

Let's Vow to the Martyrs of the Class Struggle!

Class Struggle only will Emancipate Dalits from Oppression and Eradicate Caste System

Already 54 years elapsed since the martyrdom of Kilvenmani Martyrs. On December 25th, in 1968, 44 innocents including 23 children, 16 women and 5 men of Kilvenmani village were set on fire in a small hut and murdered by a mob of feudal landlords and their henchmen. The massacre occurred when the labourers were unionizing and demanding a fair hike in wages for the strenuous work they do in the fields. To mark their union they hoisted red flags in their villages which irked the landlords. During that period, there were a large number of agitations for wage hike throughout the then united Tanjore district.

Tripatite talks involving the government, agricultural labourers and landlords took place and an agreement was reached to increase the wages of paddy produce. But the government bureaucrats and the landlords refused to implement the agreement. This led to problems in many places. Moreover, agricultural labourers have called for a meeting to find a solution to the prevailing situation where agricultural labourers and the communists were being attacked and killed in many places, but the government posed deaf ear. The government even attempted to restrain the protestors by mobilising police forces in the villages by arresting and threatening the agricultural workers.

In such a situation, in Kilvenmani village alone, 12 trucks of police personnel were brought down and repression was unleashed on the people and the government provided security to the affluent land holders. A series of repressions, kidnappings and atrocities were unleashed on the people. Not only the DMK and its administration, which ended the long-standing feudal Congress rule in Tamil Nadu and seized power with the support of the Communists, the judiciary also, supported this feudal exploitation. The judiciary proclaimed its loyalty to the ruling class by releasing the murder convicts with no punishment.

The history of the feudal class carrying out such atrocities not only in Venmani, but also in various places across India is reactionary and exploitative. In Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam, the tribals were subjected to such attacks when they rebelled against the brutal feudal exploitation. The leaders and the tribals of the struggle were attacked by landlords and ruling class in which Koranna and Manganna were

killed. From October 30, 1967 to this day, commemoration day is observed by the Communists and the Tribals.

On May 25, 1967, 12 women comrades, including a child of farmers from Naxalbari village in West Bengal's Darjeeling district, were shot dead by the West Bengal Police in support of feudal oppression. Even today, May 25th is observed as Naxalbari Martyrs' Day by Communist Revolutionaries and Communists.

India's "Independence" and the Constitution will not put an end to feudalism and tyrannical atrocities. The land ceiling laws, benami land abolition laws, wage laws, laws against the caste system and untouchability, reservation and social justice have not eradicated the feudal system. Untouchability Act has not abolished caste oppression but instead took new forms of feudal oppression. That led to the continuation of the semi-feudalism, the new form of caste based oppression, exploitation and feudal tyranny.

Only a people's democratic revolution (new democratic revolution) with agrarian revolution as its axis alone will bring freedom to the peasantry. The peasants and agricultural labourers cannot be freed from exploitation and feudal tyranny without destroying the semi-feudalism and its remnants. The previous rulers and the present Modi government and its supporters are relying on the imports of imperialist capital and planning for the development of the country by defending feudalism. The country and the people have been plunged into crisis by these "development" policies pursued by the comprador monopolist, dependent on the interests of the capitalist class.

The Modi government and its Sangh Parivar henchmen are aggressively operating to serve the monopoly of finance capital, and especially the financial oligarchy of the US. From "demonetization" to GST, all the schemes are schemes that serve fascism. One nation, one language, one law, one tax are all fascist policies.

Therefore,

- Let us not allow our land, factories, forest, and territorial waters to be handed over to multinational companies!
- Let's fight for our land, food and freedom!
- Let's strive to fulfil the dreams of our brave Martyrs!!