently raised the issue of Palli Sabhas to sidestep statutory requirements for forest and environmental clearance. The central issue which the

ministry and the Odisha government has avoided is the compliance to the requirements under the Forest Rights Act particularly Section 4 (5) and the MOEF guidelines issued in August 2009 which obligates the state government to ensure completion of the Forest Rights Act and to obtain the consent of Gram Sabha in the areas proposed for diversion of forest land. In fact this is the ground for the Ministry's issuing stop work order on 5th August 2010. Subsequent visit and fact finding by the Saxena committee and the Meena Gupta committee has substantiated our claim and proved beyond doubt that there are other traditionally forest dwellers in the proposed areas depending traditionally on the forests for their livelihood, that sufficient documentary evidence is available which shows the existence of forest rights (which is also available with the ministry) and that the FRA is not implemented by the state government in the area. Based on the Meena Gupta committee's report the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has recommended withdrawal of forest clearance. The state government has been repeatedly denying the existence of tribal in the proposed project area whereas the census 2001 confirms the presence of tribal people. We have also submitted concrete evidences that there are tribals in our area who are cultivating the forest land. In July 2010, the state administration by use of force illegally occupied the land of two tribals Sh. Ramachandra Murmu and Sh. Rajendra Hembram of Polang village. There are number of other instances where the government is suppressing the facts and figures.

On 29th of April 2011, Mr. Jaiaram Ramesh visited Odisha and raised the questions about the raw material requirements and its sources and the new MOU with POSCO. On that particular day, we demonstrated in huge numbers and asking Mr. Ramesh to withdraw the provisional forest, environmental and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearances. But to our shock and utter surprise, on 2nd of May 2011, he gave the final forest and environmental clearance. This is nothing other than double standards shown by Jaiaram Ramesh who has

used the smoke screen tactics to ward off people's anger while preparing for complete capitulation to interest of private profit.

The initial rejection by Ramesh of the compliance report sent by the state government (submitted on 13th April 2011) giving assurance about the non-existence of OTFDs in our area created the impression that Ramesh and the central government are respectful of law and opinion of the citizen of the country. However, the final order only exposed the true character of the Minister and the central government.

It is learnt that POSCO was one of the mega projects which was cleared by the then Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest, A Raja. This decision was taken in haste on 15th of May 2007, exactly a month after the controversial statutory Environmental Public Hearing on the project was held, which involved major human rights violations. The unseemly haste by which Raja cleared the POSCO project was a strong indicator of favourable decisions that were meant to follow. In view of the recent forest clearance granted by the MOEF it becomes amply clear that in addition to the violation of forest and environment clearance, the POSCO project clearance is also a part of the corruption trail of the present political set up. Hence the ongoing CBI enquiry on the corruption involved in the 2G spectrum allocation should also include the investigation into the corruptions involved in the POSCO project.

POSCO claimed to have spent R329.15 crore for the proposed Project. We want to know where and how POSCO has spent these money. We are strongly demanding a CBI enquiry to find out the details of expenses and how much money has been used to bribe the politicians and bureaucrats.

It's not quite unknown that the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh himself has been keen to see the project gets necessary clearance. The manner in which the final clearance came shows that the PM and the Environment Minister could go to any extent in disregarding the legislations passed by Parliament (FRA) and resolutions by sovereign Palli Sabha to accommodate the interest of South Korean Company-POSCO. It is now confirmed that for the sovereignty of India is at peril till Manmohan Singh, Jairam Ramesh and Naveen Patnaik (Chief Minister of Odisha) like people are holding top positions.

Jairam Ramesh's statement about 'faith and trust in federalism' confirmed the collusion between the centre and the state against its own people. At this juncture, we appeal to all citizens to write condemnation letters to PMO, Environment Minister and Chief Minister of Odisha, and protect the rights and sovereign will of the people of India. Otherwise the day that the country is divided piece by piece by corporate cartels' to serve their greed won't be very far away, and the governments by then would have completely lost their credibility and legitimacy.

We will soon decide the future course of our democratic struggle to thwart POSCO from entering our area to protect our land and livelihoods.

Kindly circulate the appeal widely.

*In Solidarity,
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CPI (Maoist) Statements

Unite And Fight Against Price-rise, Scams And State Terror! Make Success Country-wide Protests From 4 to 6 February And Bharat Bandh on February 7

January 15, 2010

The latest addition to the already long-list of sufferings of the people of our country is the new rise in food inflation to 18.5 percent with prices touching the sky. On top of this petrol prices have been hiked (Rs 2.50 per litre) from the midnight of 15 January which would again lead to more price-rise in all items particularly in food items. The life of 'Aam Aadmi' would become even more miserable with the prices of onion, *mirchi*, *atta*, pulses, vegetables soaring. Though price-rises have become an integral part of our life since decades, this kind of price-rise in the conditions where more than 90 percent of the workforce is employed in unorganized sector and where 83 percent of the people live on less than 20 rupees daily income, the connotations are grave and disturbing. Add to it the continuous loss of employment of even white collar jobs of the middle classes due to the world wide economic crisis and the picture which emerges is even bleaker.

It is one thing to put up with this. But how should one also put up with the most inhuman, cruel, insensitive and callous statement of the person in the highest post in our country, that too a person who is supposed to administer this country efficiently so that the lives of the people turn for better? While the people and particularly the children of this country are dying in their lakhs each year just due to lack of food and nutrition, this person had the audacity to declare that the present price-rise is due to the increase in food consumption of the poor people! This is the zenith of shamelessness one can ever reach. It is not our fault if this sounds like an echo of what an equally if not a more barefaced person named Mr. Bush (Junior) said some days back accusing the people of countries like China and India of consuming more, leading to a crisis! At least one could understand the contempt a President of the imperialist country (US), the number one enemy of the world people, would have for the people of third world countries. But Mr. Manmohan Singh! You have out stepped all the limits of decency and humanity in expressing such contempt for the people of the country you are supposed to lead. The blood of every patriot boils and the face of every citizen burns with indignity to

hear this from the high offices of this country. Surely our beloved country and its dignified people do not deserve this shabby treatment.

It is under the aegis of this Prime Minister that a Mukesh Ambani builds a *Mahal* worth 3,500 crores, ministers function on a daily basis from five-star hotels, trillions of rupees are guzzled in scams by every single person who is even a bit of somebody in his parliament or his administrative mechanism and army/police/forest services (the 1,76,000 crore 2G Spectrum scam is still fresh in public memory) not to mention their billions of dollars stacked away safely in Swiss banks! All the future trading, hoarding, black marketing, faulty PDS which have become the trademark of the 'independent' India have all been brazenly pushed aside as the possible reasons for this appalling inflation rate and the poor people who are breaking their backs in conditions which can be compared to the medieval times (again a fallout of the LPG policies gifted to us since 1991 by this reliable servant of IMF and World Bank) and are not even able to have one square meal in a day have become the culprits. Wah ! Great Economics indeed, worth a Nobel Prize! This is not just a cruel joke on the poor people of our country (whom he doesn't represent at all) but also an unabashed attempt to cover up the scams and hoarding of the richie rich people of our country and the imperialist countries (whom he represents so well) and to divert the attention of the people from the actual causes of inflation and burning problems at present.

What is the actual condition prevailing? On the one hand, people are tragically suffering with this price-rise while on the other hand a new scam is rising on the horizon along with the sun every day. The price-rise is closely linked with the scam-rises of the ministers and high-rises of the comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie along with the rise in their bank accounts in the Swiss banks. (Remember? India refuses to reveal the names of those persons who have amassed billion of dollars in these banks?) The recent 2G Spectrum scam has exposed the back door deals of the big players of the corporate world, ministers and hi-fi media people while the series of

scams which came to light have uncovered the brash pillage by all the parliamentary parties of the resources rightfully belonging to the people. The BJP which had stalled the proceedings of the Parliament for a whole session with the demand of instituting a JPC on 2G Spectrum scam is desperately trying to masquerade as a 'clean party' hiding its own set of scams, one of the major of these happening in Karnataka under BJP Chief Minister Yedyurappa. The close relations which Congress and BJP, including the leader of opposition Ms. Sushma Swaraj have with the notorious mining mafia bosses Reddy brothers are well documented. There is another purpose too. With Aseemanand singing in police custody and the unearthing of other evidences, the direct involvement of the saffron terrorists in the Samjhauta Express, Malegaon and Mecca Masjid blasts stands exposed and the JPC probe demand and the uproar about price-rise are aimed at diverting the attention of the people from the heinous criminals involved in those blasts. The UPA government dumped A. Raja, of course after lot of hullabaloo due to inescapable evidence implicating him, in the 2G spectrum scam in order to save the skin of the Prime Minister and Sonia who are the directors of this sky-scraping scam and without whose involvement such a spectacle would be impossible. The names of highest level ranking generals in the army have also come up in scams not to mention the bureaucrats. The mother of all scams but which is not so visible is the stockpiling of thousands of crores of rupees by the likes of Naveen Patnaik, Raman Singh, YSR (now dead), Yedyurappa, Nitish Kumar, Narendra Modi, Vilasrao Deshmukh and Ashok Chavan in the form of commissions earned through the MoUs they are signing with the MNCs and imperialists. YSR had alone earned nearly 60,000 crores of rupees in his term as CM and one can imagine how many billions of rupees of the hard earned money of the common people is filling the coffers of all these super gangsters.

The people of our country are not sitting quite while these scamsters and gangsters are pillaging our wealth. In every corner of our country people are agitating at various levels and in different forms against corruption, all kinds of anti-people policies, price-rise and loot of natural resources. Of all these resistances, the most organized and militant struggle is waged by our party the CPI (Maoist). That is why it was named the biggest internal security threat by the Sonia-Manmohan-Chidabaram gang and an unprecedented countrywide multi-pronged offensive was launched on it in the name of Operation Green Hunt (OGH). The intensification of the anti-people,

pro-imperialist policies which give rise to scams and price-rise and the repression on CPI (Maoist) are directly proportional and this became particularly obvious in the past two months. The Prime Minister and Home Minister are conducting series of meetings to crush the Maoist movement and in the latest meeting held in January first week with higher level officers of police and paramilitary forces of six states, they laid emphasis on synergy between intelligence agencies, paramilitary and the police. This insistence on synergy is not an innocent proposal but is aimed at perpetrating more massacres, mopping up campaigns and clearing the *adivasis* and Maoists from the forests. Some more billions of rupees were allotted for this War on People.

In West Bengal, the social fascist CPM in collusion with the central government has increased the number of camps to 140 in Jangal Mahal and Lalgah and filled them with police, paramilitary and its own counter-revolutionary Harnad Bahini goons, with an eye on the upcoming elections. That the ongoing atrocities and repression on the people of these areas would increase is anybody's guess and the massacre by CPM/Harnad cadres of eight people and injuring many more in Lalgah area in the first week of January are an indication of the terrible things in store. On December 3, 2010, the police arrested the West Bengal state secretary of our party Com. Sudeep Chongdar, state committee members Kalpana Maiti, Barun Sur, Anil Ghosh and some other comrades while another state committee member Com. Dwijen Hembram was arrested earlier. They were cruelly tortured and false cases were foisted on them. Particularly, the insulting and inhuman treatment meted out to Com. Kalpana is denigrating the dignity of a woman.

In Bihar and Jharkhand arrests, tortures, barbarous attacks and murders of Maoist cadres are continuing. In Andhra Pradesh despite the claims of the ruling classes that they have suppressed the Maoists, fake encounters and attacks on the people haven't stopped. On 17 December, 2010, in an encounter in Visakhapatnam district four comrades including three women were killed. People fighting against seizure of their lands for SEZs, thermal power plants and for a separate Telangana state are being fired upon indiscriminately.

In an unprecedented severe offensive on Maoist areas in Odisha in the past two months nearly 25 Maoist cadres and ordinary people were killed and most of these 'encounters' were fake. Five Maoists in Kalinganagar area on January 2, nine Maoists in Niyamgiri area on January 9 and two Maoists in

Keonjhar area on January 12 were killed in so-called encounters. Right in the beginning of this year two villagers were killed in cold-blood in Bargarh district and the police claimed it was an encounter.

On 8 October, in Savargaon of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra (Dandakaranya), the ITBP forces had fired mortars shells on a school leading to the death of 6 people including two school children and injuries to eight more. On the next day on 9 October, in a fierce encounter in Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh (CG) six comrades were martyred and the police killed two innocent villagers mercilessly in the same incident. On 23 November, the CRPF had massacred nine villagers near Jegurugonda in Dantewada district. The CG government is suppressing dissent in the most reactionary manner by arresting democratic intellectuals, putting them in jails and pronouncing harsh punishments on them. The recent conviction of CPI (Maoist) Politburo member Narayan Sanyal, Human Rights activist Dr. Binayak Sen, trader Piyush Guha and editor-writer Asit Sengupta is a blatant example of this. Though this offensive is obviously directed against the Maoists, in reality this is directed against all those individuals and organizations that are resisting the

policies of the government.

Beloved people of India!

This is not the time to cry over the depths of despair and degradation the ruling classes are forcing us into. The need of the hour is for all the people to come together and fight back the anti-people, repressive and pro-imperialist policies of the state and to direct our fight against scamsters, hoarders, black marketeers and forces of the repressive state.

Our Central Committee appeals to all the people to observe protests from 4 to 5 February and one-day Bharat bandh on 7 February against price-rise, scams and state terror. We are making it clear that there would be no bandh during the protest days and that Bharat bandh would be observed in six states – West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and three districts in Maharashtra – Gadchiroli, Gondia, Chandrapur and one district in Madhya Pradesh – Balaghat. Medical services and people attending examinations and interviews will be excluded from the bandh activities.

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Condemn the war of occupation on Libya by US-France-Britain!

Express solidarity to the people of countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, Algeria, Morocco and Jordan who are fighting for democracy and independence!

Oppose the intervention of imperialists, particularly of US, Britain and France in the internal matters of Arab countries!

March 31, 2011

For the past few weeks, the people's upsurges in Arab world are shaking the imperialists, particularly US imperialists while at the same time greatly influencing the people of the world. Starting from Tunisia this spread to many Arab countries. Ben Ali, the President of Tunisia who has been suppressing the people of Tunisia since 23 years and Hosni Mubarak, who was ruling Egypt since 30 years had to step down and run away dreading these mass upsurges. The mass movements in countries like Yemen, Bahrain, Algeria, Morocco, Jordan etc are ongoing in the same vein. The Arab population is demanding with one voice that their rulers who have been carrying on dictatorial rules since decades colluding with the imperialists should step down. Lakhs

of Arab people, particularly the youth are defying ban orders and are pouring into the streets. Streets and squares have become seas of masses for weeks together. Hundreds have laid down their lives and thousands were injured in the crackdown by the governments. But now with the war on Libya by NATO countries led by US, the entire Arab world phenomena took a crucial turn.

