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Red Salute Frederick Engels

“...the bourgeoisie exploits the proletariat in every conceivable way for its own benefit ! ...as a party, as the power of the State, ...Laws are necessary only because there are persons in existence who own nothing; and although this is directly expressed in but few laws, as, for instance, those against vagabonds and tramps, in which the proletariat as such is outlawed, yet enmity to the proletariat is so emphatically the basis of the law that the judges, and especially the Justices of the Peace, who are bourgeois themselves, and with whom the proletariat comes most in contact, find this meaning in the laws without further consideration. If a rich man is brought up, or rather summoned, to appear before the court, the judge regrets that he is obliged to impose so much trouble, treats the matter as favourably as possible, and, if he is forced to condemn the accused, does so with extreme regret, etc., etc., and the end of it all is a miserable fine, which the bourgeois throws upon the table with contempt and then departs. But if a poor devil gets into such a position as involves appearing before the Justice of the Peace – he has almost always spent the night in the station-house with a crowd of his peers – he is regarded from the beginning as guilty; his defence is set aside with a contemptuous “Oh! we know the excuse”, and a fine imposed which he cannot pay and must work out with several months on the treadmill. And if nothing can be proved against him, he is sent to the

treadmill, none the less, “as a rogue and a vagabond”.And the conduct of the police corresponds to that of the Justices of the Peace. The bourgeois may do what he will and the police remain ever polite, adhering strictly to the law, but the proletarian is roughly, brutally treated; his poverty both casts the suspicion of every sort of crime upon him and cuts him off from legal redress against any caprice of the administrators of the law; for him, therefore, the protecting forms of the law do not exist, the police force their way into his house without further ceremony, arrest and abuse him.... does it become evident how little the protective side of the law exists for the working-man, how frequently he has to bear all the burdens of the law without enjoying its benefits.”

— Engels

Condition of the Working Class in England

SUCI(C) on the recent Supreme Court judgments banning convicted persons as well as those who are in jail or in police custody from either continuing as legislators or contesting election to legislative bodies

On the crucial judgments delivered by the Supreme Court on the 10th and 11th July, 2013 over the question of discontinuation of membership of MPs and MLAs and ordering a new disqualification criterion in regard to candidature in election, the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) has issued the following statement on 14th July, 2013:—

The Central Committee of the SUCI(C) has noted with extreme care the latest judgment of the Supreme Court delivered on 10th July, 2013 in which, in order to cleanse the Indian Political System by debarring the criminal elements from entering state assemblies and parliament, it has pronounced that convicted MPs and MLAs would at once cease to be members of the legislatures and for that, it has also struck down section 8(4) of the Representation of Peoples Act as *ultra vires*. While the Central Committee of the Party fully appreciates the concern of the Supreme Court to protect the Indian Election System from the dangerous invasion of criminal elements, it also feels to be its bounden duty to point out that these condemned and deadly criminal elements are fostered, directly sponsored and enabled to enter parliament or assemblies by the big political parties who are running Governments. Such criminals are even made

powerful ministers by these parties in their frantic bid to win more seats by hook or by crook using muscle and money power and terrorizing the voters. The Central Committee also feels to be its bounden duty to point out that in order to suppress and destroy the legitimate democratic movements of the toiling people and for that, to debar the tested and tried representatives of the toiling people from participating in the elections, hundreds and thousands of dedicated fighting workers engaged in developing democratic movements are framed and implicated in utterly false cases resorting to immoral and mischievous means and even sentenced to long term as well as life imprisonment. On the other side, it is clear like daylight that due to the manipulative, mischievous politics resorted to by all big bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties, this criminalization of politics has become a very menacing political problem, a direct assault upon democracy and democratic rights of the people and therefore cannot be done away with by simple legal decisions, measures and actions unless there is, side by side, powerful mass movements against the bourgeois machinations and conspiracies. The second most important point that the Central Committee of our Party wants to raise is that subversion or miscarriage of justice, due to politicization of the prosecution

machinery at the behest of the ruling bourgeois parties with the intention to eliminate from the arena of the election system the candidates engaged in developing legitimate democratic movements of the toiling masses, very often leads to utterly wrong and unjust judgments which many a times get quashed and reversed at higher courts. These pertinent facts and reality cannot be glossed over or overlooked in our search for an appropriate remedial step to stop entry of real criminals in parliament and assemblies or to disqualify existing members from enjoying the membership of these legislative houses.

In the circumstances, in order to ensure justice, the Central Committee of our Party is of the firm opinion that in deciding such cases, the entire judicial process must be allowed to work in its fullness. Under no circumstances the process can be scuttled or any of its essential components dispensed with. In our opinion, prima facie case being the criterion, right to appeal, which is a fundamental right, can never be denied to anybody and where such appeals are admitted and entertained in the true spirit of jurisprudence, no punitive action should be taken against the appealing persons till the final disposal of the case. Instead, we strongly feel the appeal, particularly by any sitting MP and MLA

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Latest outburst of people's anger in Turkey-Brazil-Egypt

What it calls for !

Since towards the end of 2010 massive people's movements shook the capitalist world for some time. It started from Tunisia to spread out virtually in no time like a wild fire in different countries of North Africa and the Middle East in Asia, broadly known as the Arab world. Termed 'Arab Spring' movements as these were directed against the reactionary capitalist or feudo-capitalist rulers of respective countries who were in most cases favoured, fuelled and backed by the imperialists, more so the worst enemy of mankind today, the US imperialists. Those spontaneous upsurges reflected such powerful might of people that despite limitations arising out of the absence of proper leaderships leading to certain unjust compromises, they compelled, in the main, the autocratic rulers of their respective countries to concede to people's demands, even to the extent of ousting despotic rules of 23 years in Tunisia and 30 years in Egypt, from power.

In the meantime, the earth has revolved twice round the sun; with the memories of Arab Spring movements latent at the back of their mind, people of different countries, big or small, advanced or backward, European-American or Afro-Asian-Latin American countries, have come out on to the streets on this or that occasions, to fight in their own way on their own specific demands. But the exploitative rule of capitalism in those countries continued without change and even within a short time, in countries like Egypt or Tunisia reactionary regimes made their comeback so much so that people had to take to the streets once again.

In fact, very recently people of the world witnessed a fresh spurt of massive people's movements, sparked off even from rather innocuous events. The earliest one in Turkey started on 28 May last. Following it there came out people of Brazil during the middle of June when that football-crazy, rather football-obsessed country was holding an international soccer tournament of the Confederation Cup. And finally since 30 June, the first anniversary date of the Mohamed Morsi government's coming to power through election, Egypt burst out once more violently and massively in consequence of which the country is virtually heading towards a civil war.

