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**Israel - Iran Ceasefire : Address The
Real Issue Of Middle East**

**End Genocide Of
Palestinians And Fulfill
National Aspirations Of
Palestinians**

Having dropped bombs at three nuclear sites of Iran in the early hours of 22nd June, US President Donald Trump announced on 24th morning a ceasefire between Iran and Israel. This Trump announcement has been endorsed by Israel's Netanyahu and accepted by Iran according to the Iranian Broadcasting Corporation's announcement. The US President also announced that US will not respond to Iran's attack on Al Udeid base of USA in Qatar on June 23 evening as Iran had given advance information. Iran also confirmed that it had informed Qatar of the attack in advance. The Ceasefire brings to a halt the war between Israel and Iran. It brings an end to the killings of civilians in Iran and Israel.

President Trump went against his important election promise of not initiating any war and bombed Iran. This action was opposed by opposition Democrats and a vocal section of his MAGA base. While Trump claimed that nuclear sites have been obliterated, experts opine that the sites have suffered damage. Not able to

achieve the goal of his bombing of nuclear sites, Trump cut his losses and sued for peace. Qatar has reportedly been the mediatory in this.

The cease-fire brings to an end this misadventure of Israel of attacking Iran. Their misplaced over-confidence in their missile defense shield has evaporated into thin air. They have been forced to halt their aggression which they had imposed on Iran. It is a defeat of war-monger Netanyahu led Zionist regime. It is a victory of people of Iran who faced this blood thirsty war machine which was doing the “dirty work” of western imperialist powers. Iranians did suffer losses but the myth of invincibility of Israel was shattered. It will be difficult for Netanyahu led Zionist murderers to manage this peace, having been thwarted in their attempt at war and left with a bloodied face.

US supported Israeli attack and US bombings of Iran has been opposed by the Resistance forces in the Middle East including Houthi led Yemen and have been condemned by the countries of the region, Global South and powers especially Russia and China. On the part of US imperialism it was a feeble belated attempt to assert US dominance but in multi-polar world this attempt was thwarted.

While Israel’s aggression against Iran is ending in ceasefire, the real issue of the Middle East is very much there i.e. struggle of Palestinians for their national rights. According to a Palestinian site, 55959 Palestinians have been killed, 131242 wounded and 14000 are missing in Gaza. These figures do not include Palestinians killed and maimed in West Bank. Over 550 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces at the US run aid centres. Palestinian cause enjoys overwhelming support of the countries representing vast majority of the world people. Israel’s failure to subdue Palestinians has led

the frustrated Zionists and their western backers to attack the forces supporting their resistance. Attack against Iran was part of a series of such aggressions.

In their bid to draw close to western powers, especially USA and Israel, RSS-BJP Govt. has found itself on the wrong side of history both on aggression against Iran and on genocide of Palestinians. Pieces of their broken foreign policy are being scattered by events.

People should press ahead to bring to book the guilty of genocide of Palestinians and should support national rights of Palestinians. There will be no peace in Middle East till Palestinians get justice.

CPI (ML) - New Democracy calls upon the people of the country, progressive and democratic forces, left and revolutionary organizations to press ahead demanding end of war in Gaza and issues of Justice for Palestinians. We should march in step with the unfolding world people's growing resistance to Zionist murderers funded and armed by Western imperialist powers.

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Condemn US Attack Against Iran

On the tenth day, when its war machine (Israel) unleashed against Iran started faltering, Trump Admn. of USA openly came out in war against Iran. US Air Force dropped bunker buster bombs at two nuclear sites in Iran, namely Fordow and Natanz, and bombed Isfahan on the night of 21/22 June. From justifying Israel's unprovoked and illegitimate aggression against Iran, US has come into the open as the main force of destabilization, subversion, domination and aggression in the Middle East and in the world at large. The real objective of this war had been very clear from the start i.e., regime change in Iran. It is clear from Trump's statement announcing strikes at Iran's nuclear sites where he referred to over four decades of Iran's rulers shouting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" and his reference to US hostage crisis under President Carter. All talk of nuclear threat coming from Iran is mere cacophony to drown the real message of this aggression i.e. bringing to power a pliant regime in Tehran.

Decades of changing US rulers' rhetoric signify only different approaches to achieve the same objective- to preserve and perpetuate US domination of the world in face of rise of other powers in the world. In a moment of "madness" Trump tore away his peace maker mask to remind the world that Imperialism means war and a superpower having wielded uni-polar domination will not "retire peacefully" from its dominance. Trump has endorsed neo-con agenda of ruling the world by military means. He had supported US occupation of Iraq in 2003. His peace mask was only to dupe the

people, to focus their attention on domestic issues in order to win power for himself. All his talk about “deep state” was to distract from his deep ties to military industrial complex and corporate elite like “thief crying thief”. Trump has wedded Heritage Foundation’s domestic agenda (Project 2025) to neo-con’s international agenda (Project for the New American Century (PNAC)). He represents not only a threat to US people but to the whole world- a real danger of fascism- repression at home and aggression abroad.

Neo-con agenda for reshaping the Middle East is to strengthen Israel, discard two-state solution including Oslo Accords, totally eliminating Palestinians from historic Palestine physically and politically and affect regime change in Middle East bringing to power US puppets in countries of the region. They had targeted seven countries in the Middle East (confirmed by former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark)- Iraq, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Lebanon and Iran. Iran is the last among the targets of regime change. Attack on Iran came after regime change in Syria and political marginalization of Hezbollah in Lebanon. Preparatory phase of attack was paved by destruction by Israel of all airfields, air defenses, missile depots; in short, all defense sites in Syria even after regime change in that country to prepare a passage for Israeli planes through Syria and Kurd areas of Syria, Iraq and Iran. Trump’s intervention in India Pakistan’s exchange of missiles and drones from May 7 to 10 was also probably designed to bring Pakistan on board against Iran. Trump’s invitation to Pakistan Army Chief to White House on June 18 was part of this plan to isolate Iran from the East.

This attack has nothing to do with Iran’s nuclear programme. In March 2025, testifying before a Senate Intelligence Committee

of USA, the US Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard had said that the intelligence community *"continues to assess that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has not authorized the nuclear weapons program he suspended in 2003."* Again on June 10, days before Israeli strikes on Iran, Tulsi Gabbard posted a video in which she asserted that *"political elite and warmongers" were "carelessly fomenting fear and tensions that risked the world on the brink of nuclear disaster."* Little did she know that she will have to eat her words only days later for having believed Trump's words more than he, himself, believes in his own words. Much is made of IAEA's report that Iran was in breach of its Non-proliferation duties, a report approved by 19 of the 35 members of the Board including USA, UK, France and Germany which found Iran in violation of its obligations under NPT. However IAEA chief Rafael Grossi admitted in a CNN interview that the UN agency *"did not have ... any proof of a systematic effort to move into a nuclear weapon on the part of Iran."* The real issue was growing strength of Iran especially its missile programme, its support to forces of resistance to imperialist domination of Middle East and its growing links with other powers especially Russia and China. Iran is a member of BRICS and SCO. Trump Admn. judged this to be right moment to strike and gave green light to its ally, Israel, for the attack. It was once again an Iraq moment when US led alliance invaded that country with false excuse of Iraq developing Weapons of Mass Destruction. Now it was a claim by Netanyahu and Trump that Iran was about to develop nuclear weapon without any shred of evidence. Netanyahu has been on this over last 13 years when in 2012 in UN General Assembly he had displayed a poster depicting how close was Iran to developing

nuclear weapon.

Trump has also bombed Non-proliferation Treaty, a deeply flawed discriminatory treaty, which however permits all countries to harness nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Nuclear sites bombed by US have been under IAEA supervision. What US is demanding is that Iran forgo its rights under NPT to pursue nuclear programme for peaceful purposes, which no sovereign country would agree to. Therefore, Trump is demanding total surrender by Iran Govt., a prelude to regime change. With IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, old loyal servant of imperialist powers, providing excuse despite Iran opening all nuclear sites for inspection, US bombing has been a blow at NPT. Western powers have used NPT to target Govts. opposed to them while they themselves aided development of nuclear weapons by Israel. Further, Nuclear weapon states (Five recognized in NPT) are obliged under NPT to move towards nuclear disarmament but this obligation has been consigned to the dustbin. For any big country like Iran to make nuclear weapon needs political decision. Iranian leadership had decided against it holding it Un-Islamic.

Israel attacked with the advantage of first mover, combining air strikes at missile depots and launch sites, defense establishments and nuclear sites with targeted killings by Mossad assets in Iran killing Army leaders – killing five of the top Army commanders and ten of the top nuclear scientists. However, Iran reorganized its command structures swiftly and replied within fifteen hours. Much famed Iron Dome missile shield and David's Sling, Arrow and THAAD missile defenses were overwhelmed and Iranian missiles hit their targets within Israel causing damage to its military headquarters and other sites. Israeli war-mongers

accustomed to watch war on TV, had to rush to shelters. War had come home. Israel has had to face an almost equal adversary in conventional weapons with Iran possessing the world's finest technology in missiles – in precision and radar evasion.

Ruling politicians of western imperialist countries and their media have been trying to portray Israel as acting in self-defense. This is the most perverse use of the term “self-defense”. They are one-sidedly portraying Israel inflicting damage to military sites while Iran is hitting civilian targets. Nothing is farther from truth. Israel has hit civilian areas of Tehran killing number of civilians-women and children. Western media highlighted damage to an Israeli hospital in Beershaba but did not mention that it was situated near a military establishment. The same media had dug deep into grounds beneath hospitals in Gaza to find out Hamas centres and weapons. Western media has covered itself in infamy and is increasingly distrusted by the people even in their own countries. That this is a proxy war for domination of Middle East is clear from the comment of German Chancellor Friedrich Merz that Israel is doing their “dirty work” in this region like they used Ukraine to do their dirty work in Eastern Europe.

US President Trump has claimed that bombings ordered by him have obliterated the three nuclear sites. Pentagon spokespersons were more circumspect, claiming only “severe damage” to the sites. Iranian Atomic Agency as well as IAEA have been categorical of having not detected any increase in radiation which means that enriched Uranium has not been hit. It may mean either bombs not having penetrated deep enough or the material having been removed. Experts also see only limited damage caused by US strikes. The bombing has been a singular failure lest it is part of another “forever war” initiated by US imperialism under Trump

for another regime change operation. While there is considerable disaffection among Iranians against the present regime but Iranians will not support a regime change orchestrated by USA and Israel. This is not 1953 and the present regime has been in power for over 46 years. In fact there are reports of mass demonstrations across Iran against attacks by Zionist regime of Israel and its US patrons showing growing unity of the people against aggression.

Iran has every right to act in self-defense. But as a country representing a rich and developed civilization, Iran will probably be acting keeping in mind the needs of forging unity against Zionist aggressors and their US led western patrons. Even the US allies in the region have condemned attack by Israel and bombing by USA. Attitude of Iran's allies especially Russia and China will also be important. Russia and China, though guided by their imperialist interests, may realize the importance of this moment. If US led West succeeds here it is bound to have repercussions in different parts of the world. This is truly a test of multi-polarity which has strengthened considerably. Russia must bear in mind how withholding of military support to Arab countries by then Soviet Union during crucial phase of Yom Kippur War (1973) had a lasting influence over developments in the Middle East.