In the name of stopping Libya from using its armed forces to suppress the rebels opposing Qaddafi's rule, the Security Council made the 'No fly zone' resolution. The NATO countries led by US voted in favor of the resolution while Russia, China, Germany, Brazil and India abstained from voting. Nor did the ones with Veto power use it to stop this

resolution. Obviously these countries had indirectly condoned the military action by not opposing the resolution. The Manmohan Singh government is deceiving the people of India and the world by shedding crocodile tears in the aftermath of the attacks without even caring to condemn the attacks formally. US which had never condemned the arbitrary killings of Palestinians carried out by the Zionist Israel umpteen number of times by confining dozens of UN resolutions to the dustbin and which had used its Veto power for Israel most indiscriminately and other western powers have immediately started bombing Libya as soon as the UN resolution was made. On the very first day of this attack which is said to be part of an international campaign, 18 bomber jets belonging to France had rained at least 40 bombs on several targets. The US and Britain navies have targeted the security systems in Libya and have launched missiles. 18 Air Force B-2 war planes of US launched more than a hundred missiles on Libya and bombed several targets. In this war launched in the name of preventing massacres that could be perpetuated by Qaddafi forces, hundreds of civilians have lost their lives. Nothing could be more callous than asking the world people to believe that the value of the lives (deaths) of the Libyans change according to which bombs took their lives! The very media houses which have been relaying badly twisted news items supporting this NATO war on Libya hiding the facts on the ground had to admit that in the first attacks many children had died. They have once again nakedly displayed their class nature in the reportage of this one-sided war.

The UN which calls itself a neutral organization has once again proved itself to be a puppet in the hands of imperialist countries like US, Britain, France etc. Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon is behaving like their poodle. In the inhuman attacks on Gaza launched by Israel in December 2008, nearly 1,417 Palestinians (most of them women and children) lost their lives and many thousands of them were injured; Israel illegally used white phosphorus on the Gaza people and many of them became cancer patients due to this; it used F-16 bombers and resorted to 'targeted killings' and virtually made 15 lakhs of Gaza people live in conditions of an open jail without even drinking water or electricity – but all these were not enough for the UN to make a no-fly-zone resolution. The neo-Nazi Rajapakse government launched a genocidal war on Tamils to decimate LTTE and rained tonnes of bombs on residential areas and civilian targets and had killed 20,000 Tamils just in the last two days of the war; the atrocities committed by the Sinhala chauvinist army on the captured women tigers not

sparing even their dead bodies have horrified the world – but the UN did nothing. In the past quarter of a century the Indian government through its army had crushed to death more than 80,000 Kashmiris under its iron heel – but the UN could not be woken from its slumber. And now the UN wants the world people to believe that this war on Libya is indeed being fought to protect the Libyans from Qaddafi forces. Shame on it! There is not even one instance where it had acted for the interests of the oppressed nations or the people while we can quote dozens of instances where it had jumped to save the US, Israel or other western countries' interests even if there is so much of a scratch.

The war on Libya defies the very spirit of the no-fly-zone resolution of the UN too. In the name of implementing the UN resolution made to prevent Libyan planes from bombing the rebels US, Britain and France are indiscriminately bombing Libya. This is nothing but a war of occupation. The real motive is to oust Qaddafi and replace him with their favorable ruling clique and loot the oil resources there. Nobody is so innocent as to believe that Obama is bombing Libya to protect Libyan rebels while he had sent Saudi Arabian troops into Bahrain through the back door to suppress the people's rebellion there. This blood-thirsty 'Nobel Peace Prize Laureate' who is killing hundreds of innocents in drone attacks in Afghanistan and western Pakistan has no moral right to utter even the words 'lives of innocents'. The western countries which never bothered about the lives of people when the armed forces of the dictators of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan etc, whom they had been supporting all these years, fired upon people killing them in scores are now bent upon dethroning Qaddafi – mind you, not for any selfish interests but 'to save the Libyans'. Unadulterated imperialist hypocrisy!

Ben Ali of Tunisia, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen, Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain and King Abdullah of Jordan are the dictatorial rulers who have been suppressing the people of their countries since decades colluding with the western imperialists, particularly the US imperialists. The façade of democracy and elections in these countries can be gauged from the fantastic statistics that Ben Ali always got 97 to 99 percent of the votes?! There was no semblance of any democratic or civil rights. The police and intelligence departments were developed to monstrous proportions and they had been controlling the lives of people suppressing even an iota of dissent. Unemployment is on the rampage. Yemen alone has 40% unemployment. On the other hand the rulers are amassing immense wealth due to the rich oil resources there. Countless billions of

dollars are stashed away in foreign banks. The world was astonished to find that Ben Ali had actually carried one and half tonne of gold physically with him while running away. Tip of an ‘oilberg’? The ill-effects of the worldwide financial crises on the Arab people since 2008 are as severe as in any other part of the world. More than half the population there is living on less than two dollars a day. These dictators are spending people’s money indiscriminately in the ‘War on terror’ launched by US in the name of suppressing Al Qaeda. Yemen started a counter-terrorist training programme with 750 millions of dollars. Such misuse of people’s exchequer while cutting subsidies on essential services etc earned the wrath of the people. All these years the imperialists have stood in support of all the exploitation, oppression and repressive measures of these dictatorships on the people of their countries and have been cashing in on the several contradictions between various religions, tribes, nationalities and between sects like Shias and Sunnis. Now seeing the scale of the upsurges the imperialists have decided to trade new horses getting rid of the old ones. They made Ben Ali and Mubarak step down and had the power transferred to the military generals. In other countries the western powers are still supporting the dictators. The 22 nation Arab League is behaving like a stooge of the western powers in this entire episode and is neither displaying any shades of Arab nationalism nor giving voice to the anti-imperialist aspirations of the Arab people.

Only those rulers who fulfill the democratic aspirations of the people and unite them and oppose imperialism unequivocally can defend and preserve the independence and sovereignty of their countries. Any ruler, whether it is Qaddafi or any other, who resorts to autocratic rule over his people can never fight imperialism uncompromisingly. He can never unite people against imperialism.

The imperialists have been resorting to many conspiracies and scheming right from the beginning to establish their authority in West Asia and North Africa which are home to immense oil resources. They have stood in support of the dictators who bent their knees and preserved imperialist interests. If they think that he is a hindrance to their interests they are not hesitating to ‘use and throw’.

Call of CPI (Maoist) to the Arab people

The Arab people should continue their agitations against dictators and imperialists with great determination. They should firmly oppose the attempts of imperialists, particularly US, Britain and France to hijack their movements. They should stay alert

towards the military councils which came to power in place of the dictators. We are cautioning the whole Arab population not to get deceived by believing that the military generals who had all along supported the dictators would now guarantee democracy. All the anti-imperialist, democratic, patriotic sections including workers, peasants and middle classes should unite. The only path before the Arab population is to fight uncompromisingly with imperialism under the leadership of the proletariat. The recent phenomena in the Arab world has once again proven clearly that guidance of Marxist ideology and leadership of the vanguard of the proletariat, i.e. of a revolutionary communist party are inevitable for the true liberation of the oppressed masses. The namesake independences won by these countries from colonialism has given way to neo-colonial exploitation resulting in unbearable living conditions and the Arab people are direct victims of this since the past 40-50 years. If the Arab people have to win real independence then they have to stand on their own legs, destroy neo-colonialism and fight imperialism firmly. They should fight a united war against US, Britain and France imperialists who are waging an unjust war on Libya. CPI (Maoist) is hopeful that the struggles against the comprador bureaucratic rulers supported by the imperialists would definitely grow into determined resistance struggles against imperialists, against their intervention and against the unjust wars imposed by them. Only then could the Arab world be liberated from the clutches of dictators and imperialists.

Call of the CPI (Maoist) to the people of India and the world

The upsurges of the Arab people for freedom and democracy are entirely just struggles. Though there are some reactionaries like religious chauvinists among the agitators, these movements are democratic and progressive. Express solidarity to these movements. Condemn with one voice the unjust war imposed on Libya by the Western imperialists and the intervention of the imperialists in the Arab world.

- **Stop immediately the unjust war on Libya by NATO forces led by US!**
- **The imperialists have no right to intervene in the internal matters of Libya!**
- **Expose the interventionist policies of imperialists, particularly of US, Britain and France in the Arab world!**
- **Support the just people’s movements in the Arab countries!**

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Boycott the assembly polls in the five states!

Intensify the People's War to establish the People's Democratic State by uprooting the present semi-feudal and semi-colonial system of exploitation, oppression, corruption, violence, atrocities and insults!

April 05, 2011

The farce of assembly polls in the five states of Assam, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Pondichery and West Bengal is on. While the people of our country are facing corruption, price rise, poverty, hunger, unemployment, loot of resources, displacement, destruction of ecology etc, all the parliamentary parties are oblivious to these life and death problems of the people and are engaged in a severe violence filled contest to capture power by hook or crook. Apart from the main exploiting classes' parties of Congress and BJP who are in the forefront in implementing the imperialist-dictated economic policies, other ruling class parties like the CPM which is implementing fascist rule in West Bengal since 30 years, the DMK and AIDMK that are notorious for their corruption and malpractices, the Assam Gana Parishad which shamelessly betrayed the national aspirations of the Assam people are mainly in the race. They are indiscriminately using money power, muscle power, identities like caste, religion etc and are vying with each other for votes. All kinds of cheap tricks are being used like wooing the voters with everything under the sun from sarees to computers. Millions of rupees are poured down the drain just to 'buy votes'.

For the past 30 long years, CPM has been carrying on a social fascist rule in West Bengal in support of the feudal, imperialist and comprador bureaucratic capitalist exploitation and has been completely exposed before the people. For the sake of comprador capitalists like Tata, Jindal etc and for the sake of SEZs the fertile lands of peasantry were sought to be seized. The cruel repression, the inhuman massacres and the atrocities on women perpetrated by the state police, central paramilitary forces and the goonda force of CPM, the 'Harmad Bahini' on the militant peasantry of Nandigram and Singur who opposed seizure of their lands and the heroic people of Lalgadh who rose in an upsurge against police atrocities will remain a permanent blot in the history. Parties like the CPI and Forward Block which are sharing power with the CPM as part of Left block are getting exposed with each day for their bankruptcy of continuing with the CPM in all the anti-people

policies it is taking up. The Trinamool Congress under Mamta Banerji's leadership is cashing in on the dissatisfaction and the hatred among all sections of the people towards CPM and came to the fore as a strong contender for power. So now the CPM is facing the danger of losing its power. Whatever Mamta Banerjee may promise today, once in power her rule is not going to be basically any different from that of the CPM. It is very clear that her rule in alliance with Congress would be a continuation of the pro-feudal, pro-corporate and anti-people policies implemented by all ruling class parties including the CPM till date. Along with Congress, BJP and CPM, Trinamool Congress is also a party which represents the interests of the feudal and comprador bureaucratic capitalist classes, bending its knees before the imperialists. So the only way before the people of Bengal is to boycott these sham elections and to build militant people's struggles while keeping the Maoist People's War at the core with the inspiration of the glorious struggle spirit of the Lalgadh people. The real alternative is to expand more militantly and in a more organized manner the alternative people's political power which came to the fore in an embryonic form as a result of the historic Lalgadh movement.

Using their power in the state and in the UPA alliance at the centre Tamilnadu Chief Minister Karunanidhi, A. Raja and his other bandit coterie have resorted to scams swindling billions of rupees and are now spending millions of rupees to come to power again. Karunanidhi granted permissions to nearly 70 SEZs and gave away thousands of hectares of prime land to MNCs. The living conditions of the peasantry and workers are worsening. More than 25,000 workers were retrenched in the past two years in Tirupur which resulted in the suicides of more than a thousand garment workers. AIADMK under Jayalalitha's leadership is trying to come to power by hook or crook utilizing the dissatisfaction among the people towards DMK. However the people of Tamilnadu are more than aware that she is also a notorious bandit who hoarded billions of rupees misusing power. DMK and AIADMK who do not tire of focusing themselves as the champions of the

Tamil cause have indirectly supported the massacres of Tamils and the unjust war waged by the Sinhala chauvinist Rajapakse government in Srilanka with the support of India, China and US with the aim of decimating LTTE. Rejecting these two parties and other parties which are in cohorts with them and intensifying mass movements and revolutionary struggles is the only alternative in front of the Tamilnadu people.

The ruling Left Front in Kerala is bogged down in several corruption scams and earned the ire of the people by fulfilling the interests of the corporate classes. Using this situation the UDF under the Congress leadership is leaving no stone unturned to come to power. The AGP which had a past history of waging struggles representing the national aspirations of the Assam People has completely betrayed the cause and is now vying for power in the state. This party was hand in glove with Congress in suppressing the just national struggles of ULFA, Bodos etc.

Particularly, in the past few years many corruption scams have come to light and the real face of the political system of our country is getting exposed. It became crystal clear through the recent 2G Spectrum scam how the ministers of all parties, leaders, corporate bosses and media barons have colluded to amass billions of rupees. On the other hand, with the aim of suppressing the various sections of people, people's movements and revolutionary movements that are waging struggles on various people's issues, repressive campaigns are launched deploying security forces. Fascist laws are formulated and the people and revolutionaries are jailed for years together without any trial. Harsh punishments are pronounced. All the rights which are supposed to be granted by the constitution are curbed including the right to live.

The central government had deployed more than 800 companies of paramilitary forces for the 'smooth conducting' (read violence, atrocities, firings on people, arrests and rigging) of elections. It is worth noting that out of these, more than 600 companies are for West Bengal alone where the Maoist movement is relatively stronger. Long before the elections, CPM had deployed thousands of armed goons belonging to its goonda army Harmad Bahini in the villages, particularly in dozens of villages in the Jungle Mahal area. These armed goons and Joint Forces have already been perpetrating countless unspeakable brutal atrocities and violent acts on the masses. This means that all preparations have been completed to herd the people into polling booths pointing barrels of their guns at their backs and for

unprecedented mammoth rigging. Particularly in West Bengal CPM readied itself to perpetrate huge scale violence to continue in power at any cost.

