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Publisher's Note

This inaugurated Bulletin of CCOMPOSA has been published as per the decision of the Second Annual Conference of the CCOMPOSA held in August 2002. The Bulletin is aimed at disseminating the revolutionary news and views from the CCOMPOSA to all the revolutionary forces and the masses in general in the region and elsewhere.

*In this inaugural issue we have included important documents from CCOMPOSA, particularly "**Declaration of CCOMPOSA**". It is expected that the **Declaration** should help all to understand the common ideological-political basis of CCOMPOSA and to further strengthen and expand it in future. The "**Joint Statement**" issued after the founding conference of CCOMPOSA in July, 2001, has also been reprinted here to provide an historical overview of the development of this important regional body.*

Reports from different constituent Parties and Organisations are also included in this issue. In the subsequent issues we hope to publish more reports of revolutionary activities by the constituent Parties and Organisations, so that the revolutionary forces and the masses can learn from each other's experiences. Also, such reports or any other authorised communications from the Parties and Organisations different levels of development of People's War (PW) or the preparations for PW were very exciting and useful to forge a closer ideological, political and organisational unity.

In the most important second session, two documents-Declaration of CCOMPOSA and Organisational Rules of Functioning of CCOMPOSA-were presented, discussed in a comradely manner and unanimously adopted. The discussion and adoption of the Declaration were instrumental in achieving a high level of unity among the constituent Parties and Organisations and were correctly hailed as historic in the brief life of CCOMPOSA.

In the final session, the delegates elected a new Standing Committee and a Convenor. A "Resolution on the Present Political Situation" was also passed. The meeting of the Standing Committee was subsequently held. The meeting among other things, decided to observe February 13 as Nepal PW Anniversary Day and May 21 as Naxalbari Uprising Day throughout the region.

In sum, the Second Annual Conference was unanimously hailed as a great success and assumed to be a mile-stone in the further development and consolidation of CCOMPOSA.

The Tactical Counter-Offensive of the CPI (ML)(PW)

Well prior to the 9th Congress, held in March 2001 of the Party the enemy forces of the governments, at the Central and State levels, had launched a war against the revolutionary forces. The attacks took the form of a multi-pronged coordinated campaign. On the one hand it stepped up its military offensive utilizing the specially trained counter-insurgency forces on a bigger scale and spending unlimited amounts on its intelligence network. On the other hand it came with its reform programme, financed to a large extent by the World Bank, to wean away the masses from the Party. These reform programmes were implemented by the ruling parties, like the TDP in AP, by NGOs and even by the very police themselves. Besides, they also came with big sops to encourage surrenders with the police pushing forward to form friendship committees in the villages, 'counseling' relatives of activists, and distributing medicine and clothes in the villages. They also promoted the hoax of talks in AP, as part of this multi-pronged attack.

Already, in Dec 1999, they had arrested three Central Committee members, Com. Shyam, Mahesh and Murali, brutally tortured them, and killed them in cold blood. Through this period hundreds of cadres and even leaders of the Party were martyred. Militarily the enemy began gaining the upper hand. In the period after the Congress the Party lost about 240 comrades belonging to various committees, ordinary PMs, sympathizers, and activists of mass organizations. Of these four were State committee members — com. Padma of the NTSZC, com. Krishna of the APSC, com. Sukhdev of the DKSZC and com. Dadichi Roy of the B-J SC. Also martyred were important district committee members like com Diwakar of Nalgonda (AP), com. Prabhakar of Mahboobnagar (AP), com. Suryam of Khammam (NT), com. Sinu of Warangal (NT) and platoon commanders com. Prabhakar (NT) and com. Linganna (AP). Just three months back in Tamil Nadu a senior comrade, Siva, was martyred and large number, including the state secretary, COM. Gautam, and another state committee member, were arrested.

In the face of this multi-pronged attack the Party decided to take up a military campaign against the enemy forces. This was called the TCOC — Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign. The aim of this was to hit hard at the police and para-military forces and also notorious elements within the political parties like the TDP in AP. Through this process the PGA would be built and the masses would be mobilized for war, by building up the militias in a big way. Overall the campaign was a partial success. In all there were about 60 actions, wiping out some 60 policemen and injuring 80 more. A number of weapons too were seized, but far less than what is necessary to carry on the people's war.

In this article we present some examples of the campaign. To first take the example of the B-J (Bihar-Jharkhand) area.

TCOC in Bihar – Jharkhand

The police, in collaboration with the para-military forces, have in recent times let loose a campaign of terror against the revolutionary and mass movements in Bihar and Jharkhand. With the evil intention of creating an environment of terror, the state has been subjecting the revolutionary fighters and struggling masses to inhuman torture in police stations. It has been destroying and looting their properties and killing revolutionary fighters in false encounters.

To make the repression campaign more ferocious and effective the state has resorted to long range patrolling (LRP) to Chase and Engage the revolutionaries. This policy was adopted right before the coming into being of the State of Jharkhand and continued since.

Since January last (Jan 2001) the state killed at least five revolutionary fighters of the PGA and seven dalit, adivasi supporters after arresting them. Also, the Jayanandan gang, organised by a minister in the RJD ministry and protected by the local police administration has killed two dozen sympathizers, including two cadres of the party, in different incidents in Patna district during the same time. The killings by this gang also include the infamous Masourha and Danmai massacres. The Ranvir Sena, raised by the landlords and protected by the state, has killed four supporters and one cadre of the PW Party. During the same period, the state police have killed nine cadres and supporters of the MCC.

This strategy of a repression campaign has been adopted as a principal method and implemented in a strict way with the help of specially deployed armed forces. The CRPF accompanies the police on a massive scale in these LRP campaigns in Jharkhand. These forces always carry modern weapons and modern communication systems. When they go out for patrolling they are accompanied with a long caravan of vehicles. Once out they set up camps in the villages and carry on the repression campaign.

In Bihar, when the police embark upon a repression campaign, it provides services, support and protection to the private feudal armies like the Ranvir Sena and murderous criminal gangs. It establishes new police stations and posts in the rural areas and encamps there to provide protection to these armed thugs.

Against this protection by the state to the private armies and the criminal gangs and the ruthless repression on the revolutionary and democratic struggles, the revolutionary tradition to oppose repression avenge the martyrs has always been carried on by the fighters of the People's Guerrilla Army. In this counter campaign, the guerrillas in Jharkhand and Bihar have carried on many actions in recent times. This counter campaign is organised not only as an answer to the local terror campaign of the police and paramilitary forces and the private armies but also as an answer to the overall terror campaign that is being carried on in various states under the directions of the Central Government. The fighters of the People's War have carried on their armed struggle in Andhra, Telangana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa-Andhra Border Area and the MCC has done the same in Jharkhand and Bihar.

Here we are listing only those actions that have been successfully carried out in the months of September, October and November 2001.

One action was carried out in the Garwah district of Jharkhand while three others were conducted in the Camoor, Patna and Gaya districts of Bihar. In all these districts the police vehicles have been destroyed by land mines.

In all of these four actions, 23 men were killed which included 20 policemen and three civilian drivers. Another 6 policemen were injured. Among the dead policemen, one was a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), one bodyguard, one sub-inspector, three assistant sub-inspectors and three head constables. 15 arms were seized in these actions. These arms included five SLRs, five .303 rifles, two sten guns, one carbine, one pistol of nine mm bore, and one revolver of .38 bore. Two hand grenades were also seized. In some other actions of the same type, 8 more policemen were injured and one walkie-talkie was seized. In all these actions, the guerrillas of the PGA suffered no losses.

District Camoor, Bihar: The first successful action was carried on near village Bahurai that lies near the Adhoura hill under police station Chainpur. A mine was blasted when a police party was coming from a police picket in village Lohra under the leadership of a DSP on Sept. 11, 2001. In this blast, six members of the Bihar Military Police (BMP) were killed. Soon after the blast, other policemen from this picket assaulted the PGA squad and a fierce encounter ensued between the police and the guerrillas. The PGA could only get one SLR and one sten gun from this encounter while the DSP escaped. After the losses suffered by the state forces, the police stated that three guerrillas were also killed in this encounter. This was just a propaganda lie that was meant to stem the sagging morale of the state forces. All the members of the PGA squad had entreated safely after the encounter.

District Garhwa, Jharkhand: The second successful action was carried on October 4, 2001 about ten Kilometers away from the Bhandrya P.S. in the Bargarh jungle near village Barigawan at about 11.30 AM. A caravan of eight four-wheeled police vehicles was out on a LRP mission. They were searching for a PGA squad to encircle and destroy it on the information provided by an informer.

The DSP heading the police caravan was a cruel person like the current SP of Garhwa and was infamous for his repressive actions. He was enthusiastically participating in the state repression campaign. Both the SP and DSP were on the hit list of the PGA. The DSP Amlash Kumar was sitting in the third vehicle of the eight-vehicle LRP caravan. When his vehicle reached at the waiting mine the switch was triggered and a big explosion tore his vehicle into pieces along with him and his bodyguard and two other policemen. One head constable and three other policemen were injured. The policemen and the CRP forces present in the other vehicles immediately started firing on the PGA guerrillas. In front of the heavy firing from the enemy, the PGA squad could only retreat safely and it was impossible to seize the arms due to the much superior number of the reactionary state forces.

Patna, Bihar: The third landmine blast occurred in the sub-division Masaurhi near village Jagpura under the Dhanrua PS. In this incident six policemen and a personal driver of an RJD MLA Dharmender Yadav, were killed. Here the police had not come on its own but was deceived to come there by the PGA itself. The trap worked well and the PGA was successful in carrying on its mission.

It must be remembered that the criminal mafia gang of Jayanandan Yadav that had been organised by the RJD minister Surender Yadav was responsible for the murder of about a dozen supporters of the PW Party and also of the massacres of children, women and the old people from dalit hamlets in the villages of Masaurha and Datmai that fall under the Masaurhi sub-division. They had not only killed and massacred, but also raped women and girls in these villages. When the struggling people had demanded the sacking of the minister responsible for this gang's atrocities, the government, instead of listening to the just demands of the people, had ordered the "Special Task Forces" to suppress them. The task forces targeted the revolutionaries and the struggling masses. They terrorized the people through naked repression throughout the sub-division. Though the police forces were engaged in their suppression campaign yet they

dreaded the PGA's counter-attack. In recent years, there have been many incidents of police vehicles being blown up by the communist revolutionary guerrillas. As a result, the police had lost the courage to patrol these plain areas in the night. They were carrying out their campaign only in the daytime.

The situation was demanding that the repression be resisted in a way that would teach the police a lesson. The target being in the plains, the PGA too was finding it difficult to attack the police in the daytime. The Party's strategy was to lay a trap for the police in the dark hours of the night. So, a plan was made to force the police to come to the area at a time that suited the guerrillas. A trap was laid two kilometers from Masaurhi- Datmai road near the village of Jagpura. The guerrillas made a sham attack on the police picket in the night of October 20 at about 11. When the police got a wireless message from the Datmai picket that they have been attacked it rushed towards the picket in five vehicles to provide help. But they were heading towards the laid out trap where the main PGA squad lay in ambush and was eagerly waiting for them. But the police convoy stopped suddenly a kilometer away from the trap. They got frightened of a possible trap on the way to the picket. Instead of providing security to the men at the picket, they started fearing their own death. They changed their route and went on a road that would take two hours instead of the 20 minutes to reach the picket.

This nearly pushed the PGA squad to the brink of frustration. They were saddened by the sudden turn in the expected plan that was on the edge of being thwarted. But they did not lose their calm. And they decided to wait until the end. At last, their resolve and long wait paid off.

