

# Politics of Wuhan Summit

**The** Indian rulers are partners in the alliance of US – Japan and Australia headed by US imperialism. The US seeks to assure the Asian people that this alliance is aimed at protecting the right of free passage in the sea for countries in the Asia – Pacific region. But, in reality, it is a tool of US strategy for domination in the Asia – Pacific region. The Indian rulers seek to make the Indian people believe that they have joined this alliance because it is useful to India and this act has elevated India's status. It is absurd. In reality, India is made to share a part of the ire and opposition of Asian and World people for lending its help to the politics of domination pursued by the US imperialism.

It is a well known fact that China stands as a powerful hurdle in the way of the US strategy to impose its domination on the people of Asia – Pacific region. Therefore, weakening China's influence in the region, isolating it and getting prepared, if need be, to strike at China at an appropriate time is an important part of US strategy in the region. China too is working with its own strategy and preparations to counter the US.

US imperialists are doing everything to utilise the problems between India and China and anti-China feelings in India in the interests of its strategy for domination in the region. It is trying to impress upon the Indian ruling classes that opposing China and curbing its influence is necessary and in India's own interests.

China clearly knows that the Indian rulers are tied to the US and they had gone a long way in taking the steps to meet the requirements of US. Yet, China has not abandoned its attempts to deal with the Indian rulers in the light of its own strategy. China is trying to maintain normal relations with India, avoid tensions and not to allow the unresolved border dispute and Doklam type of incidents to exasperate the tensions between the two countries. The Chinese investments and goods are flowing into India with no restrictions. The diplomatic relations, interactions, visits and meetings of leaders on both sides are going on in a friendly atmosphere.

The visit of Indian Prime Minister to China in the last week of April 2018 and two days "Summit" of Indian PM and the Chinese President held in Wuhan city are seen as an important diplomatic move on the part of China.

The Foreign Ministers of two Countries have met in Beijing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 and gave final touches to the preparations for the Summit. Throwing a light on the purpose of the Summit, the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said: "The leaders will reach a strategic conclusion about the global situation and the development of China and India. They will also set the general course, identify new goals and create a new dynamic for growth of China – India relations." "... China and India had overlapping interests in South Asia, the Indian Ocean and the Indo-Pacific. There was therefore an urgency to align our world views through a broader across – the-board dialogue." Lu kang, the spokesperson of Chinese Foreign Ministry, had further elaborated that "India and China are important forces in promoting the multi-polar world and economic liberalisation, and as well as ensuring..... peace, stability and development." "...as newly emerging markets as well as developing countries with big populations.....we believed the two countries will continue to uphold the globalisation so that it is more inclusive." The two Foreign Ministers have announced that the Indian PM Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Xi Jinping will sit down in Wuhan "informal talk" setting aside formalities and protocol, with interpreters, but without "note-takers" or accompanying Officials. There will be no listed agenda or even a joint statement.

Accordingly, both leaders have met in the stately Guest House on East Lake of Wuching in the picturesque Wuhan city. They boated in the lake and walked among the woods and had a "heart-to-heart" talk.

At the end of first round of talks, Mr. Modi invited the Chinese President to India for similar informal summit. The Chinese president has said: "China and India are both important engines for global growth and we are central pillars for a multi-polar world and globalised world. A good China –India relation is an important and positive factor for maintaining peace and stability in the world."

What the Wuhan informal Summit indicate? We must first understand the present international situation.

The policies of world domination aggressively pursued by the US imperialism through wars of invasion (Afghanistan, Iraq) and in the name of globalisation and the global fight against terrorism brought serious setbacks and triggered off powerful protests, opposition and resistances from the affected people as well as the people all over the world. These policies had landed the capitalist world in general and the US in

particular in worst economic crisis. They had further intensified the imperialist contradictions. Other imperialist powers had become more conscious and assertive to demand their share in the loot and domination. Russia, which suffered a serious setback from the collapse of Soviet Union, had, again, set itself on the road of recovery and assertion to defend its allies, spheres of influence and challenge the US claims of world domination. After turning to capitalist road, China had concentrated all its efforts to emerge itself into a powerful economic, political and military force and a potential foe to US in Asia. It openly and together with Russia and other like-minded countries and combinations like SCO challenges the US claims and attempts to dominate the world. On its part, the US persists in its strategy of world domination. At the same time, as the situation stands today, the US is faced with serious economic crisis, growing opposition from the oppressed people, and isolation in the midst of its foes as well as friends. Its drive for world domination is facing more obstacles, challenges and opposition today. China's diplomacy and moves came in the wake of this international situation and its assessment about its possible impact on the countries and people.

Through their diplomacy of Wuhan Summit, the Chinese leaders sought to convey one message to the Indian leaders as strongly and effectively as possible. Message is: US is quite unreliable. In its relations with India, for that matter with any country, the US is guided by nothing but its own interests and its own aim of establishing its domination over the entire world. It will make use of every relation and resource and alliance with other countries, including India for no other purpose but to realise its own aim. The US domination is disastrous for Asia and the attempts for it will only drag the entire region into a most devastating war. So, by depending on US and by tying themselves to the chariot wheel of US strategy for domination, the Indian ruling classes are only inviting an unimaginable danger for themselves. A multi-polar world- for which china and other countries are striving- is safer and better for the Indian ruling classes too. In this contest, the Chinese leaders have used the words that sound musical to the ears of the Indian leaders to call upon them to break free from the US strategy for world domination and join and cooperate with their strategy to promote a multi-polar world.

The Indian ruling classes- comprador in nature- had driven India economically, politically and militarily- into a subservient relationship with imperialism. At the same time, different imperialist powers are competing in India and the Indian ruling classes have not yet clearly and completely polarised to represent a particular imperialist power. This situation reflects in the behaviour of the Indian ruling classes, their parties and regimes. So, within the framework of subservience to imperialism as a whole, the imperialist contradictions, collusions manifest in their leanings and changes in them at a particular time towards one or other imperialist power. The changes in the positions of imperialist powers in the international arena and their crises also would have their own influences on the behaviour of the ruling classes in the countries like India.

The interests of India and its people demand not leaning towards one or other imperialist power or choosing between a 'Uni-polar' or 'Multi-polar' world. We need that imperialism must be buried once forever and a world free from exploitation, oppression, war, domination is won. A country which is not free and independent and which does not rely on its own people cannot fight imperialism and politics of domination and utilise the contradictions and crises of imperialist powers in the interests of its people and advancing the struggle against imperialism. The problem the Indian people face today is, they are weighed down by the fetters of feudalism and the subservient bondage of imperialism. So, need of the hour is to intensify the struggle against them and for a new democratic India. The masses of our people must demand that the Indian rulers must come out of the so called alliance of US, Japan and Australia which is nothing but a tool in the hands of US imperialism to impose its domination on the countries and people in Asia, Asia-Pacific region. The Indian people must stand by the people of the region fighting for independence, democracy and a peaceful Asia free from the imperialist plunder and domination.

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