It has been proven beyond doubt in the past 64 years history of so-called independent India that any party or alliance in power or any party or alliance which wants to come to power is only fulfilling the interests of the feudal, comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and the imperialists and not that of the 95 percent of the population constituting workers, peasants, employees, students, women, dalit, adivasi and other oppressed classes/sections in our country. The election process is itself a big sham. It is a farce conducted to strengthen the rule of the exploiting classes. Only the color of the ruling alliance or the party it represents changes with these elections but nothing changes basically in the system. None of the fundamental problems of hunger, poverty, unemployment, price rises etc can get solved through this. Money is spent for getting elected, it is the moneybags which sit in the parliament/assemblies and rule us and it is they again who amass wealth which is many times over what they spent to get elected. The increasing number of criminals who are accused of murders, kidnaps, rapes and such abominable crimes in all the parties contending in elections is an indication of their true nature. That is why our party makes it clear that the parliament and assemblies are nothing but 'pigsties'. Without uprooting this whole rotten system the lives of people can never improve. Successfully completing the New Democratic Revolution and building a People's Democratic State of all oppressed sections on the basis of worker-peasant unity is the real alternative before the people of our country. Our Central Committee is issuing a call to the people to rally into the People's War waged under the leadership of our party.

Beloved People of Our Country !

Boycott the assembly polls in five states! A country which calls itself a 'democracy' should honor the right not to vote along with the right to vote. We must fight against curbing of this right. We must raise our voices against herding people into polling booths pointing guns at their heads. Reject the fake parliamentary democracy rotten with corruption and scams. Welcome the alternative people's democratic political power which is being established at a basic level in Dandakaranya, Bihar-Jharkhand, Odisha, Bengal and other places under our party's leadership and come forward to establish people's power in all four corners of our country.

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Intensify Mass Struggles To Put An End To Institutionalized Corruption!

13 April, 2011

In recent times, corruption has once again come to the forefront as a main issue with the exposure of massive scams like 2G spectrum, Commonwealth games, Adarsh housing society, Karnataka land scams, S-Band spectrum scam. Workers, peasants, adivasis, dalits, women, and urban middle class - all classes and sections of the society are expressing their deep discontent and anguish. Recently we saw great support to the hunger strike of Anna Hazare, which is the direct consequence of the widespread discontent in the people against corruption, corrupt political parties and their leaders. Though the demand for hunger strike is Jan Lokpal Bill, the aspiration of the people is to completely wipe out corruption.

It would be innocence, if anyone feels that by setting up a committee to frame Lokpal bill and by selecting half of the committee members from civil society would itself find a solution. In fact, lack of rules and laws is not the cause for endless and deep-ridden corruption. Way back from jeep scam, Lockheed's airplane deal to late Rajiv Gandhi's Bofors deals, our country has seen many a scams starting from a few million rupees to trillions of rupees. Not only main parliamentary parties like Congress and BJP, leaders and ministers of all other national and regional parliamentary parties like RJD, BSP, SP, DMK, AIADMK, TDP and hand in glove beurocrats have a long history of corrupt practices. By proper implementation of the existing laws in the country and by the proper functioning of anti-corruption wings, scams like these can be prevented to a great extent and those responsible for these can be severely punished. In the last 64 years history of 'independent' India, we don't find a single incidence, where corrupt politicians, ministers, heads of corporate houses and beauraucrats have been punished. Due to pressure from people or opposition parties, even if arrested in some rare cases, by prolonging investigation and diluting of the charges, they get scot-free without any stringent punishment or with nominal punishment. This is because; the judiciary of this country is also an inseparable part of this exploitative state machinery. None can be under the illusion to end corruption through these laws and court rooms.

We have to first realize that corruption is not an issue confined to a handful of bad or greedy individuals. The root cause of all these corruptions

and scams lies in the capitalist system whose sole motto is cut-throat profiteering. In spite of preaching liberty, freedom and democratic values, in practice it's based on intense labor exploitation, bribery, commissions, kickbacks etc. Hence ending of corruptions and scams is an issue which is linked with the revolutionary transformation of present system. It would be illusionary to expect a complete solution to this by bringing in few fine laws while keeping this semi-feudal and semi-colonial system in our country intact.

In fact, the scams that have not surfaced are many times more compared to the ones that have surfaced. For example late chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Rajasekhar Reddy, present chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh, Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik, chief ministers of Jharkhand Madhu Koda, Shibu Soren and Arjun Mundas, Karnataka chief minister Yediyurappa and likes, by signing agreements with mining mafia and big companies have amassed huge commissions amounting to tens of billions of rupees is being exposed even in the media. LPG policies being pursued by the governments have opened the floodgates for rampant corruption, huge scams and massive plunder of natural wealth of our country. Hence, without unequivocally opposing imperialist-dictated anti-people government policies and without focusing mass struggles against these, just speaking and hoping to wipe out corruption is to mislead people.

Anna Hazare ended his fast with the government's decision to form a committee to frame Lokpal bill. But justice is not meted out to the people who are aspiring to put an end to corruption. In fact, government accepted this demand not in fear of Anna Hazare's fast, but to pacify people's anguish that came forth in support to his fast. It is noteworthy that ruling classes accepted to this demand only because any numbers of laws like these in no way affect the present system.

The Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) welcomes countrywide response of the people against corruption. Our Party believes that only through the united, well-organized and militant mass struggles, corruption can be put to an end. Our Party calls upon the people of our country not to get satisfied by the namesake laws and forming new committees to frame

such laws by the government and not to end these struggles, but to continue with firm conviction. We call upon workers, peasants, students, intellectuals, employees, pro-people Gandhians and all other patriotic forces to come forward and to form a broad alliance to fight against corruption which has affected our country. Our Party appeals to raise voice against

all these thieves and dacoits who are involved in endless corruption, scams and plunder and who have stashed trillions of rupees of black money in Swiss banks, have no right to be in power even for a moment.

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Condemn police firings and arrests of people agitating against Jaitapur nuclear power plant!

Fight for scrapping of all proposed nuclear power plants in the country including Jaitapur plant!

28 April, 2011

On April 18, 2011 police fired on people agitating against the planned 9,900 MW Jaitapur nuclear power plant and killed Tabrez Soyekar (32), an anti-nuclear activist belonging to Nate village and the sole breadwinner of his family. Eight other demonstrators were seriously injured. Protestors attacked and damaged a hospital to prevent a government autopsy on the dead body as they believed the government would not conduct an impartial autopsy. The four year old agitation which intensified after the nuclear disaster at Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan had gained enough first hand experience of the government's callousness to believe so.

Coldly ignoring the increasing protests and not bothering to compensate or reassure the victims, the Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh and the Maharashtra government (the spineless pet dogs of imperialists) restated their intention to go ahead with the construction of the 'world's largest nuclear power complex' with six reactors. In fact, the above protest was against this very stand of the government to build the nuclear power park 'come what may', deliberately unmindful of the Fukushima tragedy.

Nearly 100 people and eminent activists from all parts of India (Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh) who gathered to participate in the national anti nuclear yatra planned from Tarapur, the First Nuclear power plant in India to Jaitapur from 23rd to 25th April were detained illegally by the Police. In fact, after Fukushima there were a spate of protests – both new and as a continuation of already ongoing agitations – against nuclear power plants in all corners of the country especially in Haryana, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, if only our stone-deaf rulers would

care to hear.

The nuclear plant site covers the five villages of Madban, Nivel, Karel, Mithgavane, and Sakhari Nate, in an earthquake-prone region of Jaitapur in Ratnagiri district, Maharashtra and 968 hectares of land was cleared for acquisition. A total of 2,400 families were affected by this land acquisition. The plant affects the livelihood of 40,000 people which includes about 16,000 people dependent on fishing.

While many countries are rethinking about their nuclear programs after Fukushima, the government of India is hell-bent on implementing its nuclear program. Hiding the fact that India's reactors are considered to be the most inefficient and dangerous in the world, some anti-people scientists of India are misleading the people by utterly lying that India's safety standards are the better than Japan's! Jairam Ramesh who till now masqueraded as a pro-environmentalist minister came out with his true pro-corporate face claiming there is no alternative to nuclear power mimicking Manmohan Singh who bent over backwards to sign the Indo-US nuclear deal, disbursing billions of rupees given in bribes by the nuclear companies to buy votes. While the whole world is thinking about and trying out various alternative energy sources he has the audacity to say that there is no alternative as if all of us Indians are dumb enough to believe this trash. Everything would be possible if the basic electricity needs (domestic, industrial and agricultural) are to be fulfilled. But in a country where the monthly electricity bill of Mukesh Ambani is nearly 71 lakhs of rupees, where day and night cricket matches are played with utter disregard to the electricity consumed while on the other hand farmers weighed down by the agrarian crises they

cannot escape, one of the reasons of which is lack of electricity, are committing suicides and millions of people are living without even a dimly lit electric bulb in their homes, one can only imagine about whose or what energy needs the Minister is talking about. The hundreds of MoUs signed by the comprador central and state governments to mine the rich resources in the vast rural and forest tracts of India and to build various industrial plants require enormous amounts of electricity and it is this need of the corporate MNCs that is driving the likes of Jairam and Manmohan crazy to construct power plants in spite of immense protests from the people. The issue of lives and livelihoods of the people or the ecology of this country which the protestors are raising mean nothing to them and the only solution they know is to treat them like a 'law and order' problem.

Moreover, we would never know (unless another Wiki 'leak' surfaces) how much our comprador rulers had been paid in kickbacks from notorious corporations like the Areva (belonging to France) from whom we are importing reactors while even pro-nuclear countries like USA and UK too have refused to give design clearance to them. Not a single Evolutionary Pressurized Reactor (EPR) has either been built or safe-tested till now anywhere in the world which makes them the most unreliable and unsafe option but our rulers with their lickspittle servility to their imperialist masters are scurrying to purchase them without in the least bothered about the human or ecological costs.

Fukushima disaster affected lakhs of people and the deadly radiation would last for tens of thousands of years. Independent European medical experts have estimated that more than 4 lakh people will suffer from cancer in the coming decades in the region 200 kms from the reactor and the radioactive contamination from the plant has spread all over the world. Four lakh people were evacuated after the Chernobyl accident that happened 25 years ago while many millions continue to live in contaminated conditions constantly living in fear that they could develop cancer anytime and that even their great grandchildren may be born with severe birth defects. Nearly ten lakh people have already died due to its delayed health effects and the number will continue to increase. If there is a major accident at Jaitapur, the entire Ratnagiri district will have to be evacuated, permanently, and entire Western Maharashtra, including Pune and Mumbai would be radioactively contaminated for tens of thousands of years.

The Konkan people of Jaitapur who are well aware of all these consequences, more so after

Fukushima are waging a determined struggle against the nuclear plant. The government unleashed a brutal repressive campaign (lathi-charges, promulgating Section 144 and Section 37 (3) prohibiting different kinds of assembly, beatings, indiscriminate arrests, registering of false cases (including one for an attempt to murder!) against hundreds of activists and now police firings) to crush the struggle. Leading activists of the area have been issued externment notices from Ratnagiri district with Narayan Rane even threatening that they would not return alive from the district if they dare to enter it! The police even informed the media that Jaitapur agitation is being closely watched for 'possible links with naxalites', using an already-exposed intimidatory tactic. Eminent citizens from the region who have supported the struggle have been barred from entering the district. But all these and more could not cow down the Jaitapur agitation which is soon becoming another symbol of unflinching struggles raging across India on various burning livelihood issues.

The Shiv Sena which kept quiet during the four-year period that the agitation was raging on has now entered the agitation seeing an opportunity to regain the ground it has lost in Konkan after Narayan Rane defected. The politically aware people of Jaitapur must not allow these opportunists who said Enron would be thrown into the Arabian Sea and did a volte-face after they came to power, to hijack their genuine struggle for their self-interests. The CPM which projected itself as the champion of nuclear deal issue is seen nowhere in the scene consolidating against the government's choice of nuclear power as the only option. In AP opposition parties like TDP are shedding crocodile tears when villagers protesting power plants are killed in police firings but they would be no different once they are in power as they had proved the previous times they were in power. While a broad based struggle uniting all kinds of forces which oppose the nuclear power plants is to be consciously built up the people should stay alert to various kinds of ploys to divert the struggle from the actual issue for vested interests or vote-bank politics.

CPI (Maoist) demands that all proposed nuclear power plants in India including the Jaitapur nuclear park should be scrapped. It strongly condemns the strong arm tactics employed by the government to suppress the just struggle of the Konkan people to preserve their lives and ecology from imminent dangers of a nuclear power plant. It is demanding a judicial probe into the firings on 18th April and immediate action against the officers and officials who ordered the firing. All false cases, illegal

externment orders and banishments of anti-nuclear activists should be withdrawn. In fact, the people of Ratnagiri should declare that it is the likes of Narayan Ranesh who are hell-bent on selling the resource-rich Konkan coastline to the imperialists and destructing their livelihoods have no right to enter the area and not the anti-nuclear activists who are selflessly fighting for them.

Let us declare that the people of this country alone have the right to decide what kind of development or energy resources they need and not the corrupt politicians who behave like loyal servants of the imperialist MNCs. Let us stand in firm support of the anti-nuclear plant struggle of the militant Konkan people and build a country-wide campaign against the unsafe, harmful nuclear power option pushed by the ruling classes. As the Ratnagiri people have declared – let us not allow the sacrifices of Tabrezs to go in vain.

Our country is at present witnessing a deluge of

militant struggles in all four corners on various issues with Jal, Jungle and Jameen, genuine democracy, progress and self-reliance at the core. People are carrying on these struggles (some of them since many years) peacefully and militantly without stepping back even in the face of severe repression. All these struggles are drawing inspiration from one another too. The need of the hour is for all these struggles to stand in firm solidarity and support to one another and unite on a common platform to fight the imperialists, Indian big corporate sharks and feudal lords which are implementing all these anti-people policies and repressing the fighting masses. A broad, united and militant movement of all the fighting masses of India can alone save this country and people from the dark pits of destitution these enemies of the people are scheming to throw us into.

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**War-monger, butcher and blood-thirsty Obama and
not Osama is the No.1 global terrorist
threatening world peace!**

**US imperialism and not Al Qaeda is the gravest global threat
not only to the entire oppressed nations
and people of the world but also to the US citizens!**

**Condemn the brutal murder of Osama Bin Laden
in a covert operation by the global gendarme CIA!**

4 May, 2011

On May 2, the US imperialists murdered Osama Bin Laden, the leader of Al Qaeda by attacking with helicopters the building where he was staying in Abbottabad in Pakistan. US overstepped the sovereignty of Pakistan by directly conducting this operation without even informing the Pakistan government about it. They jammed the radars of Pakistan, entered its skies with four helicopters and attacked the building and finished the operation ‘with surgical precision’. One woman and two men in the building were also killed and it is said that Osama’s wife was also injured in the attack. Their child seems to have escaped death only by chance in this forty minute operation. The Obama administration was callous beyond words even towards the dead body of Osama. They did not hand over the body to his

family members but threw it into the Arabian Sea! This was done to rub salt into the wounds as they very well know how insulting and outraging it would be to the muslims all over the world.

