

Assassination of President of Haiti

The July 7th assassination of the President of Haiti was part of a vicious culture of imperialism for refusing to bow down to American imperialism.

As the American direct imperialist exploitation continued on the people of Haiti, the implementation of Neo-liberal policies in Haiti started in 1981 like in many parts of the world. As part of these policies, Haiti had to lift import tariffs on food products and subsidies on its food products under the pressure from the United States and the IMF. As a result, subsidized surplus grain and other products in the United States have plundered the Haitian market. By the mid-1990s, Haiti had lost food security and autonomy and the majority of the people were eventually pushed into miserable conditions away from even the minimum food supply. After 30 years, Clinton shed crocodile tears apologizing for the consequences of these policies in Haiti. But the plundering continued as usual. The same conditions were created in many other countries. Under 'NAFTA', the United States expelled Mexican farmers from their lands to sell its surplus Corn produce.

Establishment of Puppet Government

The government was formed through elections for the first time in Haiti in 1990. Since then it has become the norm for the imperialists to frequently overthrow the governments there, and set up their puppet governments and change them according to their convenience. Thus, to overthrow the Latin American and Caribbean governments, the anti-government forces of the respective countries are gathered in Miami in the United States, giving them almost autonomy in their respective regions, training them by the FBI and the CIA; America was mobilizing all the resources for attacks on these countries. According to media reports, all the attacks on Cuba and Venezuela since then, as well as the recent attack on the president of Haiti today, are initiated in Miami.

When the Haiti government was overthrown in 2004, the United Nations peace mission, MINUSTAH, entered Haiti to establish so called "peace". But their anarchy added to the existing sufferings of the people there.

Haiti is one of the three most dangerous countries in the world, constantly suffering from adverse climate change. It is tragic that in 2010 the second most dangerous earthquake in the world took place there and more than 3 lakh people lost their lives. 16 lakh people were left homeless. And just 9 months later, devastating cholera outbreak erupted from the sewage of a UN peace keeping mission base in Haiti adding to the menace. The cholera epidemic has infected more than 10 lakh Haitians and claimed more than 10,000 lives. The UN Secretary General had pacified it just by apologizing for this.

Reduced to a Aid State

In addition to imperialist hegemonic exploitation policies Haiti is also prone to natural disasters such as hurricanes. In the name of protecting from natural calamities, Haiti is

reduced into an Aid State dependent on Alms. In other words, it has become a dependent country in all respects. With the Aid pouring in, many NGOs entered. That is why the number of NGOs there is the highest in the world. All the Aid goes to head quarters of these NGOs abroad. They functioned as a parallel government with their own agendas, that is, the agendas set by the imperialists, disregarding the needs and lives of the people. In addition, the US has control over the military and Police. Peoples' confidence in government and nominal democracy was naturally weakened by the fact that the Yes Man of ruling class came from some of the richest families loyal to United States. An example of peoples' protest and indifference is the turnout of less than 25 per cent of participation in the last election. These situations created the ground and eventually pushed people to struggle even for a small problem that arise.

In March 2018, under US pressure Haiti withdrew the 'Petro Caribe' agreement with Venezuela. In fact, if the "Petro Caribe" deal was on track, Venezuela would lend \$ 3.5 billion worth of fuel to Haiti deferring payment on 40% of what they buy for up to 25 years. The revenue from the sale of that fuel were to be used to strengthen their country's economy and infra-structure. This was the agreement between the two countries. The cancellation of the agreement, which people thought, would do them some good and on the other hand buying fuel from American companies put more pressure on the government's financial resources. More over IMF lifted fuel subsidies in July over pressure from the G20. In addition, fuel prices have risen sharply by 50 percent as Haiti which emits only 0.02 per cent of harmful gases has to cut its carbon dioxide (Co2) by 30 per cent under the pressure of Paris Climate Agreement. This made the lives of Haitians who are dependent on fuel so miserable. The assassination happened at a time when people in the country are once again expressing their legitimate outrage. The imperialist American agencies are the ones investigating the motive for the killings. The attention of the people and the countries around the world was shifted from the crisis in the country towards the assassination of the President. Analyzing these conditions, it is needless to say who are the real masterminds and the group behind all the crisis. The exploitative dominance of American imperialism, Neo-liberal policies in the form of globalization, as well as natural disasters together have wreaked havoc on Haitian food production and Nation's progress. They have pushed the people into perpetual poverty.

The United States is pursuing the necessary policies under its control for the expansion of its capitalist markets, exploitation of resources, and the shipping of plundered resources. It uses various international financial and military organizations for achieving it. Gradually interfering in the internal security matters of the respective countries US is destabilizing and devouring the sovereignty of the countries, declaring war on some countries and withdrawing troops from a few other countries such as Iraq and Afghanistan. The assassination of the Haitian president is the latest example of a drama played by American imperialism. This is the real face of "Imperialism".