While Iran will decide its response, Israel will have to pay a heavy price for its aggression against Iran, having come on top of its continuing genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, attacks of Palestinians in West Bank and attacks against Lebanon, Syria and Yemen. The impunity which Israel has been used to, will not go unpunished. Resistance forces will also target US and Israel in the Middle East. Houthis led Yemen has already declared that it will target US and Israel in Red Sea in response to US attack on Iran.

While the whole world, except the Govts. of western countries, has condemned this attack and Israel's aggression, Indian Govt. has put India in opposition to the world public opinion and especially Global South. RSS-BJP Govt. led by Modi is increasingly drawing close to Israel and USA and is going against the foreign policy since long been followed by Indian Govt. Modi or Foreign Minister have not yet responded to the claim of US President Trump of having negotiated ceasefire between India and Pakistan announced on May 10, leaving this work to bureaucrats. On June 12, Modi Govt. abstained in UN General Assembly on a motion demanding immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, release of hostages and providing access to humanitarian aid. This resolution was supported by an overwhelming majority of the members of United Nations including some West European countries representing overwhelming majority of the world people. This has been reversal from Dec. 13, 2024 vote when India had supported a similar resolution. When Israel attacked Iran on June 13, Indian Govt. dissociated from SCO statement issued on June 14 condemning the attack despite historically good relations between India and Iran and Iran being victim of unprovoked and illegitimate aggression.

With Modi Govt. moving closer to US and its allies in an increasingly multi-polar world, India finds itself isolated in the world. US imperialism is a hegemonic power. It is overstretched, having interests all over the world. After US withdrawal from Afghanistan in defeat, importance of Pakistan has increased for US imperialism as a window to Central Asia and in the immediate context of military attack against Iran, to deny Iran the support from Pakistan. Pakistan is witnessing sharpening contradiction between China and USA and is temporarily in an enviable position, being courted by both USA and China. Modi Govt. dovetailing

behind US and allies especially Israel goes against even the ruling class consensus on foreign policy.

With US imperialism growing increasingly aggressive both at home and abroad, closer alliance with USA may signify intensifying fascist drive of RSS-BJP Govt. But this also signifies growing isolation of RSS-BJP and increasing gulf between ruling class parties. With US intent on forcing open Indian markets especially agriculture, it has vast implications for the people of India. It will also influence growing struggles of the people of India. India had been a colony of Western (British) colonialism and people of India remember loot and plunder of the country under colonial rule.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy strongly condemns US bombing of Iran's nuclear sites joining Israel's war. We demand that Indian Govt. condemn the US aggression against a sovereign and friendly country. We also demand that Indian Govt. support world people against Israel's genocide of Palestinians.

CPI (ML)- New Democracy calls upon the people of the country to oppose US-Israel aggression against Iran. We call upon all peace loving people to protest against this illegitimate, predatory war being imposed on Iran and wider Middle East.

CPI (ML) -New Democracy

June 22, 2025



Statement

Oppose Israel's Attack On Iran !

Support Palestinians Against Israeli Genocidal Regime

Israel's missile and drone attacks on several cities in Iran on the early hours of June 13th have further inflamed the already volatile situation in the Middle East. Zionist Israeli rulers are bogged down in the war in Gaza aimed at extermination/expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza and West Bank parts of historic Palestine, are targeting all the forces supporting Palestinians' resistance. Their attacks in Lebanon, Syria and Yemen have targeted people's forces supporting Palestinian resistance. Attack on Iran is part of their design to target the most formidable supporter of resistance. While forces of resistance had suffered some setback in the fall of Assad regime in Syria, resistance of Palestinians continues as well as support from Houthi ruled Yemen, while Hezbollah has recovered from most of its losses which were mainly at leadership level.

According to reports, attack was mainly targeted at residential areas and aimed at eliminating Army commanders and nuclear scientists. Six prominent nuclear scientists have been killed and three important military commanders have been killed in targeted assassinations orchestrated by Mossad. Army commanders killed included Chief of Army Staff Major General Mohammad Bagheri, IRGC Commander Major General Hossein Salami and Chief of IRGC Air Force. Besides, a number of civilians,

including women and children, have been killed in these attacks. Israel has claimed to have attacked the areas where Iran's nuclear facilities are located.

US Admn.'s pretending that though they were aware of the Israeli attack but they did not cooperate in it, is baseless. There are a number of reports of close cooperation between US and Israel in this attack, including American refueling of tankers operating near Iran 24 hours before the strike. Israel cannot and could not have attacked Iran without US cooperation. Trump Admn. is negotiating with Iran on the latter's nuclear programme and a meeting is scheduled for June 15 in Oman. It appears that Trump Admn.'s cooperation in this Israeli attack is to bring pressure on Iran to compromise on its enrichment programme, unless this exercise of talks was only meant to make Iranians complacent. And the reason of the US claim to be not in sync with these attacks may be to assure their Arab partners that US bases in their countries will not be targeted.

Trump Admn.'s ardent support for continuing genocide of Palestinians by Zionist criminal regime of Israel is playing with fire in the Middle East. Trump Admn. has tried to lower the pitch of inter-imperialist contradiction, especially military confrontation, with Russian Federation on Ukraine. On the other hand Trump Admn. has intensified attack on oppressed countries and peoples in the world. Their stand in support of Israel is part of this. Trump is also trying to force oppressed countries to purchase expensive US goods and services through imposition of tariffs. However, these two contradictions are getting increasingly interlinked and intensification of one will definitely have effect on the other. Trump Admn. is also intensifying attacks against workers in USA. He has brought National Guards under federal control and deployed

Marines (US Armed Forces) against the protesters against forcible deportation of immigrant workers. Trump Admn. giving green signal to Israeli attack against Iran will also help divert domestic attention in US away from this onslaught against workers.

That this attack came soon after UN General Assembly had overwhelmingly demanded ceasefire in Gaza shows the rogue nature of Israeli regime and support of US Admn. to Israel for its total impunity.

Attack on Iran and Iran's response has the possibility to trigger wider conflagration in the Middle East with its unpredictable course and involvement of other powers. Wider conflict in Middle East has the potential of drawing other imperialist powers in the conflict. Israel, unable to achieve its aims in Gaza, wants extension of war into wider Middle East. This wider war will pose a grave danger to whatever peace exists in the region and around the globe.

CPI (ML) - New Democracy condemns Israeli attack against Iran's sovereignty, its military leaders and nuclear scientists and holds USA complicit in this attack. We totally support Palestinians in their struggle against genocide by Israeli rulers and for their national aspirations.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy calls upon Govt. of India to condemn this totally unprovoked act of war by Israel against Iran. We call upon the people of India to protest against US backed Israeli war machine's attacks against Iran and other resistance forces and in support of rights of Palestinians.

CPI (ML) - New Democracy

June 13, 2025

STATEMENT Of CPI (ML) -NEW DEMOCRACY

On Cross Border Attacks Between India and Pakistan

The Central Committee of the CPI (ML) New Democracy expresses its deep concern at the escalation of tension to the level of cross border attacks between India and Pakistan. War is against the interests of the common people of both India and Pakistan and will be especially devastating for the people living in the border states of both the countries.

We call on both the Govts that cross border attacks from both sides must be immediately stopped. There should be immediate de-escalation of the tense situation. All issues should be resolved through dialogue. In this situation, we also reiterate our call for an impartial high level enquiry into the Pahalgam incident.

D. S. Khatkar

Spokesperson

Central Committee

CPI (ML) New Democracy

7th May 2025

Statement On Ceasefire Announcement

Ceasefire announced by India and Pakistan effective from 5 PM on May 10 has brought to a halt cross border missile and drone war and firings across LOC which began on May 7 after mid night attacks with India claiming to have hit nine targets in Pakistan administered Kashmir and Punjab (Pakistan). Govt. of India had claimed that this attack was to hit the places used for training attackers of Pahalgam tourists. Though there have been complaints of ceasefire violations by both sides, both Govts. have committed to comply with the ceasefire.

This ceasefire is in accordance with the aspirations of the democratic and peace loving people opposed to this war that was not in the interest of people of India and Pakistan and would bring devastation especially to the people living in border states in the two countries. However, ruling classes of both countries closed ranks behind their Govts. to fan the flames of war that threatened an all-out war, irrespective of the claims made by the Govt. of its limited nature.

While ceasefire announcement is in accordance with people's demand, it is shameful that it needed the intervention of US imperialist rulers to bring India and Pakistan to agree to this ceasefire. It was US President who first announced on his social media account "full and immediate ceasefire" after night long efforts by his team with India and Pakistan leaders. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio stated soon after, "I am pleased to announce the Governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to an immediate

ceasefire and to start talks on a broad set of issues at a neutral site”.

It is significant that Govt. of India, which was labeling all voices of peace as anti-national, bowed tamely before the dictates of an imperialist power though Indian officials are downplaying US role. It shows subservient nature of Indian rulers to imperialism. It is also noteworthy that parliamentary parties including CPM, CPI that were beating war drums are now singing praise of ceasefire mediated by US imperialism. This shows that subservience to imperialism is a trait of Indian ruling classes and their parties. The development has deflated boasts of Modi led RSS-BJP Govt. of becoming a ‘superpower’. This exposure is favourable for democratic forces to develop people’s struggles.

Govt. of India blames Pakistan for all attacks in J&K while Pakistan blames India for attacks in Baluchistan. Both the Govts. are failing to respect democratic aspirations of Kashmiris and Balochs. While terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam is to be condemned, there is a need of a neutral and high level enquiry to bring full facts relating to the incident and to reveal all the culprits behind the killing of tourists in Pahalgam.

For protecting peace, war mongerers and their designs must be exposed. Progressive, democratic forces should educate the people that rulers’ resort to war to crush the people’s rights and should mobilize them in struggles for defending and advancing their rights. We demand that all escalatory measures taken should be withdrawn and dialogue between the two countries be started. We also demand that restrictions on trade between the two countries be removed forthwith.

D.S. Khatkar,

Spokesperson, Central Committee,

CPI (ML)-New Democracy

May 11, 2025

**Demand Full-Fledged Enquiry into
Pahalgam killings and Disclosure of All
Aspects of 'Operation Sindoor'**

**No To War ; No To
Subservience To US Admn.**

Dastardly killing of mainly tourists in Pahalgam (one local person was also killed) on the basis of religion has drawn widespread condemnation including from Kashmiris. This has been the first attack targeting tourists in the Valley. Democratic public opinion, while condemning this terrorist attack, wanted answer to various questions relating to the incident including lapses in security. Hence arose the demand for comprehensive and high level enquiry into Pahalgam killings to bring all culprits to book. However, the Union Govt. has ignored this demand. Though it has bulldozed many houses of militants without following legal procedure, the four terrorists are yet to be arrested.

Modi led RSS-BJP Govt. blamed Pakistan for orchestrating the attack and on 7th May after midnight launched missile attacks on several targets in Pakistan Administered Kashmir and Punjab (Pakistan). This was followed by intense cross border attacks by both India and Pakistan. These attacks threatened to escalate into an all-out war which was neither in the interest of people of India or of Pakistan and threatened devastation in border states of the two countries. Democratic public opinion demanded immediate halt to these attacks and a ceasefire came into effect from 5 pm on May 10.

