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Poster boy of international gangsterism is the Guest of Honour of Modi-led BJP government

Rolling out a red carpet is Modi-led Indian government to the head of a butcher imperialist state, a state pursuing international gangsterism, despotism, overlordism with boundless brutality to serve its vile hegemonic interest, a state which in the name of containing terrorism is exporting 'democracy' in B-2 bombers and unmanned drones to various West Asian and other countries, and 'civilizing' people in country after country at gunpoint, a state which itself is the chief promoter of ravenous terrorism throughout the world, killing lakhs of innocent civilians through aerial bombing and rampant use of most lethal weapons of mass destruction including nuclear weapons, a state which is illegally aggressing and occupying sovereign national countries through naked military intervention and raising the scepter of violence and perjury flouting all canons of international norms, rules, laws, conventions and practices with impunity, a state which is imposing totally illegal and immoral sanctions upon any state terming it rogue, if it does not bow down to its arm-twisting. And it is the figurehead of such an imperialist state, guilty of perpetrating worst crimes on humanity, that Modi and the BJP-RSS finds the most suited person to grace the occasion of observance of the country's 64th Republic Day as the chief guest.

Plunder and butchery of US imperialism

The history of US imperialism in the last several decades has been a chronicle of plunder and butchery, generating local and partial wars around the globe, weaving ploys to destabilize various countries by fomenting ethnic-communal strifes and insurgency, interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, subverting the barest precepts of democracy and carrying out espionage activities. The US imperialist rulers have been taking to all these means at their disposal, every dirty trick, intrigue, intervention, aggression, subversion and power of money as well as psychological warfare simply to establish its hegemony over the world for plundering the resources for its own benefit and at its sweet will. The US imperialists have presented to the human civilization the hated doctrine of pre-emptive strike, thus assuming unbridled power to attack, overrun and smash any country, which, they may simply think, could either loath to obey their diktats or turn into a danger to them. The US imperialist sharks have manipulated and engineered insurgency through notorious CIA and Pentagon and their agents, in one country after another in Europe-Asia-Africa- Latin America —in

Greece in 1947, Iran in 1953, Guatemala in 1954, Indonesia in 1965 and Chile in 1973, not to speak of many others. They have built military bases in almost all corners of the world. US imperialists invaded Dominican Republic in 1965, Grenada in 1983, and Panama in 1989. Pursuing "Monroe Doctrine" US hegemony intervened in the affairs of the Latin American states continually from 1914 to 1933 which includes 19-year occupation of Haiti, 18-year occupation of Dominican Republic, multiple interventions in Panama, 8-year occupation of Nicaragua and so forth. They launched aggression on Democratic Republic of Korea in 1950, attacked socialist Cuba in 1961, waged a devastating war against Indo-China, particularly Vietnam and Cambodia from late fifties to mid-seventies. They subverted sovereign Nicaragua with the help of Honduras-based Contras. Everywhere, they perpetrated genocidal assaults on the native populations, slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Philipinos, Indo-Chinese, Latin Americans, Asians and Africans. Mass killing of the Palestinian people and illegal occupation of Palestine land by Zionist Israel continues with active US support.

The latest additions to the list of crimes they have committed are

illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq on totally fraudulent pretext and then trying to keep their stranglehold on the country by installing a puppet regime on the one hand and by instigating ethnic strifes and violent conflicts between religious communities, on the other, shattering the hitherto existing largely secular ethos of unity and peace in the country, establishing political-military control over Afghanistan, dethroning elected president of Libya by engaging NATO in military assault, orchestrating regime change in Haiti in Western hemisphere through direct military intervention preceded by worst political trickery and economic strangulation and abducting the democratically elected president of that country, pulling strings from behind to exacerbate ethnic conflicts in Sudan which led to division of that country, propping up so-called 'Free Syrian Army' (FSA) and liberally funding it,

arming it with most modern sophisticated weaponry and military training to unleash a war of rebellion to dislodge the Syrian president. In fact, theirs has been a design to launch a barbarous aggression upon oil rich Middle East. And not to forget, the heinous role played by US imperialists in the break up of Yugoslavia to implement their grandiose design to disintegrate the Balkan states and establish US domination there. In order to pry away Bosnian and Kosovo province from Yugoslavia they were instrumental in triggering and fanning civil war and ensuring the victory of separatist forces in Bosnia and Kosovo, through direct military intervention. Thus, using their brute military force, US imperialism has opted for unleashing and orchestrating limitless aggression on weaker and smaller countries of the world. Palestine, Somalia, Haiti,