As soon as Obama gleefully announced the death of the Al Qaeda leader, the fascists-in-arms of US government – the heads of imperialist countries and their minion rulers in the third world scrambled to describe this as a great victory in the global War on Terror. The comprador Indian ruling classes jumped at the chance to take potshots at Pakistan for sheltering such a ‘dangerous man’ on its soil. Not a word of condemnation about the one-sided attack on a SAARC nation conducted without any regard to its sovereignty. Not a question about what the US war-machinery was doing on the soil of the sub-

continent in the first place. The response of the Indian compradors is not really surprising given their record of overt and covert support to most of the aggressive wars and interventions of imperialists (particularly that of US and NATO) in the third world violating their sovereignty in umpteen number of ways and given their own servility to the US imperialists.

The arm-twisting and coercing of Pakistan government by the US 'to get its cooperation' in its so-called war on terror ever since the NATO attack on Afghanistan in 2001 has been increasing with each passing day and Pakistan has become an extended backyard of US in this war. This operation is just the most glaring instance of the rampage of the belligerent bully as this is but in continuation of the numerous unchallenged interventions by it in Pakistan, especially in the past decade. The kowtowing of the Pakistan's comprador rulers is so complete that even after such an offensive action, the Pakistan government is not even unequivocally condemning the attack done leaving to wind all international norms. It was only after widespread agitations all over Pakistan pushed it to the corner did it whimper inaudibly that this attack was illegal and carried on without its knowledge. The Master says 'So what, I won't apologize' and the servant shuts his mouth. Again not really surprising when we look at its record of tail-wagging total submission to the US imperialists. No. 1 global terrorist Obama day in and day out bombs Pakistani tribal (Pashtun) areas and kills hundreds of Pakistani citizens (mostly women and children) in the countless drone attacks. Scores of trigger-happy future Raymond Davises roam impudently in the streets of Pakistan baying for the blood of ordinary Pakistani citizens. But the shameless, spineless Pakistani ruling classes are jostling to lay red carpets soaked with the blood of Pakistanis for this murderous 'Nobel Peace prize winner.'

Ever since the 9/11 attacks allegedly conducted by Al Qaeda under the leadership of Osama Bin Laden, the US imperialists under the leadership of the then president George W. Bush have launched a vicious anti-Muslim tirade all over the globe and launched occupation wars against Afghanistan and Iraq. Millions of ordinary people have died or were crippled in these unjust wars not to speak of the appalling horrors faced by women and children. In the name of War on Terror, Muslims all over the world were targeted and subjected to innumerable horrors. Al Qaeda was shown as the face of this 'terrorism' and Osama was portrayed as the number one enemy of the US and the world and given a larger-than-life

image. Al Qaeda was inflated as the monster behind every terrorist attack in an attempt to justify all kinds of atrocities on Muslims. A man-hunt was launched for Osama and other leaders of Al Qaeda and billions of dollars were spent on the so-called War on Terror. Puppet regimes were installed in Afghanistan and Iraq and Pakistan almost resembles a colony now. The juggernaut of War on Terror continues to run amok among the Muslim populations crushing millions under its feet.

It has been proven many times in history that killing one leader can never end an organization without eliminating the root causes, which are imperialist super exploitation, oppression, intervention and insult in this case, which gave birth to it in the first place. The deep anger and frustration of the Muslim people against the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists and Zionist Israel is finding expression in many ways and Al Qaeda is one of them. The upsurges in the Arab World are another expression of this fury - both against their despotic rulers and against imperialism. Some of the methods employed by organizations like Al Qaeda in their fight against imperialism are harming the ordinary citizens and deserve to be condemned when lives of innocents are lost. But we should not take them out of context and see them as the acts of some mindless people who 'just hate America' as the US government wants its citizens to believe. **If there were no imperialist interventions and wars of occupation then there would be no Al Qaeda. If there were no slaughterers like Bushes and Obamas there would be no Osamas.**

CPI (Maoist) calls upon the people of the world to condemn the brutal murder of Osama Bin Laden by the US imperialists. It demands that all kinds of attacks on Muslims in the name of 'War on Terror' be stopped immediately.

CPI (Maoist) firmly reiterates that Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is the only ideology that can end all kinds of exploitation and oppression in the world. Only under the leadership of the proletariat and its communist party can the oppressed nations and peoples crushed under tyrants, bourgeois dictatorships going by the name of 'democracies' and imperialism achieve their complete liberation. Any number of acts of Al Qaeda or any other organization like Al Qaeda cannot win them freedom or sovereignty from the occupation and intervention of imperialists. The upsurges in the Arab World including the struggle of Palestinian people and the unrelenting fight and sacrifices of their organizations would go nowhere unless they get consolidated into People's Wars

against imperialism, feudalism and comprador bureaucratic capitalism in their countries.

CPI (Maoist) calls upon all the oppressed nations and peoples of the world to unitedly fight back the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists, who unjustly launched the so-called War on Terror targeting the Muslim populations all over the world. **We appeal to the US citizens to realize that it is the brutal imperialist policies followed by their rulers in third world countries that are endangering the lives of US citizens and not so-called terrorists; that it is the capitalist economic system which is leading to financial crises again and again affecting their well-being or rendering them unemployed and not immigrants. We appeal to the people of US to raise their voice and fight our common enemy on his home turf. Supporting the just struggles of the people oppressed by the rulers of your country would also pave the path for your own liberation. We sincerely hope that the struggles of the working class and people in imperialist countries, including US, against monopoly capital and that**

of the oppressed nations and peoples of the third world would unite and turn into a mighty storm which would ultimately destroy our common enemy.

CPI (Maoist) particularly calls upon the people of South-Asia to raise their voices against the brutality of the NATO forces led by the US in Afghanistan and Pakistan and demand their withdrawal immediately. Support the struggles of Pakistani people against the attacks of US imperialists on their soil and their struggle for freedom from imperialist coercion and intervention.

Let us realize that US imperialism is the No.1 enemy of the world people threatening world peace, sovereignty of the third world countries and their progress. Let us fight back the imperialists and their compradors in our countries for a life free of exploitation and oppression, for a life to be lived with dignity and raised heads.

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**Release the Maoist leaders arrested in Bihar unconditionally!
Make success the 'Bharat Bandh' on May 21 and 22
against the arrests of CPI (Maoist) Central Committee members,
the ongoing unjust war on the people waged by
the ruling clique of the country
and the brutal repression of Uttar Pradesh peasants!**

11 May, 2011

On April 29, the central and the state intelligence agencies of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh etc conducted a well-planned attack and arrested seven persons including three CC members of our party from Barsoi village in Katihar district of Bihar. Among those arrested are CC members Comrade Pulendu Sekhar Mukherji alias Saheb da, Varanasi Subrahmanyam alias Vimal alias Srikanth, Vijay Kumar Arya alias Jaspalji, Comrade Abhimanyu alias Umesh Yadav – the secretary of the Uttar Bihar-Uttar Pradesh Regional Bureau under the Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee, Nokhelal Choudhury, Syamji Rushi and house-owner Anirudh Ravidas. The APSIB notorious for hunting and killing revolutionaries has been following the movements of Comrade Subrahmanyam since some months. In end July last year, he narrowly escaped being caught

by them. When our comrades met for a meeting, the Bihar STF officers arrested them on information provided by the central-state intelligence agencies.

67 year old veteran Maoist leader Comrade Pulendu Sekhar Mukherji known as Saheb da, Gagan da and Akash da in the party has been leading the revolutionary movement since 45 years. Born in Kolkata city, he left his higher studies and joined the revolutionary struggle with the inspiration of Naxalbari and dedicated his whole life for the advance of people's war. In his long revolutionary career, he strove to build revolutionary movement in various states including Bengal and put substantial efforts for the unity of communist organizations and genuine revolutionaries. Though suffering severely from asthma, ulcer and other ailments he is carrying on his responsibilities with great spirit.

Comrade Subrahmanyam known as Vimal among the AP cadres and famous as Srikanth among the party ranks all over the country, completed his higher studies from Andhra University in Visakhapatnam and entered revolutionary activities. In the 1970s he led the Radical Students Union, Radical Youth League and Singareni Karmika Samakhya. Responding to the call of the party he went to North India and put great efforts in building revolutionary movement in many states there. He worked day and night at various levels and in various spheres in spite of his severe ill-health.

Comrade Jaspalji well-known among the Bihar masses as Vijay Kumar Arya played a crucial role in the revolutionary movement leading the peasantry and the cultural field. For more than three decades he led the revolutionary movement in various spheres and areas and built mass movements.

Indian intelligence agencies which were trained by foreign intelligence agencies like CIA and Mossad notorious for their infinite cruelty are hunting senior comrades leading the revolutionary movement and catching them. In fact, it is the CIA and FBI of US which are running the intelligence agencies in our country. In the past two years the intelligence agencies murdered comrades Patel Sudhakar, Sakhamuri Appa Rao and Azad among the top leaders who were caught. Some more central and state level leadership comrades were arrested and put in jails. False cases were foisted on them in various states and they are left to rot in jails without granting bail for many years. False witnesses are summoned and harsh punishments and life sentences are pronounced basing on such testimonies. The women leaders and activists are particularly subjected to inhuman physical and mental torture. Comrades like Sushil Roy, Sheela didi, Narayan Sanyal, Kobad Gandhi and Amitabh Bagchi who are suffering from serious ailments are harassed by denying them health care.

The imperialists are intensifying the exploitation of resources in backward countries to come out of the severe crises faced by the world economy. They are threatening those countries which do not cater to their interests. If they do not heed bombs are dropped and unjust wars are launched against them. The Indian feudal, comprador bourgeoisie ruling classes even while denying that there is any effect of the crisis on the country's economy are getting bogged down in it with each passing day. They are opening the doors of the economy to imperialist exploitation and are implementing neo-liberal policies with impunity. The central and state governments have signed MoUs worth billions of rupees with several MNCs and are

selling the natural resources of our country. Lands are forcefully grabbed from the people in the name of SEZs, nuclear and thermal power plants, big dams, express highways, wildlife sanctuaries etc. While destroying forests, water, land and ecology on the whole they are rendering the people and particularly the adivasis homeless. Hiding behind these policies the ministers, chief ministers and bureaucracy are resorting to scams on a huge scale and stashing away billions of rupees in Swiss banks and rendering the lives of workers, peasantry, employees and middle classes unbearable. While the Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis, Jindals, Mittals, Mahindras, Ruiyas, Neko Jaiswals and Sun networks are amassing wealth worth trillions of rupees, 77 percent of the country's population is living on less than 20 rupees a day. The people of our country are caught in a whirlpool of problems like starvation deaths, price rises, unemployment, displacement, diseases and malnutrition. Lakhs of police and paramilitary is deployed by the ruling classes against those who question this situation and fight against it to suppress them under the iron heel. Black laws are enacted crushing underneath their feet democratic and civil rights. Billions of rupees are poured down the drain to sharpen the fangs of the repressive machine to suppress the people.

The ruling classes which realized that the huge discontent and anger erupting against the ruling classes is strengthening the Maoist movement have launched the well-planned campaign that 'Maoist movement is the biggest internal security to the country'. They are portraying the Maoist movement as violent and the Maoist party as a terrorist organization and is carrying on a malicious propaganda campaign on a large scale. To continue their pro-imperialist policies and to completely decimate the Maoist party which they think is the biggest hurdle for the loot of resources they have launched the most fascist offensive in the name of 'Operation Green Hunt' particularly since two years. This offensive which even has the avowed aim of destroying the alternative people's power developing at various levels in the Maoist movement areas has been intensified since January 2011 and now they are calling it 'Operation Green Hunt - 2'. As part of this, the police, paramilitary forces, Special Forces and the counter-revolutionary vigilante gangs launched by them have intensified fake encounters, indiscriminate killings, burning of villages, loot, atrocities on women, arrests and tortures. They are making full preparations to deploy army in Chhattisgarh and are on their way to grab 800 sq. kms of land in Maad. In Maad and on the borders of Chhattisgarh and Odisha two army training centres

are coming up. Apart from making preparations to establish an Air-Force base they have given permission to the Air-Force to conduct attacks in 'self-defence'.

In Chintalnar area of Dandakaranya between 11 and 16 of March, 350 Cobra commandos, Koya commandos and hundreds of STF forces descended on Morpalli, Timmapuram and Tadimetla villages, created havoc and razed to the ground 300 houses. Thousands of quintals of food grains were burnt. Every home was looted. Three villagers were shot dead, two went missing, five women were gang raped and nearly 50 villagers were severely tortured. Democrats who went to inquire into this, media persons who went to report this and social activists who were taking relief material to the victims were attacked by the Salwa Judum goons and not allowed to enter the area at the behest of fascist chief minister Raman Singh, the running dogs of the ruling classes DGP Viswaranjan, Bastar IG Longkumer and Dantewada SSP Kalluri. In the background of the furor which rocked the state and country on this atrocity, Raman Singh was forced to visit Tadimetla village. Even while he was speaking at the meeting, the Koya commandos went on a rampage once again and looted fifteen houses, beat some villagers and raped a woman in the same village. This is the level of fascist terror being unleashed in Chhattisgarh today. These kinds of attacks are being conducted regularly in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra too. Moreover secret killer gangs are encouraged to attack and kill mass organization activists and party activists. They are told to particularly target women activists – to rape and kill them. On April 19, 14 year old boy Rajnu was killed in cold blood in Chinari village and a fake encounter story was circulated. These are just recent examples of the severe repressive campaign unleashed on a daily basis in Dandakaranya.

On March 14, six Maoists including three women were killed by the police in East Champaran district of Bihar. Some more were arrested. The Jharkhand government is deploying thousands of police and paramilitary forces with the aim of annihilating Maoist leadership and is carrying on offensives. Indiscriminate arrests are continuing. Fascist attacks are conducted on people fighting against displacement and forceful evictions from land. In Odisha the comprador Naveen Patnaik government carried on fake encounters all over the state and killed more than 25 Maoists, anti-mining activists and ordinary people within four months. The fact that there is a 12 year old girl Janga and some more teenage girls among the dead bares the brutal face of the Patnaik regime.

With the aim of continuing their fascist rule of the past 34 years at any cost, the CPM government in West Bengal intensified its attacks on people and the Maoists. It is resorting to massacres and the most appalling atrocities using police, paramilitary and its goonda force of Harnad Bahini. Arrested Maoist leaders, particularly women, are being treated in the most inhuman manner. Recently WB police severely attacked the political prisoners who were striking against the horrible conditions in the Medinipur jail. The AP government which claims to have decimated the Maoist movement in the state is going on increasing its police forces on a large scale. It intensified its hunt for Maoist leaders. It is suppressing the people fighting for separate Telangana. Its leaders are being attacked by state-sponsored black gangs. The Maharashtra government is continuing the campaign of repression in the adivasi movement areas, is arresting Maoist leaders and democrats in the urban areas and foisting false cases on them.