Suddenly a vehicle appeared on the scene. Before it reached the spot, the guerrillas had received information that the police were arriving in it. Just when it reached the right spot, an explosion ripped it apart. This vehicle belonged to the local MLA Dharmender Yadav and used to be his pilot car. The vehicle was blown to smithereens. All the seven occupants present in the vehicle were dead that included six policemen and a driver of the MLA. Sub-inspector Subhash Kumar Suman (the SHO), ASI Babu Lal Soren and a head constable were among the dead. The SHO at Dhanrua, Subhash Suman was really notorious as a dreadful adventurist. He had been successful in arresting MCC comrades on two occasions. He was a daring man and was considered a hero among the counter-revolutionaries. The police officers loved him and he stirred up terror in the common man. With his death, the people heaved a sigh of relief. He had also killed Jayanandan and his accomplice Panchu Yadav in a false encounter a few days ago though he had been giving him protection all along. This he did to save the minister Surender Yadav and the RJD ministry from infamy due to the massacres carried out by the Jayanandan gang. Those massacres had exposed the link between the criminal gang and the minister. Therefore, the RJD thought it better to do away with him.

In this action, the guerrillas also captured seven arms. This cache included five rifles of 303 bore, one sten carbine and a revolver of .38 bore. A pistol and a walkie-talkie could not be found due to the darkness. The guerrillas raised slogans hailing the People's War Party and rant the air with Long Live Revolution! They also declared to avenge the death of comrade Pratap and the massacre at Kachnawan.

Gaya, Bihar: The fourth successful action was carried on November 21, 2001 to avenge the massacre at Kachnawan where comrade Srikant achieved martyrdom. This action happened at village Koyri Bigha under Bela PS at about 7 PM in the evening. There were eight men in a private vehicle and included a private driver. Six policemen died whereas two persons were injured. The dead included an ASI (SHO of the Charta police picket), one head constable among four BMP men, and the civilian driver. The guerrillas spared the injured persons who were also BMP men.

The guerrillas captured five SLRs, one nine mm pistol, one sten gun and two hand grenades, and a large amount of ammunition. One SLR and a walkie-talkie could not be retrieved due to the darkness. These were later found by the police the next morning.

This area is a strong bastion of the notorious Ranvir Sena. After the blast at Koyri Bigha, the armed goons of the Sena attacked the guerrilla squad with firearms but the guerrillas suffered no losses.

Some Examples from Andhra Pradesh

Of late there have been a series of actions in Guntur district under the APSC. These have been conducted not only by the main and secondary forces (platoon and LGS) but also by the local militias. The TCOC actions began with the seizure of weapons from Sunnipenta (adjacent to Nallamala Forest) police station. Though the attempt on Yerragondapalem's Police station was a failure because of heavy fortifications, later raids and ambushes in Guntur district became a success.

Though the North Telangana region has not had many actions due to the severe losses, an interesting action was on the Eturnagaram police station under the Khammam district committee (DC). Here seven tonnes of explosives were gathered in a truck. But due to rainfall the truck got stuck in the mud. Meanwhile an informer reported to the police about the truck. A batch of 20 police came and discovered the dynamite in the truck. They called for re-enforcements, which were not available. So they forced villagers to unload it into a tractor. PL 1 was watching all these activities and planned to ambush the police party to seize the dynamite once again. As the police was taking the dynamite, PL 1 ambushed them on the main road. The police fled, panic-stricken; leaving behind the tractor full of dynamite. This was then used to attack the Eturnagaram police station a few days later. As the timing was a few minutes wrong only four police were killed in the attack.

The AOB (Andhra-Orissa-Border) region on the other hand has had a number of actions, by both the main forces as also the militia. A particularly interesting one was the simultaneous actions at Anakapalli and Chodavaram. Anakapalli is a sub-divisional center about 30 kms from Vishakapatnam on the main Chennai-Vishaka railway line. Chodavaram is about 16 kms from Anakapalli. As Anakapalli is in the plains the action team, dressed as policemen, first seized a bus near the forest belt. While a group held the passengers, about 30 PGA guerrillas drove the hijacked bus, traveled more than 50 kms from the jungle, for nearly two hours to the police station. Posing as police they entered the police station and seized it. The weapons were seized and four policemen and a notorious renegade turned policeman, Chitti Babu, were taken captive. They then drove back, put the passengers back onto the bus and disappeared into the forest with the captives. The captives were put before the villagers who said that all should be killed. Finally the PGA, after educating the police released them, while the renegade was given the death sentence. PGA forces attacked at the same time at Chodavaram seizing weapons at the police station and from the guards of the government treasury. These dare devil actions sent shivers down the spine of the police forces.

One cruel police officer, Gandhi, who was responsible for the attack on the Srikakulam divisional plenum in which thirteen comrades became martyrs, a few years back, was killed by the action team in day light when he came to the Saluru magistrate court. He was attacked in the court itself and his gunmen's weapons were seized.

Such then were some of the innovative actions where ingenuity and courage were utilized by a weaker force to overcome a much more powerful enemy. By relying on the masses, and arousing them for people's war, no enemy can escape the PGA actions in their counter-offensive.

Build People's Political Power and Base Areas

The immediate task set before the PGA and the Party is the setting up of Guerrilla Bases and Base Areas within certain strategic pockets of the country. The recent meeting of the Central Committee (second, of the 9th Congress), has given as the immediate task of the Party to: Defeat the countrywide coordinated all-round offensive of the enemy. Advance the guerrilla war in all the guerrilla zones and concentrate on strategic areas with the perspective of Building Liberated Areas. To accomplish this the CC has put forward three main tasks:

- (a) To consolidate and expand the Party as the key task for accomplishing all other tasks. This entails strengthening the Party committees and developing the Party deep amongst the masses. It also entails unification with other genuine revolutionary organizations like the MCC.
- (b) To build the people's army as the most important instrument in the hands of the Party. This can specifically be achieved by strengthening the Military Commissions and Commands and by building a wide network of the militia, trained and armed for action.
- (c) To build the mass organizations and the mass movements, in both rural and urban areas, with the perspective of building the countrywide revolutionary United Front. Particularly, political mobilization has to be focused around the main tactical-political slogans: i.e. against imperialist globalisation, against the Hindu fascist forces, against state repression and against Indian Expansion.

All these three main tasks must be linked to and serve the Central Task of building Base Areas. This entails regaining the military initiative, putting the enemy forces on the defensive and in seizing the political initiative.

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Struggling Reports from Maoist Communist Centre of India

Preface

In India ongoing anti-imperialist and anti-feudal agrarian revolutionary guerrilla struggles for long three decades have maintained their advance and development uninterrupted. Led by the ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism the revolutionary organisation 'Maoist Communist Centre' has been leading these important struggles. In semi-colonial and semi-feudal India all these struggles are conducted for accomplishment of New Democratic Revolution as demonstrated by Comrade Mao Tse-tung on the line of protracted people's war for area-wise seizure of power, so to say, to liberate first the backward countryside, then to be victorious throughout the country surrounding the cities by the liberated countryside. For this aim the MCC has selected some particular areas of India with proper planning to build people's army and red base areas and has been conducting various kinds of resistance struggles imbuing the people with revolutionary politics as well as arming them. Among these struggles as there are different types of mass struggles, so also there are counter armed guerrilla struggles against local reactionary feudal lords and state-power. Among other states of India in Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal these struggles have developed to massive and deeper form. In spite of the state-power of the reactionary India government's police, para-military and communal forces perpetration of massive encirclement, suppression and murder, guerrilla struggles are advancing, new and newer victories are occurring, along with this as a centre of revolutionary political power the 'Revolutionary Peasant Committee' (RPC), in order to execute its revolutionary slogan - "Land to the genuine peasants" and 'Political Power to the Peasant Committee', has built up mighty mass movement and massive support. After trial in people's court the RPC is executing different sentences to the reactionary feudal lords according to their crimes committed to the people. In the countryside to establish alternative people's authority after elimination of political, economic, military and feudal authority of the feudal lords there are different programmes for awarding death sentence to the tyrant despicable feudal lords, distribution of their movable and immovable properties after confiscation etc. Till now 30,000 acres of land in Bihar State and 12,000 acres of land in Jharkhand State have been confiscated and distributed to the people. Besides, for struggle against imperialist globalisation to unify the different sections of the peasantry in the countryside under the leadership of RPC 'Kisan Andolan Manch' (Peasant Forum for Movement, 'KAM') has been formed and is building mass movement for equitable price of grain, against withdrawal of subsidy, against price-hike of fertiliser, seeds, disinfectants, diesel etc.

The people will safeguard the outcome of their struggle and also protect people's real liberty, democracy and authority earned through struggle and in these areas they are building village protection force. So to say, huge number of armed people's militia. In fact, the current of large number of people's militia will act as a base for building guerrilla forces over vast areas. Under the leadership of Revolutionary Peasant Committee these people's militia uniting with the masses of the people make propaganda work and arm the people besides help the people in agricultural activities on the land distributed among the people. After distribution of confiscated land among the people, in the process of production mutual-aid-team has been formed and small-scale co-operative system has been introduced to utilise the productive weapons in proper method. Holding of rainwater as a part of irrigation system and smaller dams has been constructed through voluntary labour of the people.

In order to spread education Primary Schools are being conducted through distribution of books, exercise books, slates to the children of the poor families free of cost. With spreading health consciousness among the people their treatment and necessary medicines are also being arranged. To overcome cultural backwardness, feudal culture, superstition, religious-fanaticism are to be rooted out and for that revolutionary culture, so to say, culture based on scientific orientation is being pursued and along with this, revolutionary people's songs created by the people learning from revolutionary struggles, class-unity, self-sacrifice and inspired with great ideal of sacrifice have become immensely popular among the people.

At the initiative of 'Nari Mukti Sangha' intensive revolutionary programme has been adopted to unify the oppressed women. Mass movements are being organised against feudal restrictions on women, physical and mental torture, rape and exploitation and such other social inequalities. As a result, their participation in anti-imperialist - anti-feudal agrarian revolutionary guerrilla struggle and joining the guerrilla squad as a path for real liberation of women is an important event and a bright example to the women society in India.

In hills and forest areas of Jharkhand with higher development of guerrilla struggles in plane land of North Bihar guerrilla struggles have developed significantly. The armed resistance struggle is going forward not only against the private army of the tyrant feudal lords, guerrilla struggle is developing against barbarous suppression-oppression of their sentinel, the state-power.

In Gaya-Jahanabad districts of Bihar State the higher-caste feudal lords have formed the armed forces named 'Ranvir Sena' equipped with modern arms and ammunitions and have brutally murdered numerous peasants. In this killing they do not spare even women, children and the old. Enforced by the state-power all these private army attack the villages in the darkness of the night and burnt the houses and rooms, and shot dead the panicky people running out of fear of death. After arming the people, the revolutionary guerrillas have broken the backbone of this private army through launching attack on their principal bases.

With advancement of agrarian revolutionary guerrilla struggle thousands of poor people have been the victims of barbarous suppression-oppression of the state-power. In the name of so-called unauthorised seizure ('kurki japti') the police are breaking down the houses and rooms of the peasants and plundering their little domestic utensils, bedding, clothing and other useful things. Including intensive mass beating, raping women and torturing the old and children are going on unabated. Thousands of innocent men are entangled in false cases and put to the jails. Till-to-date more than 5000 poor people have been arrested and they are being tortured terribly in jails. By entangling false cases the common people are arrested and sentences to death after staging farce in the name of trial. Four peasants of Bara village have arrested during peasant struggles and have been sentenced to death by hanging by the Supreme Court. During last two years police have murdered 250 people of Jharkhand, Bihar including Mirjapur of Uttar Pradesh. Among them there are party leaders at the level of zonal committees, workers, squad member and common people.

During last two years in Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, many important struggles on the basis of ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and on the path of protracted people's war demonstrated by Mao have occurred to build army and base area in the countryside. Those struggles are briefly stated below:

(1) Report From Jharkhand-Bihar

(a) Red Flames of Struggle Burning Ablaze in Sarenda

In the western side of Jharkhand in Singbhum district there is a forest area in Sarenda which is largest in Asia. On last November 2002 the Maoist guerrillas have launched a revolutionary attack of very high standard and significance. At first, according to people's decision, they executed the death sentence of the tyrant forest officer and smashed the Bungalow with dynamite. In that same day, after the incident the guerrillas walked a distance of 40 k.m. very fast and killed another tyrant and police agent. In the same day the purpose of two fights was to outwit the enemy and to launch guerrilla attack on the enemy drawing them near planfully.

