COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST) CENTRAL REGIONAL BUREAU

Observe Protest Week in Memory of the Kassanur and Aipenta Martyrs!

Make Successful the Protest Week from 19 to 25 May and Bandh on 25 May in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha!

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Dear people,

The last week of April 2018 will be known as a very sad week in the history of the revolutionary movement in Dandakaranya. On 22 April of this week, 40 revolutionaries and people were brutally killed by the C-60 commandos from Gadchiroli in Maharashtra in the forests of Halbi Timirgunda village in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh. The martyrs include South Gadchiroli Divisional Committee Secretary Comarde Srinu (Vijendra), Divisional Committee members Comrades Nandu (Vasudev Atram) and Sainath (Dolesh Atram), Aheri Area Committee Secretary Lata (Mahri Vadde), Squad Commander Comrade Shanti (Mangli Padda), Comrades Jamuna, Lalita, Limmi, Chandrakala, Radha, Rukmati, Kranti, Janki, Soni, Pushpa, Reshma, Anita, Manda, Jaisheela, Kartik, Rajesh, Pradip, Sandeep, Nagesh, Sannu, Tirupati, Ajay, Vijay, Sanjay, Srikant and eight youths of Gattepalli village including six women and two men. They were fired upon at a single spot. While five comrades breathed their last at the spot itself, six out of eleven injured comrades were taken to the forests of Khandla-Rajaram and shot dead by the team of Additional SP Maheshwar Reddy. The rest of the injured comrades were killed in a similar manner as well. Eight more comrades lost their lives at Aipenta in Bijapur district on 27 April. Two persons including a man and a woman were killed by the police in a fake encounter near Dullor village of Sukma district on 29 April. Central Regional Bureau (CRB) pays its humble red homage to all the abovementioned martyrs and reaffirms its pledge to fulfil their aspirations. CRB appeals to the people to observe Protest Week from 19 to 25 May in memory of the revolutionaries and people who selflessly laid down their invaluable lives for the masses.

The NDA government is very aggressively carrying out brutal attacks in all the states where the Maoist movement is active. After conducting 'Operation Green Hunt' for eight years, it is now implementing the 'Samadhan' strategy. Hundreds of villagers and tens of revolutionaries have been killed. In spite of this, the revolutionary movement has not only continued but is in fact spreading to newer areas. Worried by this, the government is preparing special 'Missions' every year and intensifying its armed offensive. Using helicopters extensively in various roles, it is introducing aerial attacks as well. The attack carried out jointly by the Indian Air Force, central paramilitary forces and the commando forces of Telangana and Chhattisgarh in Pujarikanker on Chhattisgarh-Telangana border is a proof of this. It is stepping up attacks by using UAVs widely. It is strengthening mobile network even in the forest regions. Moreover, it is making informers out of some unemployed lumpen elements of the villages, family members of those who have been punished by the people in the course of the movement, families of policemen and reactionary tribal elders by

enticing them with the promise of money, jobs and protection. The government forces are carrying out attacks and massacres by mainly basing themselves on the intelligence provided by such informers. The central government held a meeting with the participation of the army and top police, civil and judicial officers of the Maoist struggle areas in May 2017 in Delhi and chalked out the strategy of 'Samadhan' with the aim of wiping out the revolutionary movement. It has set the deadline of making India Maoist-free by 2022. The present attacks are a result of this. Our Party appeals to the people to condemn and resist these attacks and defend the revolutionary movement by standing firmly on its side.