People of Turkey fight united and valiantly against fascist trend

In Turkey on May 28, a few dozen people decided to physically prevent a shopping mall being built in the Gezi Park, next to the historic Taksim Square in Istanbul. Immediately an arrogant prime minister R T Erdogan of the AK (Justice and Development) Party who had been in power for the last 10 years roared to crush the resistance with the help of the infamous brute Turkish police and paramilitary thugs. The latter acted accordingly. But the threat and

repression following it, instead created a wave of sympathy that in no time turned into a countrywide mass movement demanding resignation of the PM. Millions, from elderly men and women, unemployed youth, students, rival football fans, professionals (teachers, architects) to poor, middle class, even a section of the upper middle class people marched for tens of kilometers to reach Taksim or staged hundreds of demonstrations across the country. Workers, students, hospital staff held strikes. Thousands were arrested, yet barricade fight on streets did not wane. Remarkably, demonstrators included diverse Muslim groups, Sunnis and Alevis (Alawites), and Christians, and hitherto unfriendly, if not hostile Turks, Kurds and Arabs. Kurdish flags waved side by side with Turkish flags with the picture of Ataturk, next to red flags of the Communist Party. Together they chanted slogan '*shoulder to shoulder against fascism*'. The whole country was alive and the PM, his government and his coercive weapons shrank. Under pressure, the building project in Gezi Park was stopped by a court ruling and the invincible riot police force had to beat retreat, leaving the question behind: What made unarmed people stage such a mighty movement ?

In fact, the stage was set by the Islamic conservative capitalist Erdogan government itself. Arrogant from the huge electoral victory that brought it to power, the Erdogan government was carrying on a rule, in which, on one hand, their self-trumpeted economic growth was based on shifting sands of speculative urbanization and realty business that was already dying down, and on massive influx of foreign direct investment, lured by the offer of high interest rates from the AKP government, which only accrued massive foreign debt. Both these pillars of growth were nothing but parts and fallouts of the imperialist-designed

globalization-liberalization-privatization programme being implemented by the government as political manager for the crisis-ridden the ruling capitalist class of Turkey. The outcome were persistently deepening and widening divide between the rich and the poor, gradually driving out poor people from the heart of cities to outskirts, staggering unemployment and curtailment of social benefits for the workers and the poor, unrelenting impoverishment of the toiling masses.

But people economically exploited thus, were being burdened with still more dangerous measures. Carrying the heritage of a strong nationalist movement against the Ottoman Empire under the leadership of Kemal Ataturk, Turkish society could boast of relatively strong, albeit in the bourgeois democratic sense, secular democratic thoughts and norms, that stood as definite hindrance to the exploitative ruling class. So the Erdogan government acting subservient to the real rulers had started a two fold attack. Unleashing the notoriously repressive Turkish security system characterized by rampant arrest and disappearance, gripping censorship and cruel atrocities upon journalists and other media persons, inhuman repression of political prisoners and trade union activists along with a despotic arrogance and blood-thirsty aggressive attitude of the government, the latter was hinging upon more and more fascist authoritarianism to curtail any and every democratic, trade union and human rights, create an ambience of threat, intimidation, killing to suppress and repress the growing resentment in people against capitalist exploitation. At the same time, the government had started highlighting fundamentalist agenda through compulsory religious education in schools or such other measures in education, infiltrating religious activists in bureaucratic cadre, revamping the legacy of the reactionary Ottoman Empire, extending assistance and help to the fundamentalist forces of even other countries such as the so-called rebels in Syria against Assad government. Even the Gezi Park shopping mall at Taksim was a part of the effort to revive Ottoman legacy. The motive was simple. The ruling class and its subservient government were using the garb of religion and feudal tradition to fan up fundamentalism as opposed to and striking upon secular democratic values. With that they

wanted to shield themselves from the wrath of people while implementing anti-people pro-monopolist policies and measures. At the same time they were cunningly using this fundamentalism as a device to bring about disunity among people to prevent them from standing united against capitalist exploitation. Both these weapons, brute authoritarianism and cunning, undercover fundamentalist agenda, were thus meant to destroy the secular democratic foundation of the Turkish society, disarm common people ideologically-culturally and morally and thereby consolidate power for implementing the exploitative measures of liberalization- privatization in the interests of the monopolists. All these maladies of their present capitalist rule, namely acute exploitation, fascist coercion, creeping fundamentalism had been eroding the patience of common Turkish people beyond limit; the single spark of destroying already rare green from the heart of city for the sake of shopping mall for the rich, caused the devastating prairie fire, that took the shape of a virtual upsurge threatening the Erdogan government. The latter saved its face simply beating a shameful retreat.

"We don't need World Cup, we need hospitals and education" : cries Brazil

In Brazil, too, a peaceful demonstration in Sao Paulo against a hike in public transport fare escalated into an unprecedented series of protests as the police cracked down on it and the protesters clashed with them. Here again millions of common people across the country did not simply stop at demanding withdrawal of the fare hike. In a country where massive protests were largely unheard of, where love for soccer is supposed to be flowing in the arteries of people of all ages, men or women, where an international soccer tournament was already on and World Cup soccer and the Olympics were scheduled shortly, an estimated nearly 75 percent of people responded stubbornly against increasing military police violence and chanted slogans "*We do not need the World Cup. We need money for hospitals and education*" "*The people have awakened*" and "*Pardon the inconvenience, Brazil is changing.*" They targeted the nexus of business and political corruption, including the FIFA corruption. They denounced the

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Capitalist exploitation—oppression-discrimination make people seething with anger and resentment

