

# Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Martyrs Memorial Day at Dharmapuri

Dharmapuri Peoples movement in Dharmapuri district led by Com Balan under the banner of CPI(ML)-PW gathered thousands of people to get rid of the problems like separate tea glass system, caste slavery system, feudal exploitation, oppression, etc, and successfully waged struggle. MG Ramachandran, who was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at that time, who was angry with this, killed Com Balan, led by Devaram, the IG in his regime. The state machinery proved that “they will always stand by the enemy of people.

Comrade Balan was murdered on Sept<sup>th</sup> 12, 1980. Balan-Appu statue was built and opened on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>,1984 and every year we have been paying tribute to them. This year our organization has formed a federation along with 4 other organizations and a tribute program was held on behalf of the federation. Along with us, the Tamil Desa Makkal Munnani, the Enanglin Emiyamaikana Elangr Iyakkam, an alliance formed with Makkal Athikaram, Makkal Jananayaga Elangr Munnani and around 300 people participated.

On behalf of our Organisation, Com Gunalan, State Secretary of CPI(ML) Tamil Nadu, Com Suseelan, State Secretary of CPI(ML) Kerala, both criticized the Modi-BJP Govt’s anti-people policies. They gave a call to fight against BJP Hindutva Fascist type rule and it would be our tribute to Com. Balan.

After paying condolences, took a vow to overthrow the fascist Modi regime! Took vow to preserve Martyrs Memorials! Took vow to realize the dream of a New Democratic Revolution against the imperialist, comprador bourgeoisie-capitalist, feudal dictatorship! Oppose Imperialist globalization and fight against imposing the burden of crisis on the nation and people!

The meeting was presided by Jiva, Makkal Jananayaga Elangr Munnani, Com Siddanandam from Tamil Desa Makkal Munnani, hoisted the flag. People’s artists sang a revolutionary song paying tribute to the Martyrs.

Com. Gopinath, (Joint Secretary of Makkal Athikaram), Com. Tamilvanan, (Enanglin Emiyamaikana Elangr Iyakkam), Com Gunalan, [State Secretary, CPI(ML)], Com Suseelan, [State Secretary, CPI (ML) Kerala], Com Palani, (Makkal Jananayaga Elangr Munnani), CPI(ML) Liberation and Com Munusamy, Enanglin Emiyamaikana Elangr Iyakkam gave political messages. The meeting concluded with the International Anthem.