There is an integral link between the growing attacks, massacres and severe punishment of comrades incarcerated in the jails in the movement areas on the one hand and the economic crisis that is deepening throughout the world on the other. The exploitative ruling classes are in a hurry to loot the natural resources of the country on a large scale to come out of the economic crisis besetting the country and the world. Functionaries of central and all the state governments are competing with one another to frequent foreign countries within a short span of time to auction the country's resources. They are concluding tens of agreements with various capitalist, imperialist governments and multinational companies. They are busy in providing all the basic amenities to these foreign and domestic hawks in order to reap quick results as per the promises made to them. They are intensifying the attacks on the masses by using police and paramilitary forces to complete infrastructural projects. The exploitative ruling classes are violating their own laws with impunity and are suppressing the civil and democratic rights. They are wiping out the very signs of PESA and Gram Sabhas in the Adivasi areas. On the other hand, they are spreading illusions among the masses by repeating the sugar-coated mantra of "development". Modi, Raman Singh, Devendra Fadnavis, Raghubar Das, Chandrababu Naidu, Pinarayi Vijayan, Naveen Patnaik and Chandrashekhar Rao are in the forefront of this. The rulers are least concerned about the burning problems of the country such as skyrocketing prices of the goods of daily need, growing unemployment, farmer's suicide, starvation deaths, atrocities and corruption scandals, etc. They are not bothered about the welfare of the people but only about the development of the ruling classes and the wealthy families.

While the people are fighting these life-and-death problems on the one hand, the attacks of the Hindutva forces are intensifying in the country on the other. Hundreds of attacks have been perpetrated by these forces in the last four years, in which several Muslims, Dalits and Adivasis have lost their lives and many more have lost their property. People of all sections of the society are coming under Hindutva attack. In spite of this, the rulers have refused to resolve the problems of the people as they are only interested in the people's votes.

The growth of political awareness, people's movements and democratic movements along with the revolutionary movement in the country have not allowed these oppressors to play their game of plunder as per their wishes. The people are fighting much more militantly than before. The People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) is standing with the people and is fighting with renewed determination and dedication. Our Party is mobilising the masses and carrying out struggles by exposing the anti-people policies of the exploitative ruling classes from time to time. The masses in the areas of the revolutionary movement in particular are fighting with the spirit of self-sacrifice and courage to build a new democratic system in the country by forming people's governments in place of the exploitative government.

Today the trust of the exploited and oppressed masses of the country on our Party is deepening. That is why the exploitative ruling classes are identifying our Party as the most dangerous force. Their governments have failed to resolve the problems of the people in the last seventy years, but are hell bent on physically eliminating the Maoist revolutionaries at the same time. But the revolutionary movement will continue in various forms as long as

exploitation and oppression continues in the society. The class enemies will step back to the extent the people will be ready for unparalleled sacrifice. This is a historic truth. The people will not spare the betrayers who have become a scourge for the lives of revolutionaries by falling for the greed of police dole-outs. We appeal to the revolutionary masses on this occasion to come out to the streets and register their protest against the Kassanur and Aipenta massacres in various forms.

Democrats, journalists, civil rights activists and students-youths,

You all had got mobilised on a war-footing and brought the facts to light against the massacre of 31 comrades by the Greyhound commandos of Andhra Pradesh Police at Ramguda of Odisha in October 2016. Massacres on an even bigger scale are being perpetrated today. Our Party CPI(Maoist) calls upon you to come forward to investigate these massacres immediately and to participate in the just struggle for the punishment of the perpetrators. You too are facing fascist attacks. You too are being arrested, denied bail and put behind bars for long durations. You too are being attacked and a few among you are being killed. In spite of all this, our Party has full confidence on you and believes that you will firmly stand by the people and the people's movements with conviction and courage.

- ★ Observe Protest Week from 19 to 25 May and Bandh on 25 May in memory of Kassanur and Aipenta martyrs!
- ★ Expose the pro-imperialist and anti-people policies of the central and state governments!
- ★ Condemn the state repression unleashed on the revolutionary, national liberation and democratic movements!
- ★ Bring forth the facts behind Kassanur and Aipenta massacres and demand punishment for the guilty!
- ★ Organise memorial meetings and programmes in commemoration of Kassanur and Aipenta martyrs and hold high their sacrifice! Take pledge to fulfil their aspirations!

With revolutionary greetings,

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