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monopoly- monitored media and the deadly police and security forces; they condemned the government for police atrocities-corruption and pro-monopoly anti-people policies. It must be pointed out that in Brazil the military had to relinquish power in 1985 on charges of naked and rampant corruption against it. In course of the parliamentary process following since then, the present Brazil government was formed ultimately by Lula da Silva. Dilma Rousseff of Workers' Party, a self-styled leftist who had been a guerilla leader. People had placed quite some expectation on her. What was the real class character of Rousseff's party, whether they believed and practised genuine leftism, whether before coming to power they carried out any significant mass movement with genuine leftist outlook and approach, all these facts are not yet clear to the world. But what we could find clearly that within the short time span of their stay in governmental power in a capitalist set-up Dilma Rousseff and her party, like any branded bourgeois petit- bourgeois party, could not rise beyond playing a subservient role to the existing system. Whatever might have been their utterances and progressive pronouncements, they started faithfully implementing the imperialist agenda of liberalization- privatization, harboured corruption as an inalienable part of economy and governance. To distract people, the government hatched the plan of luring them with gimmicks of glittering projects like holding the World Cup or the Olympics with assurances of increased foreign investment, sponsorships and tourism to the country which, as the experience of other countries showed 'There is no evidence that the benefits promised by event organizers have ever materialized'. Instead in the name of security and protection to business and tourists virtually a war has been waged against the poor, rather the black communities; urban residential areas of poor people, mostly black, are regularly raided and occupied by the police and military, the residents are evicted, incarcerated or imprisoned and even killed on false charges of criminality. In the last decade huge real estate speculation has raised prices and land rents by 150 percent in cities, whereas there has been no investment in public

transport. The housing programme, "My House, My Life," has pushed the poor to the cities' suburbs where there is no infrastructure. Public services, especially health and even education are of poor quality; higher education has been turned into a supermarket. Naturally all these have been making people seethe with anger that suddenly found a vent in the movement against fare hike and police atrocities on it. And the self-styled leftist government serving the capitalists treated the movement with all venom.

At the same time, this outburst brought forth a bunch of hard truths. In any exploitative capitalist society, in order to defend interests of exploited people, for the sake of progress and end of exploitation, one must tread the path of launching democratic movements of uncompromising nature one after another. In course of that, even if the party or parties undertaking this task may come to occupy governmental power through elections they must realize that they cannot retain their power for long unless they are backed by powerful democratic movements of toiling people to repulse the attacks of the ruling capitalist class, the bureaucracy and the vested interests. They must also get to the truth that the real strength of democracy lies in people's consciousness stemming from democratic mass movements and democratically organized unity. So, if a government posing pro-people cannot safeguard democratic movements, cannot allow people to grow in their strength of becoming democratically organized, cannot open up avenues for people to imbibe democratic consciousness, not only democracy will die; the government itself will be thrown out of power by the ruling class until and unless it succumbs to play totally subservient to the ruling capitalists.

This was the historic teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our Party SUCI (Communist) that he repeatedly upheld on different occasions, when in 1967 in West Bengal in India a left and democratic united front could rise for the first time to governmental power through parliamentary elections. At that time, elated at the prospect of power and pelf social democratic parties like CPI or CPI(M) were enthusiastically drumming for using that government and the other ready

state machineries like the bureaucracy, police etc. to bring heavens to the toiling people. But they did not spend a single word on the intention, design and intervention of the ruling class in the running of the government on every issue. Armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Party was fully aware of this and so, as a constituent of the Front, insisted upon accepting on principle that there should not be any police interference in legitimate democratic movements of people and as a result when the scope for developing democratic mass movements found a definite fillip, the entire state machineries supported by the monopoly sponsored media raised bitter hue and cry against the government and ultimately terminated it in most illegitimate and unethical way, vindicating the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

As it appears from the instance of Brazil, the Dilma Rousseff government of self-styled leftists did have no compunction towards going back against the expectations of people. Rather it has chosen the path of serving the monopolists and the existing capitalist system, bringing down endless exploitation upon people subjecting them to ruthless oppression when they dare to raise their voice. Unfortunately for her and her government, this time, the oppression resulted in a completely reverse way. It steered people further with determination to build up such a massive movement for change that was unprecedented for Brazil and totally unwarranted for the government and the ruling class.

The mood of the movement can be gauged from the comment of a leader of Brazil's Landless Movement (MST): We are in a full battle of ideas. Nobody knows yet what the result will be. In every city and at every demonstration, we need to fight for hearts and minds. Whoever stays out of this struggle will be left out of history.

Reactionary Egyptian army make a cunning comeback

In Egypt, as mentioned earlier, a massive people's movement fighting for democracy, democratic rights, democratization of society and secularism ended the military-backed oppressive and exploitative rule of Hosni Mubarak in early 2011. However, in absence of a powerful revolutionary leadership, the fundamentalist force of Muslim

Brotherhood, with overt and covert backing of the military as well as the US imperialists, sneaked into the movement and ultimately made its way through. Under the leadership of Mohamed Morsi it even formed the new elected government in June 2012 with an uncomfortably narrow margin and amidst strong allegations of widespread rigging, threat and intimidation. Being seated in power, the Muslim Brotherhood, lead by Morsi, started implementing its agenda. On one hand, it kept the grinding wheel of capitalist exploitation still more active such as going along with IMF demands to cut subsidies for food and electricity, and on the other, through a new constitution drafted without the participation of liberal and Christian legislative members, it started implementing measures that threatened to disturb the secular tenor of the country, bring restrictions on freedom of speech, women's and minority rights and other liberties and severely increase authoritarian power for the president, placing him beyond judicial review. People's resentment instead of being abated kept on mounting and was expressed in the clashes between the Islamists and anti-Morsi conglomerate of seculars, liberals and Christians. On the occasion of the first anniversary of Morsi's ascending to presidency on 30 June, it found expression in what is called *Tamarod* (Rebellion in Arabic) movement which claimed to have the support of 22 million of 84 million signing over its petition. As the movement intensified shaking Morsi's position, pro-US imperialist, pro-capitalist politically ambitious and utterly corrupt Egypt military used this resentment and wrath of people against Morsi and Muslim Brotherhood and took over the power. It deposed Morsi, put him under detention and launched a massive crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood activists. Thus cunningly and keeping a semblance of a civil leadership, the military which had ruled ruthlessly over the country in the interest of the ruling capitalism as well as imperialism, virtually since the independence of the country, made an effective comeback once more. The goals for which Egyptian people had fought with immense power, determination and zeal in the historic movement of Tahrir Square and elsewhere, were lost in the labyrinth of confusion and failure. The Tamarod movement

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Spontaneous outbursts and revolution are not the same thing

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that had started on 30 June last was no less powerful than the said 2011 historic movement. But even that could not prevent the reactionary military from usurping the power that was sure to bring in its wake fiercer bourgeois class rule. The question loomed large : Why?