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SUCI(C) hails bold stand of Indian historical Congress

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 02-01-2015:

The Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) hails the bold stand of the Indian Historical Congress against attempts to distort history, and for their timely intervention that mythology and history cannot be equated and it would be disastrous to pass off mythological fantasies as historical facts. It is a shame for our country, which can boast of scientists of the stature of Jagadish Chandra Bose, Prafulla Chandra Ray, C. V. Raman, S.Ramanujam, S. Chandrasekhar, Meghnad Saha, S. N. Bose and many others who heightened the international prestige of Indian Science, that our Prime Minister has publicly announced that the elephant's head on Ganesha idol proves that plastic surgery existed in ancient India and made other such fantastic claims. The antics of the BJP and other outfits of the Sangh Parivar and their leaders on such issues have made our country a laughing stock in the international arena. It is well known that every nation has mythological tales containing many fantasies, but none of them considered these as historical facts. But such things are going on rampantly with the backing of the Government. Their ulterior motive is to destroy the scientific and logical bent of mind of the people, and implant in their minds all sorts of superstitious, blind, irrational beliefs. The objective is to stir up fanatical communal sentiments, instigate fratricidal strife and destroy the unity of oppressed, toiling people. We strongly condemn these activities and call upon all sections of people to raise their voice against these heinous conspiracies and organize to foil their despicable attempt to divide the people.

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Kosovo-Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria—all bear eloquent testimony of blood-thirst, power-craze, cruelty and inhuman barbarism of US imperialism, how US imperialism in pursuit of its imperialist interests does not shrink from committing any crime whatsoever against humanity. The kingpin of imperialist designs and deception, behind growing incidence of social conflicts and civil wars, the perpetration of genocides and massacres, most barbaric and often boastful bombings, including drone attacks killing innocent women-children-old dismissively termed collateral damage, behind all these cruel inhuman acts the world over lie the shadow, the claws and tentacles of the war-monger profit-hungry US imperialists.

Analyzing the character of imperialism, Lenin had observed long back that “Imperialism generates war”. Without war, imperialism cannot survive. War is necessary to keep up their existence. War is, so to say, their mode of life. First and Second World Wars have proved how correct has been the analysis of Lenin. The role of US imperialism in the post-world war period has further corroborated Lenin’s prognosis. US imperialism is a vendor of war. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, worthy continuer of Lenin had said that imperialist economy is suffering from an hourly crisis. In order to overcome this crisis, it has militarized its economy. Yet, it is unable to get out of the crisis. It is planning one device to come out of the crisis only to plunge into a greater crisis. So, its economy is more and more tilted towards war. The very need to stave off the crisis of economy is driving US imperialism towards generating one after another war; find out newer means to foster war. Exactly that is being seen in the world today. And the US Presidents are none but the chieftains who adorn the seat of governance of such a country playing subservient to such barbarous mentors, the ruling capitalist class.

US imperialism — greatest enemy of mankind

The US imperialists armed to the teeth with all kinds of lethal weapons including nuclear arsenal have been threatening other countries with armed interventions, star wars and nuclear warfare if they dare to disobey their whips or oppose their hegemonic design and pursuit of imperial overstretch. From