However, announcement of the ceasefire was made by US

President Trump followed by spokespersons of the Govts. of India and Pakistan. While US President Trump continues to blow his trumpet of having forced India and Pakistan to agree to ceasefire, including using of trade as a tool, Indian Prime Minister in his address on May 12 remained totally silent on the issue. His silence was so loud that it was heard in all parts of India. It has once again showed that Modi and RSS-BJP leaders are belligerent against weak and poor, exploited and oppressed, minorities and tribals, but meek and submissive before imperialist powers. Modi led RSS-BJP Govt. has lived up to the old tradition of RSS of being subservient to imperialism and having kept itself aloof from freedom movement.

People of the country want to know all about these attacks including their beginning, conduct and ceasefire agreement and role of imperialist powers in these. People deserve to know all including role of foreign powers especially USA. Govt. must be transparent on the issue.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy calls upon the people of the country to demand a full-fledged and high level enquiry into Pahalgam killings and revealing of all facts related to “Operation Sindoor”. We should take initiative to organize programmes on these demands along with other forces wherever possible in the week from May 18 to May 24.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy appeals to all Communist Revolutionary Organizations, all progressive, democratic and patriotic forces, to organize/join protests on the issue.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy calls on parliamentary parties to raise these issues in all fora and demand facts on these issues are brought before the people.

CPI (ML)-New Democracy

May 15, 2025

The War and Trade: Comprador Character of Modi and His Entourage Exposed

● **Sekhar**

Despite proclamations by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his entourage that the revocation of Article 370 had restored peace to the Kashmir Valley—claiming terrorism had been eradicated and dissent among Kashmiris was waning—events on the ground told a different story. In a shocking incident in the resort town of Pahalgam, four terrorists, as described by the Modi government, brutally killed 26 innocent tourists.

Within minutes of the massacre, the Indian government squarely blamed Pakistan for orchestrating the attack—offering no substantial evidence and foregoing any thorough investigation. The Indian Foreign Secretary only vaguely alluded to ‘cross-border terrorists.’ Rather than scrutinizing the government’s statements, Indian media largely echoed the accusations, contributing to a surge in public sentiment against neighbouring Pakistan.

Lending initial support to the Indian government’s accusations, a little-known group called The Resistance Front (TRF) claimed responsibility on social media for the brutal assault on tourists in Pahalgam, citing the issuance of domicile certificates to non-locals as the motive. Shortly afterward, the Indian government linked TRF to the Lashkar-e-Taiba militant

organization, stating that the group was already known to Indian intelligence agencies.

However, after a few days—on April 26—TRF retracted its claim in a post on X, stating they “unequivocally deny any involvement in the Pahalgam incident.” The group alleged that “the so-called claim for attack was part of an orchestrated campaign to malign the Kashmiri resistance,” accusing Indian state agencies of staging a coordinated cyber intrusion to fabricate the original claim as part of a broader digital warfare strategy.

The retraction may have been influenced by growing global condemnation of the Pahalgam killings. Nonetheless, some international analysts—including former U.S. and U.K. intelligence officials—voiced scepticism, suggesting the possibility that the attack could have been a false-flag operation, but no concrete evidence has been presented to support this claim. Observers have also raised questions about how, in one of the world’s most heavily militarized zones—with over 600,000 Indian military and paramilitary personnel—armed attackers could infiltrate nearly a hundred kilometres deep, carry out a major assault, and then disappear without a trace.

Pakistan’s Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif promptly expressed willingness to cooperate with any neutral, transparent, and credible investigation into the Pahalgam assault. While numerous countries—including the United States, Russia, and China—condemned the attack, none explicitly endorsed India’s claim that Pakistan was responsible. Instead, the international response largely emphasized the need for restraint, urging both nations to avoid further escalation. Notably, two countries—Turkey and Azerbaijan—publicly expressed support for Pakistan for their own geopolitical reasons which is out of the purview of this article.

There were clear indications that the United States was engaging in quiet diplomatic mediation behind the scenes. On May 2, 2025, U.S. Vice President JD Vance stated that Washington was in “close contact” with both India and Pakistan. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth also urged India to ensure that its response did not escalate into a broader conflict. At the same time, Vance called on Pakistan to “hunt down” terrorists operating from its territory—a message seemingly aimed at addressing concerns within Prime Minister Modi’s domestic constituency. Echoing this position, Hegseth declared that the U.S. stood “in solidarity” with India and supported its “right to defend itself,” though he did not elaborate on what that entailed. These statements drew parallels with previous U.S. rhetoric on the Israeli Palestinian conflict, particularly Washington’s oft-repeated defense of Israel’s actions by citing its right to self-defense against Hamas—language that has often been criticized as one-sided for obvious reasons.

They were like Angels

While sections of the media and Hindu nationalist groups fueled daily war rhetoric against Pakistan, many ordinary Indian citizens—particularly Muslims, including those from Kashmir—publicly condemned the Pahalgam attack. These communities voiced strong disapproval of the growing war-mongering narrative in both visual and print media, particularly on social media platforms. They also expressed concern over political attempts to exploit the tragedy for electoral gain. Notably, it wasn’t just Muslims; a significant number of Hindus also called for restraint, urging a halt to communal polarization and appealing to political leaders to tone down inflammatory rhetoric and focus on maintaining peace.

In fact, when the attack unfolded, it was local Kashmiris who attempted to intervene and prevent the terrorists from killing the tourists. One such individual, Syed Adil Hussain Shah—a pony rider—confronted the gunmen as they were about to shoot two tourists, Kaustubh Ganbote and Santosh Jagdale, both from Pune. Shah questioned the assailants about their motives for targeting innocent people and attempted to seize one of their weapons. In response, he was shot three times in the chest and died on the spot. His funeral was attended by thousands, including Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, underscoring the public recognition of his bravery in Kashmir valley.

Asavari Jagdale, who lost both her father and uncle in the Pahalgam attack, recounted how a local pony rider helped her escape the scene. She also remembered the compassion shown by her Kashmiri cab driver, who remained in contact and continued to offer assistance even after she had left Srinagar. According to her, he was in tears during their conversations and while seeing her off, expressing deep sorrow over her loss. “They were like angels sent by God,” she said, recalling with gratitude the kindness and support she received from the Kashmiri people.

Another pony rider, Nazakat Ahmed Shah (28), saved 11 tourists including three children. Nazakat found a small opening in the commotion and signaled the families to move out. They asked him to save children first. He slipped through with two kids first and then with another kid and ran towards Pahalgam town. He returned to help others escape and took eleven people to safety. Later the tourists who got help from Nazakat expressed their gratitude on social media. They thanked him for keeping humanity alive.

A shawl vendor and tourist guide, Sajad Ahmad Bhat, was seen in a viral video carrying a child on his back as he ran down the

mountain. “This (attack) is a murder of humanity”, Bhat was quoted by PTI as saying. There were many others who took the injured on their back to the hospitals in Pahalgam. Bhat told the press that they took at least 18-20 injured on ponies. In another save, staff from a hotel saved some tourists even before they reached the site of attack by warning them beforehand. The staff sensed a danger after hearing firing sounds. They escorted the tourists back to the hotel where they saw security personnel rushing towards the spot.

Throughout the attack, many local Kashmiris made courageous efforts to protect and assist the targeted tourists. Residents reportedly sheltered visitors in their homes or helped them hide in nearby wooded areas. In the aftermath, they played a critical role in rescuing the injured, providing first aid, arranging transport to nearby hospitals, and in many cases, physically carrying the wounded using whatever means were available. The bravery, compassion, and presence of mind shown by local Kashmiris stood in stark contrast to the violence, highlighting their humanity and solidarity in a moment of crisis.

Unfortunately, the bravery and compassion shown by local Kashmiris during the Pahalgam attack received scant attention in much of India’s mainstream print and television media. While acts of violence dominated headlines and rolling coverage, stories of Kashmiri civilians risking their lives to save tourists were largely relegated to the margins, if mentioned at all. This media silence was not incidental. Many prominent media outlets—widely seen as sympathetic to the ruling BJP and its ideological affiliates—appeared reluctant to highlight narratives that challenged the prevailing Hindu-Muslim binary or complicated the portrayal of Kashmiris as inherently suspect or complicit in militancy.

The lack of coverage reflects a broader trend in Indian media, where sensationalism, nationalism, and political alignment often shape editorial priorities. In this climate, stories that humanize Kashmiris or present them as agents of compassion rather than conflict tend to be sidelined.

However, a few independent digital platforms and regional publications did report on the heroism of individuals like Syed Adil Hussain Shah and Nazakat Ahmed Shah, and on the widespread efforts of locals to shelter and aid victims. Their reports, often based on first-hand accounts, stood in stark contrast to the dominant national narrative. On social media, eyewitness testimonies and messages of gratitude from rescued tourists provided an alternative record—one that spotlighted not just the horror of the attack, but also the humanity that emerged in response to it.

Particularly moving is the response of Himanshi Narawal, a young woman whose husband, Vinay Narawal—a 26-year-old naval officer from Haryana—was tragically killed in the Pahalgam attack. The couple had been married for just a week and were on their honeymoon at the time. Despite her immense personal loss, Himanshi took a courageous stand in the days following the tragedy. She publicly appealed to people not to direct their anger toward Muslims or Kashmiris.

Her concern was sparked by reports of Kashmiri vendors and students facing harassment, intimidation, and even physical attacks in various Indian cities. Sadly, her compassionate and rational plea was met with hostility from fringe groups and Hindu fundamentalist voices on social media. Some accused her of dishonouring her husband's memory, while others posted vile and deeply personal comments about her friendships and past associations with Kashmiri men during her student years.

Contrast approach of PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response to the Pahalgam attack stood in sharp contrast to the quiet heroism displayed by ordinary Kashmiris. He could not even match the humane response of the ordinary people. While local residents risked their lives to protect and assist the victims, the Prime Minister's public messaging largely focused on asserting national resolve and attributing blame across the border—further feeding a charged, often polarizing media environment. His statements did not even acknowledge the acts of bravery shown by Kashmiri civilians.

This contrast underscored a deeper disconnect between the central government's political narrative and the lived experiences of those directly affected by the violence. As local communities displayed unity, compassion, and courage, national leadership and much of the media instead amplified rhetoric that risked deepening communal divisions and reinforcing hardened stereotypes.

India's official response was carefully orchestrated to project its military strength and strategic superiority over Pakistan. The first major move was the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty—a lifeline for Pakistan's agriculture and crucial to the livelihoods of millions of farmers and rural workers. This action was presented as a retaliatory measure following the Pahalgam terrorist attack. (In fact, India already formally demanded a review and renegotiation of the treaty in August 2024.) In response, Pakistan escalated diplomatic tensions by suspending the Shimla Agreement, expelling Indian military diplomats, revoking visa exemptions for Indian citizens, closing its airspace to Indian flights, and shutting down trade through the Wagah border.