As per plan of the guerrillas the police as usual entered the jungle in 11 vans with a large force of 75 to recover the deadbodies. After-a-while the landmines put underground by the guerrillas began to explode with tremendous sound when the bewildered police got down from the van they were gheraoed from all sides by the target of rifles of the guerrillas. In between exchange of firing by the both sides 18 police and one sub-inspector died on the spot. Some wounded police were able to escape taking advantage of darkness. The rest of 45 police under leadership of one sub-inspector surrendered to the guerrillas by raising their hands. The guerrillas ordered them to handover their rifles and other weapons. After that all the police vans were burnt out. Then the guerrillas entertained the arrested police with tea and biscuits and nursed the wounded police. The guerrillas made political speech before the arrested police and called them to fight for the people's interests joining the guerrilla forces. Then they were shown the road to go out of the dense forest after giving some money as pocket expenses.

The struggle of Sarenda is the greatest and boundless significant fight of the on-going agrarian revolutionary guerrilla struggles in Bihar-Jharkhand. The key-elements to carry Mao line in practice were revolutionary politics, love for the people, terrible class-hatred, military planning of high standard, skilled leadership, remaining firm in aim, hard-labour and determined mindset for self-sacrifice. More mentionable aspect of this struggle is joining the guerrilla force by the young guerrillas and women guerrillas. Without any loss and wastage, huge quantity of improved weapons like modern Pistol, SLR, Carbine, LMG, Rifle and large quantity of cartridges and explosives have been confiscated.

(b) Powerful attack of Maoists on enemy's camp

Gaya, 22 November 2001 - Last night the Maoist Communist Centre has made a great assault on the centre of the area of Ranavir Sena in Gaya district. They have smashed a jeep of para-military force, as a result of which six men including five jawans were killed. The incident occurred in a village situated at a distance of 85 km from the capital of the state before four days ahead of the Bandh of Bihar-Jharkhand called by the Naxalites. In the past in this locality of Belaganj-Mukdampur there have been clashes between Naxalites and Ranavir Senas many times.

According to the version of the police the MCC guerrillas put the landmine on a road of going and coming by the security forces in Chirmichibigha village under Belaganj police station. That part of the earthen road has passed through the jungle. About 7 P.M. when the police van with five BMP was passing through that road just at that moment the mine exploded and the van was turned into balls of fire and splinters scattered around. With sound deafening the ears the guerrillas jumped on the spot and snatched the arms of the police. The revolutionaries have secured four automatic rifles, one carbine and a revolver according to police report. After the action the Maoists left the place safely with sloganing against the Ranavir Senas.

(c) Eight police including one OC killed by ambush of MCC

Chatra (Jharkhand), 4 February 2002 - Eight police including the Officer-in Charge of Jari police station have been killed in an ambush of the Maoists near Jarighat on Monday noon. About one hundred armed guerrillas began shooting the police on arrival of a patrolling party of the police near Chatra-Gaya Road.

Before this that group closed the road with the help of a tractor. The armed group compelled the police vehicle to stop as soon as the police vehicle arrived near Jarighat. As soon as the police vehicle stopped the Maoist guerrillas began to shoot like storm from all around. Before realising anything properly the police were bleeding profusely and fell on the ground. Getting information more police came from Chatra. Fighting of shooting went on between both sides. Four cops being seriously wounded were sent to district hospital.

The high police and government officers visited the place of occurrence. The police have shut down all the roads of entrance to come and going out of the district.

It is worth-mentioning that in that clash the OC of Jari PS, Kola Tigga died on the spot.

(d) The revolutionaries got themselves free in a novel way after breaking the police lockup

Ranchi - In last April 16 at one o'clock afternoon the under-trial Maoist prisoners of Jharkhand have freed themselves by an adventurous and novel tactics from the lock-up of Ranchi Court surrounded by the police.

According to Director General of Police, Prasad the prisoners prepared the way to go out by digging through inside of the latrine of the court's lockup and they escaped through that way. The total numbers of 12 prisoners including some other under-trial prisoners were able to escape. At first the police became non-plugged at the novelty of the incident.

According to version of the police, out of these 12 prisoners one was zonal-level commander, Chandar Ganju, area-level commander, Pancham Oraon and the dangerous revolutionary Lakhon Ganju of Maoist Communist Centre (MCC).

The police have failed to nab them even after massive searching operation. It has been ventilated in the newspaper that the cops will be rewarded handsome amount if these revolutionaries are captured - a government declaration has been promulgated on this core.

(e) Jharkhand Deadlocked by Blockade

From last 6 May to 8 May at the call of Maoist Communist Centre and CPI (ML) (People's War) the people of Jharkhand made successful economic blockade for three days. It is worth-mentioning here that various organisations held high the causes of economic blockade to the people through propaganda campaign. They have told that the Indian State has recently banned the two revolutionary organisations and their different mass organisations promulgating POTA. Besides, more 23 organisations have also been banned under POTA. As soon as POTA has become law more than one hundred people including women have been arrested under this. Media are being gagged, even no progressive person or organisation can oppose this. If any procession meeting is held against this, state-terror comes down on the organiser. It has been a daily affair to arrest irrespective of women-men at any time or concealing the corpse after killing. The anti-people character of the so-called democratic Indian state has been more exposed. Will not the people roar in tremendous protest and resistance against fascist black laws and barbarous frantic tyranny of police-military of

BJP and its governments beginning from Jharkhand and extending throughout the country at the order of ruler-exploiting classes and their accomplices?

On this expectation the MCC and PW getting united call the peasants-women-intellectuals-government officials-mining labours-shopkeepers, so to say, the entire working people of Jharkhand, for that matter, the entire country, to be vociferous and boisterous through economic blockade for three days. If the government does not come to senses even by this, the government will be made bankrupt by a more prolonged blockade, both the organisations have declared.

The Palamu Western Shramajibi Majdoor Sangha made a torch demonstration campaigning massively in favour of economic blockade in different villages including Goda, Laranga, Basria, Masilong. In extensive area of the state there was poster and distribution of leaflets.

However, during three days of economic blockade, the entire transport system of the state was under seizure of the revolutionaries. Those who have tried to break economic blockade by force have been desisted by the revolutionary people applying their own power.

The MCC revolutionaries smashed a police jeep to smithereens by exploding a landmine in Mohatadiha village near AngarPul under Satgaon PS of Kodarma district on 7 May. 16 Jharkhand police died on the spot and one was seriously injured. The guerrillas secured 5 SLR, two stenguns and one GF gun.

Near Siiasi station of Dhanbad district the revolutionaries burst the rail-line to the sky and one rail engine was burnt out. In another incident in Barwadiha Roy station in Khalari-Barkakhana section the young-brigade and the supporters of the MCC consisting more than one hundred gheraoed the station master entering the station from three sides. When the stationmaster ignored instruction for closure of the office they burnt out the papers of the office and smashed the instruments. The stationmaster and one Habildar were beaten. The communication system was destroyed. Besides, in two places in between Sumaha and Chiphodar and in the east cabin of Seralagram station near Garoa the revolutionaries uprooted the rail-lines. As a result of bringing out the fishplate near Jahegarha station the running of rail stopped there also at least for nine hours. The railway authority cancelled many trains as a result of these incidents and due to absence of employees. Due to blockade of three days the government organisations like ECL or BCCL have sustained heavy losses besides Police or Rail. According to government's conjecture this two organisations have sustained losses to the tune of RS. 80 crores. In the coal belt of Jharkhand the empty trucks were no doubt able to enter, but the trucks loaded with coal were not at all able to come out. In those three days the carrying of food, clothes or other commodities was also completely stopped. As a result the owners of the trucks too sustained heavy losses.

The Rail has incurred loss of Rs. 15 crores for only not getting fare. Besides at least railway property of Rs. 10 lakh has been destroyed. Coal mines were partially or completely closed in various places like Piparwar, Ashaka, Bachra, Roy, Dakra. To keep road transport normal the huge number of CRPF were posted in different PS areas but that planning also totally failed.

This blockade is a serious challenge to the state. It is also clear that, not only for three days, even blockade for 30 days can not be thwarted by Marandi government. [Source:Different Newspapers]

(f) Under MCC leadership the peasant masses' successful revolutionary ambush

Special Representative, Ranchi - In last Sunday, 22 September 2002 near Arhia village under Churchu PS of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand 12 CRPF jawans were killed and 15 were seriously injured at a revolutionary assault of hundreds of revolutionary peasant masses and guerrilla forces of MCC.

Under leadership of police superintendent, Deepak Verma, CRPF jawans of one platoon got information from a secret source that MCC workers were in that area and appeared in Arhia village. But where is what! The revolutionaries have disappeared. In a defeating mood the CRPF jawans began to return. Suddenly, the area surrounded by hills and jungles broke the silence and roared. The sky and air terribly trembled at the explosion of secret mine. The bulletproof jeep of CRPF got up 20-25 feet high and smashed to smithereens. As a result 12 jawans died and 15 were severely injured. The heroic-bull police super, Deepak Verma was in another jeep, consequently he was somehow unhurt and remained alive and ran away from place of occurrence. Meanwhile, the people and the guerrilla force were able to collect SLR, Carbine, guns and enough cartridges from the CRPFs.

The Hindusthan newspaper of 25 September has written that the women squad was able to secure arms and ammunitions for the first time. In the perspective of this incident widespread disappointment among the police force has been manifested. The IG has said that the police force will be more modernised to strengthen more and more bulletproof vehicles etc. will be supplied.

In last 30 September, in Kodarma district of Jharkhand, the revolutionary people, armed squad, women armed squad have attacked the police and killed four of them and wounded two very seriously and then escaped and entered the nearby dense forest securing four SLR, one Carbine, two guns and substantial number of cartridges.

The newspapers has reported more that, on last 5 October the revolutionary peasant masses in Garoa district attacked the police force in guerrilla method and murdered two police and secured arms and ammunitions in large quantities. During last one week as a result of revolutionary assaults of revolutionary peasant masses the exploiting-ruling people, being terrified, have conspired to attack more massively. On the other hand, the revolutionary people too have been successful in their firm attempts to improve and expand further their struggles.

(g) 13 police murdered, arms looted at Topchanchi on Maoist attack

Dhanbad, 31 October 2002 - At least 13 Jawans of Jharkhand Armed Police have been killed and 4 seriously wounded by the attack of Lalkhandi revolutionaries of MCC at the Topchanchi Block office on the national highway.

According to police source, in this well-planned incident on the day of 'haat' (village market) nearly 150-200 armed Lalkhandi attacked the police outpost of that Block-office. They had small firearms. Afterwards they snatched rifles of the police and fought. At first they began attack by killing two sentries and then more 11 police were murdered. The police have claimed that they have killed five persons by counter-attack. Although the rumour is that the revolutionaries have taken away their dead-bodies.

According to newspaper report, the Maoists have escaped to the nearby jungle securing 14 automatic rifles and 3 carbines. The police have started widespread combing operation to find out them. [Source: The Statesman]

(2) Struggles of West Bengal

In West Bengal the so-called Left Front government formed under the leadership of revisionist CPM are in governmental power for long 26 years. As a ruling party and as a protector of the constitution, so to say parliamentary democracy they are utilising the state-power to serve imperialism, comprador-capitalists and feudal lords. As a ruling party the CPM are supporting through barbarous police attack on the people's democratic rights such as any struggle or opposition of the workers, peasants, students, intellectuals against exploitation, coercion and repression. Against their suppression and torture huge number of people are building resistance struggle of various kinds. In Midnapur-Purulia-Bankura and Hooghly due to participation of more and more people under the leadership 'Biplabi Krishak Committee' (Revolutionary Peasant Committee) in these struggles the CPM leadership has engaged the huge number of police and the CPM workers as their agents to suppress the peasant struggles of those districts. Against this in Midnapur-Bankura-Purulia districts the BKC have built up counter resistance struggle by uniting the people, and execute the death-sentence of CPM workers and police agents in accordance with people's decision.

(a) The Guerrilla force of MCC executed death sentence of the police agent

Our own correspondent, Ranibandh, Bankura - On last 11 February 2002 the armed guerrilla force of Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) executed the death sentence of Rampada Majhi, the secretary of Rudra Local Committee of CPI (M) and the agent of the police, inhabitant of Bethuala village of Rudra area under Ranibandh PS of Bankura district.