Asia, Africa to Latin America, all the independent sovereign states are reeling under this US threat of ‘yield or perish’. US imperialists have been openly saying that those not pliant to their wishes are ‘enemy countries’ and should be ready to face the eventualities. They have thus arrogated to themselves the position of international gendarme to establish their control over the whole world. Finding it difficult to continue their direct economic and political exploitation through holding colonies and semi-colonies, the imperialist powers headed by US imperialists have resorted to neocolonial exploitation of the countries across the globe, particularly the newly resurgent, yet small and weak national states. The world witnessed their nefarious war-monger character through the series of

atom bomb on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 killing 2.66 lakhs of people and reducing two cities into rubbles. The intensity of nuclear radiation was so much as to afflict the survivors with serious fatal diseases like blood cancer. Many were crippled for life. Children were born crippled. The people there bear even today the mark of genetic distortions. It was a holocaust that shook the entire world. Similarly, in Vietnam, the US imperialists in a span of 11 years from 1964 to 1975 killed 1.35 crores (13 million) of Vietnamese by dropping destructive napalm bombs, resorting to indiscriminate carpet bombing, spraying ‘agent orange’ and such other poisonous gas from the air to burn stretches of land including farmlands, forests, gardens and human habitats. So horrific was

threat saying, “The entire area should be so filled up with radioactive radiation that no life can appear there in next 120 years.” In fact, US imperialism left no stone unturned to wipe out this socialist state from the world map. Similarly in Indonesia, US imperialism backed military dictator General Suharto in perpetrating one of the worst carnages in history where over 5 lakh people lost their lives. In Angola in West Africa, the US imperialists in their bid to dislodge the elected government armed rightist insurgent group UNITA and generated a civil war there in which 7.5 lakh people lost their lives and over 65 thousand were maimed. The US imperialists dropped 35,000 cluster bombs, used thousands of rounds of radioactive depleted-Uranium bombs, along with bunker busters and cruise missiles in Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan, for example. After illegal occupation of Iraq by US imperialists and installation of a puppet regime there, the Iraqi people started united resistance all over the country and the brave freedom fighters began sacrificing their life to liberate the country. To brutally crush the resistance of freedom-loving heroic Iraqi people, the US imperialists carried out fresh onslaughts on civilians; smashed villages after villages taking resort to carpet bombings and cunningly precipitated a Shia-Sunni divide among the people to disrupt solidarity of the freedom fighters. A study, entitled “Cancer, Infant Mortality and Birth Sex-Ratio in Fallujah, Iraq 2005-2009”, by Dr Chris Busby, a visiting professor at the University of Ulster, MalakHamdan and EntesarAriabi showed dramatic increases in infant mortality, cancer and leukemia in the Iraqi city of Fallujah, exceeding those reported by survivors of the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The survey was carried out by a team of 11 researchers who visited 711 houses in Fallujah. Findings showed a four-fold increase in all cancers and a 12-fold increase in childhood cancer in under-14s. Infant mortality was found to be 80 per 1,000. There is a 38-fold increase in leukemia, a ten-fold increase in female breast cancer and significant increases in lymphoma and brain tumours in adults in Fallujah. What is striking is not only the greater prevalence of cancer but the speed with which it was affecting people. The sex ratio between newborn boys and girls had



US imperialists killed these children in Afghanistan

events like their war in Korea, intervention in Greece-Cyprus issue, two-decade long imperialist bloodbath in Indo-China, particularly Vietnam, to mention a few among many. In fact, assassination of political leaders, conspiracy, blackmail, money power in elections, military coup, installation of puppet regimes by toppling popular governments, all hatched, sponsored and engineered by the much-hated CIA and the US imperialist rulers became the order of the day in countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is such actions that led Noam Chomsky to call USA “the leading terrorist state”. Arno Mayer, Emeritus Professor of History at Princeton University, has stated that “since 1947 America has been the chief and pioneering perpetrator of ‘preemptive’ state terror”.