Glorious people's movements however leave the question of leadership still unresolved

These recent movements in the three countries, Turkey, Brazil and Egypt, have written a few more significant pages in the history of people's movement in the world. They have attested to what people's power may really mean and how frail even the despots may become before it. These have also proved once again that politics hinging upon votes cannot wrest important people's demands from the ruling class, cannot bring about change. What is necessary is people's direct participation, direct action in raising their demands, which alone can wrest at least some of the demands, as it has in the recent instances. Even those demands that people won in the recent movements could not have come through vote-based politics. Neither could it be guaranteed that people would not have to fight for the same demands again and again even after winning them through electoral battles. Nevertheless, these also left serious points to ponder over for fighting people not only of those countries, but of elsewhere too. The three countries are being ruled by their respective capitalist classes, and by virtue of their being inalienable parts of the totally decadent, intensely crisis ridden world capitalist-imperialist system, are themselves being plagued by all signs and symptoms of crisis. This in turn is giving rise to tremendous resentment and anger in people that is seeking ways to give vent to. The massive movements are manifestations of that wrath and resentment of people. But unfortunately these do not immediately show any promise of fulfilling the dreams of people where there will be no exploitation, no oppression, no corruption, no discrimination of economic, racial, religious or any of the sorts. Rather, as in Egypt even mighty movements fail to prevent reaction from settling in with a new vigour and in a newer cloak. This calls for a serious scrutiny, serious probe of how could it happen, what could be the way out.

In this regard we recall a few more analyses and teachings of

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who acquiring and assimilating the rich treasure of Marxist-Leninist knowledge and methodology and developing deep insight and far-reaching fore-sight on the basis of those knowledge and methodology, cautioned and guided exploited toiling people on this issue. What he pointed out is that being subject to exploitation and repression again and again, people, when their sufferings will go beyond all limits, will explode now and again like bombs. They will burst out in anger, rush to the streets to take the arena of struggle, they will face batons, shells, even bullets. But even such spontaneous outburst will require a leadership. It must be a leadership which would not stop content at people's agitation or will not stand bewildered at what is to be done. It must know how to organize the masses when they dare to rush into movement, how to transform them into an organized army in order to carry out a disciplined protracted battle – to conduct a militant sustained struggle, not just a sporadic outburst. Comrade Ghosh clearly elaborated that spontaneous outburst of people's anger, whatever be its magnitude, is not revolution. Agitation does not automatically usher in revolution. Revolution means a radical change of the existing state structure. Such radical change can be brought about only by overthrowing the existing state and replacing it with a new one, — for instance overthrowing a capitalist state to establish a socialist state so that there is a total uprooting of the existing capitalist economic, social, political structure and establishing in its place a socialist structure in all aspects and fields of life. Such a change, a revolutionary one, does not come about in a spontaneous way through outburst of people's accumulated grievances. History does not testify this, nor does science. At best such outbursts, such resentment-driven agitational movements even with militant flavour, may drag the fighting people into the arena of election politics from the arena of struggles. Such agitations thus effectively misdirect the preparation of the revolutionary movement and obstruct the course of revolution itself. Capitalism as it has been, exploitation, unemployment, price hike, eviction and loss of livelihood all the problems as they have been, will remain as it is. Not even the fringe of these problems will be touched. So, it must be borne in mind that agitation and revolution are not the same thing. To accomplish

revolution, what is required for the toiling people is to get organized on the basis of a definite, clear-cut political goal. It means that an organization will have to be built up capable of conducting the protracted struggle of politically conscious people united on the single cause of revolution. And such a goal, such an organization cannot be attained without a revolutionary leadership being established before the movement.

This was why, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh could spell out: "Out of discontent of workers, peasants and all exploited masses, revolution will again and again try to surge ahead in waves after waves. In waves after waves it will try to burst forth. The contradiction within society will deepen and sharpen many times more, calling for radical transformation of this order. It will beseech our consciousness, it will appeal to humanity that revolution is the necessity. Still, revolution will not come, again and again it will recede, it will go astray, and reaction will again and again gain by that — revolution will not see the light until the revolutionary party emerges, capable enough to lead revolution. Let it be clear, just to want revolution is no reflection of revolutionary consciousness. So also, to think about the working class, the proletariat, is no proletarian class consciousness. The correct revolutionary consciousness is the correct proletarian class consciousness, and the correct proletarian class consciousness is the correct proletarian party consciousness — which means, whether you have been able to recognize the genuine revolutionary party or not."

People's movements in all the said three countries appear to have this question of developing revolutionary leadership before them, left still unresolved. None of them show any such leadership to conduct them. Because of that the Egyptian people will find the corrupt reactionary army shoving into the scene nullifying the fruits of the great sacrifice and struggle of people. Because of that the people of Turkey will have to rise up again in future to protect from the onslaughts of the growing fascistic trend whatever secular democratic values and norms their society still has. Because of that, because of leaving the question of developing revolutionary leadership before the movement unanswered, the Brazilian people may realize time and again from now on that lest they were left 'out of history' they will 'need to fight for hearts and minds', to fight not just for soccer but more for hospitals, education or such other bare necessities of life. And all this will happen as the world will look ahead towards them with all expectations for their achieving the cherished changes. All this will corroborate time and again how precise and infallible were Comrade Ghosh's suggestions and how pertinent they still remain, that to accomplish revolution, the real change towards progress and emancipation from exploitation, people's movements must develop, based on Marxism-Leninism, a revolutionary leadership of a genuine Communist Party before them.

The recent movements in Turkey-Brazil-Egypt call for serious consideration in this regard. It is the need of the hour!

On recent Supreme Court judgments

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or minister should be disposed of as speedily as possible.

The Central Committee of our Party also takes note of the second judgement of the Supreme Court delivered on the 11th July 2013, debaring a person who is in jail or in police custody from contesting election. The Central Committee wants to emphasize that in all democratic countries, since the onset of parliamentary democracy, the well-established convention is that all undertrial prisoners have unfettered right to seek election irrespective of the fact whether they are in jails or in bail as the fundamental tenet of jurisprudence states that everyone is presumed to be innocent unless proved guilty.

Again it cannot be forgotten for a moment that when bourgeois politics has degenerated into abysmal depth, attempts of the ruling parties to debar fighting persons engaged in developing people's movements from being poll candidates by resorting to nefarious means has become a real danger. The Central Committee of our Party, therefore, is of the firm opinion that at such a time, this decision of the Supreme Court is simply uncalled for, arbitrary and a direct blow upon individual's basic liberty and individual freedom and also upon democracy. We, therefore, strongly feel that the Supreme Court should seriously give a calm and cool consideration to it and at once rescind this order.

Strife-torn Pakistan, its recent election and problems of democratic movement there

Pakistan is one of the India's immediate neighbours; after remaining together since long through history people of the two countries emerged as two different nations at one and the same time from under the rule of the British imperialists. So even today, fraternity calls for dispassionate judgment from people of either side on any serious happenings and situation across the border.

