

Statement:

Condemn the Murder of Gauri Lankesh!

The Central Committee of Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) strongly condemns the beastly act of murdering the well known Kannada journalist as well as a social activist Ms. Gauri Lankesh in front of her house in Bengaluru.

Gauri Lankesh was known for her active support towards the elimination of casteism and communalism. While editing and publishing *The Gauri Lankesh*, weekly tabloid in Kannada, she used to fight against corruption at high places and stood firmly on the side of exploited and downtrodden people.

The murder of Gauri Lankesh indicates the growing intolerance on the part of Hindutva forces and is the latest in a series of attacks on intellectuals who disagree with the RSS-BJP type national and communal chauvinism.

The CC of CPI (ML) demands immediate steps to be taken to arrest and impose exemplary punishment to the murderers and the behind the scene operators aided and abetted by Hindutva forces.

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Stop Persecution of Rohingya People!

The Central Committee of CPI (ML) demands to put an end to the persecution of Rohingya people by the government of Myanmar and to resolve the issue of forcefully displaced Rohingya people by peaceful means of discussions between the governments of Myanmar, Bangla Desh and India.

The British colonial rulers encouraged Bengali Muslims from adjacent Chittagong area to migrate to Arakan area to till the fertile lands there. There were previous migrations and all of them living there for centuries in the name of Rohingyas. After the exit of British, the Myanmar government used the contradiction between the local Rakhine and Rohingya people as well as contradiction between Buddhists and Muslims to perpetuate their rule. The Rohingyas are denied citizenship with law made in 1982.

Recently the Myanmar government sent its army to persecute and push out Rohingyas from the Myanmar. According to reports by UNCHR, Rohingya villages are burnt down, women raped, properties destroyed and several lakhs of Rohingya people are displaced. They are forced to cross the border and take shelter in Bangla Desh and India.

This is one of the land mines planted by the colonial rulers to utilise for their convenience. All through the past seven decades, the imperialists used the repression of Rohingyas as a handle to brow beat governments of Myanmar, but never tried to solve the issue. In the recent persecution Rohingya people also, the imperialist countries are vociferous in their condemnation without any tangible action to resolve the issue.

The CPI (ML) urges upon the international community to stand against barbarous repression on Rohingyas, to demand the governments of Myanmar, Bangla Desh and India to take immediate steps to stop the plight of Rohingyas and to expose the game plan of imperialist countries that are utilising Rohingya people to their selfish goals.

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Take Immediate and Permanent Flood and Drought Relief Measures!

Millions of people have lost their homes, crops and other properties and displaced from their habitat in the floods that devastated certain regions of Assam, West Bengal and Bihar. The city of Mumbai, along with many cities in the countries, was flooded with rain water and life came to a standstill for many days.

After two successive years of drought, while the South West monsoon going to end, 233 of India's 630 districts reported deficit rainfall ranging from peak -37 per cent in western UP to lower -18 per cent in parts of Gujarat. Other areas that witnessed deficit rainfall are Haryana (-29%), Vidarbha (-27%), Kerala (-26%), east MP (-25%), South Karnataka (-24%), Coastal Karnataka (-23%), Western MP (-21%) and East UP (-19%). The sowing of major crops declined by more than 11 per cent compared to that of last year which was a drought year.

The floods and droughts became recurring feature every year devastating the lives of millions of people particularly peasants and agricultural labour. During the last seven decades of so-called independent rule, no solution was found and implemented by the successive governments except resorting to palliative measures. Though boasting of highest number of technical man power, they failed to utilise the abundance of water that nature bestowed on our country to improve the living conditions of people.

The Central Committee strongly condemns the criminal negligence of the successive central and state governments in controlling floods and droughts. It demands the government to formulate a comprehensive water policy by employing scientific knowledge to conserve water resources without harming the environment.

The Central Committee appeals to our state committees, sympathisers, friends and democratic organisations to stand by the suffering people and help them in every possible way.

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