According to newspaper report, last 23 December 2001 Comrade Tarit (Ranjit Pal), a worker of Biplabi Krishak Committee (Revolutionary Peasant Committee) aged 18 went to Karurdanga, a small area in Kamo village of Rudra anchal to campaign agrarian revolutionary politics. Getting this information the reliable agent police, Rampada Majhi the inhabitant of Bethuala village went to the Ranibandh PS and appeared in the Karurdanga riding on motorcycle with the OC. The police van came there at once. Rampada Majhi directly identified Tarit indicating with his finger and Comrade Tarit was arrested.

After consulting with powerful leaders of Ranibandh PS the autocrat OC of Ranibandh kept Comrade Tarit in the lock-up unlawfully ignoring completely the Indian constitution for day after day about more than a month and conducted inhuman torture. According to newspaper reports in the name of enquiry Tarit was forced to go round to the areas of different PS of Bankura and Midnapur.

For a pretty long days the people of the area were raging with terrible hatred against the agents of the police who were creating obstructions in agrarian-revolutionary struggles. For making arrest, Tarit, the huge number of people of the area, even the common supporters of the CPI (M) became very much angry with Rampada Majhi and the CPI (M)

party. Under the leadership of Revolutionary Peasant Committee a great number of people exposed the character of bankrupt politics of Rampada Majhi and the CPI (M) party secretly in village after village in area after area. Raged with extreme resentment and anger the massive people began to demand death sentence of Rampada Majhi. On this perspective in last 6 January extensive postering was made warning the police-agents of different areas of Ranibandh, Raipur, Belpahari PS including Bethuala village.

On 11 February at 10 PM and armed squad of about 40/50 including 7/8 women of Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) appeared in Bethuala village. They gheraoed the house of Rampada Majhi with electric-speed and at once blocked the different roads. Breaking the door they at first arrested the wife of Rampada Majhi, Arati Debi. Out of fear of his life Rampada Majhi tried to hide going to 'Mathkotha' (a story-like arrangement between the ground and roof for keeping domestic goods). Then the guerrillas of MCC got up on his 'chal' (rooftop) and opened the tiles of the 'chal' and wounded the armed Rampada Majhi and entering 'Mathkotha' brought him outside dragging his body. Afterwards Rampada Majhi with his wife was taken to the field of Bethuala Junior High School. The evil deeds of Rampada Majhi were explained and exposed before the people and was then murdered by strokes of a sword.

On behalf of the Revolutionary Peasant Committee (BKC) massive postering confessing the responsibility of killing Rampada Majhi was made in the Bethuala village at that very night. The description of the posters were: 1) Identifying and handing over Comrade Tarit, the worker of revolutionary peasant struggle to police by the agent Rampada Majhi, he was sentenced to death according to people's verdict. 2) All democratic people, come forward, be vociferous against inhuman torture on Comrade Tarit, a worker of revolutionary peasant struggle in police lockup for a long time by the despotic OC of Ranibandh PS. 3) CPM, you are to note! The revolutionary peasant movement can not be suppressed, will not be suppressed by making arrest of the workers and supporters by the police, - etc. Besides this, a leaflet written on behalf of Midnapur-Bankura-Purulia zonal committee of Maoist Communist Centre confessing responsibility of murder of Sudhir Singh, the reliable agent of police and the secretary of CPM party of Belpahari PS on last 28 November was left behind by them.

After this incident the revisionist CPM party called a 12-hour Ranibandh Bandh on 13 February. The police have set up a camp in Rudra panchayat office of Kamo village. The two Ocs of Raipur and Ranibandh PSs collectively under the leadership of Police Super of Bankura district the large police force arrested 20-25 common men after marching massively through village after village and area after area. The two Ocs of Raipur and Ranibandh PS and the Police Super Basudeb Bag in league with CPM party are trying to organise watching groups in village after village as they have failed to arrest any of the workers of revolutionary peasant struggles even after massive police operation. The people are not at all afraid and terrorised despite massive police operation and the threat of building watching groups. Rather they are becoming more determined and striving to punish the police agents as per 'like dog, like hammer' principle in village after village and in area after area aiming for armed agrarian revolution and protracted people's war.

With this, recently the 'Biplabi Krishak Committee' of Hooghly district builds up counter resistance in Bhimpur village under Jangipara PS of Hooghly district and executed the death-sentence of a local tyrant and police agent according to the decision of the people. As a result of these counter-resistance in West Bengal the revolutionary clime has gone up to high extent, on the other hand terror has spread out inside the CPM.

Report From Sri Lanka

[We reproduce here a key note speech by Surendra, national organizer of the Anti-Imperialist People's Alliance (AIPA) of Sri Lanka, at the recently held second conference of the AIPA, which provides of a glimpse of activities by the revolutionary force in Sri Lanka]

It is with a deep sense of history and a deep sense of honor that I address you today as the incumbent national organizer of the Anti-Imperialist People's Alliance. We have now completed one year. We have gathered to sum up our experience, review the world situation and the political developments in Sri Lanka in the context of the US-led global imperialist war. On this basis, we are here today to elect our new office bearers and charter our course forwards. We have decided that our path is the path of resistance to the US-led global imperialist war agenda and to the conspiracies of the ruling class to tie this country or sell out this country to any foreign power or any such strategic partnership. We have decided to resist any form of suppression of the fundamental democratic rights of the people or violation of national independence. We have decided to protect and advance the fundamental democratic right of all nations and communities in our country to coexist with dignity, equality, security and autonomy and to cherish and

nourish their own distinctive identities and traditions within a united Sri Lanka. We have united as a Alliance in order to mobilize the people of Sri Lanka to resist the Imperialist war agenda led by the US and to liberate our country from all forms of imperialist domination and colonial enslavement.

We have agreed that the permanent state of war to eradicate international terrorism declared by the United States is a declaration of a state of permanent war to consolidate and expand undisputed global supremacy and hegemony of the US empire. We have analysed that it is a war for

the violent recasting of the world order under undisputed US domination. We have agreed that this is a war of imperialist aggression and conquest. It is a war for the seizure of the strategic resources, markets and slave labor required for perpetuating a global empire of profit and exploitation. It is a war to enforce imperialist subjugation and exploitation under US hegemony over the oppressed nations and people of the world. Indeed, the US empire is claiming the sole right to decide and determine the future of planet earth and of humankind and has expressed willingness, and demonstrated the will and capacity, to incinerate and extinguish whole nations, countries, cultures and people that stand in the way. This will has been backed by a monopoly of the technological capacity to inflict terror and destroy the earth and humankind unparalleled in history, including weapons of nuclear, chemical and biological mass destruction. It is this destructive power and the command over the world resources, markets and slave labor that the US has used, and is using, to enforce its world empire and exercise its global hegemony over the people of the world.

However, we believe that history is simply a record of beheaded kings, fallen empires and broken dreams of grandeur while the people have marched towards freedom. This is the irresistible law of Nature and of History. And so it shall be with the US empire and all other empires based on slavery. Already people all over the world are raising and intensifying their struggle against all forms of imperialist oppression and domination, including the US-led Crusade. We have decided that we shall unite and rise with the growing wave of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggles, protest and rebellions of the oppressed nations and people worldwide. We have decided to extend our support and solidarity with these struggles. In this context, we shall be resolving today to affiliate ourselves with the World People's Resistance Forum-South Asia.

The Anti-Imperialist People's Alliance was formed in the aftermath of the US declaration of war against the people of Afghanistan. It was formed by a small group of individuals who agreed to build mass resistance to this war and to the whole US-led imperialist global war agenda. The war against the people of Afghanistan- as the war in Palestine and Iraq and the global agenda itself- is about seizing control of the strategic oil fields in the Middle-East / Caspian region in the pursuit of global domination. This is the only way out of a deepening and intensifying spiral of crisis and recession rocking the whole imperialist system. All imperialist powers are locked in the politics of defending and expanding rival empires.

Now today, the people of the world are facing the US thrust for global domination on a whole new scale and level. Already some 250,000 troops have been deployed by the US and the British for a military strike against Iraq. Once again the world has been shown the level of sophistication and scale of the hi-tech weaponry to be used on a people already bled to death by the same predators of profit and plunder. All the other imperialist powers are jockeying for space to carve out some independent leverage in the game to consolidate their own empires. Afghanistan was secured through mass hi-tech genocidal terror. The genocidal war against the Palestinian people by the state of Israel backed by the US is being intensified daily. Now, another hi-tech military strike and invasion of Iraq even more devastating than the Gulf War of 1991. All these developments are being designed to create the environment to recast the entire region under US-British domination in order to ensure US global hegemony. The alliance structures are under extreme strain as their ruling classes get exposed as lackeys and traitors. The whole Middle-East region and beyond is to explode in even more violent storms. The whole world is to be thrown into chaos and anarchy. States, regimes, nations, identities and boundaries- all human relations -are to be recast violently and forcibly through the application of hi-tech global war. All definitions of truth, justice, freedom – of life- is to be determined by the one Supreme Almighty Super Power- the United States of America - which alone shall possess the monopoly of the right and the capacity to incinerate the earth and humankind if neither obeys the will of the US empire. This is what this war is about- global domination under threat of nuclear annihilation to be executed by the Corporate Chieftains ruling the empire of the United States of America. This is the new world order to be achieved through a permanent state of global war aimed at eradicating any and all opposition to this agenda. Most grotesque of all is that this war for global domination has been announced as a Holy Crusade to defend Western Civilisation.

The oppressed people of the world also wish to recast the world. And so they shall! That is how history advances. The people of the world, including the people of Western civilization and throughout the world have joined in saying THANKS! BUT NO THANKS! Mr George Bush!! The US empire has thrown the barricade. Either you are with us and will serve us, OR you will be destroyed. The more the US empire draws this barricade, the more that people will be forced to choose. This is good. When it comes to a decision between freedom and slavery, people will choose which side of the barricade to fight. Already the people are rising up in waves of anti-imperialist struggles all over the world. The oppressed people of Viet Nam, Palestine, Iraq, Kashmir, Afghanistan and elsewhere have demonstrated an indomitable will and endurance in resisting US imperialist aggression. They are a lesson that no nation or people that fights for a just cause can ever be finally defeated by however powerful an enemy force. The people's war in Nepal led by the Maoists to overthrow feudal-colonial state power backed by the US and India is scaling new heights. It is providing momentum for the development of a South Asian anti-imperialist / anti-feudal democratic revolution. The people's wars in Peru, India, Bangladesh, Turkey and the Philippines continue to advance under tremendous repression. The progressive democratic forces from across the globe have forged solidarity to resist Globalisation, the World Bank, the US-led Crusade and imperialist domination. Therefore, the new wave of anti-imperialist revolutionary liberation struggle worldwide is gathering momentum.

As the people of Sri Lanka, we must do our part in resisting the US-led global war agenda. We must resist any effort to tie Sri Lanka to any strategic collaboration with any foreign power, since the people have no interest in facilitating or supporting an imperialist war of aggression and domination nor to sacrifice national independence. We have to struggle against selling out the vital resources of this country to foreign powers. Beyond that we have to struggle liberate our country from this imperialist stranglehold which has enslaved us now for over five centuries to achieve a united, independent and prosperous Sri Lanka in which all nations and people shall cooperate with equality and dignity in building their future and their freedom.

This first year has been a year of preparation for us. During this year AIPA targeted the US-led war and the politics of the imperialist powers and exposed the complicity of the ruling class in these politics and called for mass resistance. AIPA held and participated in many events in support of the struggle of the oppressed people against imperialism and occupation. Today, after a year, we have gathered here to take a new step forwards. We have gathered here to establish our Alliance on a broader and firmer foundation with the view of raising our level of organised practice and carrying out a systematic and planned program. We have forged our principled unity with and won the trust and respect of many new important activists, friends and supporters who have come forward to build the Alliance with conviction and dedication. This has been a great achievement. So let us get on with our First Annual Conference with renewed dedication, clarity of vision and sense of purpose.