A Backdrop : Pakistan made a cauldron of terror, corruption, exploitation and oppression

With much concern it may be noted that in more than six and a half decades of independence, Pakistan and its people had to spend more than three and a half decades under military rules established through three coups (1958-'71, 1977-'88, 1999-2008). Those were interspersed with a façade of parliamentary democracy or civil governance and a number of unsuccessful coup attempts. However, in effect even those civil rules had to earn backing or monitoring by the military for their existence.

As is known, Pakistan was born as a Muslim state out of undivided India on the frail and flimsy ground of religion. This was at the conspiracy of the British imperialism which all through carried on the policy of divide and rule to keep the Hindu and the Muslim, the two major religious communities of the undivided country at war. The leaders of the two communities fell easy prey to this conspiracy. Along with that, the way the Indian nation emerged from under the rule of the British imperialists fighting against feudalism and imperialism, hardly had any effect upon the Muslim dominated areas of present Pakistan, particularly those of its remote hinterlands. It was because Indian nationalism practically took the shape of Hindu-religion oriented nationalism on account of the compromising nature of the leadership of that nation-building movement, the Indian bourgeoisie. Nor there developed any parallel struggle against the British imperialists and feudalism in the regions later included in Pakistan. So instead of growing into a well-knit homogeneous modern democratic nation, since birth Pakistan developed as an artificially conglomerated state with its aspirant bourgeoisie hurriedly assuming power from their hankering for getting hold of the

market of the whole of Pakistan, and in course of it accommodating feudalism along with its divisive religious fanaticism remaining intact, strong and pervasive. People of its different parts remained divided into different religious sects and communities, into different ethnic tribes, creeds etc., with different cultural and linguistic traits. The only way that the rulers could find to hold these different even reluctant forces artificially and forcibly together was not just by religious fundamentalism but more particularly, by the military might of the state. This gave the military in Pakistan an upper hand in the functioning of the state.

Even religion that was viewed by the Muslim League rulers to serve as the base for building Pakistan into a nation acted the other way. Instead of binding people together, which it really could not and cannot do in the present days, it sowed the seeds of disunity, oppression and coercion. Thus, along with the rule of guns- boots-uniforms, the country was ravaged by horrible spate of religious fundamentalist forces spitting venom of fanatic religious jingoism and unthinkable terror based on it. There were separatist and secessionist forces here and there led and controlled by tribal- feudal warlords continuously getting into blood-shedding internecine clashes. Last, but not the least, a dreaded state-run intelligence wing kept on breeding, cultivating and fomenting all sorts of state-terror and seeds of disunity and conflict among people. The military and the ruling agents or the political managers of aspirant capitalist class and feudal or tribal warlords of the country, that is the political parties and their politicians, were engaged in continuous fierce tussles among themselves, shamelessly and relentlessly making use of, and in the process often playing into the hands of these dangerous fundamentalist divisive arch-reactionary forces. Their sole aims, without exception, became grabbing and clinging to power and plundering and sharing whatever natural resources the country had and whatever aids from the imperialists flowed into it. To meet these aims they did not hesitate to deliver everything to the imperialists with a view to aggrandizing themselves. They had the least intent and concern about that country's economy and people. It is the latter, that is people, who had to bear the brunt.

To dupe people and divert them from this dangerous design, these rulers of Pakistan made the issue of Kashmir one of their nasty weapons, virtually their main weapon. Aided and abetted by their counterparts in India, the Indian capitalist rulers, the Pakistani rulers kept alive the Kashmir issue created by the British imperialists and later fanned up by the US and other imperialists. And on it they raised a venomous anti-India bogey, in keeping with that stepped up its exorbitantly huge military budget at the cost of minimum economic, even welfare measures for common people, acquired lethal weapons and arsenals as well as aids and assistances from the imperialists, fanned up fanaticism, prevented progressive rational approach to the issue from growing and even encouraged and promoted innumerable armed gangs that were continuously engaged in mindless blood-shedding conflicts and wanton killing of innocent people. In course of all these acts, the Pakistani rulers have used religion in consequence of which there developed worst kind of religious fanaticism, riding on which menacing state-backed fundamentalist forces were fanned up. The latter ultimately have become Frankensteins that are now threatening the very existence of the Pakistani state.

The putrid ambience of the feudo-capitalist rule and exploitation was perfectly suitable for the imperialist sharks to prey upon and dominate. Taking full advantage, virtually all along its history the US imperialists frantically tried to turn this strategically placed south Asian country into an American base. The design included tagging the country into various military combinations like the SEATO or CENTO and to perpetrating all sorts of subversive activities to create political instability and turmoil there. On the other hand, by their neo-colonial exploitation and domination that were given effect to in close connivance with the rulers of Pakistan, the US imperialists ruined its economy seriously obstructing growth of independent industries there; they simply used the Pakistani market for their goods. In result, the country became entirely and pathetically dependent on assistance, read doles, from the US and other imperialists. At the same time, the US imperialists meticulously and liberally backed the Pakistani rulers in preventing

growth of any sort of progressive thoughts, in curbing any spurt of democratic movements and in thwarting the emergence of genuine communist party by imposing ban.

To add fuel to the fire, the US imperialists in collusion with the Pakistani rulers, created, fostered and nurtured the Talibans of Afghanistan on the plea of putting an end to the existence of the erstwhile Soviet Union forces there. The rabid fundamentalist Talibans from which cropped up the dreaded Al Qaeda terrorist outfit, later became Frankensteins for the US rulers and the gruesome and naked US aggression upon Afghanistan that commenced also made its impact felt in the neighbouring Pakistan. Not only the Talibans and the Al Qaeda including their top leaders like Osama bin Laden were offered sanctuary by the Pakistani rulers inside their territory, particularly the bordering parts of Pakistan. The Talibans cashed upon the strong anti-US sentiments of Pakistani people that aggravated as US imperialist aggressors retaliated at these moves. Also taking advantage of the pro-US imperialist weak-kneed stand of the Pakistani rulers the Talibans fomented *jeihad* against the latter and made deep terror-strewn inroads into the political-social life there. On the other hand, in the name of fighting out the Talibans, the US imperialists compelled Pakistan to send massive troops to its Afghan border to crush the Talibans. On the same plea they themselves carried out heinous drone attacks inside Pakistan territory killing Pakistani soldiers, even innocent civilians as also hounded out and murdered Talibani or Al Qaeda leaders including Osama bin Laden in the land of Pakistan. Such blatant acts of transgression of national sovereignty further triggered anti-US sentiment in Pakistan, and its rulers were forced to react, including in the very recent case in July 2013. But even though after such a drone attack in 2011 killing 25 soldiers, the Pakistani rulers shut down NATO supply routes and boycotted the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan, tacit compliance with the Pakistani army and the rulers behind these US attacks could not be kept under cover for long.

