

COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

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Condemn and raise voice against Aerial terrorism

on PLGA and the indigenous people of Bastar!

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) strongly condemns the BLITZ carried out by the Chhattisgarh police, CRPF (COBRA), STF, DRG, Greyhounds, supported by Indian Army and Airforce officials and technicians in the Pamed guerilla base area of South Bastar on 15th April at 1.00 am targeting People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) and the local tribal people.

More than 50 drones were used in this aerial bombing and more than 50 High Explosive bombs were dropped hitting some huts made by villagers in jungles to store their forest produce. PLGA and the people were alert enough and escaped narrowly from the bombing.

This was an attack in the model of Modi's surgical strike executed by the police and the Army personnel following the guidelines of Home Minister Amit Shah, Ajit Dowal, Vijay Kumar and Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel and is nothing but Aerial terrorism. This is the second attack after one on 19th April 2021.

Deployment of the Army in the 5th Scheduled Areas of tribal people is not only unconstitutional but also against the UNO's indigenous people's chapter. Aerial bombing is not only inhumane but also a gross violation of international laws. The Central and the state governments are establishing police, Para-Military camps in tribal areas of Bastar (CG), Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra without taking consent of Gram Sabhas as per the provisions of the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA). This too is unconstitutional. Tribal people are agitating against these camps since November 2019 on which heavy repression is going on.

In fact, Modi is handing over public wealth and resources to the Indian and foreign corporates and to fulfil the purpose unleashing the present onslaught on farmers, workers, small traders, tribals, Muslims and other oppressed people. The attacks are also targeted to wipe out the people's political power organs, the RPCs in Bastar.

The CC, CPI (Maoist) calls upon all the cadres, leaders and commanders of the party, PLGA and Revolutionary People's Committees and revolutionary people to give stiff resistance to the ongoing offensive. CC appeals to all the democrats, progressive forces, human rights organisations, workers, peasants, students, youth journalists, left parties and forces, anti-Hindutva forces to raise high the voice against drone attacks on Bastar people.

The CC appeals to the ICSPWI, all the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist parties, forces all over the world, world proletariat and toiling masses to come forward and make serious protests against the drone attacks, that are part of the reactionary and counter-revolutionary 'SAMADHAN-Prahar' offensive that is nothing but war on tribal people of central India and Eastern India. It also calls upon to build strong solidarity towards Indian Revolutionary movement. The CC also appeals to the proletariat of the respective countries to oppose and boycott all the programmes and policies in relation to the Indian government. It appeals to all the International human rights organisations to raise the issue in international forums.

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