

From the States:

Thousands of Farmers Throng Amritsar to Register their Protest Organised by BKU (EKTA-UGRAHAN) against G-20

Demanded Keeping Industry and Agriculture away from the Shadow of Imperialist Organisations

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On the call of the Bharti Kisan Union (EKTA-UGRAHAN) thousands of farmers, farm labour, hundreds of women, youth and students gathered in protest and held demonstration, against the G-20 conference being held in Amritsar, demanding that agriculture, industry, education, health, electricity and water etc fields of the country and of Punjab to be free of the exploitative aims of the Imperialists and scrapping of the anti-people agreements signed with the Imperialist Organisations like the World Trade Organisation.

While addressing the gathering on the occasion of Protest Demonstration, State President Jogindar Singh Ugrahan and General Secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan said inviting British imperialism is responsible for Jallianwala episode and other Imperialist countries; Bhagwant Maan Government is doing treacherous act with the martyrs of National Freedom Movement. They termed this platform of G-20 as the platform for mortgaging the country in the hands of Imperialists and further said that this conference is being held to chalk out plans for plundering Punjab. They said that during this meeting schemes would be framed for further accentuation of exploitation by the Imperialist countries by throwing open education sector fully to the Imperialists and for amendments in labour laws so as to further drench the blood of the toiling masses by stark exploitation. They termed the claims of the Government for development of Punjab with the foreign investment, as false and misleading. They said that this investment shall be an instrument of plunder of the rich natural resources and exploitation of labour in order to fill the coffers of the Imperialists and shall be an agent of destruction rather than that of development. They further said that the dwindling industry of Punjab and crisis ridden agriculture is already reeling under the sin of the new economic and industrial policies implemented under the agreements signed through such platforms. These black agriculture laws brought by central government, had appeared at the directions of Imperialist Organisations like/doing World Trade Organisation through such platforms only. The things likedoing away with government markets, privatisation of state electricity boards, import of foreign wheat, opening of private universities and ruining the government education system, bringing new education policy, making the Imperialist control possible over water is planned in such groups only and are imposed on us thereafter. They said that on one hand Punjab government is declaring to formulate policy to pull agriculture out of crisis and on the other hand for implementation of the dictates of these Imperialist countries that have pushed agriculture into crisis, the exploiters are being given princely reception in the state. Opposed to

it farmer's leaders demanded that Punjab Government should formulate new agriculture policy as per the draft given by the Union.

During his address the state secretary, Shingara Singh Maan, alleged that through this Group of 20 comprising of the big Imperialist Countries having the leading role, the exploitative agendas of world trade organisation, international monetary fund and world bank are imposed on the backward countries in the name of development. Agreements are signed for increasing and further strengthening the power of Imperialist companies and countries in agriculture, industry and trade of countries like India. The designs to plunder the natural resources and labour power of the country by the Imperialists are framed and implemented through these platforms. This is the platform to mortgage the country in the hands of the Imperialists.

Woman leader Harinder Kaur Bindu while stating the role of valiant women like Gulab Kaur and Rani Jhansi in the struggle against clutches of the British Imperialism, their anti-Imperialist fighting spirit adored the role of woman in Kisan mazdoor struggle. She declared that in addition to the huge participation of women on the occasion of the protest demonstration against the Imperialist meeting, in future also in the struggles against new Imperialist policies and decisions, Punjabi woman shall contribute their mite with full determination.

Punjab Khet Majdoor Union General Secretary, Lachhman Singh Sewewala, Hushiar Singh Salemgarh, leader of PSU Shaheed Randhawa and Ashwni Ghudha, leader of Naujvan Bharat Sabha who joined to extend support, also addressed the protesters. They said the problems like unemployment, Starvation, Debt suicides and pollution being faced by labour, farmers, youth and the common man of the country including Punjab are the result of the pro Imperialist policies imposed on the country, and for further tightening the noose of the same, G-20 conference is being held. They demanded that India should come out of all the Imperialist dominated organisations including world trade organisation, scrap all agreements signed with the Imperialists, keep Imperialist companies and Corporate out of the Indian education system, health, agriculture and Industry. At the protest, state leader Hardip Singh Tallewal, Rup Singh Chhanna, Jagtar Singh Kalajhar and 19 District leaders were also present.

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