More recently expansionist design of the Indian rulers in Afghanistan on the plea of helping reconstruction of that war-ravaged country, has given rise to counter efforts by the Pak rulers to try to

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extend and establish their sphere of influence in that country through Pak Taliban fundamentalists-military nexus and to whip up anti-Indian bogey further.

All these together have made Pakistan a hot-bed, rather a fierce cauldron of military and terrorist activities. There democratic even human rights have come out to be daydreams for people; protests, even any dissent are brutally crushed; democratic movements are prevented from nucleating, Marxist, rather any kind of progressive leftist thoughts and outlook of life are ruthlessly suppressed. Political parties and activists are put under stringent surveillance and even curbed. Rabid fundamentalist leaders and their diktats incite constant murderous clashes among different sections of people, put virtually dictatorial shackles of *fatwa* on social life particularly subjugating women to the worst kind of suppression and oppression. There remains not a single day when one section of people is not being attacked and its members killed by another section. Those may be mindless individual assassination; wanton attack on congregation of masses at religious places; brute attack on buses; inhuman killing of children and their mothers, for the former rejoicing and dancing in the open in front of their house at the occurrence of rare rainfall and the latter not preventing them from doing so – these are only to mention a few in the endless series of such incidents. Obviously terrible uncertainties cropping up from those activities make the country susceptible to any-time foreign imperialist intervention and aggression. The cauldron thus extends into the country as a silent impregnable web of the ruling classes- their military-fundamentalists-politician nexus aided and abetted by the US imperialists. It has created an ambience of total darkness cast by illiteracy- irrationality, religious bigotry and fanaticism, corruption and above all the severe bloody hands of terror. In it minimum democratic atmosphere that can be found in other countries even under extremely suffocating condition, is conspicuously absent. Corruption reigns supreme at all levels of power, even social life. Bourgeois governments anywhere and everywhere in the capitalist world are now infested more or less with

corruption. Pakistan appears to have excelled in achieving one of the top spots. Here governments have become the monitoring body to supervise sharing of booties among politicians of different brands generated from thousand and one corrupt means. Several elected governments were thrown out of power by the military making unfathomable corruption as a suitable plea. In their turn, highly corrupt military not just scramble power and pelf, they own industries and control economic processes. In course of this whole process, people in power or aspirant for that, appease and foment different dreadful terrorist outfits to gain mileage in efforts to catch hold of votes. Behind all these severe barbaric acts that tend to recall medieval oppression runs the jittery state machine of exploitation which makes people bleed white. Price-rise, unemployment, illiteracy, unrelenting power crisis, uncertainty or dearth of the minimum services or facilities for a decent life, abject insecurity of life: these are a few of the thousand and one burning problems of life that confront people every day every moment. The feudo-capitalist rule, instead of finding out any remedial ways and means to any kind of solution, simply aggravates the situation. The governments coming one after another have miserably failed or refrained themselves from taking minimum measures and programmes to alleviate people from their miseries and free them from the horrors of fundamentalist terrors. Barring some sporadic half-hearted efforts from this or that government to control secessionist activities or put a curb on terror attacks, no long-term concrete measures have been ventured. Rather, the dreadful fundamentalists appear to be running a parallel government of theirs with its own rules. Running virtually unchallenged and unabashed, the entire process has simply approached its worse forms with time. The cauldron is fuming with its venomous outpours.

The recent election, its outcome and prospect

The recent election in Pakistan took place in such a situation in the country. As the election neared, media were replete with stories and analyses on how best Pakistan was going to embrace democratic process. But with whom and under what conditions? There was

indelible fear of military intervention and onslaught at any moment. The same corrupt parties with the same set of leaders who had been the cause of bringing ruin to the country, who had been steeped in corruption, who had always played agents of imperialists and military and appeased the fundamentalists were again in the fray. There were newer entrants on the scene promising nothing different. Whoever of these forces might have won the election, what could people expect from them? Amidst wild guesses and speculations and the contesting candidates spilling out their rhetoric on vote-catching, there ran the dreadful wagon-wheel of terror. Heavily armed Talibans and other outfits unleashed threat-intimidation and even murderous attacks on not only political activists but even the candidates and human rights activists of lowest to highest statures; they simply did not allow, by sheer brute force, many willing persons to place themselves as candidates. Their single aim came out in bold relief: They were going to create an ambience inside the country where people, simply out of fear, would not spend time and thoughts on the election, its candidates or the outcome. These rabid fundamentalists would allow only those candidates they chose to be of their use and help, helping them with a cake-walk to take entry to legislative power. The all-powerful military, non-chalant, looked the other way giving a free hand to these dreaded hateful enemies of democracy and society to achieve their goal. The election promised to turn into a state-monitored, administrative rigging.

Nawaz Sharif, backed by the feudal lords, capitalists, military and terrorist forces, emerged 'victorious' in this election to become the Prime Minister for the third time. In a brief recollection it may be stated that in 1991 as the first time PM, Sharif and his party PML-N initiated implementation of the imperialist globalization- economic liberalisation programme in Pakistan, the hot dish for the rulers of all capitalist countries, as also formally incorporated Islamic Shariah law into legal code, an appeasement to the fundamentalists. He had to relinquish power twice on different charges under pressure from the military and was even sentenced to life imprisonment, later pardoned and sent into exile; he came back from exile in 2007 and

his party with blessings from and compromise with the military, became a coalition partner with Pakistan People's Party (PPP) only to pull out soon. This time in 2013 he enjoys a majority, albeit not an absolute one and that too attained, as mentioned, as an outcome of a rigged election held in an atmosphere of terror-threat-intimidation-killing. How can such an incumbent rising to power through such surreptitious and terror-strewn process bring any tangible good to people? In fact, all these visible and invisible signs speak for the truth that the ruling classes- military- fundamentalists, more so the Talibans - imperialists nexus is sure to continue as the determining forces, as usual, in running the country. The new government can at best act like a stingsless puppet of the said nexus. And if so, there may be no question on the fact, that it would not be able to bring forth minimum relief to people's life through concrete steps in the economic front, or to tear apart at least contain the dreadful nexus. Stifling of voices, gagging of democracy, gloom of fascistic atmosphere would not be affected by this change in government, rather those will go on increasing. Nothing could be expected from the opposition too; the people have already had enough experience about their character. Rather, the perpetrators of terror- corruption-oppression and exploitation, will not allow people even for a single day to speak out for democratic rights against unbearable price rise, unfathomable corruption, uncontrollable unemployment. All these will simply go on. Pakistan will continue to be a failed state, dependent on doles and gasping for a minimum fresh air.

