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Comrade Namballa Kesava Rao Amar Rahe!

We have learned that Comrade Namballa Kesava Rao, General Secretary of the CPI (Maoist), popularly known among the people as “Comrade Basavaraju,” has been immortalized. It was announced that in the same clash, 26 of our comrades from the People’s Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA), including Comrade Sajja Nageswara Rao, also fell. We convey our deepest condolences to the oppressed people of India, especially the Indian working class; to the comrades of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) and the People’s Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA).

The immortalization of our comrades, including Comrade Basavaraju, is not only a loss for the Indian revolution. It is also a heavy loss for the international communist movement, the struggle for revolution and socialism. But we communists, from our historical experiences, know very well that: *“The wheel of history cannot be turned back.”*

Every comrade who falls in battle is at the same time a seed sown for the victory of the revolution and the future. The loss of our comrades, foremost among them Basavaraju, is such a loss. They laid down their lives for the advance of the Indian revolution.

This truth is best known by the fascist Indian state. For this reason, it continues its attacks on the Indian revolution and its vanguard, the organized Maoist movement. The counter-revolutionary assault campaign launched under the name “Operation Kagar” aims to defeat the Maoist movement by March 2026. The real goal of the fascist Indian state and the Brahmanical Hindutva fascist Modi government is, above all, to drive out the Adivasi peoples and the true owners of Indian land, to exploit workers, peasants, and laborers, and to hand over India’s underground and aboveground resources to imperialists and comprador bureaucratic capitalists. The reactionary Indian state attacks the Indian revolution for this purpose. Because they know that the only obstacle to Brahmanical Hindutva’s fascist and reactionary policies is the People’s War waged by the CPI (Maoist), united with the masses, to create New Democratic India.

The reactionary Indian state’s fear is not without reason. The imperialist capitalist system is in deep crisis. Therefore, the imperialists are preparing for a new imperialist repartition war. The reactionary Indian state, serving imperialism, sees as the primary threat to its rule the People’s War and the New Democratic Revolution struggle led by the CPI (Maoist). The fear of the fascist Indian state and the Brahmanical Hindutva fascist Modi government is New India! That is why they attack and slaughter. Yet with every killing they draw closer to the end of their own rule.

The fact that Comrade Basavaraju fought tirelessly for 50 years for a just and free society, that he began his revolutionary struggle in his youth and carried it forward

with determination for many years, that he took an uncompromising stand and waged ideological struggle against every form of right and left deviation, revisionism, and reformism, is an immensely important legacy for the international communist movement.

That Comrade Basavaraju was one of the pioneering leaders in uniting Maoist forces in India and establishing a strong central unity of the CPI (Maoist) is a practice of vital importance and one from which lessons must be drawn by the international communist movement. Again, we draw inspiration from Comrade Basavaraju's leadership in many military successes of the Indian revolutionary movement, especially in the construction of guerrilla bases in Dandakaranya and in the decisive role he played in establishing the people's democratic institutions. Comrade Basavaraju took up the general secretaryship at age 65 during a very difficult period for the revolutionary movement and led the CPI (Maoist). He never retreated from the struggle and was immortalized at age 72. Comrade Namballa Kesava Rao became the second general secretary killed by the reactionary Indian state after Charu Majumdar.

As Comrade Basavaraju said in an interview, *"Thousands of martyrs poured out their blood for this advance."* Now, together with Comrade Basavaraju and dozens of comrades including Comrade Sajja Nageswara Rao, they have poured out their blood for the advance of the revolution in India and the world. Glory and honor to them!

Comrade Namballa Kesava Rao Is Immortal!

"Lal Salam" to the Immortal Comrades!

Long Live the CPI (Maoist) and the PLGA!

Long Live the Indian Revolution!

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Maoism!

Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!

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