

BLAIR's Apology cannot cheat people

The rulers representing the exploiting classes, more so the imperialist very rarely get punished for their crimes against humanity howsoever monumental they might be. Here is Toney Blair-once the British Prime Minister and the main accomplice in unleashing the war of invasion against Iraq in 2003. Entire world knows that Saddam Hussein, the then head of Iraq, defied US imperialism, stood like a thorn in the neck of imperialists as against their attempts to gobble the oil resources in Iraq and other countries in the Gulf. The imperialist powers led by the US kicked off a massive campaign of slander and disinformation against Saddam Hussein and portrayed him as a colossal monster on earth. All this was done only as part of the preparation to enslave Iraq by means of a war of invasion against it. Toney Blair was a most active US collaborator in this whole gamble. Faced with powerful opposition in UK to his designs to drag UK into an unjust war he saw to it that a so called intelligence report is fabricated to allege that Iraq was possessing the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Saddam Hussein may use it any moment of his choice. So, he must be overthrown forth with and Iraq be brought under the occupation of US led powers. It is already 12 years since the Iraq was invaded and occupied by the US led forces. The US imperialists captured, tried in a fake, illegal and stage-managed trial and brutally hanged the Iraq President Saddam Hussein who held his head high and defied the might of imperialists till his last breath.

Now, Toney Blair has come to the fore with a so called "apology". He said: "I apologise for the fact that the intelligence report (on Iraq possessing WMD) we received was wrong....."

Even this admission is a bluff. Reality is: The said report was deliberately and right under his own orders or guidance was fabricated with a purpose of misleading the anti-war and peace loving people and influencing of pressuring the political forces in favour of his design to involve Britain in the US led war of invasion and occupation against Iraq.

US led forces persisted in their war of invasion and occupation and butchered lakhs of people in Iraq even after it was established that Iraq possessed no WMD whatsoever. This only exposed their real intentions. Another potential question is: How a small country like Iraq (If at all) possessing a WMD or pursuing a nuclear programme can become a target of attack and how the big powers, who are sitting on heaps of most sophisticated WMD capable of destroying the entire world several times, can enjoy the privilege of preaching peace to others and claiming the right or authority to punish small countries? The imperialists have no answer to these questions. They do not care to answer because they think that they are the rulers of the world.

Toney Blair, again, argued in his so called apology that.....I find it hard for apologising for removing Saddam....It is better that he is not there than he is there". This is sheer imperialist arrogance. Here he means to say that it is not the people of concerned country who choose their leaders, but it is the imperialist powers who decide according to their own likes or dislikes which country must be ruled by which leader or leaders. This attitude must be denounced by all the countries and people in the world.

It is a well documented fact that Blair had shown personal zeal and urgency in driving Britain into the US led war against Iraq. A secret White House memo of Sept 24, 2002 (sent by the then Secretary of State, US to President Bush) has revealed that Blair had agreed to join the war well before the British Parliament or Cabinet gave the sanction for it. This revelation and created much fervour in Britain. Iraq inquiry committee set up in 2009 under the Chairmanship of Sir John Chilcot to probe into Britain's role in the Iraq war was called upon to re-open the proceedings in view of this vital piece of new evidence. Blair also was considered as primarily responsible for the Dossier released by him on Sept 24, 2002 which alleged that Iraq possessed the WMD and was pursuing Nuclear Programme. Blair used this document to win support from Parliament for his plan to invade Iraq. Chilcot is expected to submit his much delayed report in 2016.

It is needless to say that Blair is playing one more deceptive game through his so called 'apology'. Here he is indulging in a futile exercise of white washing the lies. He is also trying to pre-empt the conclusions of Chilcot Committee's report.

The anti-war movement is strong in Britain. The British people strongly opposed when the Britain was sought to be driven into an unjust war against Iraq. The anti-war movement in Britain as well as in the world grew strong in the subsequent years. Various revelations made the British people realise who the rulers cheated them. They can understand that the present apology drama is one more attempt to pour cold water on people's protest and influence the Chilcot committee.

The US led invasion and occupation against Iraq is a matter of international concern-concern on the proletariat, oppressed nations, justice and peace loving people of the entire world. No reason, no plea or alibi can justify this unjust war. The imperialists and all those committing crimes against humanity be rest assured that the masses of people would ultimately take their own fate into their hands, and decide the fate of their oppressors too.
