

Press Statement**CONDEMN REACTIONARY AND FASCIST
TYPE OF ATTACKS BY BJP IN TRIPURA**

Maddened by its victory with a small margin of votes in recent Assembly elections in Tripura, BJP pulled off its 'democratic' mask and came out with its real face by unleashing a reactionary and fascist type of hooliganism in Tripura.

On March 5th, 2018, the workers of BJP made Lenin's statue in the College Square, Belonia town in South Tripura as an important target of their attack. They razed the statue to the ground in the din of 'Bharatmata ki Jai.' The fact that the attackers used a bulldozer to demolish the Statue point out what planning and preparations the attackers have made to carry out their fascist act. Tapan Dutta, Belonia Sub Division Secretary of CPI (M), said, "Eye witnesses told me that after the statue fell, its head was dismembered from the body. And then, BJP workers played foot ball with Lenin's head." According to Tripura State Secretary of CPI (M) Haripada Das, over 240 people were injured in the attacks on the Offices of Party and the left-backed TUs. The attackers did not spare even the homes of leaders. He also said, once the poll results were announced, BJP and its ally IPFT began terrorising the left workers and vandalising the Party offices. "Arson, attacks and loot were carried out in and around 1539 houses. Many rubber gardens, hundreds of small shops were forcibly occupied, ransacked at around 500 places."

Each day, BJP is revealing its ugly features one after the other. It is taking to recourse to any method and using the forces to weaken and destroy the voices of dissent, opposition, ideologies and politics that are considered as a hurdle in its way to impose itself on the people as the only power to serve the exploiting ruling classes and imperialism in the Country. This kind of reactionary and fascist type of thinking and actions must be condemned and unitedly fought by all the democratic and political forces.

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