This fascist onslaught is not just aimed at the Maoist movement. The oppressive ruling classes have been resorting to fascist repression against every democratic movement. Last month, on 18th, police had indiscriminately fired at the people of Jaitapur area in Maharashtra who were agitating against the proposed nuclear power plant killing one protester named Tabrez. And now, the police forces are brutally suppressing the agitating peasants of Uttar Pradesh who are opposing to give away their lands for proposed Express Highway to be built from Greater Noida to Agra. At least two peasants were killed and many people were injured when the police force resorted to beatings and firings. People of Bhatta-Parsaul and nearby villages boldly resisted the police rampage in which two policemen were also killed and some others including few officers were injured. Next day people of Agra and Aligarh also intensified their agitation and resisted the highhandedness of the police. Taking this as a pretext, fascist Mayawati government has resorted to severe repression on the peasants of Uttar Pradesh. Laying siege upon the villages, it is inflicting inhuman atrocities upon the villagers.

Beloved People! Democrats! Patriots!

The above fascist repressive measures and the arrests of Maoist leaders are part of the War on People waged by the ruling clique of Sonia-Manmohan-Chidambaram with the support of the imperialists in the name of OGH. We must see this political repression, massacres and attack on civil rights in the context of the repercussions of the severe crisis faced by the world capitalism on all the spheres

in our society. It is part of a conspiracy to carry on their pro-imperialist, anti-people policies unchallenged by completely destroying the Maoist revolutionary movement. It is a historical truth that repression leads to resistance. The daydreams of Sonia-Manmohan-Chidambaram ruling clique that they would be able to suppress mass movements and revolutionary movements through arrests, murders and repressive campaigns are bound to end in a nightmare. The feudal and comprador bureaucratic bourgeois ruling classes and imperialists who control them are the biggest enemies to the development of our country, self-reliance, sovereignty and people's welfare. Our Central Committee is calling upon the people to join in huge numbers in the People's War waged by our party and in the New Democratic Revolution conducted with the aim of completely eliminating these people's enemies. Our CC is appealing to all civil rights activists, intellectuals, democrats and those who wish for peace talks to visit our movement areas and see with your own eyes the inhuman atrocities and massacres perpetrated by the state here. It is requesting you to place before the people of this country the facts about the fascist state violence unleashed on adivasis - the poorest of the poor - in the heart of this country which calls itself 'the largest democracy'.

Our CC is calling upon the people and the democrats to condemn these arrests, massacres, destruction, loot, atrocities, foul propaganda,

fascization of the state, forceful land acquisitions and black laws like UAPA and to fight unitedly against all these. It is demanding that the arrested Maoist leaders be released unconditionally and immediately. The only way before us is to fight back unitedly and militantly the fascist state terror and our CC is calling upon the people to come forward bravely to resist this. It is clearly stating that only by intensifying the people's resistance movement ongoing under the leadership of our party and PLGA and by getting mobilized into it in thousands and lakhs can we defeat this offensive.

Our CC is appealing to the people to make success the 48 hour 'Bharat Bandh' to be observed on May 21-22 protesting the arrests of Maoist leaders and against the war on people by the ruling clique and against the ongoing repression of Uttar Pradesh peasants. This bandh would be mainly observed in six states – Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; in three districts of Maharashtra – Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Gondia; in the border districts of Uttar Pradesh adjoining Bihar and in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh. There will be protests in various forms in other states. Emergency services like health care, examinations of students and interviews are exempted from the bandh.

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**Deployment Of Army In The Name Of Training Schools Puts
The Very Existence Of The Aborigines and Inhabitants Of Bastar In Peril!
Forest Belongs To The Indigenous People (*Mulvasis*) –
The Government Doesn't Have Any Right Over Even An Inch Of It!
Indian Army GO BACK – Do Not Kill Your Own Citizens!**

4 June, 2011

While the Bastar adivasi peasants are readying themselves for the monsoons to till their lands so that they can feed their children and families throughout the year – unknown to them, silently and stealthily the central and state governments have completed the preparations for another kind of monsoons. These 'monsoons' do not rain droplets of water but bullets and shells, rockets and cannon balls and would irrigate their lands with the blood of children, women and men – young and old. These 'monsoons' promise a lifelong peace and prosperity. Peace it would – as peaceful as a graveyard could be and lifelong as their longing for life would come to an end. Of course, prosperity it would be – for the imperialists, their

running dogs - the ruling classes of India, the corporate vultures, the MNC sharks, the great Indian extended family of the comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie i.e., the chief ministers, ministers, MLAs, MPs, IAS, IPS, IFS, bureaucrats etc as now they could lay their greedy hands on the immense wealth buried under this graveyard.

The home ministry says it wants to 'clear, hold and build' in the 'Maoist areas.' In our country words have long ago ceased to have their original meaning, for which they were created in the first place. Here is the new lexicon– 'clear' means massacres, mopping up or complete destruction of everything, 'hold' means a war of occupation and 'build' means

absolute loot of people's resources. All this ultimately results in reducing the people to a slave like existence complete with absolute surrender to the imperialist slave-owners and this has got its own word – 'development'. And it is not just words, even institutions have changed their 'supposed duties' in our country (into their 'actual duties' for which they were created, in fact) – the government doesn't look after the welfare of the people – it bends over backwards and crawls on its fours to protect the interests of those who exploit them; the judiciary doesn't protect the rights of the people – it shows admirable adroitness in finding ways to deny them; the police think they are the 'law' and that 'ordering around' restores it; and the Indian Army with impeccable acumen finds 'enemies' in the dilapidated huts of poor adivasis, in the empty granaries of the bankrupt peasants or in the stench-filled *bastis* of workers and of course in every nook corner of Kashmir and North-East.

In the first week of June, a thousand-men strong iron heeled column marched its way to Bastar – physically that is. Because the Indian Army has been breathing down the necks of Bastar people in many more indirect ways since almost a decade. It has been an integral part of all the counter-insurgency operation plans formulated against the Maoists and has been training the mercenaries who do that job in hundreds. In just Narayanpur the land to be allotted for the Army (training school) amounts to 750 sq.kms while the talk is about three training schools and in three districts (Narayanpur, Bastar and Bilaspur). This is not counting the previous allotments to army and air-force.

'Oh, no, don't mistake us, all this is just for the training school, the army won't enter into operations against Maoists, it is just to gain a psychological advantage over the Maoists, to tell them – 'see a lion is sitting at your door!' says the army. And pray – may the humble citizens ask His Excellency Herr Manmohan what this 'training' is for as it is he who with great insight discovered that Maoists were the biggest internal security threat? Who are you trying to fool? Only a fool would believe that this lion just sits there and roars instead of pouncing on us. Don't forget, this is a man-eater on the prowl which has tasted human blood in Kashmir and North-East. Let us be very clear – this training is nothing else but counter-insurgency training 'to fight the guerilla like a guerilla.' Unable to contain the armed resistance of the most deprived people of Central and Eastern India through their police and paramilitary, the ruling classes of our country have now turned to the army whom they have been 'grooming' exactly for such purposes (read for wars on people). What is the need for another 'training school' when there are already

so many? And more importantly, why in Central India?

It is as clear as daylight – it is no doubt a training school but it doesn't stop with training, as soon as a batch finishes training it would be ready with its boots and helmets, guns and grenades on to be sent off to its destination to fight the Maoists, and it doesn't cater just to Chhattisgarh but also to Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Western Ghats, West Bengal, Odisha and last but not least Andhra Pradesh. That explains the location of it.

Following the policy of 'draining the water to catch the fish', the central and state governments, with the close guidance of their mentors – the US imperialists - are implementing the 'Low Intensity Conflict' (LIC) strategy, applying it 'creatively' to the concrete conditions in India. This can be in such 'indigenous forms' like - in preparation for the deployment of army and 'draining water' – now Maad adivasis do not get to buy rice anywhere nearby their dwellings. They get them only from towns (and only in such quantities so that the Maoists do not take some rice from them) from shops which are actually police camps. Even the namesake schools from the hamlets are being shifted to pucca buildings on the road-side and would exist in the name of that hamlet which would be at least 60 to 100 kms away. Next the army would step in and 'clear' the forest of all inhabitants and herd them off to strategic hamlets which are a euphemism for concentration camps. At the higher level, the recent hobnobbing exercises of Indian and US ruling classes for 'helping each other' in Homeland Security were done in preparation for the crueler phase of this War on People – the Phase Two of the Operation Green Hunt as it is being called.

No people in this world without a land to claim as their own could wage battles against their enemies. The ruling classes know this truth more than anybody else and this is exactly what they are planning to do. In the name of training schools it is occupying thousands of square kilometers of land and in the name of strategic hamlets it is rendering the adivasis and forest dwellers homeless and everybody knows that forest IS their home. So, revolutionaries, democrats, civil rights activists and particularly the adivasi organizations must realize the whole conspiracy behind the smokescreen of army training schools. It is the need of the hour to assert loudly that Jal, Jungle and Jameen belongs to the indigenous people (*Mulvasis*) of Bastar, who represent one of the most ancient inhabitants of the world and to the *Mulvasis* of Central and Eastern India.

True, the government must be questioned about land acquisition, throwing to wind all laws and regulations it has promulgated for adivasi areas (5th schedule, PESA, Forest Rights act etc). Though

posing a direct question about its not following its own rules is necessary, one must be careful not to give it legitimacy to occupy the forest 'if it follows its rules'. In fact, a conspiracy is under way in the name of land acquisition act to hand over the land of the peasants in a 'legal' manner to the corporates. It would not result in any peaceful transfer of land from one hand to another but would remain a naked land-grabbing act which would never be implemented without shedding the blood of the peasants and without destroying their livelihoods. The first and foremost thing to be done is to declare that forest belongs to the *Mulvasis* and that they do not have any 'elder brother' named 'government' with whom they should share it!

As our party has been consistently saying and as even all genuine democrats have been expounding - all these operation green hunts and clear-hold-build policies are meant to loot the immense mineral wealth and other natural resources in Central and Eastern India. And for this they do not care if a whole community or a civilization is wiped out; it would just be a 'collateral damage' as taught by their ex-boss 'Bush' or their current master 'Obama'.

The Central Committee of CPI (Maoist) calls upon the people of Bastar and Chhattisgarh to fight back the Indian Army as they had been fighting back the police, paramilitary and vigilante gangs like Salwa Judum to protect their lives and livelihoods, to secure the future of their children and to save their mother forest and one of the most ancient cultures of this world of which they are the proud inheritors.

Let the slogans – **Forest belongs to the *Mulvasis* - Not an inch of it to the Sonias-Manmohans-Chidambarams and Raman Singhs, not to blood-sucking land grabbers masquerading as chief ministers and ministers, not to MNCs, not to Indian corporate sharks, not to mining mafias** – reverberate in every corner of Central and Eastern India. Mobilize to the very last member in the family – children and elders, young and old, women and men with the slogan – **Indian Army Go Back, do not kill your own citizens.**

We have seen many offensives, but this new offensive using the army puts the very existence of the aborigines and inhabitants of the forests in Central and Eastern India in peril. It is a question of life and death. If we let them prevail, the consequences would be very bleak and may lead to many decades of dark years. Sacrifices and acts of bravery are not new to us. It is a specific characteristic of our history of struggle against colonial rule that the most consistent, continuous, militant armed struggles against the British colonialists were waged by the adivasis of this country. And some of the most glorious chapters in it belong to the Santhals and Bastar adivasis during the

Santhal rebellions and Mahan Bhumkal of 1910 respectively. It is this struggle legacy from our fore fathers and mothers which we have to evoke now if we have to save everything that is precious to us, everything that is dear to our heart – everything that makes us breathe free. So let us fight the enemies of the people to the end. Let us fight back everything which seeks to reduce us to a slave-like existence in the name of 'development'.

We appeal to all the revolutionary, democratic and patriotic organizations and particularly the adivasi organizations in India and abroad to raise your voice against the deployment of army in Central and Eastern India and do everything in your means to expose, to fight back and stop this war of the Indian government on its own citizens.

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need is felt more than ever at this juncture when the Indian state has launched a multi-pronged country-wide war on the people to facilitate the indiscriminate loot of the natural resources of our country. The oppressed people of India, particularly the Adivasis would never forget the services rendered by Prof RS Rao and would always fondly remember this gentle, soft-spoken intellectual who was always scathing in his critique of the ruling class policies.

CC, CPI (Maoist) on behalf of the whole revolutionary camp sends its deepest condolences to Bharatigaaru, family, friends, colleagues in the various revolutionary and other mass organizations and appeals to them to propagate his writings and the values he upheld in his life so that they can be emulated by the younger generations who seek to liberate our country. The support extended by intellectuals like RS Rao for the revolutionary movement plays a crucial role in its survival and development and our party warmly remembers all support and solidarity extended by such writers and intellectuals. The real homage one could pay to RS Rao would be to follow the ideals and values he had propagated and followed in his life, to continue the study of the production relations of our country with a sound Marxist viewpoint in order to change them and to stand firmly with the movements which aim to liberate our country from the shackles of feudalism, comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and imperialism. Our party sees the efforts of all such intellectuals as part of the whole effort for a new democratic India. We appeal to all the friends and colleagues of RS Rao to continue his efforts and ideals to fulfill his dream of genuine democracy and development for the people.

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Oppose the Raoghat railway line and the mining project which would de-rail the very existence of *Bastariya* people!

Claim of saving Bhilai Steel Plant is nothing but trickery!

**Ensuring the plunder of Bastar's wealth
by multinational companies is reality!!**

June 7, 2011

The moment when the process of deploying the Army in Bastar is just underway, the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), one of the biggest Public Sector Units of India, has declared that the Raoghat mines would be privatized. These two acts not just coincided, but there was a conspiratorial coordination between them. Raoghat hills are located just 25 kilometers away from Narayanpur (in Maad region), a district headquarter town, where the Raman Singh government of Chhattisgarh has given permission to the Army to acquire 750 square kilometers (i.e. 185,250+ acres) of land. Now so many notorious MNCs will rush into this area to rob the iron ore which is known for its best quality. From one side, the Army and from other side, the corporate companies are trying to gulp down the whole Maad region which is the motherland of *Mariya* and *Gond* adivasis, the primitive tribal communities of Bastar.