US imperialists destroying human civilization

It may be recalled that it was US imperialists who dropped first

this carnage that even humanist Bertrand Russell was prompted to write a book titled “War crimes of Vietnam”. Even in Korean War, the US imperialists besides undertaking massive bombing and orchestrating over 2500 military attacks on socialist North Korea killing 12 lakh Koreans, had conducted bacterial war, massively used internationally banned chemical weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. They even poisoned the water sources and air dropped poisonous food to kill people. 51, 000 industries, 28, 000 schools, 4500 hospitals, 579 laboratories and 2.8 lakh dwelling houses were razed to the ground. In November, 1950, General MacArthur ordered US air force “to raze all towns, villages and industries of North Korea into rubbles.” Napalm bombs were dropped to demolish the city of Hoeryong. The then US President Truman openly announced that they were seriously considering dropping atom bomb on North Korea. MacArthur issued a

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Saffron Brigade's heinous crime of forced conversion

After the resounding victory in the Lok Sabha elections, the RSS-BJP-VHP and other constituents and affiliates of Hindu communal Sangh Parivar is gearing up for the next big game, to achieve total Hindutva dominance of the country's political and social space. In the first three months since Narendra Modi's massive electoral triumph, many corners of the country have begun to smoulder in slow fires of orchestrated hate and distrust against the Muslim minorities. Raised on a staple diet of anti-Muslim propaganda, and encouraged further by the open propagation of these sentiments to reap a polarized vote in states like UP and Bihar, and even Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, high-pitched communal tempers are being roused with alacrity so that communal polarization gives electoral benefit to the BJP which has nothing to offer except this worst divisive politics.

The Sangh Parivar constituents emboldened by the BJP's ride to power began inflaming communal passion centred on small local disputes like quarrels over land for shrines and graveyards, an offending loudspeaker in a place of worship, fire crackers in processions etc. Next to feature in the saffron brigade's insidious plan was raising the bogey of love jihad. It was propagated that Hindu girls were entrapped in love relationship by Muslim boys and then forcibly converted to Islam. The VHP and the RSS began taking up isolated cases of love and elopement and trying to convert them into a political and social controversy. But the trickery got exposed in no time. So, the Hindutva fanatics have now embarked on the agenda of forced conversion of Non-Hindus into Hindu religion. It was going on for quite some time but surfaced prominently after the news of forced conversion of 300 Muslims in Agra by Hindutva groups affiliated to the RSS came to light. Those targeted have been extremely poor people who eke out a living by picking rags and doing odd jobs. They were told that if they were converted, they would get BPL cards, ration cards, houses and their children would get a better schooling. They were also threatened by the RSS backed Hindutva organizations that if they refused they would be evicted from their land which is generally owned by Hindus. One of the targets bluntly made a confession that the RSS people assured them of better place to live, better food and schooling for children and hence he did not mind changing religion, as religion does not give them food to eat. It is hunger and poverty which the Hindutva zealots have been exploiting to pursue their sinister agenda. While Balraj Doongar, the Bajrang Dal's Uttar Pradesh convenor, claimed that the conversions were voluntary, those stated to have been converted contested it, saying they were tricked into a conversion event in Agra. Admission of one of the hapless victims before the media is revealing: "We're poor people and

anyone can do anything with us. We can't afford to lose our lives over religion and conversion." Another convert claimed that they were duped: "We were not aware that it was an exercise to convert us to Hinduism. We were told that we would get a lot if we pose for pictures with idols of goddess Kali. I didn't know I was being converted. I still believe in Allah. We have never had any differences with Hindus and we don't see ourselves as different from Hindu scrap collectors." What is still more cunning is that the Sangh Parivar groups insisted that such functions be called 'Gharwapsi' (homecoming), not conversion, ceremonies. According to them, if one goes in history, they would find that all the ancestors of the converts were Hindu; so it is a 'Gharwapsi'. We do not know which history these arch communalists are talking about. Even if that be true, does it sanctify coerced or deceitful "conversion"? Doongar further said that "Conversions have happened when Hindus, under the threat of the gun, moved to Islam. Now our brothers and sisters want to come back... Islam is like a jail; they want to unchain themselves and since we believe in *atithidevobhava* (guests are gods), we will welcome them back." The BJP-RSS display photo of Vivekananda and claim that they are following his ideals. Really? Referring to history, Swami Vivekananda had said that "Mohammedanism came as a message for the masses ... the first message was equality. There is one religion — love. No more question of race, colour, (or) anything else" He further said, "if anybody dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of the others, I pity him from the bottom of my heart, and point out to him that upon the banner of every religion will soon be written, in spite of resistance: Help and not Fight, Assimilation and not Destruction, Harmony and Peace and not Dissension." He further said, "Christians need not become Buddhists nor need the Muslims to become Hindus or the Buddhists

