

On Global justice movement & Imperialism today

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Dear Comrades,

We are highly honored to be invited to this international conference of Leftist organizations at Philippines. On behalf of *Gana Mukti Parishad* and *Tribal Youth Federation* I thank you all for giving us this opportunity of interaction.

Most discourses on Global Justice starts from Second World War. The world had to try the war criminals of the Second World War in an international court at Nuremburg. When Bush thought he needed a villain before his nation, so that he can stage a fight to make a hero out of himself, Iraq was chosen as the target. No weapons of mass destructions as claimed by US were detected after the aggression is over. But Saddam had to be hanged for a logical completion of the drama. And no international court was required. With the hanging of Saddam, the concept of global justice was once again ridiculed by the US imperialism.

The democrats of US, who had come back to power at the House of Representatives and the US Senate, sounded “complete withdrawal of forces from Iraq”. But they had chosen to keep their golden silence about the question of Saddam being hanged. Bush even pushed forward with sending another 20,000 soldiers to Iraq. The fact that the Democrats won’t impeach Bush for his war crimes was too evident. They were only to take electoral advantage of the anti-war sentiments. And both Republicans and Democrats are two sides of a coin- the coin of US imperialism.

The United Nations is usually a reflection of the distribution of power in the world. Nevertheless, hopes and expectations arise when even traditional subordinates of the United States, Chile and Mexico, had come out of the US influence and resisted US pressure to support war on Iraq in the United Nations Security Council. Even poor and vulnerable countries such as Cameroon or Angola, have not yield to US pressure on this issue. Hopes are strengthened when organizations of different sections of common people even in US and Europe rallies against war cutting across bourgeois political party lines. With increasing body bags coming back from a post-Saddam so called peaceful Iraq, truth is now more evident to the common people of US. Imperial forces now wish to withdraw from Iraq, before it becomes another Vietnam for them!

While Saddam may be a glaring example of recent obnoxious imperial aggressiveness, too much word about him also shadows the real millions of victims of US imperialism. They were not even tried in any native court. They are the peasants of Latin America, farmers and workers of Asia, Africa and so on. They die out of hunger for famines in many countries caused by puppet governments of US imperialists. They die taking bullets from “law enforcing agencies” of the puppet governments of US imperialism. One million people in Thailand and twenty tow million people in Indonesia below the poverty line has been reported to die in the space of a few weeks in the fateful summer of 1997 alone.

The reality of today’s world is that US imperialism is adamantly trying to establish its hegemony over the world- and all its resources of mankind. As a consequence, the hegemony is attempting to monopolize the control and utilization of natural resources – from oil and water, to even genetic resources, as well as human activities like right to trade. Justice is being trampled by it like never before.

The Imperialist world is spending nature's capital faster than it can regenerate. The mankind is running up an ecological debt, which we won't be able to pay off. Consumption of fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil, increased by almost 700 per cent between 1961 and 2001.

The "ecological footprint" - or environmental impact - of the planet's 6.1 billion-strong population is alarming, with people in the West the worst culprits. The footprint of an average North American is double than that of a European but seven times that of the average Asian or African. The world needs to stop wasting natural resources and to redress the imbalance in consumption between the developing and industrialized worlds for global justice as well.

In 1945, countries agreed to work together to promote “economic and social advancement of all peoples” and formed United Nations. After almost sixty two years, poverty and income inequality are increasing, neo-liberalization is putting more and more people under terrible working conditions, and the whole world is facing an increasingly alarming environmental crisis. Notwithstanding the high goals of UN, the imperialism today has brought a more unjust world as far as its might could make it possible.

As the highest form of capitalism, Imperialism today, just like the fascism of last century, is curbing human rights and justice at every sphere of life through out the globe. Freedom, Independence, and Democracy, and Human Rights – are now absolutely trampled by US Imperialism through out the world. Nevertheless, these are also the words with which US imperialism as its wicked strategy hiding its aggressive character to confuse everybody. Therefore we think that in this world any fight for justice can be possible only through fighting imperialism.

Without stopping this hegemonic trend of US imperialism, any right of people can be protected. We believe this hegemony can be put to an end. For that, we require a united struggle *for another world*. This “*another world*” will be socialist world, which can ensure economic justice, social justice, and political justice on a global scale. With this firm belief we are therefore fighting for socialism in India. #

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