

**MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)**  
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**Fall of Kabul: Ensuring Peace, Democracy and  
Secular Life is the need of the hour**

As Kabul has fallen and the occupation of the whole of Afghanistan has been completed by the Taliban, alarm of vengeful retaliation and fanatic repression have driven the people to wild attempts to escape from that country. After the government that was being propped up by the occupying US forces fell and Ashraf Ghani and his ministers fled abroad, a void of governance has occurred. The three lakh strong Afghan armed forces have virtually evaporated leaving plenty of US-supplied arms at the hands of Taliban. Peace of civil life, law and order, democratic rule and secular social fabric have become extremely vulnerable.

In such menacing situations, international intervention has become the need of the hour to ensure peace, freedom of the people, especially women, in everyday life, secular social existence and democratic rule in Afghanistan. Supply of food and essential amenities for the people, especially the stranded refugees, have to be ensured. Due process of establishment of legitimate government elected through impartial and transparent means of universal adult franchise ensuring democratic representation of all the sections of the people, especially women, including various ethnic groups also must be overseen. The international community and the UN should resolve to deliver the above said through consultations and wise actions.

It should be reckoned that the present pathetic situation is the result of a four-decade-long degenerative developments inclusive of instigated insurgency and chronic war that were thrust upon the people of Afghanistan by the US imperialism and its associates. This was executed by way of arming and prompting insurgent groups from various ethnicities since the closing years of the 70s; particularly in a counter movement to the attempts for land reforms, initiatives for nationalisation and other democratisation processes inclusive of provisions for women's freedom. The imperialist camp was apprehensive of the said developments that it will result in pro-soviet leniency. This sinister imperialist design at work had caused immense loss of life and hostilities among the people. By the mujahideen coming to power and the formation of Taliban, this insurgency-chronic-war condition further intensified with the added venom of religious fanaticism. It was followed by a military action and total occupation of Afghanistan by US led NATO forces in the name of 'War On Terror'. In the history of the last four decades this imperialist policy stood in chief responsibility for the disasters and miseries of not only the Afghan people but also of the people of different countries of the world. This has been the fundamental cause of the generation of religious extremism and terror that have spread out by the closure of the last century and its amplified continuation in multifarious forms at international level till date. At present too the US has the modified extension of the said nefarious design for further malicious operations that shall further the spread of disruption of peace and stability of nations in central and west asia. That is evident from its modus operandi of one to one negotiations with the Taliban prior to NATO forces' withdrawal; excluding even the Afghan government. This has to be seen as part of its game plan in the recent past that created Al-Nusra, ISIS and Boko Haram. Actually, the Taliban taking Kabul will provide impetus to the said fanatic outfits in particular and religious fanatics in general.

So, we call upon the anti-imperialist, democratic, secular and peace loving forces all over the world and particularly in India, to rally with resolve to stand for and demand the authorities of international agencies such as the UN and respective governments to come forth to implement mutually consulted wise actions to ensure the cessation of hostilities, restoration and establishment of peace, the immediate supply of food and essential amenities, freedom of the people, especially women, in their daily life, secular social existence and democratic rule in Afghanistan by the establishment of legitimate government elected through impartial and transparent means of universal adult franchise ensuring democratic representation of all the sections of the people, including various ethnic groups. We demand the Government of India to take initiative for and an active part in the said process with emphasized action in coordination with the regional forces; and, for immediate action to evacuate every Indian citizen stranded in Afghanistan.

(Signed)

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