Christians. But each of them will be nourished by absorbing the essence of other religions and develop according to its nature maintaining its distinct identity... We want to take mankind to that end where there is no Veda, Bible or Koran but all works will be performed through integration of the Veda, Bible and Koran... we not only tolerate all religions but believe all of them to be true." And finally, he commented that, "The conquest of India by the Muslims gave the poor a taste of emancipation. That is why, one fifth of the population of this country became Muslim. This did not happen on the strength of arms. It is sheer insanity to think that such had happened because of power arms and acts of destruction. The poor wanted to be free from the clutches of the zamindars and the priests." In order to hold brief in favour of their evil deeds like "conversion", Sangh Parivar spokespersons like Doongar would have to say in public that they denounce and disapprove what Vivekananda had said. Would they dare to say in public that Vivekananda was not a Hindu? Do they have the guts to do so?

So, what these Sangh Parivar affiliates are doing is nothing short of a crime. And for that notorious criminals have been pressed into action. Kishore Balmiki, the main accused in the 'reconversion' row in UP, has a criminal history. He was arrested in 2001 for smuggling illegal liquor. Convicted in that case, he had done time in jail. Even the Sangh Parivar is using all dirty tricks to force non-Hindus into conversion. In May last, 50-odd Christian families in Sirsiguda village of Chhattisgarh were denied their PDS rations on the grounds that their ration cards were fake. The persecuted families filed a complaint with the district Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department on June 16. After the authorities arrived in the village to investigate the issue, those who deposed before them, mainly Christians, were beaten up by a group of 150-odd VHP activists, in full public view, with the local policemen remaining mute spectators. Even though an FIR naming the perpetrators of the violence was lodged the next day, so far no arrests have been made. The shops in the village were made to refuse to sell their goods to the Christian families, who have been repeatedly warned by VHP activists to either convert to Hinduism or leave the place. The Sirsiguda gram panchayat issued a fiat stating that to "preserve the traditional cultural unity of the village; non-Hindu religious practitioners should be

prohibited from practising, preaching or propagating any other religion and the entry of non-Hindus in the area should be banned." Similarly, just a week back, 500 tribal Christians in Gujarat's Valsad district were forcibly converted. Forced conversions of Muslims and Christians are taking place in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala also. Dharam Jagran Samiti, an RSS offshoot, has distributed pamphlets in Aligarh seeking donations for converting Christians and Muslims to Hinduism. The pamphlet says it costs Rs 2 lakh to convert a Christian and Rs 5 lakh to convert a Muslim. It set December 25 as the date for a major conversion ceremony and put down an annual target of 2 lakh conversions — 1 lakh Muslims and 1 lakh Christians. Rajeshwar Singh RSS, regional head of UP told TOI that RSS spends Rs 50 lakh every month on conversion of an average 1,000 families. "It spends Rs 8-10 lakh per month on fuel costs alone in west UP," he added. The question that arises naturally is who is funding this mass conversion then? Glaringly, big moneybags with ulterior motive of keeping oppressed people divided are financing the forced conversion programme of arch communal Sangh Parivar.