Problems of democratic movement in Pakistan

In this situation when menacing arch-reactionary trident of killer and corrupt military, dreadful fundamentalists and designful US imperialists are coming down heavily upon Pakistan and its people, an uphill task awaits its patriotic, democratic- and progressive-minded, right thinking, and rationally oriented people to attend to. Unfailingly and immediately they must find out new ways and means to thwart the free play of these reactionary forces. As experience through decades of independence shows, elections or

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History amply attested that elections will not touch any of people's problems

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mere change in the governments would not meet any of people's requirements. The country must see restoration of democratic rights, lifting of all curbs on political parties and activities and a minimum ambience for democratic, progressive forces to grow. Obviously it would not be an open ground. There would be tooth and nail fight for every inch to make advance. That cannot be helped without a stubborn ideological campaign, a passionate unveiling of the real import of the reactions on the country and its people at large, a searching drive to pick up fighters from among the masses. It is a fight

for the people burdened with unshakable exploitation. So all sections of exploited, oppressed people need be united to build up, articulate and integrate series of democratic movements on thousand and one burning problems of their life, namely price rise, unemployment, illiteracy, dearth of shelter and medical facilities, power crisis, insecurity of life, democratic and human rights and so on. Such movements launched in different corners and parts of the country might then be gradually converged into countrywide massive movements. The present moment is the opportune moment too. At least formally there is no military in

power, a civil elected government has been formed. So at this hour it is very important that all out efforts be made to build up strong and sustained mass struggles uniting all sections of oppressed people. But such movements cannot be developed and led to their successful culminations without a correct leadership leading the masses with a correct ideology to the cherished goal. And these days Marxism- Leninism being the noblest ideology of the oppressed people, only a Marxist- Leninist revolutionary leadership can provide people with that right direction for their struggle. So the soil of Pakistan requires such a

revolutionary leadership to emerge strongly before people to lead them.

People of Pakistan face this historic need. It appears they have no other way out but to recognize these truths and act accordingly to free themselves from the labyrinth of exploitation-corruption-terror and from the nexus of the ruling classes- their military-fundamentalists- politicians as well as to usher in the days which will see democratic rights restored in the country and which will bring back the so-called failed state of Pakistan from the brink of facing extermination.

Comrade C K Lukose represents AIUTUC at EU-India Joint Seminar in Brussels

6th European Union – India Joint Seminar on Employment and Social Policy was held in Brussels, the capital of Belgium on 24th and 25th June, 2013. The specific topic of the seminar was “Social Protection”. Comrade C.K. Lukose, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C), and Vice-president, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) took part in the Seminar representing alongwith AITUC, CITU and BMS workers' side from India. About 80 delegates from India, European Commission, European workers and socially related groups attended the Seminar. Participating in the 4th session on 25th June, Comrade C. K. Lukose presented a paper on “Social Protection as Fundamental Right to Everyone”.

In the said paper, he said that ILO in its 101st ILC session reaffirms that right to social security is a human right which means social protection is not and should not be a subject of arbitration, it is basic human right. An organized society has to be essentially comprising of a social protection net and security cover to all its members for its own benefit of well-being and cohesion. ILC session further states that social security is, along with promoting employment, an economic and social necessity for development and progress. Also that it will act as social and economic stabilizer and help to stimulate aggregate demand. Global Extension of Social Security (GESS) is out-spoken in pointing out that social security schemes will also avoid or lessen social tensions, violent conflicts, and uncontrolled

migration and also that global crisis stressed the role of social security as automatic stabilizer. The advent of capitalist globalization and its onward march for the last two decades has devastating effects on the life and livelihood of working millions. ‘Job less’ and ‘Job loss’ character of the present pursuits are acknowledged by everybody. Millions have lost their jobs. “The youth employment crisis, considerably aggravated by the global economic and financial crisis, now requires governments, employers and workers to work even harder to promote, create and maintain decent and productive jobs... Persistent youth unemployment and under employment carry very high social and economic costs and threaten the fabric of societies.” Says the Resolution adopted in the said ILC session. Apart from these, as shown by ILO in its global report 2012-13, for those who are employed also real wages are declining while prices are soaring. Even in the organized sector, vast majority of jobs are rendered informal i.e. under contract and casual system. That means “Higher and fire” condition is over-riding job security and protection. Various schemes implemented by different countries which were providing minimum social security to the workers and employees are being withdrawn or curtailed in the name of austerity measures on one hand and on the other thrown into the hands of market forces for profit making or speculative trading. For example the pension scheme, medical care,

public education system etc. Contract Labour Abolition Acts which covered jobs of perennial nature are made practically defunct. Wage freezes, DA cut, retrenchment, all have become the order of the day.

Under such a situation, simply talking of social protection is pointless unless the present policies are reverted and meaningful measures are adopted. The aggravated insecurity in life and stark inequality in the society along with the resultant intensified social tensions on the one hand and sweeping pauperization along with the resultant shrinkage of market on the other are severely upsetting the goals of global policy makers and planners. This is glaringly evidenced by the hard-hit and sustained crisis gripping all economies irrespective of whether matured or emerging. All of them are groping in the dark for a way out. For this crisis the workers or the general people are in no way responsible, but they have become the worst victims of it.

ILO has also reflected upon it in its various resolutions and recommendations. Despite various limitations, the Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention 1952 (No.102) may be considered as a Standard that could pave the way for laying foundation of a comprehensive Social Security System if seriously meant and implemented by all the member states of the ILO. The areas covered under this convention are 1) Medical Care 2) Sickness benefit 3) Unemployment Benefit 4) Old Age



Benefit 5) Employment Injury Benefit 6) Family Benefit 7) Maternity Benefit 8) Invalidity benefit and 9) Survivors Benefit. Almost 62 years have elapsed since the above Standard was adopted. During the period after 1952, it has been upheld in many Declarations, resolutions and pronouncement of various international forums that social security is a basic human right and the primary and overall responsibility of the state is to ensure it. But the question is where do we stand today? How many countries including the highly developed economies have established a comprehensive and developed social security system till date? How many countries have recognized it as fundamental right under their respective Constitution?

