

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Statement

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR BREATH

In USA, the nationwide protests over the murder of George Floyd by police rage; even defying the compulsions created by the pandemic that has taken lives more than of 1lakh. Lack of deliverance of justice for the victim has ignited angry protests. Besides, the agony and peril of the deadly strike of the pandemic and the disaster of massive unemployment are not met with true remedial actions by the regime. The popular discontent against this disregard has fuelled the fire. Millions in cities and towns including in the national capital chant 'I can't breathe', the final cry of George Floyd. It is the spontaneous expression of people's solidarity cutting colour-barriers and walks of life. It reminds the broad-fronted struggle against apartheid.

Earlier on 25th May, Mr George Floyd, a 46 year old US citizen from coloured community of African-American lineage, was deliberately murdered by a white police officer Derek Chauvin, who choked Mr Floyd by kneeling over his neck pinning the handcuffed victim down on to the road. It happened within 30 minutes after Mr Floyd's arrest outside a shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr Floyd, who had lost his job due to the pandemic-aggravated crisis, was arrested under suspicion that the \$20 currency note he passed for a packet of cigarettes was not genuine. Three more policemen, who refused to help Mr Floyd who begged "please, please, please..I can't breathe" and abetted the murder, are still at large.

Instead of speeding up action for deliverance of justice, President Donald Trump calls the protesters 'looters' and urges national guards to shoot at them. His administration has gone for banning twitter and other social media. At the same time, Trump is busy in eying across Pacific ocean, inspecting and grieving over the police actions and restrictions put on social media in Hongkong.

It is also interesting to note that he is more concerned to intervene and 'help out' India and China saying that he is 'willing and able to mediate or arbitrate their now raging border dispute disputes'. Though both India and China have rejected this 'magnanimity' of Trump, even when his house burns, to come in readiness 'to mediate or arbitrate' border disputes, it shows that such guard of vigilance against such imperialist instigation can not be lowered even amidst the pandemic.

At this moment, it is the prime duty of anti-imperialist, democratic and truly patriotic forces to render express solidarity to the fighting fellow people in USA against the white-supremacist and racist attack upon the coloured communities and to support the present agitation for justice for George Floyd. It again calls for the utmost unity in vigilance by anti-imperialist, democratic and truly patriotic forces against US imperialist instigation to worsen our relations with neighbouring countries.

(Signed)

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