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Stop military attacks on Rohingya Muslims-part of Burma immediately and shift them safely to their resident areas !

Communist Party of India (Maoist) stands hand in hand with those all over the world condemning the Burmese military attacks on Rohingya Muslims and supporting them for the past one month and fights for their rights.

Dear Rohingya Muslims, you are not alone. Our Party sees you as a part of the nations across the world wanting liberation. It understands that this is the time to stand in support of the just struggle of the Rohingya Muslim people against the oppressive policies of the diehard Boudh preachers in collaboration with the Burmese Army and appeals to the people of the country, especially activists, intellectuals, secularists, religious minorities, student and employees fighting on the nationality question to support the Rohingya Muslims.

Arakan became part of Burma at the time of transfer of power from the British colonialists in 1948. The discussions to merge it with East Pakistan in its border ended at that point. The provision of the representation of the minority people of Burma in the administrative system of the country that Aung San provided during the British time ended with his murder in 1947. As a result nearly twenty lakh Rohingya Muslim people living in the Western state of Arakan are living in a miserable condition without even the citizenship of the country. After the formation of military government of General Ne Win in 1962, Army started cruelly torturing the Muslim minority people under the influence of the Buddhist religion. Humiliation, harassment and torture in the name of racial discrimination towards the Rohingya Muslims that they are non-Burmese, non-Buddhists, black Bangladeshis, foreigners and that they are dangerous to the sanctity of Buddhism intensified. They are being attacked since 1970.

In 1982 a new law of citizenship was brought in Burma. With this the identity of 135 ethnic groups including Rohingya Muslims who have been living in the country for generations became null and there was no identity, assurance or security to their lives. The new law brought forth many bans on the ethnic groups. These groups had to seek permission from the government to each and every thing like to leave their village, to repair their masjids, to marry and even to have children. If unmarried women become pregnant, they have to leave the country or go for an abortion in rough methods prepared to die. Many women died out of abortion due to poverty, unclean atmosphere and lack of medical help. In 1989 Arakan became Rakhine and Burma became Myanmar. In 1991 there was second military operation with the name of Pi Thaya – Operation Clean and Beautiful Nation – on the Rohingya Muslims living in desperate conditions in Rakhine. The Rohingya Muslim people faced un-describable misery in each military attack. Their houses were destroyed, lands seized and properties were grabbed. The Burmese soldiers indulged in mass rapes on women. They cut the tongues of the men. They burnt people alive. Thus the fascists of the country where Buddha was the god created fear and destruction among the people. The vigilante gangs of the area participated together with the soldiers in all these actions and declared the essence of peace and non-violence of Buddha.

According to the local law that came into implementation in Rakhine area in 1994, the pairs prepared to have two children obtained permission to marry. The rulers conspired to control the population of the Rohingya Muslim people through many such laws and bans like a slow poison. This and the military attacks and massacres made their lives horrible. People had to flee to the neighboring Bangladesh in thousands as refugees. Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army-ARSA came into existence for the survival of this nationality, for self-respect and right to live. It is making armed resistance against the Burmese fascist armies.

In 2016 April, National League for Democracy (NLD) party came to power and Aung San Suu Kyi, known to the world as the symbol of democracy and human rights became the President of the country. She was rewarded with Nobel Peace prize too. But since she came to power the attacks on Rohingya Muslims intensified. ARSA attacked the border guard post on 25th August 2016 and wiped out nine soldiers in the name of which there was a rise in Burmese military attacks. The vigilante gangs too indulged in attacks. Hundreds of houses of Muslim people were burnt.

Hundreds of people lost their lives in the massacres of the army. There were indiscriminate mass atrocities on women. The soldiers fired on children too and took their lives. Thousands of people had to seek asylum in Bangladesh. The champion of peace and democracy Suu Kyi was silent on all this and encouraged the massacre, thus exposing the actual face of the Nobel prizes.

The difficulties of the refugees in Bangladesh are beyond description. Five lakh Rohingya Muslims entered Bangladesh in phases as refugees. The lives of people in the Ladi camp in Kaks bazaar in East Bangladesh reveals the anti-people policies of the exploitive classes. They have to travel through the Naifs River and reach Kaks bazaar on the border on a hilly way. They suffer from hunger, diseases, lack of medicine and other such things. Pregnant women face much more difficulties. When they finally reach Bangladesh the government is inhuman towards them. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), there are only twenty thousand refugees in Bangladesh revealing the desperate condition of the lives of lakhs of people. All the governments simply trample the laws of the United Nations in 1948 regarding punishment for the crime of massacres. In Burma the government is rehabilitating the Rohingya Muslims in areas like Thengarchar known for floods. It is treating them like modern slaves and is exploiting their labor in many modern construction works. The women are forced into prostitution by the army. We must condemn such inhuman actions.

The government and the army in Myanmar are coming in the way of the organisations giving any help to the Rohingya Muslims. It is making the people suffer from hunger. It is also coming in the way of help from UN. It is also not allowing the fact finding organisations and journalists to see the fascist actions implemented on the people for generations. When the UN sent a woman to Myanmar in January 2017, Boudh preacher Asin Viratu viciously said that a prostitute is visiting their country. Such person needs to be put in the infamous list of terrorists. The ex-General Secretary of UN Kofi Annan visited last year. He expressed deep sympathy towards the people and severely condemned the military actions.

Our Party severely condemns the ill attitude of the Indian rulers towards the Rohingya Muslim people. The Brahmanical Hindu fascist forces in power are dealing in a different way from the earlier governments and are not against the military rule. Since the Rohingya people are Muslims, they are branded to be helping terrorism and are rejected shelter. This shows their saffron terrorism. Their phobia towards Islam is revealed in their discrimination towards the four thousand Rohingya Muslim people in the country. The reliable agent of imperialists, especially American imperialists, Modi and his Company took up the flagship program of 'Make in India'. He has vulture's eye on the fuel and natural gas resources of Myanmar and only wants to sell military equipment to that country. Modi sees China that is militarising the Indian Ocean as its competitor. This reveals that his blabber about universal family is nothing but to deceive the people. We have to condemn the attitude of the ruling classes of North West Asian countries that see the problem of the Rohingya Muslims as internal.

Dear people and democrats!

It is good that many have come forward in solidarity to the Rohingya Muslim people. Our Party appeals that this should not stop here and one must support every action that relieves the people of this misery and also to take up a countrywide campaign to provide all kinds of help to them. Support the victimized people economically and morally. Hail the right to live and all the civil and democratic rights of the people of this nationality. Raise voice that Rohingya Muslims are not foreigners and that they are Burmese people.



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