Moreover, why the BJP government who is pretending to be against conversion is allowing such criminalities to continue unabated? Answer to a great extent has been provided by an RSS *pracharak* associated with the BJP's organization; "Hindutva is supplement to the development plank and only a mix of the two could ensure electoral victories." The cat is thus out of the bag. The BJP which has come to power with the support of the ruling capitalist class is pledge-bound to subvert the class interest of the latter. The oppressive ruling class needs the people to be in stupor of unawareness about the fact that the cause of all their misery, penury and deprivation is the exploitative capitalist system bestriding the country like a deadweight. For that, people's thinking process has to be blunted and their unity divided. Alongside, there should be a surfeit of deceptions and hoodwinking. That is exactly what the BJP and its mentor RSS-Sangh Parivar are after. The strategy is that while Modi, the BJP prime minister will delude people with hollow promises of development and deceptive talk of banning forced conversion legally, the RSS-Sangh Parivar in keeping with their moorings will exacerbate

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Brutal tortures by CIA exposed in a report

It has not been so long back that inhuman torture meted out by American soldiers to prisoners at the infamous jails of Guantanamo Bay or Abu Ghraib had caused all sane people to react in utter abhorrence and indignation. In fact it is now an open secret that the CIA has on a regular basis been subjecting those in their custody to brutal torment. Of late, a report has been revealed on 9 December, by none other than American Senate Committee that has once more brought this up to public notice.

The report carries terrible descriptions of torture like water-boarding meaning keeping the prisoners unclad under water or pouring water on their head until they suffer from a sense of drowning ; letting them lie with hand and feet tied (that might cause even death and it has also happened so); not allowing one to sleep for a stretch of up to 180 hours prostrated in a box which did not allow either standing or sitting ; threatening them with an electric drill while hooded ; forcing water and food up one's rectum; having prisoners' family members threatened with death and other beastial assaults of the kind. One man held in the infamous "snake pit", a CIA prison in Afghanistan, died of hypothermia after being chained naked to the concrete floor of a cold cell. Another died from abuse after being repeatedly dragged up and down a hallway outside his cell. Among the worst sort of treatment meted out to suspects was in COBALT – a secret CIA detention site dubbed 'dungeon' where among other horrors, prisoners would be kept in complete darkness and bombarded with loud music and noise. Thus the perpetrators did not ever fall short of varied and violent means of torturing those they had arrested with allegations of terror deeds. The shocking report released found that the techniques employed by the Central Intelligence Agency were "far more brutal" than the spy agency had previously admitted to. The horrific stories that had so shocked the civilized world during the "War on Terror" to the extent that many were left wondering who indeed were employing terrorist tactics, the identified terrorist outfits or the Pentagon regime.

Following this disclosure of CIA's torture regime, US President Barack Obama, while acknowledging his debt to the CIA for the service it renders to the US Government, had to confess as a face saving that the stern procedures followed by this organization is not commensurate with the 'values' American nation stands for and that the activities of the CIA have indeed tarnished American Nation's honour in the eyes of the world and hampered their interests. The barbarism has been of such an extent that Obama could not but indulge in a salvaging act and mouthed an assurance that he would use his authority to forestall any recurrence in future. It would seem as if this be the first time he has come to know of such happenings! The fact is that ever since the terror attack of 11 September in 2001 in that country, people of the world have repeatedly been vocal in condemnation of the inhuman procedures followed by the CIA while wresting confession from the suspects. Yet neither any of the former presidents nor the present one has ever cared to feel ashamed and meant to mend their ways. Rather as per revelations, it was with the consent of the former US Presidents like George Bush that the CIA

carried out these inhuman tortures in the prisons. Caught napping, Obama, the current President, had no option other than feigning to be apologetic in his gesture. But that would not cut any ice as even under his stewardship, US imperialism continues to bloody its hands-- killing unarmed and helpless men-women-children in several countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, etc. and pursue its hegemonic design full-throttle under the garb of 'protecting democracy'.

Certain publicity media of our country have been shameless enough to be eloquent in their praise of this incident of CIA's torture being disclosed by the Senate, terming it as 'strength of American democracy'. They mean, so powerful is this democracy that despite such instances of 'mistakes' and 'limitations' occurring at times, they are not afraid to reveal them in front of the countrymen. It is only natural for those stooge media to offer explanations of the kind in favour of US imperialism which justify the killing of lakhs of people in all the different countries of the world as sheer 'collateral damage' in their bid to contain terrorism! While eulogizing US imperialism, these media desist from offering the explanation as to what kind of a democracy is this- where year after year, the government agency for detection- itself resorts to and rejoices in macabre glee over unbridled torture of the prisoners .