In 2006, before the Raoghat project is commenced, some accusations were made against the management of BSP that it had illicitly leased out some of the deposits of Raoghat mines to Tata and NECO companies. People believed strongly that the BSP management was acting as paw in the hands of big business houses such as Tata, Essar, Jindal, NECO etc. But then it had cleverly managed it and stated that there was no such thing. But of late, the chairperson of the SAIL, Chandrashekhar Verma himself has declared that they are going to privatize Raoghat mines and global tenders would be invited for this. (Source: Hindi daily *Dainik Bhaskar*, May 24, 2011). With this, now the game of hide-and-seek is over! Intentions of the exploitative governments are very clear! With the neo-liberal policies dictated by the imperialist masters getting implemented so openly, the MNCs would capture not just Raoghat mines; they would even buy the BSP or buy the SAIL itself. The recent examples of POSCO, Vedanta etc. of other states also clearly indicate this trend.

It's believed that Raoghat hills are having 7.4

billion tonnes of iron ore which is known for finest quality with 62 percent Fe grade. BSP is supposed to excavate 511 million tonnes of iron ore. Construction of Dalli-Raoghat-Jagdarpur railway line is underway for this purpose. Government has already started grabbing the lands forcefully from the peasants between Dalli and Raoghat. But it's facing stiff resistance from the local people.

This project in fact is an old one. In 1992, government was forced to give up this project due to massive protests of people. In Antagarh, ten thousand adivasis had taken a massive procession to register their strong opposition to the proposed mining project. But the state had responded with repressive methods as always happens. A police camp was set up on the top of these hills. That camp is still present there. Our Party has been actively supporting this just struggle.

Local people are opposing this project because 3,278 hectares of forests would completely be destroyed with this. Apart from this, large portions of adjoining forests would also be destroyed. River Mendhki and so many other streams flowing through the region would get polluted. The farming will be destroyed so much that it is difficult to quantify. Local people see these mountains as their cultural centers and ritual faith. After the opening up of the mines these will be buried for ever. Many environmentalists believe that environment and monsoon from the perspective of Bastar, Raoghat Mountains are extremely important. With Raoghat mining project the existence of 23 villages will immediately be endangered. Further, 13 villages of adivasis might be uprooted in Chargaon area, next to this mine proposed by a private company of NECO Jaiswaals. (And now if you add the proposed massive acquisition of land by the Army - bloated 750 square kilometers - you can't imagine that the existence of how many villages is going to disappear!)

On the issue of where to setup township for the

proposed mines, an ugly tussle is going on amongst the business classes of Narayanpur and Antagarh. These selfish people do not worry at all about how many villages will be destroyed, how many thousands of tribals will be displaced, how much forest will be cut, how many rivers will be polluted and to what extent the tribal culture will be destroyed, when the mining work is started in this region. Overall, they don't bother about the oncoming destruction in this region. They are supporting the government's false claims of 'Bastar development' because they think that their own business will grow with this at the price of whatsoever.

Government still makes the argument in support of railway line and mine that the digging up of Raoghat mines is necessary as the mines of Dalli Rajhara which are supplying the raw material to the Bhilai steel plant are going to end up. It's making dubious propaganda that if the mining will not start in Raoghat, BSP could be stopped due to the scarcity of raw material, threatening the future of the thousands of BSP workers. Thus, such an environment is created that anybody dares to oppose Raoghat mine will immediately be labeled as 'anti-development'. In fact, in the guise of this promotion, the government and administration have put a veil over many realities.

Dalli town today is in a position of almost desolation only because of the wrong policies of the BSP, particularly of indiscriminate mechanization. All rivers and streams of this area have been badly polluted. In Dalli and several surrounding villages, as red dirt coming from mines and roads turned on to the fields of farming, and the farming has been fully destroyed. In Dalli where 16 thousand workers used to work earlier, today the number has decreased drastically to 1200. Can the businessmen of Narayanpur and Antagarh and the contractors sitting in Raipur and Jagdalpur give the guarantee that after 20-25 years this region will not become another Dalli?

If the government is really worried that the 'BSP will be closed if it won't get raw materials supply', then why doesn't it stop selling iron ore of Bailadilla mines to the multinational companies of Japan, China and Korea? In fact, many sponge iron factories in Raipur and Bhilai have been closed down due to lack of iron ore supplies. They appealed to the government several times for supply of raw material from Bailadilla for them and to stop selling the iron ore to foreign companies. Doesn't this prove that the interests of big and foreign capitalists are paramount

for the spineless rulers of our country? Isn't the government's "concern" about the future of BSP workers just a pose? Isn't this just a ploy being adopted to deal with the opposition putting up against the proposed Raoghat mine?

We urge all the workers, employees and other people who are concerned with the future of the BSP, that they should recognize who actually is a threat to the BSP. In 1960s, when the Bhilai steel plant was founded, the annual production was 1.5 million tonnes and the number of workers was 95 thousand. Today, the production has been increased to 4.5 million tonnes, but the number of workers is reduced to less than 37 thousand. Contracting, mechanization and partial privatization process are in full swing in BSP. Many facilities for workers have been taken back. New recruitment and compassionate appointment is closed. BSP is planning to increase the production to 7.5 million tonnes by 2012-13, taking up further modernization and expansion. This means even more layoffs and 'retirements' of workers will take place. And even there is a talk of selling out of BSP to Tatas, Mittals or Jindals! BALCO experience is before us. Overall, the policies of imperialist globalization which have been implemented by governments are responsible for this situation. So, you must fight against the anti-worker and pro-capitalist policies of the governments to protect the BSP. You should not fall prey to the designs of the ruling classes to inflict destruction to the *Jal-Jungle-Zameen* by opening mines in another area. You should fight against this too. Entire people of Dandakaranya will support your struggles.

Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee of Communist Party of India (Maoist) calls upon all the workers and farmers of Chhattisgarh and democratic and patriotic forces of our country to demand the closure of Raoghat project; to register their protest to mechanization, contracting and all other anti-worker policies being implemented in Bhilai steel plant and other industries; to demand to stop selling the high quality iron ore to the foreign companies from Bailadilla; to lend support to the people of Dandakaranya who are fighting for the right over their *Jal-Jungle-Zameen*; and to oppose the Army deployment in Bastar to suppress their just struggles.

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**Release Beloved Veteran Leader of Indian Revolution and Oppressed Masses
Comrade Jagdish Master (Bhupesh ji) Unconditionally!
Observe 'Bharat Bandh' on June 23 against the arrest of
Comrade Jagdish Master and the ongoing fascist oppression on
revolutionary movement unleashed by the exploitative ruling classes!**

June 13, 2011

Politburo member of CPI (Maoist) and one of the senior most leaders of Indian Revolution Comrade Bhupesh ji, who has been popular among the oppressed people of Bihar as 'Jagdish Master', was arrested by police on June 11 from Gurar area of Gaya district in Bihar. 72-year old veteran Comrade Bhupesh ji suffering from serious illness for ten years has been living among the people and inspiring them for struggles. Plainclothes goons of Bihar's and central intelligence wings caught him while he was trying to get medical treatment. By not producing him before any court of law even after 24 hours and inflicting various kinds of torture and harassment on him, these licensed killers have bluntly violated their own constitution and law whom they always claim to follow.

Comrade Jagdish Master, who is very popular among Party ranks as 'Comrade Bhupesh ji' is one of the important leaders who has strived to advance the revolutionary movement for almost four decades. He was attracted to revolutionary politics in the early 1970s while he was serving as a school teacher inspired by one of the Great Leaders of Indian Revolution and Martyr Comrade Kanhai Chatterjee. He started his revolutionary activities as a professional revolutionary since then. In Bihar which was notorious for feudal exploitation and barbaric attacks on oppressed caste masses by private armies of upper caste landlords, he led many mass struggles as a militant people's leader. By arresting him the neo-landlords like Nitish kumar and the ruling clique of Sonia-Manmohan-Chidambaram are trying to push Bihar peasantry once again into those dark years. Comrade Bhupesh ji was instrumental in seizing thousands of acres of land from the landlords and distributing them among the poor and landless peasants and thus enabling them to raise their heads with self-respect. The arrest of Comrade Bhupesh ji is a great shock to the people, revolutionary ranks and cadres for whom he has been an inspiration and a source of enthusiasm for his defiance of old age and severe ill-health and the way he led his entire life amidst the oppressed masses until his arrest.

Indian ruling classes have been viewing the Maoist movement as their biggest enemy and committing heinous acts of arresting and murdering its central and state leaders in fake encounters. Especially, as part of countrywide offensive named 'Operation Green Hunt' that has been going on for the last two years, they are on the one hand, eliminating the crucial leadership by targeting them and on the other hand, unleashing fascist repression in the struggle areas. This state offensive - OGH - has been continuing in the cruelest oppressive forms of Middle Ages and in utter fascist forms of Nazi kind such as massacring the unarmed people indiscriminately in the name of encounters, setting villages ablaze, raping women, destroying and looting the properties, beating severely, arresting and implicating false cases against people to make them languish in jails for years without trials and bails. The areas of revolutionary movement in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh states are crushed under the iron feet of police and paramilitary forces.

Since January 2011, as part of the second phase of OGH as it is being called, governments are on the one hand unleashing barbaric attacks on the villages and the people and on the other hand, resorting to fascist attacks on those writers, artists, democrats and human rights activists who dare to raise their voice against these attacks. Pronouncing life imprisonment to people's doctor and human rights activist Dr. Binayak Sen in Chhattisgarh; attacks on Swami Agnivesh and others who were trying to directly meet the victims of brutal state violence in Chintalnar area; issuing threats of imposing ban on PUCL; attacking and implicating in false cases writers and journalists; repression on people of Odisha who were agitating against the forceful acquisition of land by corporate companies; killings of anti-mining activists in fake encounters; police firings and killings of people in Bihar; police firings and atrocities on the people of Jharkhand who were agitating against the government's moves to evict the people from their

residential areas in the pretext of illegal encroachments; arrest and torturing magazine editor and mass organization activist Harbindar Singh Jalal by police in Punjab; arrest of Dalit movement activist and magazine editor Sudhir Dhawale in sedition case in Maharashtra; various forms of repression on people's movement for 'separate Telangana state' in Andhra Pradesh – all of these are just some of the recent glaring examples.

The Indian ruling classes who are hell-bent on giving away the country's precious wealth to imperialists and comprador corporate houses have now deployed the Indian Army in this unjust war with the aim of wiping out the Maoist movement whom they see as the biggest hurdle in their way. At present, the forces of the Indian Army have arrived in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh in the name of 'training'. The Indian Army which is supposed to be deployed in the borders of the country to fight the armies of enemy countries has now been deployed against the very people of this country in the heart of the country. The decision of the Raman Singh government to give away as much as 750 sq km land to the Army in the name of setting up of training schools would carve out almost one fifth of the Maad region displacing thousands of indigenous *Mariya* adivasi people. On the other hand, corporate companies have been moving into these areas with their projects of acquiring thousands of acres of land. Thus the conspiracies of displacing the people living in the areas of revolutionary movement by using brute force are on the high now.

Today, the corrupt political leaders, corporate bandits and big bureaucrats who have amassed hundreds and thousands of billions of rupees by virtue of vast scams and scandals are facing the people's wrath severely. Tens of millions of people are immensely suffering from serious problems such as price rise, starvation deaths, famine, diseases, displacement, plunder of resources etc. Unable to solve any of these basic problems, governments have unleashed fascist repressions and mass killings with the aim of suppressing the just movements of the people. They're arresting and killing the revolutionary leaders who have been striving hard for the people selflessly, dedicatedly and relentlessly. Comrade Bhupesh ji's arrest must be seen in this context.

The Central Committee of CPI (Maoist) calls upon the people of our country to observe 24-hour 'Bharath Bandh' on June 24 to protest the arrest of Comrade Bhupesh ji and the fascistic repression unleashed against the revolutionary movement by the ruling classes. This bandh would be mainly observed in six states – Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; in three districts of Maharashtra – Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Gondia; in the border districts of Uttar Pradesh adjoining Bihar and in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh. There will be protests in various forms in other states. Emergency services like health care, examinations of students and interviews are exempted from the bandh.

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Fight back the new state offensive in Chhattisgarh and Odisha as part of Operation Green Hunt – Phase II!

**Any fascist offensive aimed at looting this country is bound to be defeated
by the courageous resistance of the self-respecting people of India!**

June 15, 2011

On 14-06-2011 the Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram had a high level meeting with the chief ministers of Chhattisgarh and Odisha and announced a new brutal offensive in these two states to contain 'Left Wing Extremism (LWE)'. In the guise of his oft-repeated two-pronged mantra of 'development and police action', the HM promised full support of the centre for these states in their cruel offensive and egged them on to go ahead in full swing. Naveen Patnaik, the blood-thirsty CM of Odisha whose hands are already stained with the blood of hundreds of

people of Odisha offered as human sacrifices for this 'God of development' right from Kalinga Nagar to Niyamgiri is now asking for helicopters to bomb the hapless adivasis. Raman Singh who would perhaps go down in history as the saffron fascist who sounded the death knell for one of the most ancient inhabitants in the world in Bastar, tried to cover up his growing alarm at the increasing heroic armed resistance of the people in his state with high-sounding rhetoric on how to go about decimating Maoists. A few days back in the first week of June

(within a week of another meeting with the chief ministers of 'Maoist affected' states led by the PM and HM) an announcement had already been made by the AP and Odisha governments that a three-month long big offensive is ready to be launched on Andhra-Odisha Border region (AOB) to decimate the Maoists there. They announced that they would use modern technology and new methods and tactics of attacking utilizing 'water, air and land'. They said paratroopers may also be used. And now the whole country knows that the army had already been deployed in Chhattisgarh under the pretext of 'training'.

This announcement comes within days of the announcement of SAIL to privatize Raoghat mines in Bastar (Chhattisgarh). This comes within days of the stiff resistance of the Odisha people against the land grabbing of POSCO for 'the biggest foreign direct investment in India' (read 'one of the biggest attempts in history to grab the natural resources in India'). This also comes within days of a series of attacks by our PLGA (People's Liberation Guerilla Army) on the mercenary forces of the central and state governments in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra parts which constitute DK. The ruling classes concentrating on the borders of the states where the Maoist movement is strong and expanding so that there won't be any boundaries to their exploitation; so that they could expand their loot unbridled. (For example, between Odisha and Jharkhand; between West Bengal and Jharkhand; Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra; CG-AP-MR etc. previously) The relation between the cause and effect is obvious for all to see.

The actual reality is that this announcement comes in the backdrop of firm rejection by the people of India from North to South, from East to West and particularly in Central India of the 'development model' of the comprador ruling classes. The growing resistance to almost every country-selling and plundering 'development' project in throughout the country like in Bihar-Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, North-East etc is such a glaring fact that only those wearing the visionless glasses of 'development' would refuse to recognize them. Only those wearing the sound-proof ear-plugs of 'police action' would refuse to hear the slogans of 'Jal-Jungle-Zameen Hamara Hai' and 'NO to this lopsided development' renting the airs.