In this critical backdrop the ILO in its 101st Session has adopted the new Standard in the name of *THE SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS RECOMMENDATION 2012 (No. 202)*. Of late heads of the group of 20 nations have endorsed the setting up of national floors as envisaged in

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Brutal attack on Comrade Nanda Patra by TMC-sheltered goons

Comrade Nanda Patra, revered leader and face of legendary Nandigram movement, alongwith six other comrades, was brutally attacked by a group of armed miscreants allegiant to ruling TMC on 22nd June when he was returning home after addressing an election meeting in support of the SUCI (C) zilla parishad candidate in Nandigram Block 2. Having sustained serious injury in chest, belly and hands, Comrade Patra, Joint Secretary, Nandigram Bhumi Uchhed Pratirodh Committee, was immediately rushed to the local Tamluk hospital. This incident caused a furore among the local

people who hold Comrade Patra in high esteem because of his selfless character, fighting spirit and valiance. Everyone condemned this cowardly act by the ruling party goons, viewed this as an attack on justice and truth, and wondered how could TMC leadership stoop so low for sectarian electoral interest. Many grassroot level TMC workers were deeply pained at this incident, burst into tears while enquiring about the health condition of Comrade Patra and said "How could this happen! We had never dreamt of any such thing. We ought to be punished for this. There would have to be atonement of this sin".

SUCI(C) in West Bengal Panchayat Election

Braving all odds, standing firm against all kinds of onslaughts including threats, intimidation, physical assaults and even murderous attacks by the mainstream political parties like the TMC, CPI (M), Congress and others, SUCI (C), holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and correct leftist line, is contesting the ongoing elections to the three-tier Panchayat polls with the slogan of cleansing the panchayats from corruption and transforming them into platforms of mass movement. SUCI (C) has fielded 6192 candidates in Gram Panchayat, 1643 candidates in Panchayat Samity and 485 candidates in Zilla Parishad.

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the newly adopted recommendation. We are given to understand that this recommendation has been framed in the light of the Social Security (Minimum Standard) Convention 1952 reiterating its earlier commitment to developed and integrated higher form of social security system with a view to ensuring "fair" Globalization. From the workers' side we like to emphatically point out that Globalization is not and cannot be "fair" as it is meant for opening up the entire economy to the free and unrestrained play of market forces at the cost of even minimum protection to the labouring masses and common people. We strongly feel that under the present conditions the newly framed protection floor is bound to be much inferior to the minimum standard set up in 1952. The overall situation emanating from the policy of globalization once again confirms the rationality of the long standing demand that the *Right to Social Security* in every country must be constitutionally recognized as fundamental right. And suitable means should be evolved to insist upon all member states to ratify the Social Security (minimum standards) convention 1952 and to see that it is implemented in its true spirit and regularly monitored. What

has been placed above is in a global perspective since the situation in general is not different anywhere whether it is India or EU or elsewhere.

It is often stated that India is a poor country and huge population is a hindrance before social protection measures. That is not true. India is in fact a rich country, very rich in natural resources with splendid perennial rivers, not one, many. From the Great Himalayas up to the Western Ghats and Malabar coast, there is a marvelous diversity of Nature along with cultural diversity. India does not lack in skills, talents and genius. Large population of India is abundant manpower which is employable and it is a great wealth not a curse. Likewise the increase in the number of retired and old persons is also not curse; rather it is that much ripe wisdom, matured thinking and valuable life experience prevailing as a blessing for the society. But the irony of the situation is that still world's half of the total poor are living in this one country, India. And in Human Development Index India stands at 134th position out of the 160 and odd countries. There it remains unchanged for the past one decade! When we talk of Social Protection, the most important consideration has to be given to these realities.

IACC denounces the heinous act of forcing down President Evo Morales's aircraft

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) and General Secretary, International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) issued the following statement on 5th July, 2013 :

IACC denounces the gangster act of forcing down the aircraft carrying the President of Bolivia Evo Morales on the suspicion that it was carrying Edward Snowden, a criminal in the eyes of USA. Before leaving Moscow, President Morales declared that if Snowden seeks political asylum in Bolivia they would be willing to debate and consider it. This was enough to earn the wrath of USA. President Morales's plane was denied airspace by France, Portugal, Italy and Spain and it was forced to land in Vienna, where the Austrian officials demanded to inspect the plane for the presence of Snowden, and detained it for 14 hours. It is clear that these were all done under US pressure. Snowden is not a criminal. He has done a great service to humanity by exposing the criminal activities of the mighty US Government. Moreover article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that, "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution." Clearly the incident is an act of gangsterism and the treatment meted out to President Morales is in violation of international law and transgresses all propriety. IACC condemns the illegal action of the European countries, the so-called champions of democracy, carried out under orders of the US. Such brazen lawless acts of the imperialist powers could take place because of the absence of an effective and powerful united global people's movement against imperialist aggression. IACC appeals to all progressive people to build up powerful anti-imperialist movement in all countries and to coordinate these to release a mighty global movement against imperialism.



In view of the alarming rise of crime on women in Tripura a convention was held at Agarata Press Club, Tripura, on 30th June, 2013 organized by AIMSS and addressed by Smt. Purnima Roy, Chairperson, Tripura State Women's Commission, Professor Alpana Sinha, Smt. Kalpana Bhattacharyya, 'Manabi', a social organization and Comrade Arun Bhowmik, Tripura State Secretary, SUCI(C). All of them emphasized on building up powerful movement to stem the rot.



Bibhas Chakraborty, eminent theatre personality and Partha Sengupta, renowned lawyer of Calcutta High Court addressing street corner meeting in Kolkata on 5th July organized by the 'Citizen's Committee against Atrocities on Women' in observance of completion of one year of

martyrdom of Barun Biswas, a brave young teacher, who was killed by criminals and anti-socials because of organizing people's protest against increasing rape and atrocities on women in Sutia, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Demonstration by AIMSS at Dhekiajuli near Tezpur, Assam, on 1st July demanding immediate arrest of a number of miscreants, who, in disguise of ghosts, have unleashed a reign of terror in the local villages and even molesting women. Allegedly it is a



brainwave of a group of defeated Congress candidates of the last Panchayat election, with the objective of settling score against the villagers who have not voted them. Comrade Swarnalata Chaliha, Member, AIMSS Assam State Committee, led the demonstration and called for appropriate remedial steps.

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