

The contradictions among the comprador ruling classes - are sharpening and openly bursting out in Sri Lanka as the imperialists are intensifying their attempts to further tighten their stranglehold over Sri Lanka. While the Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wikremasinghe is busy in negotiating several agreements with US, the Sri Lankan President Sirisena has openly termed these attempts as “detrimental to the Country” and openly announced that he will not allow the signing of SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) between Sri Lanka and US as “it facilitates and allows the free access to the US troops and contractors to Sri Lanka’s ports. It undermines the independence and sovereignty and betrays the nation.”

Sri Lanka is a strategically located island in the Indian Ocean. It occupies an important place in the US strategy to dominate the Asia – Pacific region and Indian Ocean. Therefore, US is leaving no stone unturned to consolidate and strengthen its economic, political and military hold in Sri Lanka. The parties of ruling classes in Sri Lanka had turned their back to the best heritage and traditions of nationalism represented by the earlier generation of Sri Lanka’s political leadership. AS compradors, they chose to serve one or other foreign power. The US and other imperialist powers are using this to their advantage and the Indian ruling classes had become a tool for this. True, one section of Sri Lanka’s ruling classes today are openly opposing the US moves to further strengthen its hold on Sri Lanka. But this opposition is equally dependant on the economic, political and military support of one or other foreign power like China. Here the question is: How the Sri Lankan people stand on their legs, protect their national interests and fight the imperialist politics of domination. What role they play in the just struggle of entire people in the Asia, Asia – Pacific region to prevent war and safeguard the just rights and the interests of the people from the imperialist politics of domination. It is the struggle of workers, peasants, democratic and peace loving people in Sri Lanka and the region that determines the future.
