

Condemn the terrorist attack at Pulwama!

CPI (ML) expresses its shock and sadness by the loss of lives of 44 CRPF personnel in a militant attack in Lethapora, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir. Loss of precious lives is tragic and painful. One organization, Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) claimed it was orchestrated by it. CPI(ML) condemns the dastardly attack and expresses its condolences to the kith and kin of those who lost their lives in the attack.

While condemning the attack, It is important to make sure that violence and war are not irresponsibly perpetuated in the name of avenging the blood of the deceased. We strongly condemn the attempts of the ruling party to whip up anti-Kashmiri people frenzy, national chauvinism and anti-Muslim hatreds among the people of India.

The attack is a clear consequence of wrong policy towards Kashmir by the Indian government and the claims of wiping out militancy from Kashmir. The repressive policy being pursued through all these years by the Government of India, without any attempts for a political solution, had created conditions that are conducive for militancy. Excessive repression in the Kashmir valley, particularly since 2016, with men, women and children being killed and maimed with bullets and pellets, high scale of crackdowns and arrests and increasing human rights violations often pushes young men to pick up the gun against the state.

The Indian government must open channels of negotiation with Kashmir people for a political solution. One of those steps is to withdraw AFSPA Act and assure the Kashmiri people of the plebiscite through which they can decide their future would be conducted. We must respect the right to self determination of the people of Kashmir.