Not long back in last August, the American court sent 25 year old Bradley Manning to jail for long 35 years. His offence was, he had disclosed through Wick licks, a video of American soldiers in Afghanistan gunning down innocent common people from helicopters. Witnessing the atrocities meted out by American imperialism there, this army person had felt they have lost all their human values. He was bound by his conscience to communicate the images of such brutality to the people of the world. US imperialism responded by throwing him to prison.

Along with Manning there have been Julian Assenge and so many others, who 'blew their whistle' in their attempt to uphold human rights by revealing the brutality of US imperialism and exposing the kind of 'democracy' the US upholds and they had to face the worst sort of US atrocities as a result. These whistle blowers wanted the world people to rise up in protest but they had their voice gagged by the same. Such is the true face of American democracy!

What is more astounding a fact is that the same CIA which romps home all over the world in search of 'terrorist offenders' and has over the years been itself committing not only grave human rights violation by subjecting them to the worst sort of tortures but has also reportedly been involved with crimes no less than drug-trafficking and even plotting and attempting assassination of such prominent personalities as Patrice Lumumba President of Congo, General Rene Schneider and the Cuban President Fidel Castro etc. Even journalists who have from time to time attempted to uncover the truth related to crimes of the CIA e.g. Gary Webb (of the San Jose Mercury News) have been 'hounded to death'. Yet none of the tormentors guilty of the above acts as well as at the various CIA detention sites are known to have been prosecuted against even though every act of torture is a violation of international law.

Great Lenin had once said that democracy is the best shell under which capitalism can function. And one finds that the Pentagon and the CIA are using that shell to cover up and carry out their nefarious activities, custody tortures, vile acts of aggression and naked military intervention and brutal killings. It is for the oppressed people of the world to develop sustained and determined movement against imperialist aggression and attack based on Marxist-Leninist thought and inspired with the lofty ideal of proletarian internationalism and solidarity with the revolutionary parties providing the leadership .



On 8 January AIDS0 Gulbarga(Karnataka) local committee organized a protest rally against merging of a government high school, with present students, alumni and students from other schools participating and AIDS0 district leaders addressing.



A few thousand of biri workers staged a protest rally at Kolkata on 7 January on 22-point charter of demands a few of which has been wrested



On 8 January a protest demonstration of peasants was held by the AIKMS in Pratappgarh district of UP against anti-peasant Land Acquisition Bill. A meeting at the end of the rally was addressed by district and local leaders and memorandum submitted to the Upajiladhikaripatti .



A massive protest demonstration was held at Purulia in West Bengal on 5 January on burning problems of people's life

BJP sponsored good governance

Once the BJP-RSS combine and the NDA government led by them had made “feel good” campaign a prop for them to lead them through the election battle. But it did not work; it did not help them get over the 2004 Lok Sabha election hurdle. Now once again in the power in 2014, the BJP-led union government with RSS in the wings, this time more openly, has jumped on a new campaign of “good governance”. It has been their main poll plank in the recent Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, attesting to the fact that the slogan is a vote-catching device.

Nevertheless, as the next step, they have chosen to broaden its scope. The Union government planned and decided to observe the last Christmas day, 25 December as the “Good Governance Day” on the occasion of the birthday of Atal Behari Vajpayee, the first BJP prime minister and Madan Mohan Malaviya, a nationalist leader of the early days of independence movement.

There are two significant parts associated with the issue: what kind of good governance is being offered and what is its kind that the prevailing system permits at the end.