Report From Nepal

With the declaration of cease-fire and decision to initiate negotiation with the old reactionary state, the revolutionary people's war (PW) led by CPN (Maoist) for the last seven years has entered a very crucial phase. The Party has termed it as a manifestation of the stage of strategic equilibrium of the PW. Just two days after the annihilation of the head of the Armed Police, Krishna Mohan Shrestha along with his wife and bodyguard by a special Task Force (STF) of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in the capital city of Kathmandu, the royal government on January 28 had fulfilled some of the preconditions advanced by the party, such as revocation of the "terrorist" tag pinned on the revolutionaries, scrapping of the monetary rewards on the heads of the top party leaders, moves to withdraw international arrest warrants, etc, decided to enforce a cease-fire and proposed peace talks with the Party. On January 29, the Party responded positively to the proposal and announced a reciprocal cease-fire.

The full text of the statement issued by Chairman Prachanda on the issue is as follows: "It is well known that our party has been ever ready to solve the present state of civil war in the country through negotiations and with a positive and forward-looking political solution. We had been publicly advancing some minimum preconditions to create a conducive environment for negotiations. In this context, yesterday we have received such decision of the old state to initiate the process of negotiations as to revoke the so called charge of "terrorist", price on the heads (of leaders) and red corner notice against us and to invoke cease-fire. While taking this decision of the ruling side in a positive light, the Party through this very statement announces to enter the process of negotiations with an immediate cease-fire. As usual, the Party appeals to the whole Party setup, all the revolutionary fighters of the People's Liberation Army and all the organs of the new state power, along with the entire masses of the people to implement this declaration. We also

appeal to ceaselessly carry forward organizational and peaceful mass works in favour of the general line of the Party and minimum tactic of a round-table conference, interim government and constituent assembly.”

This new development in the revolutionary process of the country has received a resounding support from the masses and different political forces, both internally and externally. All the major political players in the present day world including the Secretary General of the United Nations and governments of the USA, India China, Britain, Germany, Japan, European Union and others have formally welcomed the proposal. So far only ruling classes and government of India have openly expressed their reservations to the possible peace settlement between “the king and rebels” at the cost of the parliamentary forces. It is quite interesting to note that the Indian expansionist state was so far supporting the royal autocracy of King Gyanendra against both the parliamentary and revolutionary forces.

Meanwhile, the Standing Committee of the Politbureau of the Party has assessed that latest political developments in the country and concluded that the Party should earnestly attempt to find a positive political solution in the best interest of the people and the country taking into consideration the triangular fight between the monarchist, parliamentary and revolutionary forces inside the country and a triangular contention for influence in Nepal between the USA, India and China externally. The Party has announced a five members negotiations committee headed by Com. Baburam Bhattarai that includes Com. Ram Bahadur Thapa(Badal), Com. Dev Gurung, Com. Krishna B.Mahara and Com.Matrika Yadav as members.

It may be recalled that with the intensification of contradiction between the monarchist and the parliamentary factions of the ruling classes in recent months, the Party and the PLA had intensified offensive actions, both military and non-military, against the old reactionary state. This proposal for a negotiated political solution has, therefore come as a result of the aggravating crisis within the ruling classes and not within the revolutionary camp. Since the Party is entering the process of negotiations from a position of strength armed with the invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and Prachanda Path, it is expected that the Party will come out victorious even in this new battle of negotiations.

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Declaration of CCOMPOSA

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The inherent characteristics of ever concentration and centralisation of capital and the resultant uneven and unequal development in the world scale has aggravated the crisis of the world imperialist system and created an excellent objective condition for the world proletarian revolution in the beginning of the twenty-first century. However, subjectively, the International Communist Movement suffered one of the greatest setbacks in its entire history in 1976, when the revisionists usurped state power as well as the leadership of the Party by a reactionary coup d'état in China following the death of Mao Tse-tung. Restoration of capitalism resulted in depriving the proletarian class of the leadership at the international level and the socialist base as well. In that course it had to fight against not only Khrushchovite and Dengist modern revisionism but also Hoxaite dogmato-revisionism. Despite fierce attacks from imperialism and its lackeys and betrayal of opportunists from within the movement itself; the genuine Marxist-Leninist-Maoists throughout the globe refused to abandon the struggle for communism. Contingents of the world proletariat made their utmost efforts to reorganize our class at the international level giving birth to various new initiatives, out of which the initiative of Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM), is a prominent one.

In South Asia, the struggle against various forms of revisionism and right opportunism within the Maoist movement has played a powerful role in promoting Marxism-Leninism- Maoism and strengthening the unity of Maoist forces, which at present has taken concrete form through the Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organizations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA). Upholding the "Joint Statement" signed by ten Maoist Parties and Organizations of South Asia in June 2001, as the primary basis of our unity, we are committed to building on our achievements in order to further advance our unity at the ideological, political and organizational level.

World Situation

Present day world is marked by ever deepening crisis of imperialism and advancing world revolution. The imperialists are implementing 'globalization' and 'liberalization' as the panacea for their ailing imperialist system marching towards its grave. But ultimately it is bound to herald its final demise.

The so-called 'globalization' and 'liberalization' policies propagated through the imperialist institutions of World Bank and IMF have sharpened the gap between handful of rich countries and vast number of poor countries in such a scale that this gap which was 31 times during the sixties has reached to the level of 74 times by the late nineties, and it is aggravating every passing day. The plunder of oppressed countries mediated through the WTO is bound to further escalate this glaring inequality. The contradiction of imperialist powers with the oppressed nations and people will go on accelerating and give rise to new upsurge against imperialism in world scale. Thus contradiction between imperialism and oppressed nations is principal at the world level today.

The September 11 (2001) incident and the subsequent so-called global 'war against terrorism' initiated by US imperialism are the latest manifestations of this global contradiction. The rivalry, even through temporary collusion, among various imperialists as according to the logic of the system is also intensifying. The inter-imperialist contradictions are sharpening in new forms and the danger of a new world war still persists. Though, after the collapse of Soviet Social imperialism, its rival US imperialism gained superiority and took temporary advantage, other imperialist powers including Russian imperialism are competing with it. In order to resolve the inherent contradiction, imperialists are piling even more lethal weapons, which are again giving rise to other major contradictions, ultimately preparing ground for their own destruction.

The globe-encompassing information technology they have developed for plundering and carrying out disinformation to hoodwink the masses, is also being used by the revolutionaries to disseminate their own ideas and information of the revolutionary movements to the nooks and corners of the world. This creates the basis for the world revolution of the 21st century to be coordinated and spread in global scale. The notion of Asia, Africa and Latin Americas as the storm center of world revolution envisaged by Mao, continues to be relevant and accurate till today. People's Wars waged by the oppressed masses and led by the Maoist Parties of Peru, Nepal, India, Turkey, Bangladesh and Philippines and armed struggles in other countries provide living testimony to this truth. Not only the oppressed countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, but also the people of imperialist countries are fighting against 'globalization' and 'privatization', which has plunged the working class and sections of the people of the imperialist countries into crisis

and despair never felt before. Instances of _expression of people's wrath against the big bosses of imperialist countries, in their own citadels like Seattle, Prague, Nice, Washington, Cancun, Gothenburg, Genoa and Callgary clearly reflect how the revolutionary situation in the imperialist countries is developing. All these facts reaffirm the objective truth that the main trend of the world today is revolution, as had been analysed by Mao.

International Communist Movement

The International Communist Movement has been advancing through twists and turns, as according to the materialist law of history. There are excellent examples of epochmaking successes achieved by the proletariat and also serious setbacks. The unprecedented setback experienced by the proletariat and the masses, especially after the coup d'etat in socialist China following the death of Com. Mao Tse-tung, was the latest one.

The collapse of former Soviet Union and its block during the 90s, was celebrated and propagated by the imperialists and their lackeys as the 'demise of socialism and communism'. Their objective was to hoodwink the masses by launching a concerted ideological offensive against the science of MLM and to deny the possibility of achieving the highest form of society, communism. Many petty-bourgeois elements within the communist movement were so influenced by this heinous propaganda that they changed their colour to become apologists of imperialism and a vehicle to spread this vile imperialist propaganda. But, in reality, it was the collapse of a particular sort of imperialism-social imperialism-which was equally the enemy of the proletariat and people of the world and which played a very nasty role in perverting the essence of 'socialism' and 'communism'. The real communists and the proletarian revolutionaries of different parts of the globe fought against this concerted offensive and mobilised all efforts to establish the invincibility of the ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. This was based on carrying out sustained political propaganda and by leading class struggles and People's Wars under the leadership of proletarian Parties guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism.

Protracted People's Wars advancing in Peru, Nepal, Philippines, India, Turkey under the leadership of Maoist Parties and combined with preparations for initiating the same in various countries of the world and rising tide of militant struggles in the imperialist countries along with formation of new Maoist Parties are clear manifestations of the new wave of advancing world proletarian revolution.

Thus the situation has changed dramatically in favor of revolution and the prospect of a new wave of world revolution is visible on the horizon. New opportunities and new challenges have come upon the shoulders of Maoists to initiate and lead revolution and we have to assume this responsibility with pride and honor.

Our class is an international class, our ideology is proletarian internationalism and our mission is to conquer a new world. Therefore certainly our class needs international organization. This need is more profound in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution and when major developments are taking a global shape. In this situation, internationalist solidarity and support of others is also important to accomplish revolution in any country. Thus the unity of all genuine Maoist forces, who are seriously engaged in advancing class struggle/ People's War in their respective countries is our urgent need and all Maoist Parties have to seriously grapple with this.

South Asian Situation

The correctness of Mao's pronouncement that Asia, Africa and Latin America are the storm centers of revolution is still relevant and applicable and this is clearly seen in South Asia today. South Asia with more than 1/5th of the world population is a huge reserve of natural resources and manpower, for which various imperialist powers are contending. The whole of South Asia has been subjected to neo-colonial forms of rule and exploitation generally reproducing and reinforcing semi-colonial, semi-feudal stage of development, placing the New Democratic Revolution on the historical agenda with even greater urgency than before.

The centralized Indian state, which is working as heir to the British colonialists, is instrumental in dominating the neighboring countries and her people and internally oppressing people in various nations and nationalities by enforcing them to come under its yoke. This internal oppression is buttressed by big nation Hindu chauvinism which is aimed at suppressing minorities, including religious minorities. Indian expansionism, which is subservient to the big imperialist powers, has become the dominant regional reactionary power to oppress the nations and the people of SA. Indian expansionism, which was working hands in glove mainly with Soviet social imperialism for many decades, has now shifted more towards the US imperialism. Now, Indian expansionism backed by world imperialism, mainly US imperialism, is the common enemy of the oppressed nations and people of SA.

Revolutionary uprising burst out in Naxalbari under the guidance and leadership of Charu Mazumdar (CM) as a 'spring thunder' which placed Marxism-Leninism-Maoism at the forefront, established the GPCR, the highest pinnacle of the development of Marxism, and fought against all shades of revisionism. The drums of Naxalbari are reverberating till today throughout SA and beyond. Now the ongoing People's Wars of Nepal, India (Dandakaranya, Bihar, Andhra and elsewhere) and intensive preparation going on in other parts of SA, should be objectively grasped as the continuation and further development of Naxalbari and teachings of CM. People's War in Nepal is advancing in leaps and bounds and facing the prospects of nationwide seizure of power. The level of People's War advancing in Dandakaranya, Bihar and Andhra is also higher than that of Naxalbari during the early seventies. Nevertheless, it was Naxalbari, which ignited the fire and provided generally correct orientation.

Apart from the revolutionary class wars, powerful national liberation movements/ nationalities struggles are also continuing and developing in SA, among them national liberation movements/nationalities struggles of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and other North-East states, Tamil Eelam of Sri Lanka and Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh are well known. Among problems faced by the national liberation movements/nationalities struggles are lack of proletarian leadership and continuing inability to subsume national liberation struggle within proletarian democratic revolution. Communist revolutionaries of this region should confront this problem and make genuine efforts to resolve this.