Every genuine patriotic citizen of this country would indeed be proud of these bravest resistances - violent and non-violent, militant and peaceful, armed

and unarmed - offered by the poorest of the poor to save this country from the vultures of MNCs and big comprador bourgeoisie and be humbled by the sacrifices they are making for a life of dignity not only for their children but for every citizen of this country. But the ruling classes of India are feeling the opposite. They are angered, alarmed, feeling cornered and filled to the brim with hatred towards these resistances because these movements are hindering the implementation of the 'promises' these minions made to their imperialist masters and to the members of their class to hoard all the riches of this country for peanuts. Their masters are breathing down their necks to 'show results' for all the kickbacks they have been gorging till their stomachs burst for paving 'the path of development.' So they are going on launching new offensives in a desperate attempt to crush the resistances.

The first thing to realize is that we should not be fooled by their utter lies that these offensives are launched only for crushing the Maoists. We have to realize that these offensives are launched to crush the peasants, adivasis and workers; the women, children, men and elderly; the democrats, the patriots and the revolutionaries of these regions or in one word all those citizens of this country who have the right over the resources of this country. So, we must fight back these offensives as one person and in one voice to defeat their conspiracies of selling our beloved country to the imperialists.

The questions to be asked are - who gave the right to these governments to implement the 'development model' which has been absolutely rejected by the very people in whose name this is done? What right do these governments have to spend the hard-earned money of the people of this country to kill its own citizens in police actions and military offensives? What right do these governments have to offer as cannon fodder the lives of lakhs of armed forces in a war which is not fought for their interests or any betterment of their lives but for the interests of the imperialists, comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and the feudals? Most importantly what right do these governments have to perpetrate massacres, burning, loots, rapes, fake encounters, lock-up deaths etc on the people fighting for their livelihood and very existence?

To keep up the sagging morale of the armed forces who are facing one attack after another in the Maoist areas, particularly in Chhattisgarh recently, the HM said that the forces were facing the Maoists bravely and had gunned down as many as 78 extremists in 125 encounters this year. We want to

**Make success the protest week from July 4th to 11th in the Central Region!
The Army Training School in Narayanpur district (in Maad area)
should be immediately scrapped!**

18 June, 2011

The Indian Army is establishing a counter-guerilla training school in a sprawling area of 750 sq.kms in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh. This area is home to an ancient *Adivasi* community. Since two decades the government has been citing that these *Adivasis* are becoming an extinct human society. At present, establishing an army centre in a vast expanse of this area means speeding up of this process. Since five years the Chhattisgarh government has been propagating that top Maoist leaders are taking shelter in these mountains and that they are openly carrying out their activities and had turned this into a military camp. Since two years the brutal Operation Green Hunt has been unleashed by it here. Due to the establishment of the Army training camp the very existence of the *Adivasis* here will be put in severe peril. In fact, looting the valuable mineral resources from these areas is their actual goal behind all this. People are vehemently opposing this. Now army has been deployed as part of suppressing this severe protest. Our party is severely condemning this. Our party is calling upon the people to intensify mass struggles against this.

Our party is calling upon the people to make success the protest week to be observed in Central Region, i.e., in Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border area from July 4th to 11th demanding the immediate scrapping of the Army training school in Maad area. Our party is appealing to the entire Indian masses, democrats and well-wishers of *Adivasis* to make success this protest week.

Our party is appealing to the Indian Army jawans not to make war on *Adivasi* people for the interests of the exploitative ruling classes. We are appealing to them not to carry on firings on *Adivasi* people in the name of Maoists.

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bring to the attention of the people of this country and the world that these figures do not convey the truth and we must realize that it is actually hundreds of unarmed people (who may be sympathizers or activists of the revolutionary movement or not) who have been killed in cold blood in fake encounters and massacres of the central and state governments. 'Maoists' is just the alibi they are using to crush the genuine people's struggles including the ones led by Maoists and not just the ones led by the Maoists.

The Andhra Pradesh government has been patted on the back in every meeting of the gangster chief ministers and high-way robber DGPs for crushing the Maoist movement in the state effectively. It took a blood-bath of about four decades in an unprecedented series of fascist offensives both on revolutionaries and the people, particularly on the Telangana people for this to be 'achieved'. And now every state government is urged to follow this fascist model of AP. The AP greyhounds do not bother about

state boundaries and enter unchecked into Odisha and Chhattisgarh to carry on attacks on the Maoists and the adivasi hamlets on the borders. And the Special Intelligence Bureau (APSIB) is present behind every major arrest and every fake encounter of Maoist leaders in all the states in the country. So now the three month long offensive in AOB to be implemented with the coordination of the AP and Odisha governments with the full support of central government may go down as one of the bloodiest in the history of this country if we do not offer the stiffest resistance to stop it. And the new offensive on Odisha and Chhattisgarh which are already notorious for Salwa Judums, Santi Senas and all kinds of atrocities by the security forces deployed there would also be most cruel as these states have been the theatre for the bravest armed and unarmed resistances against pro-imperialist policeis of the governments in this country. The central government has now zeroed down on these two states and included the AP borders

region with these two states. It wants to finish off this vast region of resistance first and go on to other regions. This doesn't mean there would be respite in other areas such as a Jharkhand or a West Bengal. The war on those people would continue severely. It is just that the concentration would be more on this region in this phase of the country-wide 'War on People'.

The people of the world and our country have stood with the fighting people of India in their struggle for life and existence and their support is very crucial in the face of these new fascist offensives planned by the ruling classes. So we appeal to all the genuine democratic forces in our country and in the world to expose the conspiracy of the Indian ruling classes and fight back this War on the People of India in every possible manner. Build movements across the country and the world to stop the deployment of army in the movement areas and to stop the economic, political, military and psychological offensives.

The CC of CPI (Maoist) calls upon the people of Chhattisgarh-Odisha border, AP-Odisha border and Chhattisgarh-AP border to fight back this latest fascist offensive unitedly. The entire Party and PLGA forces must fight back the enemy offensive in all spheres and by intensifying armed resistance involving the vast masses of this region.

- ★ **Stop the new fascist offensive on CG-Odisha, Odisha-AP and CG-AP borders immediately!**
- ★ **Stop Operation Green Hunt immediately!**
- ★ **Stop land grab for POSCO and Raoghat railway line and mines!**
- ★ **Condemn the brutal state repression on people agitating against POSCO project!**

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Red Homage to Pattipati Venkateswarlu, a founder leader of the civil liberties movement in Andhra Pradesh!

June 20, 2011

On June 11, 2011 Pattipati Venkateswarlu, a people's lawyer and founder-secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee (APCLC) breathed his last in Hyderabad. With his death the oppressed people of India, particularly the people of Andhra Pradesh have lost one of their well-wishers, a people's lawyer and a civil rights leader who had relentlessly fought for their rights. The CC, CPI (Maoist) is paying red homage to Pattipati and is sending its deep condolences to his family, friends, relatives and colleagues in the civil rights movement.

Pattipati was born in Tanguturu of Prakasam district in 1934. He was one of those several mass organization leaders who came forward to work for the rights of the oppressed masses and fighting people in our country in the wake of Naxalbari and particularly in AP during the Srikakulam armed struggle. With the notorious fake encounters which were intensified during the Vengala Rao fascist regime to suppress the Srikakulam struggle and the innumerable atrocities, arrests etc of revolutionaries and innocent people perpetrated by the government mercenary police and paramilitary forces, the need for a civil rights movement was felt more than ever in the 70s. APCLC was formed in 1973 and Pattipati became its first secretary while the legendary poet Sri Sri was its first president. Both of them had toured

the length and breadth of AP to build up a strong civil liberties movement and their names became synonymous with this movement during this period. Pattipati was known for his fiery speeches which exposed the cruelest and fascist repressive face of the state. He strove like a one-man army to build up the units of APCLC in all the districts to strengthen the organization. Between 1970 and 1975 it was to him that the victims of state repression turned to, both as a lawyer and as a firebrand civil rights leader who passionately fought for them. His home in Isamiya Bazaar was one of the few places in Hyderabad where the activists of mass organizations, victims of state repression, people on whom false cases were framed, revolutionary writers, civil rights activists etc congregated almost on a daily basis sharing the meagre food, shelter and contemporary revolutionary thoughts with him.

Pattipati would always be remembered for his memorable role in fighting for the annulment of the death sentences of comrades Bhumaiah and Kista Goud, the revolutionary peasant movement activists (pronounced in 1974) and for turning it into a country-wide issue. He was instrumental in involving leaders from various political parties in this campaign which included Jaya Prakash Narayan, Chandra Rajeswara Rao, Bhupesh Gupta, Vajpayee and George

Fernandes. A committee was built up with this exclusive demand and he coordinated this from Hyderabad. His efforts in building solidarity for this demand internationally merit special mention. More than 300 intellectuals from all over the world (including Jean Paul Sartre and Tariq Ali) demonstrated in various countries like France and US in support of this demand. He argued their case and brought a stay when the state tried to hang them the first time. He would always be remembered by the movements which are being built the world over for a total ban on death sentences.

When emergency was declared on the midnight of June 25-26 in 1975, Pattipati was the first political activist and civil rights leader to be arrested in AP. During the time he was in jail his family had to undergo many trials and tribulations as he was the sole breadwinner. As Pattipati continued making phone calls, writing letters and sending telegrams even from jail to coordinate civil rights work the government brought a special G.O. banning such things. Between 1970 and 1977 as a lawyer he saved the lives of many revolutionary leaders and hundreds of activists whenever they were illegally arrested and were in the danger of being 'encountered' by the state. After the emergency Pattipati continued as a lawyer and campaigned hard for including the 'Right to Work' in the fundamental rights till his last breath. He remained a people's lawyer till the end.

Though Pattipati was not active in the civil rights movement after the lifting of emergency, he continued to sympathize with the revolutionary movement and believed in Marxism. The Central Committee of CPI (Maoist) pays red homage to Pattipati for his role in

building the civil rights movement in AP and his role as a people's lawyer during one of the darkest periods of repression in the state between 1970 and 1977. Our party sees the struggle for democratic rights of the oppressed people by comrades like Pattipati and civil rights organizations as an integral part of the overall fight against feudalism, comprador bureaucratic capitalism and imperialism for a new democratic society where all rights of the oppressed people are guaranteed. At a time when an unprecedented country-wide multi-pronged offensive in the name of Operation Green Hunt has been unleashed in the form of 'War on People' by the fascist Indian ruling classes and every single right won by the people and civil rights movements through years of struggles are being curbed, it is necessary to remember the services rendered by civil rights leaders like Pattipati who fought for these rights. At a time when there is a need for the civil rights movement in the country to become active more than ever, it is necessary to propagate the struggles and the services rendered by organizations and individuals as part of it which went into creating the present improved and greater democratic awareness about the inalienable rights of the people. The CC is appealing to his family, friends, colleagues in the civil rights movement and people's lawyers to propagate and emulate the services done by him for the oppressed masses of this country so that the younger generation is inspired to work for the rights of the people as inheritors of the struggle legacy.

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Hail the heroic resistance of the anti-POSCO agitators against a project which not only grabs their land but also the future of their children!

People of Odisha have the right to decide what kind of projects they need, not comprador despotic rulers like Naveen Patnaik or Sonia-Manmohan-Jairam-Chidambaram combine!

Build widespread agitations in support of anti-POSCO agitation all over India!

June 22, 2011

It has been one week since the people of India has been witnessing one of the firmest, staunchest resistances in the history of modern India against an imperialist MNC project in the form of anti-POSCO agitation in Jagatsinghpur district of Odisha. CPI (Maoist) hails the people of Odisha who are determined to stop the much-touted 52,000 crore

'biggest foreign direct investment' in India and declares its full support and solidarity for them.

The central government hastily cleared the POSCO project on 15 May 2007 and Manmohan himself had given full assurance to the South Korean government that he would do everything for building

the project in the backdrop of people's rage erupting in severe opposition to it. The MOEF and the Odisha government have avoided compliance to the requirements under the Forest Rights Act and the MOEF guidelines issued in August 2009. In fact this is the ground for the Ministry's issuing stop work order on 5th August 2010. The state government has been repeatedly denying the existence of tribals in the proposed project area whereas subsequent visit and fact finding by the Saxena committee and the Meena Gupta committee has proved beyond doubt that there are other traditionally forest dwellers in the proposed areas depending traditionally on the forests for their livelihood, that sufficient documentary evidence is available which shows the existence of forest rights and that the FRA is not implemented by the state government in the area. The Central government the state government of Odisha disrespected the resolution of more than 65 % of the villagers who participated in both the Palli Sabhas of Dinkia and Govindpur which unequivocally rejected the proposal for diversion of land. The government authorities deliberately suppressed facts and declared in the government's submission to the MOEF that such resolutions were fake! There are number of such instances where the government is suppressing the facts and figures and lying through the teeth. Based on the Meena Gupta committee's report the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has recommended withdrawal of forest clearance. But in violation of all this and making a complete U-turn, environmental clearance was given by Mr. Jairam Ramesh on May 2, 2011 and this proved to be the last straw. The state government immediately deployed the police in June to grab the land.

This whole period saw severe opposition from the people to any kind of land acquisition for the 12-million-tonne-capacity steel project, against mining lease for its Khandadhar iron ore reserve in Sundargarh district and the company's private port near the proposed steel plant about 12 km from the Paradip port. So the fact is that both the central and state governments conspired for this and the statements by Jairam that environmental clearance doesn't mean that land should be acquired forcefully or Congress rushing to Govindpur supposedly to support the agitation are nothing but a big hoax. Jairam is advising the Odisha government to acquire land 'democratically'. Going by recent evidence, his 'democracy' looks like it includes lying and kickbacks from MNCs to keep shut. The only forms of

democracy the people (mostly *Adivasis*) opposing such projects could see are fake encounters, tortures and incarceration for years together in jails !

Union Home Secretary GK Pillai in a recent interview asked the people to check the website of the Planning Commission and see the photos there to know how rapidly 'development' is progressing in the form of roads, *anganwadi* and school buildings coming up in backward (particularly 'Maoist') areas. He said 'Photos speak for themselves'. One wonders if the Pillai and his ilk have seen the photos of rows and rows of children, women and elderly persons lying on their land in Govindpur area of Jagatsinghpur district under a hot sun or in pouring rains to save it from being grabbed by the MNC shark POSCO with the muscle power of the Naveen Patnaik's fascist 'licensed killers'. Do these photos speak anything?

Why are the thousands and thousands of anti-POSCO agitators fighting a life and death struggle not to allow POSCO's entry? Why is the number of people who agitate against the governments' policies swelling with each attempt by the comprador rulers to sell this country's resources to neo-colonialists? Do the numbers speak anything?