Catering to the rising war fervour among Hindu nationalists,

India announced the launch of Operation Sindoor on May 7. The operation involved purported precision missile strikes on nine militant camps located in Pakistan and in the areas of Jammu and Kashmir under Islamabad's control. The name Sindoor—referring to the vermillion worn by married Hindu women—was a symbolic invocation of the Adi Shakti archetype from Hindu mythology, reflecting the government's use of cultural and religious imagery to galvanize public sentiment. In a calculated move to further this narrative, two female military officers—Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh—were chosen to lead media briefings amid the nationalistic media frenzy.

The Indian public was informed that missiles had precisely targeted sites belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen. According to official reports, 31 suspected militants were killed. However, Pakistan countered these claims, alleging that the strikes had resulted in civilian casualties. India's Defense Minister, Rajnath Singh, maintained that "only those who harmed our innocents were struck." The following day, India reportedly launched operations against Pakistan's air defense systems positioned near Lahore. In response to what appeared to be Pakistani retaliation, the Indian military conducted further strikes, targeting 11 Pakistani air bases.

Amid this cycle of retaliatory and counter-retaliatory strikes, the truth seemed to vanish on the very first day. While India touted its actions as a display of strategic brilliance that compromised Pakistan Army's protective infrastructure for militant groups, Pakistan countered by claiming it had downed at least five Indian jets, using Chinese-supplied weaponry, including the J-10 fighter aircraft. Lost in this dramatic spectacle of military posturing were the voices of Kashmiris themselves—people who continue to bear

the heaviest burden. On both sides of the Line of Control, they face the harsh realities of oppressive anti-terror laws, systemic discrimination, suppression of dissent and free speech, and repeated violations of basic human rights and everyday freedoms.

Geopolitics

The geopolitical context cannot be overlooked. Although India was a founding member of the BRICS group, its leadership has consistently sought closer ties with the United States. This tendency became more pronounced with the rise of the Hindu nationalist leadership under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Under their leadership, India made concerted efforts to strengthen relations with Washington. During the first term of the Trump administration, the U.S. appeared to give Modi significant attention. In a symbolic gesture aimed at deepening ties, Modi famously declared “Ab ki Baar, Trump Sarkar” (“This time, a Trump government”) during the ‘Howdy Modi’ event in Houston, a slogan that drew considerable international scrutiny for its unusually direct endorsement by a foreign leader in a domestic U.S. context.

However, before the Trump-Modi rapport could mature into a substantive partnership, the Biden administration came to power, and India’s perceived influence in Washington appeared to wane. Under President Biden, no major bilateral agreements were extended to the Modi government. During this period, India shifted focus and engaged more actively with its BRICS partners. It played a prominent role in the group’s expansion, supporting the inclusion of Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates in 2023. Indonesia later joined as a full member in 2025. Argentina was also invited and initially accepted the offer but subsequently declined following the election of a pro-U.S. government led by President

Javier Gerardo Milei, a vocal advocate of free-market policies aligned with Western economic framework. These developments contributed to a growing distance between India and the United States.

After Trump took reins for the second term, India-U.S. relations have been rejuvenated even though Trump bombarded India, along with all other countries of the world, with mind-boggling tariffs. Trump has particularly accused India, along with China and Canada, as a high tariff nation. He even accused India as a “tariff king” and a “significant abuser”. In early March, he announced the implementation of reciprocal tariffs on all nations. Trump pointed out that the U.S. trade deficit with India was 100 billion dollars and termed it as a trigger for his unfavourable stand against India’s trade practices.

Modi and His Ilk Exposed

The four days of clashes with Pakistan laid bare the limitations of India’s foreign policy and diplomatic outreach. During Operation Sindoor, India found itself isolated, receiving no support even from its immediate neighbours. It became entangled in a public dispute with the European Union, while traditional partners like Russia and much of the Global South remained indifferent, opting not to take sides. Perhaps the most notable development was the intervention by the United States, whose mediation efforts reportedly succeeded in pressuring both India and Pakistan to halt hostilities by the evening of May 10.

While Vice President J.D. Vance had already indicated on May 2 that he and his colleagues were in communication with Prime Minister Modi’s administration, it was President Trump who, on May 12, solidified the U.S. narrative. He revealed that he had warned both India and Pakistan that if they did not cease hostilities,

“there won’t be any trade.” In his own words: “We stopped a nuclear conflict. I think it would have been a bad nuclear war. Millions of people would have been killed. I also want to thank VP J.D. Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio for their work.” While Trump’s remarks appeared to reflect his characteristic tendency toward exaggeration, particularly in invoking the threat of nuclear war, the underlying reality was clear: it appeared that the U.S. had played a decisive role in pressuring both nations to end the conflict.

These developments unfolded at a time when the Indian government was actively working to deepen its strategic alignment with the United States, particularly following Donald Trump’s second term in office. Even as Trump publicly directed insults and disparaging remarks toward India, the Indian leadership appeared eager to appease him. This included offering a range of trade concessions and even signaling a willingness to amend the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010—a law that had long deterred U.S. nuclear companies from entering the Indian market.

After President Trump labeled India “the biggest tariff king,” New Delhi went to great lengths to secure an early visit by the Prime Minister to the White House. In a controversial move, Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar downplayed the inhumane treatment of Indian immigrants—who were reportedly deported on a military plane with their hands and legs tied to their seats—by calling it a routine procedure conducted in accordance with U.S. laws, which, he asserted, Indians should also respect. In a further gesture of appeasement, Prime Minister Modi pledged support for the U.S. campaign against illegal immigration. Even before his official visit to White House, the Modi government unilaterally reduced tariffs on several U.S. goods, including Harley-Davidson

motorcycles and bourbon whiskey, and offered to lower import duties on more than half of U.S. exports to India, worth approximately \$23 billion.

Even as Prime Minister Modi was preparing to meet President Trump, the U.S. administration delivered a humiliating blow: just two hours before welcoming Modi to the Oval Office, Trump announced sweeping “reciprocal tariffs” on Indian exports. The move was widely seen as a public snub. At a time when many in India expected Modi to demand an explanation for the inhumane deportation of Indian immigrants—returned in chains and cuffs via Amritsar airport—he instead chose a conciliatory path. Rather than standing firm, Modi offered further tariff concessions, including on agricultural products, effectively compromising the interests of Indian farmers.

In addition, he agreed to review domestic policies and regulations affecting U.S. tech giants, extended lucrative offers to American nuclear reactor suppliers, and committed to increased purchases of U.S.-produced oil, liquefied natural gas, and defense equipment. As former diplomat M.K. Bhadra Kumar sharply observed, “There is only one word to condemn all this—capitulation by a comprador ruling elite.”

Modi’s India is faced with similar fate regarding “Operation Sindoor”. Instead of militaries of India and Pakistan declaring any sort of agreement on escalating war, the US President threw a surprise in front of the world by announcing that both countries had agreed to end the hostilities. Even as opposition parties sought clarity on the involvement of the US President Donald Trump in a bilateral issue, Prime Minister did not provide any answer until now on why the govt. deviated from a long-standing understanding that India was against third party involvement in bilateral issues,

particularly the never-ending Kashmir dispute. When Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi questioned Foreign Minister Jaishankar about whether Pakistan was informed of impending attack from India before-hand, he kept mum except for unrelated outbursts.

While Pakistani Prime Minister Sharif aligned himself with President Trump's rhetoric, asserting that Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire in the interest of regional peace and security—thereby leveraging Trump's stance to his advantage—Indian Prime Minister Modi appeared more focused on political grandstanding. Pakistan foreign ministry noted the constructive role of the US in resolving the crisis, Indian foreign ministry refused to make any statement, giving credence to the obvious.

This, despite the apparent fact that hostilities had subsided largely due to pressure from the Trump administration, Trump, seemingly disinterested in another pair of strategic allies embroiled in conflict, was simultaneously attempting to bolster his global reputation by facilitating dialogue between Russia and Ukraine and by taking credit for de-escalation in the Gaza war and by coming to a sort of nuclear agreement with Iran. However, his approach to Gaza appeared less humanitarian and more self-serving, with critics suggesting he viewed the region as an opportunity for global real estate ventures potentially benefiting his own family.

Russia appears to have taken note of Indian Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to Ukraine and his remarks—made alongside President Volodymyr Zelensky—that war is never a solution. This may partly explain President Putin's apparent indifference toward Modi's repeated denunciations of cross-border terrorism. While Russia has consistently highlighted terrorist attacks against civilians in the Donbas region since the 2014 Ukrainian coup—India's leadership offered little acknowledgment of these concerns.

Notably, Delhi has reaped economic benefits from the ongoing conflict, securing discounted Russian oil and fertilizer amid Western sanctions, even as it has steadily reduced its reliance on Russian weaponry in compliance with strategic alignment pressures from Washington.

India's leadership may view its growing alignment with the United States—particularly through its role in the Quad and other US sponsored multilateral groupings—as evidence of being treated as an equal strategic partner. Encouraged by Washington to serve as a counterweight to China in the Asia-Pacific region, New Delhi has sought to position itself accordingly. However, the reality may be less flattering. The U.S. is more interested in leveraging India for its own geopolitical aims than in fostering true parity. Washington likely has no desire to see another China-like power rise in the region, suggesting that its strategy is less about empowering India and more about using it to constrain Beijing without enabling a new rival.

Indian govt. has been under pressure from US lobbyists to agree to buy its expensive F-35 fifth generation stealth fighter aircraft, which according to reports by US Govt. Accountability Office, would take at least \$1.7 trillion to purchase, operate and sustain the aircraft in its 66-year life cycle due to high-cost maintenance and manufacturing delays. Modi agreed to buy these aircrafts in his February visit to the White House. Indian compradors seem to be still tied to unipolar predicament ignoring the emergence of multipolar world where the US and its satellite western Europe can no longer dictate their interests on the Global South countries.

The ongoing hostilities between India and Pakistan have little to do with the interests of the working-class populations in either

country. Rather, these conflicts are rooted in historical manipulations by dominant imperialist powers—particularly the United States, United Kingdom and France. During the colonial and post-colonial eras, these powers drew arbitrary borders across Asia, Africa, and Latin America, often with little regard for ethnic, cultural, or geographic realities. Their aim was not stability, but long-term influence: by sowing the seeds of inevitable border disputes, they ensured a pretext for perpetual intervention, keeping rival nations divided and dependent, thereby securing their own strategic and economic interests.

As noted in the article, the ruling classes of Third World countries show little genuine interest in defending their nations' sovereignty or independence. Lacking both the capacity and the will to assert even their own long-term strategic interests—let alone those of their people—they often function as junior partners to imperialist forces. In this dynamic, they readily cede control over vital national resources: land, water, forests, finite mineral reserves, and both urban and rural real estate. Everything that global powers demand is put on offer, with local elites acting less as stewards of national development and more as brokers of external exploitation.



Struggle For Land In Punjab

AAP Govt.'s Assault On Struggle Of Dalits

The **Zameen Prapti Sangharsh Committee** has been fighting for a long time to secure the reserved one-third portion of Panchayat land for Dalit labourers. Due to this struggle, nearly 6,000 acres of land has been claimed for Dalit labourers in hundreds of villages across four districts: *Sangrur, Patiala, Malerkotla, and Ludhiana*.