Even though there are some historical, geographical, economic and cultural specificities in this region, Indian expansionism backed by world imperialism, mainly US imperialism, is the common enemy of the people. Hence the revolution taking place in particular countries of this region are closely inter-linked and inter-related. Though revolution in any particular country may achieve its goal of establishing nationwide people's political power depending upon the specific situation it will need active support of the revolutionary movements in the region to sustain, advance and consolidate it. Thus, in South Asia, where New Democratic Revolutions are advancing in a new wave and there are strong possibilities of some of them succeeding, this will depend on the ability of the Maoists to collectively work out a correct line of united action. Therefore, building unity among genuine Maoist forces in this region has become an immediate task. As real successors and disciples of Marx, Lenin and Mao, it is necessary to seize this rare opportunity to accomplish New Democratic Revolutions in this region and advance the world revolution to socialism and communism.

Unity Among the Maoist Forces of SA

The unity of Maoist forces must primarily be based on upholding M-L-M, not only in theory, but more particularly in its application to practice, of which advancing People's War is the principal task. Besides, as one of its main tasks, CCOMPOSA has to focus its attack on Indian expansionism, which is the main bulwark of reaction in this region. It is only on the basis of intensifying the class struggle/People's War in this region, that the unity of the genuine Maoists of SA can deepen and grow, basing on M-L-M principles.

Apart from fulfilling its responsibilities in the region, CCOMPOSA is part of the international proletariat and must see its growth as part and parcel of the growing unity of the Maoist forces internationally. "Workers of all countries unite", as declared in the Communist Manifesto, always reminds us of the need and scope of our unity. We, Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia, cannot deviate from this dictum. Therefore, CCOMPOSA must be part and parcel of the attempts at unification of all Maoist forces internationally.

CCOMPOSA has its specific objectives to be realised in the particular context of South Asia. In order to give clear perspective of CCOMPOSA, in relation to its specific objectives we quote some passages of the 'Joint Statement':

"The Coordination Committee of the Maoist Parties and Organizations (CCOMPOSA) has been formed in order to unify and coordinate the activities of the Maoist Parties and Organizations in South Asia to confront this developing situation by spreading Protracted People's War in the region, in the context of hastening and advancing of the World Proletarian Socialist Revolution. This is a historic step of far-reaching importance".

"The Coordination Committee resolves to combine their efforts and raise their revolutionary struggles with the aim of fanning the flames of Protracted People's War throughout the region and beyond, in conjunction with the Protracted People's Wars in Peru, the Philippines, and Turkey. We resolve to combat and defeat revisionism - both parliamentary and armed - as the main danger to developing Protracted People's War. We declare our principled unity and conscious determination to hoist the Red Flag of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and Communism in all its splendor on the silver summits of the Himalayas and throughout the region. We undertake this responsibility as our internationalist duty and

contribution towards destroying the system of imperialism and achieving our final goal of Socialism and Communism by accomplishing the New Democratic Revolution through the path of Protracted People's War".

"The Indian Expansionist State, backed by world imperialism, particularly US imperialism, constitute the common enemy of the people of South Asia. This provides a concrete political basis for building the unity of the South Asian revolutionary forces".

Thus the 'Joint Statement' has clarified the basis for achieving the unity of the Maoist Parties and Organizations in South Asia:

1. Our unity will be based on the scientific ideology of our class, which is Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution is the pinnacle of this development, a path through which we march ahead.
2. Our common goal is to achieve Socialism and Communism on a world-scale by accomplishing the New Democratic Revolution and continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.
3. We are committed to opposing all shades of revisionism including armed revisionism and parliamentary cretinism.
4. We must propagate M-L-M widely, particularly in the sub-continent and also worldwide, to counter revisionism in all its forms.
5. Build solidarity with anti-imperialist struggles throughout the world.
6. Build a strong anti-imperialist resistance movement, particularly against US imperialism and Indian expansionism.
7. Build a broad front with the on-going armed struggles of the various nationality movements in the sub-continent.
8. Lend mutual assistance and exchange experiences and deepen bilateral and multilateral relations amongst Maoist forces in the sub-continent.
9. Coordinate and consolidate the unity of Maoist Parties and Organisations in South Asia.
10. Bring out journals and periodicals as instruments of ideological and political propaganda.

Hold high the red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism!

Spread the flames of revolution from the high Himalayas to the seas!

Develop South Asia as the storm center of world revolution and as a base area for marching towards world communism!

JOINT STATEMENT OF MAOIST PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS

We the undersigned Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia proclaim the formation of the Co-ordination Committee of the Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA) and issue this joint statement:

Under the signboard of globalisation, structural adjustment and open market economy, world imperialism has announced its global agenda to further intensify the domination, exploitation and oppression of the people. This agenda reflects a new spiral of crisis of the world imperialism, bringing about the inevitability of even more misery, horror, devastation and war, on a world scale.

The proletariat and the oppressed people of the world continue to resist this agenda by raising revolutionary struggles, targeting imperialism and the subservient reactionary ruling classes of different countries generating a new wave of the people's struggles all over the world, particularly in oppressed countries.

As Mao had formulated, the oppressed countries constitute the storm centers of world revolution and revolution is the main trend in the world today. The region of South Asia continues to provide a concentrated expression of this truth.

South Asia, with more than 1/5th of the world's population, is a simmering volcano, as recognized by the imperialists themselves. All the major contradictions in the region are intensifying and call for revolutionary solutions.

Inspired by the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China, the historic Naxalbari armed uprising under the leadership of Com. Charu Mazumdar, served to ignite sparks of protracted people's war in different parts of South Asia. The drums of Naxalbari continue to reverberate through South Asia and beyond. The protracted people's wars which are advancing in Nepal, India (Andhra Dandakaranya, Bihar, etc), and the preparation for initiating protracted people's war in the region basically derive their origins from the spring thunder of Naxalbari.

National liberation movements are also continuing in Kashmir, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, other North-Eastern areas, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Various people's struggles against imperialism and reactionary ruling classes are also surging forward.

The irresistible advance of the New Democratic Revolution or protracted people's war in Nepal under the leadership of the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist (CPN-Maoist), along with protracted people's war in India led by Communist Party of India-Marxist-Leninist (People's War) – CPI (ML) (PW) and the Maoist Communist Center (MCC), is changing the political geography or revolutionary dynamics of South Asia. The emerging new wave of protracted people's war is clearly visible in the South Asian region.

Indian ruling classes, under the leadership of the BJP, are sharpening their offensive against on-going protracted people's wars and nationality movements in India. Various operational command units have been formed to suppress these struggles and the central government is directly co-ordinating all the various operations. The BJP, a Hindu chauvinist force, is rapidly transforming the state into a fascist apparatus and is adopting newer and black laws to crush all types of democratic movements in India, surpassing all its predecessors. It has also started functioning as the gendarme of US imperialism in order to fulfill its expansionist ambitions, suppressing people's movements in the sub-continent, particularly threatening armed intervention in Nepal.

The reactionary ruling classes of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bhutan are intensifying their fascist repression of the masses and against the democratic, progressive and Maoist revolutionary forces.

In spite of viscous fascist repression, the masses continue to resist and are surging forward in the region.

The Indian expansionist state, backed by world imperialism particularly US imperialism, constitute the common enemy of the people of South Asia. This provides a concrete political basis for building the unity of the South Asian revolutionary process. The increasing collusion between US imperialism and Indian Expansionism can be clearly seen in the politics of the region in the recent years.

This can be seen clearly in the recent developments in Nepal. However much imperialists and their lackeys try to cover up the real politics behind the brutal massacre of the Royal family of Nepal, the people know the truth. The crisis that led to massacre is directly related to the development of the New Democratic revolution and protracted people's war in

Nepal. King Birendra and Royal family were annihilated in order to ensure that state power would be in the hand of more reliable, fascist and diehard section of the ruling class that could be entrusted with the task of deploying the armed forces in an all-out, total counter-revolutionary war against the CPN (Maoist), the people's war and the oppressed masses of Nepal. This crisis was deliberately designed to create the condition for external intervention by Indian expansionism in the hope of extinguishing the flames of Maoist protracted people's war in Nepal. This massacre was clearly planned and exerted as a conspiracy between US imperialism, the Indian expansionist state and the most die-hard fascist section of the Nepalese ruling classes.

The CPN(Maoist) and the masses recognize that this massacre has effectively liquidated the traditional monarchy, placing the establishment of the people's republic of Nepal on the people's immediate agenda.

The Co-ordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organizations has been formed in order to unify and co-ordinate the activities of the Maoist Parties and Organizations in South Asia to confront this developing situation by spreading people's war in the region, in the context of hastening and advancing the world proletarian Socialist Revolution. This is a historic step of far-reaching significance.

This initiative is the result of ideas and suggestions put forward by CPN(Maoist)and CPI-ML(PW). The CoRIM played a positive role in this process.

The Co-ordination Committee resolves to combine their efforts and raise their revolutionary struggles with the aim of fanning the flames of protracted people's war throughout the region-and beyond, in conjunction with the protracted people's war in Peru, the Philippines and Turkey. We resolve to combat and defeat revisionism –parliamentary and armed-as the main danger to developing protracted people's war. We declare our principled unity and conscious determination to hoist the red flag of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and Communism in all splendor on the silver summits of the Himalayas and throughout the region. We undertake this responsibility as our internationalist duty and contribution towards destroying the system of imperialism and achieving our final goal of Socialism and Communism by accomplishing the New Democratic Revolution through the path of protracted people's war.

We appeal to all the Maoist forces of South Asia to join CCOMPOSA to defend and advance the ongoing protracted people's war in Nepal and India and to achieve the victory of New Democratic Revolution in the countries of South Asia. We appeal to all anti-imperialist democratic forces to support us in strengthening the rising mass struggles against imperialism and Indian expansionism.

Signed :

- 1. Bangladesher Shamayabadi Dal (M{-L), or BSD(M{{-L)**
- 2. Proletarian Party of Purbo Bangla, CC or PBSP, CC**
- 3. Proletarian Party of Purbo Bangla, MPK, or PBSP(MPK)**
- 4. Cylone Communist Party (Maoist), or CCP (Maoist)**
- 5. Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (People's War), or CPI (ML)(PW)**
- 6. Maoist Communist Center, or MCC**
- 7. Revolutionary Communist Center in India (Maoist), or RCCI (Maoist)**
- 8. Revolutionary Communist Center in India (MLM), or RCCI (MLM)**
- 9. Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), or CPN(Maoist)**

July 1, 2001

Resolution on the Present Political Situation

(Adopted by the Second Annual Conference of the Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties & Organisations of South Asia)

Since the Inaugural Conference which established the Co-ordinating Committee of Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA) in June 2001, the world has undergone dramatic changes. The attack on key strategic targets in the US on September 11th has transformed the political landscape internationally presenting mortal dangers and challenges as well as historic revolutionary opportunities to the proletariat and the oppressed people of the world.

In the face of a spiralling crisis of the world imperialist system under the guise of a so-called global war against terrorism, the imperialist powers, led by the US have exploited these attacks as a justification to unleash a global terrorist war of aggression against the oppressed people and nations of the world. These dogs of international terror have combined to maintain and further consolidate their control over the resources and markets of the world and to sink their fangs deeper to bleed the labor power of the workers and rob the masses in a desperate compulsion to defend and expand their rival empires of profit and plunder. At the same time the dogs of terror are at each others throats to grab more of the share of profit and plunder. In this general context, seizing decisive control and exercising dominance over the vast oil resources of the Middle-East and the Caspian region have become critical in maintaining imperialist global hegemony.

In the pursuit of these imperialist objectives, the US-led imperialist alliance has already bombarded the people of Afghanistan and reduced their lives, livelihood, cities and villages and all social & economic infrastructure to dust. This brutal and cowardly war of aggression was aimed not only at destroying the Al-Qaeda network and the Taliban regime-both of which owe their origins & growth to US imperialism and to install an even more loyal feudal comprador regime, but more fundamentally to establish a military base in Afghanistan through which to dominate Central and South Asia. However, the Afghan people are mounting stiff resistance to US- British imperialist aggression and occupation.

The US has unleashed the fascist-Zionist state of Israel- its No. 1 attack dog in the Middle-East to wage a sustained war of genocidal terror to crush the Palestine resistance. The US president, George Bush, has vowed to unleash a holy war in the manner of a barbaric crusade against a host of states which have no connection to the September 11th attacks, including Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Yemen & N. Korea. It is presently preparing contingency plans to bomb the Iraqi regime & the people in an even more ruthless & destructive war than before.