Why is that there seems to be no end to these agitations involving a sea of masses in Singur, Nandigram, Kalinganagar, Lalgah, Narayanapatna, Bhatta Parsaul, Srikakulam, Bastar, Lohardagga and scores of other villages and towns in almost every state in this country? Does this long list of militant agitations of the recent past speak anything?

Do the sacrifices and people thronging to the funerals of mass leaders and agitators (from Tapasi Malik of Singur to Tabrez of Jaitapur, from the 13 *adivasis* in Kalinganagar to the peasants of Sompeta and Kakrapalli) who fought and laid down their lives in such agitations speak anything? Why are thousands of more people taking the place of these fallen heroes with silent determination waving the flag of 'Jal, Jungle, Zameen Hamara Hai'?

For those who care to listen – the message is clear. The overwhelming majority of this country's population is rejecting the profit-centric pro-imperialist development model and embracing the people-centric pro-people development model. The message from the ruling classes is also brutally clear. Whatever may be the 'cost' the people of India may have to pay – the comprador ruling classes with the strong support and guidance of the imperialists would continue with their plunder and pillage. **This 'cost' would include**

not only loss of land, water, air, seas, ports, natural resources, forests, ecology, rare flora and fauna, ancient civilizations, properties, limbs and not the least lives in the 'material' sense but would also include loss of self-respect, sovereignty, independence, freedom, dignity and pride which are inalienable for our existence as human beings.

The people of Jagatsinghpur are asking a simple question - So why should we lose all these things and moreover who are you decide that we lose these things? They are stating an obvious truth – it is the people who have the right to decide what they need. They are posing a straight challenge to the ruling classes – face the fury of the people, we are not the ones to surrender. They are declaring a principled fact for the world to hear – the people of India refuse to be pushed into a slave-like existence.

We are afraid that sometimes even photos always do not speak for themselves. For example, the photos of school buildings (in 'Maoist areas') do not show the security forces which would be occupying them as soon as they are ready for it. **But agitations which are being carried on for years together by lakhs of people putting everything at their stake including their lives do speak something. They speak something which is the most important thing to be spoken or heard in this country at this point of time and one which would decide its future.** They are speaking the same truth which was spoken by the countless peasant and adivasi struggles (mainly armed but also unarmed) which were waged against the British colonial rulers in the 19th and 20th centuries, a truth which seeks to end all kinds of colonial/neo-colonial exploitation and oppression. The British tried to close their eyes and ears to this din of truth opting instead to suppress them using brute force. The Indian ruling classes are tracing their steps and they are bound to trace their steps to their own graveyards too if they continue in their 'unjust, brutal wars on people' in the name of development just like their imperialist masters. Whether it is direct armed suppression by deploying police and paramilitary forces in Maoist areas (and now the army too) in the name of Operation Green Hunt or by deploying police and paramilitary forces in places like a Bhatta Parsaul or a Govindpur all are for brutal suppression of genuine people's struggles. The killing of more than twenty-five many anti-mining activists in fake encounters by Naveen Patnaik government since December 2010 and the recent

meeting by P. Chidambaram with Naveen Patnaik and Raman Singh for anti-Maoist operations to be carried on in Odisha and Chhattisgarh in June point out how the central and state governments are planning to suppress the people's agitations.

The anti-POSCO agitation along with many other struggles being waged against land grabbing and loot of natural resources of our country has the potential to decide the fate of the many other foreign investments coming unchecked into our country. The CC, CPI (Maoist) exhorts the people of Odisha to go ahead firmly with steady determination in their struggle and calls upon the people of India to build solidarity struggles in support of this brave people. While it is necessary for the people of Jagatsinghpur to take the support of every political and civil party or group which is coming to them in solidarity, they should also be alert to the ploys of some of them, particularly that of parliamentary parties to divert their struggle into various kinds of compromises. It should not be forgotten that almost all the parliamentary parties have been following or supporting such pro-imperialist projects wherever they have been in power or have been sharing power or were giving tacit support even when they were in opposition.

It is not only necessary to go to Jagatsinghpur in support of anti-POSCO agitation but also to take up various forms of supportive propaganda and agitational forms in every state in their support. CPI (Maoist) is calling upon the people of India and the world to express the widest possible solidarity to this courageous struggle. The need of the hour is for all such struggles to broaden into a coalition of anti-imperialist struggles which would not only fight for scrapping of projects like POSCO but would also fight for kicking off all kinds of imperialist control and exploitation from our country.

- ★ **Stop land acquisition for POSCO project immediately!**
- ★ **Withdraw all police and paramilitary forces from Jagatsinghpur district and stop all kinds of intimidating tactics to cow down the people!**
- ★ **Scrap all country-selling MoUs signed with MNCs for looting the natural resources of our country which rightfully belong to the people and only to the people!**

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The offer for peace talks by the President of India is nothing but a ploy to divert the people from the reality of OGH Phase -II !

June 24, 2011

On June 24, the President Pratibha Patil who came on a visit to Chhattisgarh capital Raipur proposed that Maoists should abjure violence and come for talks and that they should join the mainstream and work for the development of Adivasis. This proposal came exactly at a time when thousand Indian Army soldiers had entered Bastar to participate in the Operation Green Hunt (OGH) against the poorest people of India. In the backdrop of the signing of MoUs worth billions of rupees worth to loot the natural resources of our mineral-rich country after many rounds of talks, the President is talking about 'peace talks'. She is proposing these 'talks' when already 750 sq kms of forest land where dozens of villages and thousands of *Mariya Adivasi* community reside have been handed over to the Army without any 'talks' whatsoever.

Pratibha Patil, incidentally the first woman President of India, is advising us to abjure violence even before the wounds of women of Tadimetla, Morpalli, Pulanpadu and Timmapur villages at the southern tip of Chhattisgarh have healed after the brutal atrocities and violence of the government forces perpetrated on them. She is advising us to abjure violence when state violence is a daily occurrence in Dandakaranya, Bihar-Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra and many other areas, particularly the Maoist movement areas or *Adivasi* areas. In fact, state violence expresses itself in many forms. It is carried on in various methods at various times. For example, today it hiked the price of kerosene by two rupees, diesel by three rupees and cooking gas by 50 rupees. This is one form of violence which makes the lives of people even more unbearable. But the President doesn't have any issue with such kinds of 'violence'.

The first citizen of India is even asking us to 'join the mainstream'. The 'heroes' of the 'mainstream' which she is referring to, i.e., the scamster and gangster corrupt ministers, political leaders, corporate sharks, and their comprador lackeys are facing the hatred of the people from *Dilli to gully*. The workers, peasants, *Adivasis*, *Dalits*, minorities and women face nothing but injustice, atrocities and insults in this so-called 'mainstream' of hers.

Our party's official spokesperson and Politburo member Comrade Azad was killed in a fake encounter after he declared our stand to this kind of a proposal for talks by this very government and Pratibha Patil is inviting us for talks in this backdrop. Incidentally this invitation is being extended exactly one week before his first death anniversary. Exactly one year back Chidambaram and his killer intelligence-police dogs must have been giving final touches to the conspiracy to kill him. The state headed by this President responded by killing him when he clearly placed before the people of this country and the world our party's stand about talks. Later too many veteran Maoist leaders were arrested and put in jails and this is a continuous process. Even Maoist leaders as old as 60 or 70 years are also put in jails and tortured apart from not providing them minimum medical treatment. False cases are foisted on them in dozens of states and the state is conspiring to keep them in jails lifelong.

Our heartfelt appeal to the people of our country!

Demand the President that the 'War on People' by the Indian State – OGH be stopped immediately, that Army training in Bastar be stopped and that Army and paramilitary forces be withdrawn from all the Maoist movement areas before the government proposes for any 'Peace Talks'. If the government is ready to implement this, then the counter-violence of people done in self-defence would stop from the very next day!

Demand the President that all MoUs signed between the governments and the MNCs be scrapped before the government talks about 'development', that all projects which grab the lands of the people be immediately stopped and that the government should accept that people have the right to decide what kind of a development they want before the government talks of 'development'!

Demand the President that all the scamsters and corrupt politicians should be arrested and punished, that all the black money stashed away in foreign banks must be brought back to the country and that all ministers and political leaders be stripped of their posts and publicly punished before the government invites the Maoists to join the 'mainstream'!

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Red Homage To Renowned Marxist Economist And Great Friend Of Indian Revolution Comrade Prof. R.S. Rao!

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On June 17, 2011 Prof RS Rao (74), the renowned Marxist Economist and great friend of Indian Revolution breathed his last in a hospital in New Delhi. With his demise, the Indian people have lost one of their greatest well-wishers and the Indian revolution has lost one of its greatest friends. His death spread a wave of grief throughout the revolutionary camp and the CC, CPI (Maoist) humbly pays red homage to this staunch Marxist who has stood firmly with the oppressed people and the Maoist revolutionary movement raging in this country ever since the Naxalbari days.

RS Rao, was born in Srikakulam of Andhra Pradesh but major part of his life and work were spent in Sambalpur of Odisha. The fact that he has chosen to work here as this area witnessed displacement due to big dams and was an Adivasi area shows his deep concern for the most deprived people of this country. This deep concern and sense of commitment for the oppressed masses, particularly for the Adivasis continued till the end. Naxalbari proved to be a turning point in his



life and he deeply and firmly believed that only a movement which can fight back the feudal exploitation and oppression can liberate this country. In all his writings and speeches he kept pointing towards the semi-feudal relations and the need to liberate our country from them. Even as debates raged in the Marxist circles if capitalist relations have entered India he analyzed the production relations in India with a Marxist viewpoint and reiterated the semi-feudal nature of those relations. That is why he consistently believed and wrote about the need for new democratic revolution for this country as it would overthrow these exploitative production relations. His book Towards Understanding Semi Feudal Semi Colonial Society: Studies in Political Economy, and his other works are a must read for all serious political activists working for new democratic revolution. His lucid style of writing and usage of simple words for explaining complex economic terms have been appreciated very much by ordinary activists and public.

RS Rao was one of the first persons who questioned the imperialist-dictated development model implemented by the Indian ruling classes and brought

forth the concept that dark shadows lie below the lamp of development even from the days when big dams like Bhakra Nangal and Hirakud displaced people. When Nehru described big dams as 'Modern Temples', he said that indeed they were modern temples which did not allow entry to the ones who constructed them. His seminal work on this concept 'Abhivrudhi Velugu Needalu' (The bright and dark sides of development) in Telugu continues to influence any serious debate about the development model this country should follow. He had guided many young researchers and encouraged them to take up study of the social and economic changes occurring in the rural areas, particularly the changes in the old Maoist movement areas. As a veteran Marxist he tried to study things in their motion using dialectical method and tried to grasp their essence.

Recently, he played a crucial role of as one of the three mediators between the Odisha government and the CPI (Maoist) when Malkangiri Collector Vineel Krishna and junior engineer Pabitra Majhi were abducted. He was painfully aware of the fact that they could secure the release of these two government servants but could not even extract information from the government about the whereabouts of Comrade Seethanna leave alone the fulfillment of the promises made by the government in the wake of this abduction.

Since Naxalbari RS Rao has been a great friend and well-wisher of the people and the Maoist movement in the country and stood unwaveringly with the movement and Marxism in the face of all kinds of ideological debates, particularly during the world wide reactionary and post-modernist attacks on Marxism after the collapse of Soviet super power. The Maoist movement feels honored by the fact that a sound Marxist like RS Rao has always looked to the official political organs of CPI (Maoist) for his reference. The CPI (Maoist) hails RS Rao as a model pro-people intellectual who should be emulated by any intellectual of this country who has people's interests at heart. They must use their intellect and writings to preserve the interests of the oppressed people of our country and stand by them in spite of all kinds of odds. This

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CC, CPI (MAOIST) LETTER TO CC, CPP

To

**The Central Committee,
Communist Party of Philippines**

Dear comrades,
Red Salutes.

We convey our warmest revolutionary greetings to all the CC comrades on the occasion of the advance of the Philippines revolution achieved by fighting back bravely the “Oplan Bayanihan” campaign of the reactionary US-Aquino regime and we congratulate you for your appropriate plan to develop to the stage of strategic equilibrium from the stage of strategic defence. Please convey red salutes from our entire party to the entire rank and file of the party and brave commanders and fighters of New People’s Army. We humbly pay homage to all the great martyrs of Philippines who have laid down their precious lives in the fight to smash imperialism and all kinds of local reactionaries and establish a new democratic Philippines and then to march forward to establish socialism and communism.

As you had mentioned in the special issue of your magazine Ang Bayan, “Oplan Bayanihan” is nothing but a counter-revolutionary war on the Philippines people. The Philippines ruling classes are propagating that this is a plan formulated for the sake of peace-development and human rights. This is done in accordance with the US counter-insurgency guide-2009. With the connivance of the lackey Philippines ruling class representatives like Marcos, Aquino, Arroyo and Jr Aquino, the US is scheming to turn your country into a strong neo-colony through its military bases. Oplan Bayanihan has nothing to do with peace-development and human rights and the promise to make them available for the people is nothing but a big sham. We communist revolutionaries are aware that on the contrary this is a conspiracy to brutally suppress and divert the deluge of people’s struggles and revolutionary agitations. That is why, as you had mentioned, the Oplan Bayanihan which was launched for the interests of the imperialists and the Philippines comprador ruling classes is bound to face defeat.

Our party the CPI (Maoist) is extending its full support to the People’s War being waged by the revolutionary and democratic forces of Philippines under the leadership of CPP which also took up concrete tasks to defeat Oplan Bayanihan. We are striving to vastly propagate about your struggle in our country and rally the support of the people of our country for it. We promise to take up this propaganda at the international level too.

Our Central Committee on behalf of our entire party, PLGA, emerging organs of new people’s power, revolutionary mass organizations and the revolutionary masses of India conveys its red salutes to the CPP for building a solidarity campaign against Operation Green Hunt as part of the international solidarity against War of the Indian state on the people. This international solidarity campaign of your party and other International revolutionary parties in true international spirit has given great moral support to all of us in our fight against imperialism and all kinds of local reaction.

The Protracted People’s Wars (PPWs) in Philippines and India under the leadership of our parties have gained recognition as genuine alternatives to the decadent and corrupt systems in our countries against whom we are fighting. Maoist parties of Turkey, Bangladesh and some more countries are trying to consolidate themselves and are trying to advance the people’s war. This is an optimistic situation in terms of the development of revolutionary subjective forces in the world. Wishing that the Philippines revolution would advance and achieve more successes....

With Revolutionary Greetings
Central Committee
CPI (Maoist)

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