Recently, the Committee has also been campaigning to distribute the *unclaimed, nameless lands* in Punjab's "*unlit villages*" (Bechirag Pind) among landless Dalit labourers and small farmers. Additionally, they are demanding the implementation of *land ceiling law* in Punjab.

What is a "Bechirag Pind"?

A "*Bechirag Pind*" (unlit village) refers to a village that exists on paper with land records but has no inhabitants. Due to loopholes in the *Ceiling Act*, currently, 353 such villages in Punjab have lakhs of acres of land illegally occupied by big landlords, bureaucrats, and officials.

The Struggle for Bechirag Pind "Be-Aiswan"

During this movement, the Committee is fighting to reclaim 927 acres of land in *Be-Aiswan* village (near Sangrur), which originally belonged to the *Maharaja of Jind*. After his death, powerful landlords illegally occupied this land. The Committee aims

to free this land and distribute it among Dalit labourers and small farmers.

Key Phases of the Struggle:

1. Awareness Marches & Conferences:

- The struggle began with *awareness marches in 250 villages*, culminating in a *massive conference in Sadihari village*, attended by thousands.

- Later, a *large protest outside the Chief Minister's residence in Sangrur* was held, demanding the distribution of land in Be-Aiswan. However, the government remained unresponsive.

2. Decision to Occupy & Establish “Begumpura” Village:

- The Committee decided that landless people would *light lamps (Chirag)* on the disputed land to assert their claim.

- On *February 28, 2025*, thousands of landless Dalits and small farmers gathered, lit lamps, and declared the establishment of a new village named “*Begumpura*”.

3. Mass Mobilization & Government Crackdown:

- From *March to April*, the Committee organized large conferences across Punjab to prepare for the occupation of Begumpura.

- They announced their decision to *occupy 927 acres* in Begumpura on May 20th.

- *Police repression began two days before May 20*, with raids on activists' homes and mass arrests.

- *Highways were blocked*, and a *curfew-like situation* was imposed in several villages.

4. Mass Arrests & Continued Struggle:

- Despite police repression, *over 2,200 people* reached the protest site on May 20.

- Around *850 activists* were arrested, with more than *450 (mostly women)* booked under *Section 107/151* and sent to six different jails.

- While many were later released, *13 activists, including ZPSC Finance Secretary Bikar Singh Hathoa, remain jailed.*

Ongoing Struggle

The struggle for the *release of jailed activists* and the *establishment of Begumpura* continues. The Committee remains determined to fight for land rights and justice for Punjab's landless Dalits and small farmers.

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Report On Police Repression On Dalits Marching For Land Distribution

[A team of Janhastakshep, a Delhi based democratic rights organization, visited different villages in Sangrur district in connection with police repression unleashed on Dalits who took part in the call for a march to occupy uninherited land of the former princely state of Jind in Bechirag village on the outskirts of Sangrur on the 20 of May, 2025. The Team consisted of Janhastakshep Convenor Dr. Vikas Bajpai, Faculty member, JNU, co-Convenor Anil Dubey, a journalist and a committee member Afzal Iman, a journalist. The Team visited on May 27 & 28. We are publishing here the major part of the Press Release issued by the Team. –Editor]

- As regards the ZPSC march to occupy land in ‘Bechirag’ village on the outskirts of Sangrur, our Team was informed by different people – the common members associated with ZPSC struggle on land for Dalits and some of the activists we talked to, completely rebuffed the impression being propagated by the district administration that ZPSC was not interested in talking to the administration to find an amicable solution for their demands and that it was bent upon taking law and order in its own hands, as false and misleading.
- Janhastakshep team was informed that, to the contrary, ZPSC has been representing to both the political leadership of the state

government and at different levels of administrative hierarchy to press for their demand that the land in question be distributed among landless Dalits in accordance with the provisions of the country's Constitution and the Land Ceiling Act of 1972; however, there has been no concrete step taken by the government to address this legitimate demands put up by ZPSC.

- As regards the allegation that ZPSC was somehow bent upon creating a law and order situation and disturbing the peace in the district, the persons we talked to pointed out that on the 28 February 2025 ZPSC had taken out a march to light a lamp on the said land in Bechirag village and that there had been no disturbance of any kind in the law and order situation even though there was no police presence at that time.

- Rather their assertion was that this time around, the administration was acting at the behest of some big landlords in Sangrur district who not only possess land far beyond the permissible limit under the Land Ceiling Act of 1972 but also occupy high positions in politics, bureaucracy and judiciary of the state. Among such landlords are close relatives of the Akali leader and former Minister in the state government, Bikram Singh Majithia and former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court, S. S. Saron. These persons, who illegally controlled vast tracts of land, feared that the land held by them illegally shall also come into question by the ongoing struggle of ZPSC. It need be borne in mind that in 2018 ZPSC had already published a list of persons in Sangrur district who were in possession of such illegal land.

- Another falsehood being propagated by the administration is that the entire land is under dispute in the Court wherein the Punjab and Haryana High Court has granted a stay on any change in

the status of the land and hence ZPSC is bent upon jumping the gun in contravention of the court orders.

The fact instead is that Court has ordered to maintain ‘status-quo’ only on 48 acres of land under occupation of a Delhi based descendent of an erstwhile servant of the royal family of Jind – Sandeep Singh. There is no stay applicable on the rest of the land. Rather, it is reported that the Sangrur administration had initiated steps to take back the possession of the disputed land located on the outskirts of the city after the death of Maharaja Satbir Singh, the last ruler of erstwhile princely state of Jind, on August 18 2023.

- One thing which Janhastakshep finds most shameful about the conduct of Bhagwant Mann led AAP government of Punjab is that rather than serving the interests of the oppressed sections of the society, whose cause it claims to champion, the pradhans of different village panchayats who belong to AAP, are actually selectively dictating which persons to be released from jail from among the arrested Dalits depending upon who they believe voted for them and who did not. Hence, not only is AAP seeking to crush the struggle for land being waged by Dalits, but is using them as mere pawns for extending their political influence.
- Both in Sadi Hari village and in Jaloor village it was reported by the persons who have been released from jail over past few days, that the police sought to humiliate and dissuade them from participating in the struggle by instilling fear. Many of the persons were made to sign on a declaration that henceforth they shall neither participate in the activities nor be associated with ZPSC in any manner.
- Rather than get them entangled in any serious charges the police administration slapped charges against the protesters under

Sections 107/151 of CrPC which is applied when there is a possibility of disturbance of peace in the society or the possibility of any other type of crime. This section is mostly applied in local disputes where people fight among themselves or have small quarrels over land and property lead to pushing and abuse.

- It is pertinent to note that on 20 May 2025, while between 2200 to 2500 people from different villages are believed to have been coming for the march, not even a single incident which can be said to amount to ‘people fighting among themselves or small quarrels over land and property leading to pushing and abuse’ was reported from anywhere in the district. And yet the government chose to implicate the peaceful Dalits under a section wherein harassment is the only punishment for the culprit because in such cases, the date is up to 1 year and the culprit has to appear in court every month for a year to mark his attendance.
- Harassing the section of the population that is among the most oppressed and deprived in society seems to be the express objective of the ‘Aam Admi Party’s’ government, even as those who control vast amounts of land illegally and sit on it like pests without ever having to shed even a drop of their sweat are deemed to be peaceful and law abiding because they command the state’s police force to act as their chosen thugs.
- From the facts of the case as gathered by the fact finding team of Janhastakshep we wish to state categorically that Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab unleashed terrorizing repression against the Zameen Prapti Sangarsh Committee (ZPSC). Houses of ZPSC leaders including Mukesh Maloud, Bikkar Singh Hathoa, Gurmukh Singh Mann, Dharmvir, Jagtar Singh, Gurvinder and other leaders and activists have been raided. Police is terrorizing the people in villages and it continues to do so even as we are putting

out this press statement by imposing an archaic section that gives liberty to the police to treat people any which way without owing any answerability even to the court of law.

Response of the Administration

Janhastakshep team met the ADC (Additional District Commissioner) of Sangrur Sh. Sandeep Rishi on the civil side and the SSP Sartaj Singh Chaihal. Our plea simply was:

- That ZPSC has been struggling for past many years to ensure the implementation of legal possession of panchayati land by the Dalits in Punjab's villages, especially in the Malwa region.
- That the state government did ultimately recognize the legal rights of Dalits on 1/3rd of the village common land and facing the justified struggle of Dalits it also conceded the demand for longer term lease of land at lower bidding price.
- That the title of the land of erstwhile royal family of Jind on the outskirts of Sangrur city has been taken over by Punjab government, though it may not have yet taken full possession of the said land.
- That as per the legal provisions under the 1972 Land Ceiling Act of Punjab, the government is duty bound to distribute this land among the Dalits and socioeconomically oppressed sections.
- That the district administration has been selective in targeting the ZPSC while the many illegal occupants of the land have not been touched at all.
- That the intent of the civil and police administration is focused on humiliating the Dalits and their leadership by imposing arbitrary sections 107/151 under which nearly 800 people were put in jail.
- That the police is allowing political interference by sarpanches

affiliated with AAP to selectively release the arrested persons from jail and this should be stopped forthwith.

➤ That the administration is forcing the arrested persons to give a written undertaking to denounce ZPSC and that they will never be part of it in future.

The ADC informed that the Administration has not yet got possession of the disputed land so the question of its distribution does not even arise at this moment. As to our complaints regarding Section 107/151 the ADC admitted that this is the law of the land and that he cannot help it but suggested that we should become party to the case going on in the court.

What was most shocking was our meeting with the SSP Sangrur S.S. Chaihal. He met us standing behind a speaker's stand with two officers standing by his side as though he was holding a court with the people having a complaint made to stand a good two to three meters distance away. His conduct reminded us of what a colonial time police officer would typically be doing – arrogance and utter lack of courtesy were resounding in his attitude. Chaihal flatly denied that the police had selectively let people off from jail or had made them give an undertaking of any sort. He claimed that arrested persons refused to leave the detention site even when the police told them that they could leave if they wanted to. This was pitifully pathetic and truly reflected the state of affairs in the state.

All in all, Janhastakshep feels that there is a method in this madness. Since its defeat in the Delhi elections, AAP Govt. in Punjab has embarked on suppression of people's movements. They had arrested leaders, activists and farmers of SKM constituents to foil their Chandigarh March on March 5. They had arrested SKM (NP) and KMM leaders returning from talks with Union and Punjab

Govt. ministers on March 19 and demolished their tents at Shambhu and Khanauri, arresting a number of them. AAP Govt. is acting in sync with RSS-BJP led Union Govt. and is advancing the agenda of corporate and for that purpose is out to crush the struggling forces in Punjab. This cruel and all-out repression on Zameen Prapti Sangharsh Committee is part of a pattern. It is even more heinous as it is meant to crush the most oppressed section of society and that too for demanding what is their legal right.

Janhastakshep demands:

1. All persons arrested in the wake of the march called by ZPSC on 20 May 2025 should be released forthwith from jail.
2. The frivolous section 107/151 slapped on the protesters should be withdrawn forthwith.
3. Bhagwant Mann led AAP government should immediately initiate steps to distribute the land of the former princely state of Jind, which has already been taken over by Sangrur administration among Dalits such that they can realize their dream of establishing the 'Begampura' (where there is no sadness) village on this land.
4. Punjab government should declare the amount of surplus land beyond the ceiling limit throughout the state along with the name of those occupying them.