The US has entered into a strategic alliance with India in order to extend & consolidate hegemonic dominance in the South Asian region. In this context, this strategic alliance has set out to assist the feudal comprador- autocratic monarchist state in Nepal in its desperate attempt to militarily crush the blazing protracted people's war led by the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), CPN(M). Since November 2001, under a state of emergency the Nepalese state has carried out a genocidal war against the people, where on an average a dozen people are killed every day. In the period of one year, more than 3,000 people have been killed. The Nepalese state has carried out mass massacres, gang-rapes & inhuman torture on an expanding scale, while carrying out a campaign of disinformation to cover its trail of blood. The Nepalese state has suspended all fundamental human & democratic rights, while killing & arresting progressive journalists and activists. In its effort to centralize, concentrate & monopolize state power, the monarchy has marginalized the parliament and all other institutions & agencies of the state, while strengthening the role of lackey forces such as the UML.

The Indian expansionist state backed by US imperialism has collaborated in these fascist genocidal policies by capturing oppositional journalists and deporting them to Nepal. People who have come to India seeking medical treatment have been abducted & delivered to the torture chambers of the Nepalese state.

The strategic alliance between the US and India has led to the establishment of an FBI office in Delhi to better facilitate & co-ordinate this counter- revolutionary strategy throughout South Asia. The political machinations of the imperialists global terrorist war agenda has brought India & Pakistan to the brink of a nuclear confrontation which would have the most devastating consequences for the people of the region. Although the machinations of a peace process and the active connivance of the Sri Lankan ruling class both the US and India have gained access to strategic military facilities in the island and penetrated the political life of Sri Lanka as never before. Those moves have violated the sovereignty of the people and the country and introduced even more intensive forms of domination & control.

The Indian expansionist state has been militarised on a new level and its repressive & ideological apparatus has been geared up to crush all resistance and opposition by revolutionary forces and by the people, which is bound to increase and intensify in the face of the combined strategy of globalisation & counter-revolution. The central state has established new mechanism to coordinate the counter-revolution at the state & district level. Under the heinous Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA), the Indian state has banned the Communist Party of India – Marxist-Leninist-People's War (CPI-ML-PW) and the Maoist Communist Center (MCC) in a desperate bid to stop the rising tide of people's democratic revolution & protracted people's war led by Maoist vanguard detachments. True to their class character, the revisionist parliamentarist "left" parties have all colluded in this counter-revolutionary agenda. The Indian ruling class is whipping up big-nation chauvinism to aggressively push their reactionary counter-revolutionary agenda. This has been accompanied by anti-Pakistani war hysteria and unleashing fascist Hindu chauvinism. These have now taken an extreme and dangerous form by the ruling B.J.P. and their fascist goons. The policy of targeting minorities in general, and Muslims in particular has become routine & institutionalized within the state. The Conference specifically condemns the recent state sponsored anti-Muslim programs in Gujarat unleashed by the BJP rulers in the state.

The combined strategy of globalisation & counter-revolution has also intensified the exploitation, oppression and repression of the masses in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

However, as Mao had said, "where there is oppression there will be resistance". All these counter-revolutionary repressive policies & actions of the imperialists have served to further ignite mass protest & rebellion & to spread the flames of people's revolutionary war.

The oppressed people's of Palestine have resisted the wave of genocidal aggression by the Israeli state with characteristic courage sacrifice and determination. They are standing in the front lines of the anti-imperialist struggle of the people of the world. As each day passes, through their own experience, they see through the veils of deception, illusions & betrayal of the feudal-bourgeois leadership and will come to demand genuine proletarian leadership based on the science of MLM. All over the world tens of thousand of broad progressive forces have come together to denounce & resist the increasing aggression & domination by international finance capital. Protracted people's war are being waged in Peru, Nepal, India, Philippines & Turkey, while Maoist organizations & parties across the world are accelerating their preparation to initiate & lead people's war in their countries.

The South Asian sub-continent is being transformed into one of the most volatile storm center of the world revolution. The New Democratic Revolution led by the CPN (M) has, through the path of Protracted People's War, turned every challenge & danger into opportunities & advances and has developed in qualitative leaps to a new turning point towards seizing political power on a higher level. It provides the dynamic of building a South Asian proletarian revolutionary process based on MLM. CCOMPOSA is an expression of this logic & necessity. The CPI-ML (PW) and the MCC are making new important advances ideologically, politically & militarily. Other participating parties in India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka are also making new important advances in building their capacity to initiate and lead protracted people's war based on the science of MLM. In India, serious efforts are going on by the genuine Maoist Parties and Organisations to build a single revolutionary centre. In Bangladesh, the genuine Maoist forces are also striving to build a unified party based on a correct revolutionary line. So we can say "the path is torturous, but the future is bright". In this context, the 2nd Annual Conference of the CCOMPOSA constitutes another historic milestone on the path of reaffirming Naxalbari and giving rise to a new & higher level of the expansion to the South Asian Revolutionary process in the context of advancing the World Proletarian Socialist Revolution and achieving the final victory of communism worldwide upon the ashes & ruins of world imperialism.

The Second Annual Conference of CCOMPOSA reaffirms its dedication and commitment to uphold and apply the invincible science of MLM to the concrete conditions of the South Asian Revolution as realised within the particular countries. This Conference reaffirms its commitment and dedication to unite with and support the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed people and nations in the region and in the world against imperialist oppression and domination. In this context, it defends and upholds the struggle of the Palestine people against the fascist-zionist Israeli state openly and brazenly backed by US imperialism. It calls on all the genuine Maoist revolutionary forces in the region to combine and co-ordinate their collective political will and fighting capacity in order to turn South Asia into an advanced liberated red fortress of world revolution and to hasten the final destruction of imperialism and reaction and the achievement of Communism worldwide.

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-Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA)

Open Letter to all Progressive Forces

How revisionists turned into Social-fascists in Nepal and West Bengal

In Nepal it has been reported that the CPN-UML has struck a secret deal with the genocidal Gyanandra/Deuba clique and the Indian Expansionists, to be used as the front paw of the military regime to pit the so-called Reds against the CPN (M). The UML is now hoping to take power in the fake elections, to be held in Nov.2002, under the umbrella of the Emergency. What is developing is a fascist Gyanandra/Deuba-UML axis.

Over the last two months the West Bengal media has been continuously filled with articles/reports about the fascist repression unleashed by the CPI (M) on the activists and sympathizers of the CPI (ML)(PW). The media has been comparing it with the brutal methods used by the Siddarth Shankar Ray's Congress government in the early 1970s. The media also speaks of the warming of relations between the West Bengal Chief Minister, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and the Union Deputy Prime Minister and Hindu fascist megalomaniac, L.K.Advani.

Both the UML and the CPM put on a progressive mask, not only in the sub-continent, but throughout the world, posing as leftists. But as class contradictions sharpen the mask is falling and they are getting nakedly exposed as the social-fascists that they are — i.e. socialism in words, fascism in deeds. It is important for all progressive forces to understand the character of such parties, or else movements against reaction that include them, are likely to get stabbed in the back by such treacherous elements.

UML Allies with the Monarchy in Nepal

Right from the beginning of the people's war in Nepal the CPN-UML has played an anti-people role. They have also continuously supported the State of Emergency declared in Nepal.

After the Dang attack, when the Deuba government declared the Emergency, the UML was in favour of it. Three months later, when it had to be ratified, the UML again voted in favour of it.

The Emergency has to be ratified every six months by parliament. When this was due to be ratified earlier this year, the UML resorted to duplicity, not disclosing its decision till the last. It is only after the bulk of the Nepalese Congress, led by Koiralla, refused to extend it, and the Deuba group within it was reduced to a handful of members, that the UML made a pretense of opposing the Emergency. But when the Deuba/Gyanendra clique resorted to the constitutional coup, dissolving parliament, re-imposing the Emergency and announcing elections for Nov.13, it was the UML who was the first to jump into the fray.

Given the fact that the Deuba group was a hopeless minority, it appears that it was only with the knowledge of the UML's tacit support that the king and Deuba got confidence to push through their parliamentary coup-de-ta. It appears that the UML is being groomed by the clique to take power after Nov.13.

In addition, the UML has been undertaking a massive espionage campaign against CPN(M) cadres thus abetting in the killing torturing and incarcerating carried out by the Gyanendra clique. Infact the recent killing of Rit Bahadur Khadka , an alternative central committee member of CPN(M) by the Gyanendra clique was the result of the UML's dirty hand.

This possibility is strengthened by the fact that they have also received the support of the Indian expansionists. Recently, the head of the UML, Madhav Nepal, was received in India, with the same honours as a ruling dignitary. He was met by Advani, Vajpayee and others and assured that they had no problem if he took power after Nov.13. The conspiracy is further deepened by the fact that the US ambassador to Nepal was invited to the UML office at Katmandu, where he arrived to a spruced up headquarters, with the photos of Marx, Engels, Lenin, conveniently removed for the occasion.

So, from all this, one can clearly presume that the Gyanandra/Deuba clique, the Indian Expansionists and the US imperialists are planning to bring in the UML to use the fake 'red flag' to fight the Red Flag. It is clear that the UML has metamorphosed from mere revisionists to social-fascists.

CPI (M) Unmasked

The repression unleashed by Buddha's police is reminiscent of the dark days of the 1970's where the midnight knock meant brutal torture and gruesome murders of some of India's most dedicated and talented youth.

The arrests and killing of PW activists, sympathisers and ordinary villagers of Midnapore and the recent arrest and brutal torture of a PW leader, some ex-members and a vast cross-section of progressive intellectuals, in and around Calcutta, Nadia and other areas, indicates that the CPI (M) is little different from Naidu's TDP or the fascist BJP.

Since Sept. last, the CPI (M) has brought to Midnapore two crack CRPF companies, which have been trained in counter-insurgency operations in North Telangana. They have unleashed a reign of terror over and above that of the CPI (M) mafia of the region. They have resorted to day and night combings, arrests, tortures etc. They have shot dead a number of PW activists in the region and have been harassing ordinary villagers.

Over 200 villagers have been arrested, of which 26, whom the police consider as activists, have been booked in far-away Siliguri, in a method similar to that adopted by Sidharth Shankar Ray in the early 1970s. Till today they have not been granted bail. It is feared that once the proposed preventive detention law, POCO, is passed, many will be booked under that. The CPM is continuing to send more and more Special Forces to these areas to crush these people's movements with an iron hand. Such forces are being sent to 12 districts of West Bengal. Bail applications are being rejected since last August, everyday new persons are being implicated in false cases, and they are being terrorized to stop associating with the PW and MCC. The repression against villagers continues unabated.

On June 20, State Committee member, Com. Gautam and another, was arrested. This was followed by the arrest of those four who had left the PW a few months back. After 10 days in police custody they finally got jail custody on July 2.

It was from July 4 that the police began their mid-might raids on over 75 intellectuals in and around Calcutta and later in Nadia. The arrest and torture of Kaushik Ganguly, professor of Rajabazar Science College, and Abijit Sinha, central excise officer, is an indication of the extent police ruthlessness.

According to family members, Abijit was pulled out of bed, dragged down the stairs and taken to Baguliti Police station. He was humiliated, threatened and intensely interrogated. The shrill cries of several other suspects being tortured in the next room, haunted him for days. He was only released once his wife, Manasi reached the police station along with her father, who himself is a senior police officer — DSP (crime) — in the CID. Traumatized by the experience, on July 7, the 32-year old Abijit, threw himself under a train, committing suicide. Manasi said, "the police are behind my innocent husband's death". His father-in-law, though a senior police officer, has threatened to take the case to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Professor Ganguly was not only arrested, he was brutally beaten and tortured. He was arrested without any warrant and illegally whisked away. He was taken from police station to police station. A week later his father stated he did not know the whereabouts of his son. It was also reported by the PUCL that Ganguly had cigarette burn marks on his body.

