

KCP Support for the 24-Hour All India Bandh Called by the CPI (Maoist)

Kangleipak Communist Party will extend unconditional support to the 24 hours All India Bandh on 8th November called by our fraternal group Communist Party of India (Maoist) but it can not be effect in Manipur because Manipur is going to celebrate Ningol Chakouba on the same day, a traditional largest festival of Manipuri Society. So KCP apologized for that reason.

India is not the “shining” example of globalization and capitalism its publicists claim. Indeed today there are more Indians living in poverty (456 million) than the entire population of India in 1947 (345 million).

Independent India inherited a semi-feudal agrarian system from the British. Land ownership was highly concentrated in a few landlords Zamindars and their intermediaries whose main objective was to extract maximum rent, either in cash or kind from peasants. Congress under Nehru, for all its reformist socialist rhetoric and its state capitalist measures, never carried out a radical agrarian reform let alone a rural revolution. It is noteworthy that the most far reaching (though gradual) land reform has been in the states ruled by Communist Party governments or coalitions, i.e. in West Bengal, Manipur and Kerala. Recent studies prove that rural inequalities have increased, rather than decreased. The number of landless laborers has gone up and the top ten percent of landowners monopolizes more land now than in 1951.

But there are strategic weaknesses within the Indian communist movement. The Indian working class and peasantry are struggling to improve their living conditions and demanding social justice, but the reformist leaderships of the CPI and CPM hold them back. The CPI and CPM are both reformist parties, concentrating on parliamentary elections. When in power in different regions they act in the interests of capital against the interests of the workers and peasantry - most scandalously in West Bengal when the CPM sent in party cadres to intimidate, rape and harass villagers resisting privatization and in Manipur CPI Manipur state Committee directly involved to suppress the Peoples movement against the rape and brutal killing of Thangjam Chanu Manorama. Now the Indian peasantry and working people need an alternative force.

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