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COMMITTEE**



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**Oppose the brutal police offensive by the fascist UPA and
social-fascist Left Front govts against the adivasis of
Lalgarh! The current suppression campaign will lead to
massive armed people's resistance!!**

On 18 June 2009, the social-fascist "Left Front" Govt in West Bengal led by the neo-revisionist CPI(M), and aided by the UPA Govt at the Centre, has unleashed a massive brutal onslaught against the adivasis of Lalgarh and the surrounding areas in Jhargram sub-division in West Mednipur district of West Bengal. 14 Companies of central forces, including the newly-created anti-Naxal elite COBRA force, and over 3000 state police have already been sent to the area to "flush out" the Maoists. To justify this massive state offensive the CPI(M) has floated the myth that 1100 villages, spread over an area of over 1000 sq kms, have been "liberated" by the Maoists.

The adivasi population of Lalgarh has been seething with anger ever since the police began unleashing numerous atrocities on innocent people in the wake of the attempt on the life of the Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee on Nov 2 last. It was the indiscriminate attacks by the police and the CPI(M) goons on the adivasis of the region, particularly the severe beating of adivasi women in November last, that had provoked the people into direct confrontation with the state. An independent people's organization called *Police Santrosh Birodhi Jansaadharaner Committee* or *People's Committee Against Police Atrocities* came into existence to protect the adivasis from police excesses. It placed simple demands like apology by the top police officials of the district to the people of the affected villages, withdrawal of all cases foisted against the people, compensation for the victims of police atrocities, a halt to police raids during nights, etc. The CPI(M) had been badly shaken by its rapidly eroding base and hence has been desperately trying to repeat a Nandigram in Lalgarh by organizing massacre of adivasis.

It is the police atrocities and attacks by the armed cadres that gave further fillip to the people's movement against the police, united the entire adivasi population of the region, and numerous forms of struggle such as boycott of police personnel, boycott of elections, blockades, non-cooperation with the district administration, demonstrations and mass meetings characterized the scene during the past seven months. The Left Front government, instead of solving these demands, has now further aggravated the situation by sending in more police forces. **The irony of the present offensive by the state and central forces and the fresh round of police atrocities in Lalgarh is that it is directed against the people who were agitating precisely against those very police atrocities since the past seven months. Needless to say, the embittered people of the area will become further enraged by this strong-arm tactic of the state and central govts.** Rattled by the humiliating reverses it suffered in the last parliamentary elections due to its offensive and massacre in Nandigram, and fearful of an even greater backlash if it tried a similar misadventure in Lalgarh, the CPI(M) has been begging the UPA government to undertake the Lalgarh operation by sending the central forces. Instead of looking into its own failings and misrule in West Bengal, and its cadre-

goonda raj in several pockets in the state that is leading to its alienation from the people at large, the CPI(M) has resorted to place the blame on the Maoists and opposition parties for the situation in Lalgarh and elsewhere in the state.

The CC, CPI(Maoist), calls upon the people of the entire country to condemn the brutal joint offensive by the Centre and West Bengal state on the adivasi people of Lalgarh and surrounding areas, to show solidarity to the people of Lalgarh by extending all kinds of support, and to unite to build a broad-based militant mass movement against state repression in Lalgarh. It calls upon the entire Party ranks, the heroic fighters of PLGA, and the members of all revolutionary mass organizations to mobilise the masses all over the country to protest against the brutal state offensive in Lalgarh, and to take up a wide propaganda campaign throughout the country explaining the peaceful, democratic nature of the seven-month-old people's movement in Lalgarh and exposing the social-fascist nature of the CPI(M) which cannot tolerate such people's movements.

The CC, CPI(Maoist), warns the reactionary rulers at the Centre and the state of West Bengal to withdraw their brutal offensive at least now or else their brutal offensive will only transform the present peaceful people's movement into an armed people's resistance movement. **Just as *salwa judum* in Chhattisgarh had transformed thousands of adivasis into Maoist guerrillas in a short span of time, so will the present Lalgarh operation multiply the armed strength and mass base of the Maoist revolutionaries.** We make it crystal-clear that the entire responsibility for the intensification of retaliatory violence by Maoist guerrillas and the people on the leaders and cadres of CPI(M) and the police personnel lies squarely on the shoulders of the Buddhadeb government. If the Buddhadeb govt unleashes blood-bath in Lalgarh it will spell the nemesis of the already half-decimated CPI(M) in West Bengal.

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