Trump Admn.'s Fascist Attack Against Migrant Labour

From June 6th 2025, Los Angeles, second largest city in the United States and located in the state of California, erupted in massive protests against the attack by Trump Admn. against migrant labourers. Though Trump Admn.'s escalating attacks against migrant labour were leading to widespread resentment, the immediate flashpoint came when nearly 40 migrant workers were arrested from their work place. These arrests from workshops, eateries, shops and ware houses, led to boiling over of the anger over the arbitrary and inhuman attack by Trump Admn. and mobilized a large number of people into protests. Trump Admn. has wielded US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to perpetrate atrocities against migrant workers. Though initially Trump had talked of action against migrant labourers who indulge in criminal activities, but this has in fact become a large scale operation to hound the migrant workers, even those who have no record of any criminal activity. The number of migrant workers to be detained daily has been targeted at 3000 per day while the average in the first four months of Donald Trump's second term has been 660 per day.

This action against migrant workers violates all democratic norms, human dignity and civilized life. Migrant workers are being kidnapped in broad daylight, violently torn from their families, and left to languish in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. These acts have generated a lot of anger against Trump Admn.'s policy targeting migrant labour and led to large

scale protests beginning with Los Angeles. ICE action against migrant workers is not limited to Los Angeles or California but is being done in all states. Hence, the protests also spread to several centres in California as well as in other states of the United States.

Trump Admn., in a calculated measure, has launched militarized attack against those protesting against this inhuman, atrocious treatment of migrant workers. Trump Admn. federalized National Guard in California i.e., brought them under the control of Union Govt. Trump first deployed 2000 National Guards against protesters and then increased their number to 4000. Further Trump sent 700 Marines (US Armed Forces) to crush the protesters. Trump called those protesting against his war against migrant labour as anti-United States and “professional agitators” a term used by fascist forces against protesters in several countries including India. By deploying armed forces against US civilians, Trump Admn. has declared a war not only against migrant labour, the communities they belong to but also against all US citizens who stand for democratic rights and stand for respecting human dignity and civilized treatment.

Repression was let loose by Trump Admn. against protesters. Trump branded Los Angeles Mayor and California Governor, who opposed these actions, as accomplices of protesters. These repressive measures have led to spread of protests to other states of America with demonstrations at 1600 places in the United States on June 12. Democratic people are not standing down before this repression. Protests in Los Angeles were initially led by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and President of SEIU California David Huerta was

arrested. This arrest galvanized organized labour in California and other places. Now not only organized labour especially service employees, but members of communities and general democratic forces are participating in the growing movement.

This attack against migrant labour is intensification of contradiction between Capital and Labour in USA. This is also an attempt to divide the working class in the United States to facilitate intensification of attacks against the working class. Trump Admn. and Republican HoR and Senate are cutting down on social security of workers and cutting down on employment in Govt. departments while showering largesse on corporate. This is the truth behind Trump's Big Beautiful Bill. Aware of this growing offensive under Trump, workers and democratic people are rising in protest.

Trump Admn.'s offensive is a fascist attempt to crush democratic rights movement in America. This takes its cue from Project 2025 drafted by conservative think tank, Heritage Foundation. Its main aim is to attack democratic rights in USA, especially targeting non-white minorities. Attack on migrant labour is part of this drive to take America back to what they consider its glorious past which is a euphemism for white dominated USA during period of slavery. This is not overtly said but they unabashedly stand for white supremacy. This entails division in the working class which is what corporate need to suppress the working class movement, to do away with all the rights wrested by the working class and democratic sections in America through a long series of working class and people's struggles.

To achieve this, Project 2025 says that US President is the sole executive authority in the United States and discards the

famous checks and balances as traditions not grounded in the US constitution. Thus they prescribed that Republican President, Trump in this case, should pack the whole Administration with his nominees and rule through administrative orders. Trump Admn. should not bother about democratic rights or social security but just serve the corporate who generously funded work on Project 2025, and crush all resistance under the slogan of restoring old glory i.e., dividing the people on racial lines. US Supreme Court Judgement granting immunity to President from prosecution for acts done, whatever their nature, has emboldened these forces. Handcuffing of a US Senator from California for questioning the Admn.'s spokesperson is a pointer to the scant regard that Trump Admn. has for democratic rights.

But American people are not in a mood to bow down to Trump Admn. diktats. They are standing up to fascist repression unleashed by Trump Admn. They are not cowed down by the deployment of security forces sent by Trump Admn. to crush peaceful protests to challenge inhuman and unlawful actions against migrant labour. They are rising to defend the rights of migrants as they see these as part of defending rights of workers generally and the democratic rights of the people. Communities are organizing to sustain protests and new areas and centres of protest are rising while protests in Los Angeles and California state are continuing. People are protesting against arrests of migrants and at places blocking security vehicles from carrying the arrested migrant workers.

While the Trump Admn. is doing everything to crush these protests, people are in no mood to allow them to succeed. They are rising to force out this fascist measure of the Trump Admn.

Protests Against Operation Kagar

To physically eliminate leaders and cadres of Communist Party of India (Maoist) RSS-BJP Govt. has launched Operation Kagar by the paramilitary forces and Chhattisgarh police. Nearly five hundred Maoist leaders, cadres and adivasis have been killed in this bloody operation. Central Govt. wants to suppress the resistance of tribals towards handing over their land to foreign and domestic corporate for mineral resources of the regions inhabited by them. RSS-BJP Govt. has killed even those who were in their custody and also killed those who could be arrested. RSS-BJP has not even spared tribals living in the area and a large number of them have been killed. It shows that they have scant regard for the lives of tribals; it also shows that they want to deliberately terrorize the tribals of this mineral resource rich area.

Communist revolutionary organizations, Left parties and democratic rights organizations and individuals have been demanding that the Govt. negotiate with CPI (Maoist) to resolve the violent stand-off as CPI (Maoist) has repeatedly called for such a dialogue. To facilitate such a dialogue, these organizations have asked Central Govt. and Chhattisgarh Govt. to reciprocate CPI (Maoist) declaration of unilateral cease-fire. But it is clear that RSS-BJP Govt. is basically not interested in restoring peace in the region but to eliminate CPI (Maoist) and suppress the tribals. On these two demands i.e., immediate cease-fire and dialogue between Govt. and CPI (Maoist), the above mentioned organizations have been organizing programmes in different states to mobilize public

opinion. RSS-BJP has till now been ignoring such legitimate demands.

Hyderabad (Telengana) : Left Parties Organize Big Dharna

There have been a series of programmes in Telengana on these demands. A big Dharna was organized by Left parties and organizations on June 17 at Hyderabad. Thousands of people participated in the Dharna demanding immediate cease-fire and Govt. hold dialogue with CPI (Maoist). The people participating in the Dharna were addressed by leaders of the participating Left parties including Com. Vemulapalli Venkataramaiah of CPI (ML)-New Democracy, leaders of democratic rights organizations and other people's organizations who participated in the Dharna. A leader of Congress (ruling in Telengana) and a leader of BRS, main opposition party in Telengana, also addressed the people supporting these two demands. This was the most recent of a series of programmes taken up in the state of Telengana.

Jalandhar (Punjab): Communist parties and Revolutionary organizations hold Joint State Convention and March for immediate end to police encounters of Maoists & tribals

On May 10, a number of Communist Parties and revolutionary organizations of Punjab have held a well-attended joint provincial Convention at Desh Bhagat Memorial Jalandhar. The meeting was presided over by Comrades Jasbir Kaur Natt, Rattan Singh Randhawa, Prithipal Singh Madimegha, Ajmer Singh Samara, Mukhtiar Singh Puhla, Niranjan Singh Safipur. RMPI General Secretary Com. Mangat Ram Pasla, CPI State Secretary

Com. Bant Singh Brar, CPI(ML) New Democracy Senior Leader
Com. Darshan Khatkar, CPI(ML) Liberation State Secretary Com.
Gurmeet Singh Bakhtpur, MCPI-U Polit Bureau Member Com.
Kiranjit Singh Sekhon, Revolutionary Centre Punjab State Leader
Mukhtiar Singh Puhla were the main speakers.

The resolution adopted by the Convention charged Modi government of killing Maoists and Naxalites in Chhattisgarh and other parts of the country by making fake police encounters and dividing the people of the country through communal poison and demanded Govt. immediately cancel the policy of handing over the country's precious natural treasures to the domestic and foreign corporate. The resolution also seeks an end to the "vicious campaign" against minorities, especially Muslims and Christians, across the country, repeal of the discriminatory amendments made in the Waqf Act and an end to the hate propaganda against Muslims and Kashmiris in the garb of the Pahalgam terror incident. It has also demanded the immediate release of intellectuals, activists, journalists and anchors who have written and spoken against the government.

Speakers said that the real purpose of these extra-judicial killings is to suppress the public anger against the policy of handing over all the natural resources of the country including water, forest, land and public sector to corporate. The leaders also demanded an end to the policy of the Punjab government to suppress the rights of labourers, farmers, employees and other toiling sections through police force and announced full support to the movement of organizations and people fighting against the grabbing of thousands of acres of fertile land to pave the way for corporate robbers.

After the conclusion of the convention, a protest March was also held on the streets of the city against the said policy framework.

Kolkata: Joint Convention Against Operation Kagar

On 17th May 2025 a Convention against Operation Kagar was organized in Muslim Institute Hall in Kolkata. This convention was organized by a number of mass organizations and democratic rights organizations. Organizers included A.P.D.R., CRPP, F.I.R., IFTU, RSF and others. Activists of these organizations participated in the convention. Intellectuals were also present in good number in the Convention.

Convention was addressed by representatives of participating organizations and they demanded immediate end to Operation Kagar and killing of tribals. IFTU leader Com. Ashish Dasgupta was among those who addressed the Convention.

Patna: Meeting Against Operation Kagar

Jan Abhiyan, Bihar organized a Convention at Gandhi Sangrahalay in Patna on June 3, 2025 demanding from the Govt. an end to “Anti-people and repressive Operation Kagar and start of a dialogue with CPI (Maoist).” Presidium consisted of Communist Centre of India leader Satish Kumar, State convenor of Janmukti Sandharsh Vahini Manilal, Janwadi Lok Manch leader Pukar and Nagrik Adhikar Manch leader Sanjay Shyam.

Main leaders who addressed the Convention included Baldev Jha of Janwadi Lok Manch, V. K. Patole of CPI (ML)-New Democracy, Ashok Baitha of CPI (ML)-Class Struggle, MCPI (U) leader Niranjan, J.S.V. leader Manilal, Radheyshyam of Sarvahara Jan Morcha, Ranjit of Nagrik Adhikar Raksha Manch, Varuni of Bigul Mazdoor Dasta, Ram Lakhan of Communist Chetna Kendra, senior political activist Chakravarti Ashok Priyadarshi, General Secretary of PUCL Bihar Sarfaraz, Ashok Kumar Advocate Patna High Court, Manoj Kumar of Krantikari Kisan Union, social activist

Manoj Kumar Jha, Inderjit of Communist Centre for Scientific Socialism, Shiv Kumar Rai of Jan Sangharsh Manch and others.