In fact, when the three comrades, Kaushik Ganguly, Tinku Ghosh and Parashar Bhattacharya complained of torture in the courts, the Midnapore court directed top forensic experts from leading medical establishments in Kolkata to examine them and refused to grant further police custody as requested by the police.

Also the father of Parashar Bhattacharya said that, "the way the police barged into our house was quite shameful. Out telephone line was snapped by the police".

Through this entire process the CPI (M) stood the most discredited, with a mass upsurge of public opinion against it, not only in the villages but also in Kolkata. As can be seen from the flood of articles in the media, for the first time in 25 years the CPM has got totally isolated from the intellectual community of West Bengal. They were also isolated from their own left front partners, like the RSP, FB and CPI, who have also condemned the CPM's methods. Not only that, a section of CPM cadre and district-level leaders have not been supporting their government's methods and have been openly criticizing them. To suppress their voice, the CPM leadership issued a circular to their cadres to refrain from talking openly against the decisions taken regarding PW/MCC affairs, and that serious action would be taken if anyone violated this.

The upsurge in democratic and progressive opinion against the CPM is an indication of the extent of its isolation. Seen from close quarters, in West Bengal, the CPM stands thoroughly exposed amongst democrats and progressive people. But from a distance, they continue to dupe the people. That is why we outline at some length the extent of democratic opinion against the CPM in West Bengal, in the latest attack.

Teachers, students, employees have taken to the streets to protest against the wide arrests and torture of Ganguly, Sinha and the others. Human rights organizations, civil liberty groups, ex-naxalite leaders and even the major parliamentary opposition have raised their voice.

On July 7, teachers from Calcutta University submitted a letter to the Chief Minister demanding Ganguly's immediate release. On the same day several college teachers, research scholars and Ganguly's students camped in Midnapore town, where the professor had been kept in the police lock-up. They protested against the torture of Ganguly and said the police should not misbehave with a brilliant scholar and professor.

The crackdown led to all the small M-L groups uniting under a common umbrella organisation, the Bandimukt Prashiti Samiti, which demanded the immediate release of all arrested. It also prepared a list of 300 persons arrested, for their alleged links with the PW, mainly from Midnapore, Bankura and Purnia. The Committee leader, Imanuel Haque, alleged that the police planned to book all the 300 under the Prevention of Organised Crime Act, once it was enforced.

On July 8, 17 teachers of the Calcutta University and 75 teachers of BE College (deemed University), Shibpur, in two separate letters to the Chief Minister demanded Ganguly's release and punishment of the tortures.

All major teachers unions, except the rabid CPM sponsored West Bengal College and University Teacher's Association, have come out in protest against Ganguly's detention. The Jhadavpur University Teachers Association criticized the "brash treatment" by the police of Ganguly. Its general secretary, Tarun Kanti Naskar said, "The manner in which Ganguly was taken from his house and the atrocities he is facing in police custody directly violates the fundamental rights of a citizen".

All Bengal University Teacher's Association also reacted strongly to Ganguly's case. Deepak Bannerjee, a senior member of ABUTA said both JUTA and his union members wrote a protest letter to the chief Minister.

Writers Mahashweta Devi, Sankho Ghosh, Joy Goswami, and actor Soumitra Chatterjee signed a Public Charter against intimidation and torture in police custody. APDR general secretary, Sujato Bhadra, said, "We have lodged complaints with the NHRC and the Amnesty International. We are organizing a protest march from College Street to Rani Rashmoni Road".

On July 9, the APDR also met Hoogly SP and lodged an FIR against the Midnapore (West) Policemen who raided some houses in Uttarpara on the 5th and arrested three youth for their alleged links with the PW. A protest rally was taken out by the APDR in Hoogly against the police action, which was joined by leaders of the Forward Block and CPI.

What disturbed the CPM most, was the protests from within its own ranks, which was most vocal in one of its strongest bastions—Dum Dum. It is here that Ganguly, Tinku Ghosh and Abijit Sinha have their homes. On July 11 the Dum Dum unit of the CPM staged a protest, to force the government to withdraw its repression campaign. The protest was organised by Paltu Dassgupa, a powerful member of the CPM's North 24 Parganas district secretariat. He also called for a protest meeting on Sunday, July 13th. SFI supporters had joined a protest rally by Rajabazar Science College students demanding the release of their teacher, Kaushik Ganguly.

Voices of Protest also reached the West Bengal State Assmby, where not only the opposition, but also the Left Front constituents voiced their protest against the arrest and torture of intellectuals, while supporting the government's repressive campaign against the guerrillas in Midnapore.

On July 11 both the TMC (Trinamool Congress) and the Congress (I) moved a no-confidence motion against the Left Front government and staged a walk-out in protest against the "fascist path chosen by the LF govt., as the arrest of Ganguly and others showed". A section of the CPI, RSP and the SUCI made strongly remarks on the Abijit Affair. The Left Front partners RSP, FB and CPI demanded a front meeting to stop the "return of the police raj of the early 70s". FB leaders said, "The police brutality is alarming and should be dealt with firmly at the political level. The PW's penetration of the tribals and poor in remote areas shows our failure to reach them". Some MLAs demanded a judicial enquiry, which was refused by the Chief Minister.

In the face of all this criticism the Chief Minister and CPM state leadership were adamant. They refused a judicial enquiry and the State Committee asked the police to step up the campaign against the PW, terming it an 'extremist' organization. They warned their LF partners and their rank-and-file to tone down their criticism. In fact Left Front chairman, Biman Basu, was scathing in his attack on those critical of the repression campaign. The Chief Minister in fact sent crack forces to Midnapore and openly stated that there will be no let-up in these raids and arrests of PW sympathisers.

Fascists Methods of the CPI (M)

The CPI(M) uses a twin policy to maintain their rule — fascist terror in the vast countryside by their organized goons, backed by the police, and a more democratic image in the urban areas, to maintain their progressive image. In West Bengal it has the following background:

As the Panchayat system took deep root in the soil of rural West Bengal and the tentacles of the so-called 'Green Revolution' spread to the vast countryside, the vested interests of the new privileged sections got more strengthened and the party machinery grew more and more reactionary and aggressive. It is like a new zamindari system based on the party. The party offices are the court-yards of the new zamindaris. The party's local committee secretary and panchayat pradhans (chief) are the new zamindars. They control everything and keep a watch on everybody. Party cadres and panchayat members are their eyes and ears. They serve both as their intelligence network and their arm-twisting machinery. If anyone becomes disobedient, does something independently or tries to organise people clandestinely, immediately a report goes to the party office and decisions will be taken according to the situation. The party bosses will fix the extent of 'punishment' according to the level of disobedience.

In the cities they cannot exercise such ruthless control. They cannot threaten people here at their sweet will or terrorise them with naked attacks. The people in cities are more organised and incidents of attack get wide coverage in the media. So, in the cities CPM terror is more refined, their behaviour more polished, their domination more subtle. The dose of social terror is more limited here in comparison to the rural areas. The CPM has pursued this dual policy in West Bengal for the last 20 years: on the one hand keep an apparent democratic atmosphere in the cities (even at the risk of losing elections here), and on the other, strengthen their grip on the countryside through all sorts of naked terror. Hence the villages are the real face of Left Front rule, whereas the cities are its mask.

In the rural areas the CPM maintain a social-fascist-type control over the lives of the entire population. No one dare oppose their dictates. If any family or group begin to oppose the CPM diktat they are first threatened, then beaten, then socially boycotted; and if they persevere with their opposition their properties are smashed, women are raped and many are even killed. They maintain a systematic spy network, and those suspect are watched and all those visiting them are observed. Through the Panchayats, which have become virtual CPM fiefdoms, they control every aspect of the life of the people — from dispensing work, giving jobs, distributing land, to even issuing ration cards and birth certificates, everything has to be passed by the local CPM bosses. Any anyone who is in disfavour, can be starved and hounded into servility to the bosses. These Panchayats are also centers of nepotism and corruption. Besides, the CPM maintain links with the village mafia and lumpens, to terrorise the masses, particularly during elections and also to forcibly collect donations.

Besides, there is a strong and close nexus between the CPM leadership/cadre and the police against the people and now the revolutionaries of the PW and MCC. Of late, the atrocities of this combine have been spiraling. The growing police atrocities on the peoples are ignored by the CPM, while the two combine into a joint force against the revolutionaries.

Against the people, the West Bengal Human Rights Commission has documented police atrocities. Its report says that in the last three years, from 1999 to 2002, there were over 210 deaths in police/judicial custody, 214 cases of custodial rape/molestation of women, just under 2,000 cases of police excesses and 175 cases of 'jail misadministration incidents'. The most recent incident was the 'black hole' tragedy of Aug.1 at Malda, where the police rounded up 242 men and crammed them into a 20ft by 3ft lock-up to await court hearings. By evening 2 undertrials had died of suffocation and several others lay unconscious. Most of them had been detained for minor offences. A similar incident occurred in the same month in a Kolkata lock-up, when two groups broke into a fight over drinking water in a stifling lock-up. What is worse is that the incidences of custodial death, torture and rape by the West Bengal police are growing by the day.

Against the revolutionaries, a large number of CPM cadres have been transformed into police informers. A recent circular of the CPM State Committee called on its cadres to: observe all, keep an eye on who are coming and who are going; inform the police on the activities of the PW and MCC; and join with the police to launch attacks on them. In addition, the State government is instigating its own cadres against the Maoists, is demanding more forces for counter-insurgency operations; seeking to re-introduce the draconian POCO (the West Bengal version of POTA) and increasing the terror on the masses in the regions of Maoist influence. West Bengal has also joined the Joint Coordination Committee set up by Advani to coordinate counter-insurgency operations against the Maoists in the various states.

The CPM and its West Bengal government have adopted a similar attitude towards the Nationality Movements in the State and have supported the monarchy against the Maoists of Nepal. It is assisting the rulers of Nepal and the Indian

Expansionists, by stepping up policing along the lengthy borders between Nepal and West Bengal to nab the Maoists of Nepal.

Lies, falsehoods and a disinformation campaigns have always been the staple stock of the CPM against the Maoists, from the very inception. For two-and-half decades after the brutal massacres of the early 1970s the revisionists have ruled West Bengal like a fiefdom. No opposition was allowed to grow and the CPM storm-troopers (backed by the police) would ruthlessly crush any opposition, even that of its own let-front partners. **The APDR has, in fact, documented 7,000 cases of political killings in West Bengal since the Left Front came to power, and has demanded of the government to hand over the medical reports of such cases to the Centre for Culture for Care and Torture of Victims.**

Appeal to All Democrats and Progressives

We, the constituent members of the CCOMPOSA, appeal to all genuine democrats and progressive people to expose these two parties, the CPN-UML and the CPI(M), and mobilize public opinion against them. It is necessary to understand that revisionism is nothing but the bourgeoisie amongst the working class. And when these revisionists become ruling-class parties, like the UML and the CPI (M), they must act as any other ruling-class party. This is particularly manifested when class contradictions become acute. The extraction of profits, whether through private capital or through state enterprises, are their goal. Besides, with a strong cadre force, they are ideally suited to unleash fascist repression, utilizing their social base. At most their 'struggle' with other ruling parties is part of the contradictions within the ruling-classes and has no progressive element about it. There is a fundamental necessity to expose the leadership of these parties and seek to win over the rank-and-file to the path of genuine struggle against and for a new society.

Comrades and Friends,

Today, when imperialism, particularly US imperialism, is increasing its offensive against the people all over the world there is utmost urgency to unite with all democratic and progressive forces to build a wide mobilisation against this attack. While doing so one has to beware of the fake 'friends of the people' who to seek to dissipate these movements into 'safe' channels, or put up mock opposition as a safety valve to diffuse the growing anger of the people. No consistent struggle against imperialism and reaction is possible without thoroughly exposing these betrayers and traitors within the working-class movement, who seek merely to stab it in the back.

In this period of growing imperialist crisis the opportunities are immense. But to effectively seize the opportunity it is necessary to clearly demarcate between genuine friends and real enemies. Let us unite ever more strongly with all the forces thrown up by the anti-globalisation movement, and the people's movements against growing imperialist attacks, and seek to take them to genuine liberation from imperialism and all reaction.

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