According to a statement issued by Nand Kishor Singh, Satish Kumar, Sanjay Shyam, Manilal, Pukar, Rambriksh Ram, Jamruddin and Saujanya Upadhyay, all the speakers termed Operation Kagar as anti-people and repressive and called for immediate halt to this. Speakers termed Operation Kagar being conducted in Chhattisgarh and Dandkaranya area by the BJP led Central Govt. as a fascist operation. Speakers also said that repression unleashed by Central Govt. is not confined to Chhattisgarh or Maoists, attitude of the Govt. towards just movements of workers, peasants, other working classes and exploited and oppressed sections is inimical and repressive.

In the Note presented by Jan Abhiyan Bihar, it was demanded:

1. Operation Kagar being conducted in Chhattisgarh should be immediately stopped and security forces deployed for this operation should be removed from there.
2. All fake cases filed against tribals and common people should be withdrawn.
3. An Enquiry committee presided over a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court should enquire into all those killed in recent encounters and all tribals killed, and action should be taken against the guilty of these killings.
4. All agreements signed with foreign and Indian corporate regarding forests, land and water should be annulled.
5. Peace negotiations should be held with CPI (Maoist) and the root causes of the problem should be addressed.



Mass Line Leadership's Allegations Against CPI(ML) New Democracy - An Explanation

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On the occasion of the 9th death anniversary of the martyr Comrade Ravanna, as per the decision of the Central Committee of CPI (M-L) New Democracy, Telangana State Committee issued a pamphlet to hold a memorial meeting at Khammam on 11—03-2025, keeping in view the memorial meeting of Mass Line on 09-03-2025 in the same town, Khammam. In this context, the Mass Line leadership made many false allegations against CPI (M-L) New Democracy and declared a sort of political war on social media. It crossed boundaries and limits with false allegations against leaders and reached the peak of slanderous propaganda. Finally, it was announced the late Comrade Ravanna had no connection with the New Democracy Party, and that the New Democracy Party was not even qualified to hold a memorial meeting for Comrade Ravanna. Moreover, the things written by the New Democracy Party are being called “untruths and unrealistic things”. In this context, we request that the real things that can be seen and believed should be examined.

Political and ideological discussions and criticisms should be held between revolutionary parties, including left parties, especially parties that claim to be revolutionary communist parties. However,

these discussions and criticisms should be based on objective facts and should be on political, ideological, organization of revolutionary movement, and practical issues. This should not degenerate into abuses, branding and slandering.

A communist party has the freedom, independence and right to formulate policies, theories, programme and path according to its understanding. It has the freedom to recognize those of its choice as leaders. It is common for commemorations of those recognized in this way to be held, to achieve their aims and goals, to take them as a guide and an ideal and work towards them. There is no need for differences in this regard. However, is it right to attribute and propagate things that are not said by the leaders recognized in this way, and to invent and propagate things that are different from the facts? What kind of political ethics should such a thing be called? What does it lead to? Does it help the party and revolutionary movement?

I. Is it the patent right of the Mass Line to commemorate the martyr Comrade Ravi and hold a memorial meeting?

The Mass Line leadership has concluded that the CPI (M-L) New Democracy Party does not have the right to hold a memorial meeting for the martyr Comrade Ravanna.

“The party is working among the people, trusting the aims and politics of Ravanna is the Mass Line. Attacking such Mass Line party is against the aims of Ravanna. The question of whether they (New Democracy) actually have the right to hold a condolence meeting for Ravanna, the question never ceases to come to those having political views” said a leader of Mass Line in Telengana. So, who is Comrade Ravanna? Was he a leader of the CPI (M-L) New Democracy Party? or not? Did he continue in the

same party-New Democracy Party- from 1972 until his death - 2016 (44 years)? Or not? (Though Party used different suffixes in its name, it is consistently New Democracy since 1991.) Was Comrade Ravanna the CPI (M-L) New Democracy Telangana State Secretary and a member of the Central Committee when he died? Or not? In a revolutionary party, the members-from the lowest level member to the Central Committee Secretary-all have the same aim. There are no different aims. That aim is to achieve a New Democratic Revolution in the country.

There may be political and ideological differences among the members and leaders. No matter who dies in the party, if there are differences of opinion, the commemoration and remembrance are done according to the role they played in the party and the revolutionary movement. However, the specific characteristics of the respective comrade - his revolutionary practice, study, organization, discipline, communist values, etc. - are remembered as a guide and an ideal. As the Mass Line leadership believes, those with different opinions should not be remembered, commemorated and paid homage. Their arguments are that those who do not accept his differences on some issues, how can they pay homage and hold memorial meetings? All these are false arguments and anti-communist arguments.

The party does remember the contributions that have helped to enrich the party's line, programme, and practice. The same is happening with the immortal Comrade Ravanna. The Central Committee has recognized Comrade Ravanna as one of the important pillars of the party. Commemorative meetings had been organized across the country. The Central Committee had decided and implemented the membership programme to take up the year 2017 as the "Comrade Ravanna Membership Year". Above all, the

highest organizational/structural forms of the party, the Party Congress, have named the halls of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh states and the All India Party Congress after Comrade Ravanna and honoured him at such a high level. There is no room for second opinion in the party in recognizing the contributions and honouring Comrade Ravi.

The Mass Line party, which claims to be working to carry forward the ideals and aims of the immortal Comrade Ravanna, in addition to his qualities, upholding his political and ideological views, should not have any objection to holding commemoration meetings for him. In this regard, it is not only foolish but also completely wrong to think that only the party which claims to uphold his ideology and politics has the right to hold commemoration meetings for Comrade Ravi and that no party or others who do not accept totality of political views expressed by him at different times have the right to hold a commemoration meeting, and that no one has the right to criticize the Mass Line party that is upholding Comrade Ravi's politics as its own! This is not at all correct but only foolishness. In fact if they really honour Com. Ravi, they should value that other revolutionary organizations too are honouring 'their' leader. CPI (ML)-New Democracy does feel happy when other CR organizations hold memorial meetings for leaders like Com. Ravi whose memory and contributions CPI (ML)-New Democracy cherishes and honours.

II. Can the history of Comrade Ravanna be erased from the New Democracy Party by simply excluding the party's name from Comrade Ravanna's Stupa ?

Can the name of Comrade Ravanna be erased from the history of New Democracy Party by simply excluding the party's name

from the Comrade Ravanna Stupa? Along with the propaganda that since Comrade Ravanna had different views from the New Democracy Party, they have no right to hold a memorial meeting for him, it is nothing but their foolishness to celebrate by excluding the name of the New Democracy Party from the stone slab on Comrade Ravanna's Stupa and trying to erase the historical connection of Comrade Ravanna with the New Democracy Party, which were for more than four decades. By excluding the party's name from the stupa, no one can erase the revolutionary historical connection of Comrade Ravanna with CPI (ML)-New Democracy. I was also a participant in the comrade Ravanna stupa unveiling ceremony. No one has built a stupa without the party's name on the martyrs' stupas built by the party. There is no stupa without the party's name in the state, at least so far. Comrade Ravi, who served as one of the key leaders in the Central Committee of the New Democracy Party for a long time, does not the name of his Party on his Stupa. Moreover, without admitting that removing the name of CPI (ML)-New Democracy was wrong and hoodwinking the comrades, remain a living testimony to the degradation of the Mass Line leadership!?

III. What kind of revolutionary ethics is it to attribute and propagate different politics that are not said by the immortal Comrade Ravanna ?

"Immortal Comrade Ravanna....a party that believed in the aims and politics and working for the people....a Mass Line party" (S.L.Padma) "We have to understood Ravanna's ideology and politics realistically and aspire to take the same steps forward... His politics, ideology and thoughts and the lessons of his experience in the forest movement are great. We hold high to take both of them."

“We stand even today in support of the views of Com. Ravanna, DVK, VV garu”. **(Mass Line, Telangana State Committee Statement 08-03`25)**

Political understandings declared by the mass line party :

1. India is a politically independent country.
2. India is a capitalist country.
3. The Chinese path is not applicable to India.
4. Opposes resistance struggle.
5. Opposes the formation of a secret party.
6. There is no land problem to be solved in India.
7. The task of the New Democratic Revolution is to develop agriculture.
8. Nationwide workers and peasant movements will lead to revolution.
9. Caste organizations should be established (where and whenever necessary).

All the above-stated things were declared as the Mass Line party understandings.

As mentioned above, the responsibility lies with the Mass Line Telangana state leadership to reveal the amendments or alternative documents put forward by Ravi, DVK and VV together or separately in the context of various party congresses and national plenums, if any, at anytime and anywhere, and to prove their honesty. The Mass Line leadership should refrain from attributing and propagating things that we, including Ravi, did not

put forward. Attributing and propagating things that we did not say is a most wicked thing.

After leaving New Democracy in February 2022, what did Comrade DVK say? What discussions took place between you is none of our business. Comrade Ravi was no longer with us at that time. He was martyred on March 9, 2016, while participating in the State Committee meeting.

IV. Is the propaganda being carried by the Mass Line Party that Ravi, DVK and VV participated together in the struggle between the two lines in the party since 1980, the reality?

It is a fact that there are differences and struggle on political and ideological issues since 1980 party congress. But, is not a fact, that these three – Ravi, DVK and VV together jointly participated in this struggle. Com. V.V. wrote the amendments to the programme and these were introduced in the party state secretariat on behalf of five – Com. Ravi, Chandram, Vikram, DVK and V.V. But after first round discussion - Com. CP strongly opposed and Com. RV, Chandram and Vikram withdrew their support to V.V. proposed amendments. The amendments and its explanation, alternative document to the present situation and our tasks, remained as DVK and V.V. documents during the 1980 party Congress. In this Congress, Comrade Ravi firmly stood with the line of the party and with Comrade C.P. However, as per the decision of the 1980 party Congress, during the review of the AP state movement, serious differences of opinion arose between Comrades Ravi, Chandram and Com. C.P., which ultimately led to the split of the party in 1984. This split caused serious damage to the party and the revolutionary movement. On this occasion, Comrades DVK and

VV became close to Comrade Ravi in their views. This close political association continued in the party until Comrade Ravi's death.

A detailed discussion was held on the resistance struggle during the review of the 20-year AP movement. In the Godavari Valley struggle, with the Pagideru incidents on April 16, 1969, it was considered that the armed struggle had begun with the formation of armed squads. Later, it was called self-defense armed struggle and from 1977, the resistance struggle. In 1978, although there were no armed squads in the Sircilla and Jagityala movements, this was also called the resistance struggle. Keeping all this in view, Comrade VV proposed an amendment to the review on the definition of what is resistance struggle? and the State Plenum approved it. It was held in 1989.

The resistance was defined, "Thus when the people implement the above tasks (7 points) or in other words, they resist the landlord – goonda- police violence and repression in an organized, conscious and persistent manner in a wide area in the course of building and developing anti-feudal struggles, it can be called resistance struggle (Review of 20 years revolutionary movement in AP)

For the 1992 Congress, Comrade VV alone put forward an amendment to the programme related to "the development of capitalism in agriculture in the country". Comrade VV put forward the amendment regarding resistance struggle approved in the 20-year review as an amendment to the "Path" document, which was approved by the Congress. It is still there in the Path document even today.

For the 1996 Congress, Comrade VV alone put forward two important amendments to the programme, namely "the

development of capitalism in agriculture” and “class analysis of political parties”.

In the 2004 Congress, Comrade Ravi and Comrade DVK submitted amendments to the ‘Path’ document and I supported the amendment of Com. Ravi on the resistance struggle.

It was only in 2013 that the three of them came together and jointly submitted an alternative document to the Central Committee document on ‘Revisionism’. So the facts are as follows, it is not true that Comrades Ravi, DVK and VV were together in the internal struggle that took place in the party since 1980. However, especially the review of the 20-year movement brought all three of us closer politically, and it continued almost until Ravi’s martyrdom.

V. Is it true that “as long as Ravanna was in the party, all the documents he wrote were labeled as revisionist and widely propagated among the party cadre by the YK faction and Chandram faction throughout the state” ?

The late Comrade Ravanna held key positions in the New Democracy Party almost throughout his life. He participated in all the party congresses from the lowest level and as a representative in the All India Party Congresses. He was a participant in the discussions on all the documents. All the documents of the congresses, plenums and resolutions of the Central Committee in which he participated are printed and available to the Mass Line leadership. Have any of these three or any of Comrade Ravi or Comrade DVK or Comrade VV been mentioned as “revisionist” anywhere by the party. As far as I know, there is no such thing. However, since 1980 party congress, those who expressed dissenting views have been subjected to such propaganda by some among party leaders, both inside the Party and by some even

outside. However, how can it be right to attribute this to the party and blame it?

The Mass Line leadership is wrong in finding fault and accusing the CPI (ML) ND, that in the past, it criticized Com. Ravanna as revisionist and now making revolutionary speeches treating him as a revolutionary. It is common for differing views in the party to be labeled as 'revisionist' and propagated, especially during splits, and sometimes unilaterally labeled and slandered. These were usually rectified when those who had split reunited. Currently, New Democracy, led by Comrades S.V. and Chittipati, has accepted the split in the party in 2013 as a mistake and has approved the documents of the 2024 Congress of the party. Anybody can recognize and understand this change. Today, everyone is a member of the New Democracy Party. Everyone has the same understanding and orientation of the party. This is a policy that applies to all parties and is being implemented in practice. It seems like a stubborn folly even to oppose this too.

VI. What kind of revolutionary ethics is it to reveal the confidential matters that happen in committees and the confidential letters that happen between individuals? Is this also a great revolutionary programme ?

In 2002, while resigning from the Central Committee of the party and other all-India responsibilities, Comrade V.V.'s letter was cited as the basis for their allegations.

Comrade VV's resignation letter was merely an internal matter of the Central Committee. The Mass Line leadership wrote a blatant lie that Comrade VV resigned from the Central Committee to split the party, and that Comrades DVK and Ravi did not resign in

opposition to this. (Mass Line, Telangana State Committee, 13-03-2025). As far as I know, neither in 2002 nor in 2004 did there ever come any thoughts or discussions about leaving the party. This matter was only internal matter of CC. It is immoral and uncivilized to announce such a closed matter publicly. Moreover, distorting the resignation letter and attributing lies as big as the Himalayas undermines the faith and trust of the revolutionaries. No one can build anything on the foundation of lies like this! Nothing can be achieved! We hope that they do not adopt the same attitudes to the discussions in their present CC i.e. CC of Mass Line party.

There is a gap of two decades i.e. between 2002 and 2022 when a section in Telengana decided to leave the Party. Mass Line leaders in Telengana have not bothered to even think that if these three comrades– Comrades Ravi, DVK and VV – had come to such a strong decision to split from the party, why did the split not happen? Has there been any change in the party’s policies? There hasn’t been. Moreover, like in 2004, in 2013 too, Comrades DVK and VV were not taken into the Central Committee, were they? Nevertheless, all three continued to remain in the party! No matter how many problems were encountered in practice, no matter how many differences arose, they did not try to split the party, and that was the position until Comrade Ravi was martyred.

VII. Revolutionary movement-splitting-attitude towards splits

Those who are working as a Mass Line party in Telangana state today were part of the CPI (M-L) New Democracy Party until February 17, 2022. The state committee meeting was held on February 16 and 17, 2022. The meeting was held peacefully on the first day and the second day in the morning. The decisions were

taken unanimously. As the meeting began on the afternoon of the second day, Comrade DVK announced abruptly that he had decided to leave the party. Although leaving the party was not right, some immediately announced that they were also leaving the party and some spoke as if they were also going with Comrade DVK. Party General Secretary Comrade Yatendra Kumar, who attended the meeting, had explained the decisions of the Central Committee. On the first day itself, Com. GS reported that the decisions to hold the All India Party Congress had been taken and the agenda was finalized which included Programme and Path, and the schedule of the Conference would be announced in the Central Committee meeting then to be held soon. They were asked to attend the meeting, discuss their views, wait at least two months for future decisions, and if the decisions were not made as promised, they could take any decision they wanted, but Comrade DVK and others did not listen. Finally, the meeting ended with Comrades DVK, PR, and others announcing their decision to leave the party.

VIII. Was the approach and method adopted by the Prajapantha leadership to leave the New Democracy party correct ?

Almost the entire Prajapantha leadership, including Comrade DVK, continued their revolutionary life in CPI (M-L) New Democracy till then. The views they are expressing have been there for decades. The Prajapantha leadership has admitted that despite differences on some issues, the departure from the party did not happen. Although Comrades DVK and VV were not accepted into the Central Committee in 2004 and 2013, the departure from the party did not happen. Moreover, by 2022, along with Comrade Ravi (until Comrade Ravi's death in 2016), Comrades VV, DVK, and PR were inducted into the Central Committee and continued to be

members of the Central Committee. Above all, the Central Committee's decision on the Congress and its agenda was also communicated. Why did Comrades DVK, PR, and other leaders come to the decision to leave the party so suddenly? As the Mass Line leadership claims, why did they not put up for discussion their new political and ideological issues that fundamentally differ from New Democracy as alternative documents in the party Congress? Why were those issues not at least discussed in the state and central committees?

Moreover, if the Mass Line leadership had already decided to leave the party, why did they not say so at the beginning of the state committee meeting? What was the need to keep it so secret for a day and a half? There is no point in making the argument that the Prajapantha leadership has always been saying to Comrade VV, that we should leave the party. They never said to V.V. that they had decided to leave the party. It is a well-known fact that they appeared convinced for one and a half days at the state committee meeting and then acted in such a conspiratorial way during the afternoon meeting on the second day! Why was it necessary to leave in such a conspiratorial way, without even discussing the differences they felt in the party?

There were two important issues in that meeting: 1. The decision of the C.C. to hold Party Congress. 2. The Central Committee's reiteration that an inquiry committee should enquire the Bakran Bidi Company issue. It had become clear to everyone that it was no longer possible to stop the Bakran enquiry and that it will have to be faced in the review of the Party Congress. Having decided that it is no longer possible to bypass it in the party organization, the Prajapantha leadership, not being mentally prepared to face it, chose the path of split from the party to escape

from it. Rest is a camouflage for this that it brought forward the fundamental differences in the party. It is making this the main issue and is campaigning.

Why could the Mass Line leadership, which disagreed so much with the fundamentals of New Democracy, not even declare the stage of the revolution in the statement given on the occasion of the party formation?

IX. What are the fundamental differences declared by the Mass Line leadership ?

1. Whether, they have concluded that stage of the revolution has changed?

Even today, the Mass Line leadership still holds the revolutionary stage to be New Democratic Revolution?

2. Whether they have concluded that the main contradiction in the country has changed?

Even today, the Mass Line leadership still holds the contradiction between the imperialist domination, the big bourgeoisie, the remnants of feudalism (in place of the semi-feudalism) and the board masses of the people as the main contradiction!?

3. Whether they have concluded, that the revolutionary path has been outdated?

Instead of the path of protracted people's war, they are leaving this for the future and declaring it as the path of armed revolution!?

They are still upholding the framework of New Democratic Revolution and path of armed revolution. Could differences

pertaining to these and other political differences, at least as formulated by them, not be discussed, debated and resolved within the same party as was being done up to then. Therefore, we hold that the departure of the Prajapantha leadership from the party was not right, it caused damage and that it was quite wrong. We consider this to be a split in the party. Therefore, we consider those who support and split the party are to be called as splitters.

In contrast, the Prajapantha leadership believes that the differences between the two parties cannot amicably be solved within one party, but rather is treating all these as enemy contradictions. Therefore, it considers it was right to leave the party and form another party- Prajapantha party. Therefore, it repeatedly argues that this is not a split in the party and that they are not the splitters.

Two things should be kept in mind here :

1. What people generally think of an event or a matter. People consider the departure of some individuals from a party/organization/union as an event of their departure from that organization. Moreover, when a significant number of individuals leave the movement or the party, usually people consider it as a split and those who leave as splitters. However, the word split is a common word, a political term, not a dirty or abusive word.

2. The splits that have occurred in the revolutionary movement since 1969-in most cases due to political differences, the splits were considered correct by both sides. It was considered as a split on fundamental issues and correct. In some cases, the majority section considers the split to be wrong, while the minority section considers the split on fundamental issues to be right. However, a split is not justified unless the revolutionary path is abandoned.

Without recognizing that splits are wrong, unity of revolutionary organizations is also not possible.

Differences of opinion are natural in a living party. The series of splits in the revolutionary movement, considering every difference as a fundamental difference, has caused serious damage to the revolutionary movement in India. All revolutionaries should recognize this and be ever vigilant.

“There is no need to dig too deep into the role of anyone in the split of revolutionaries...that method is not even right,” declared the Mass Line leadership. In the context of the unity of revolutionaries being stated as one of the urgent revolutionary tasks of today, the issue of the split of revolutionaries, what is the main reason for that split? Who is mainly responsible? All these, inevitably comes up for discussion. No matter who wants it, this matter must be discussed and the conclusion that the split was wrong must be reached. Otherwise, we cannot put an end to the splits. There is a danger that the cycle of splits will continue in the name of differences of opinion being fundamental. Discussion and clear understanding of the splits, at least the issues that were treated as main at that time, are necessary to prevent such losses from recurring.

It is a better that the Mass Line leadership made some changes in its previous stance in the statement made on 13-03-2025. The Mass Line Party, which had declared Comrade Ravanna’s politics as their politics, now says that “we are working to develop Ravi’s political and ideological issues”. However, it should be clear about what politics and opinions of Com. Ravi are, where and in what form they are being developed, and on what issues they are being different; clarity should be provided. It is not right to

attribute things to a martyr comrade that are not there or to ignore things that are there.

Let us continue the political and ideological struggle based on objective facts. Truth does not die. No matter how many lies are propagated, truth cannot be killed. No matter how many problems and setbacks are faced, truth will stand like sunlight and will prevail. It will ultimately win. Let us strive in a way that helps us to become knowledgeable and conscious based on truth.

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