First the offer. It was unmistakably shrouded with dubious dealings from the government. On one side, the prime minister apprised his party MPs that “Atalji’s birthday is a day of pride for us. The recognition of BJP is with good governance.” The HRD ministry issued a high-power circular on 9 December asking over a thousand Kendriya Vidyalayas to “ensure active participation” of their students in different ‘innovative programmes’ and to submit a detailed compliance report. The circular was virtually the same as the one by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) sent to Navodaya Vidyalayas on 10 December. Even central universities had been asked by the HRD ministry (12 December) to observe “Good Governance Day” on Christmas Day by holding seminars etc., and to submit “compliance report” to the minister by 29 December. Then again, though the union government denied any plan to ask its staff to mandatorily report to work on 25 December, a gazetted holiday, and the parliamentary affairs minister assured people to freely celebrate 25 December in “whatever manner they like”, all ministries and departments were ‘expected’ to organize functions to mark AB Vajpayee’s birthday as ‘good Governance Day’. In all cases, it meant that the school or university/

college students, teachers, even employees as well as the central government staff would be left with little choice but to report to and attend their institution. However, in the face of strong criticism nationwide and inside the parliament, the government tried to save face stating the reports were “false and baseless”, the programmes were “voluntary” as well as “online” and the institutions, that is schools, colleges, universities and union government offices would remain closed to observe Christmas holiday on 25 December. The facts show that the move was not just duplicitous, it was all pervading.

Now what is this kind of governance being offered? It needs no mention how significant and dear the Christmas Day is to the Christians. But apart from that is Christmas Day really just a Christian holiday? Jesus Christ is not only the founder of Christianity; he was the icon of struggle of the slaves against the oppressive slave masters and tyrant kings. To that extent he was a history maker. So the proposal of observing the Christmas Day as a “Good Governance Day” and the birthday of some leaders not only offends, if not hurts a community, it refuses to accept the historical role of Christ acclaimed by the world. Is this a mark of good governance in a secular country? Or, is it a step towards which the rabid Hindutvavadi leaders would like the country to push, where the slogan would be “We are all Hindus”, anybody else “must either adopt the Hindu culture and language, must learn to respect and hold in reverence Hindu religion, must entertain no idea but those of the glorification of the Hindu race and culture, i.e., of the Hindu nation and must lose their separate existence to merge in the Hindu race, or may stay in the country, wholly subordinated to the Hindu Nation, claiming nothing, deserving no privileges, far less any preferential treatment - not even citizen’s rights”?

Now the second question: What is the kind of good governance that the prevailing system permits at the end?

The columnists of the print media are coming out with their pen on the issue. At least some of them have rightly struck some important relevant points. Thus a note of caution is issued that good governance cannot be achieved with a ‘crime-tainted polity in Parliament, state assemblies and Council of Ministers etc’, or with corruption and wrongdoing prevailing

everywhere, from administration of all sectors, not excluding education, health etc., with bureaucracy, even judiciary casting ‘adverse effect on the perception of governance’. It has also been added that for good governance reform is needed, among others, with missionary zeal, ‘totally absent in about 80% of the administrative, police, and other institutions. On the contrary, in the name of development, ‘reforms’ are being hijacked by industry, that includes the giant multinationals’. The columnists are also concerned in the absence of effective action to prevent communal riots on the part of the governments. But what is remarkably lacking in these columns is the plain and simple fact: why, despite all tall talks and all pious wishes, good governance remains a mirage even after sixty years of independence? Why it is becoming necessary today to call for it? The reality is we live in a capitalist system which is an inalienable part of the world capitalist system itself. Capitalism, the world over has turned into a moribund system bogged in insurmountable all-out crisis, economic-political-social-cultural. This is reflected every day, every moment in every capitalist-imperialist country of the world, not excluding India. Hence economy suffers from acute market crisis and concomitant industrial stagnation; and politics suffers from frantic effort to keep the system running and arising from it arrogant power-hunger without any concern for humanity and values and sustaining on false promises, fraudulence,

shameless corruption, brute criminalization. The subservient politicians are running after power and pelf; the bureaucracy-police-military live on corruption and arrogance; judiciary plays its role with ‘intervention at every turn’ leading to ‘Adverse court orders, ending finally in acquittal’ of not just small fries in crime, but even the leading monopolists blatantly charged for corruption and fraud. Even the watchdog of democracy, the plush high-tech fourth estate is now running on paid news. With all these ornaments of the capitalist system, the ‘reforms’ are hijacked by the power-that-be, the privileged, the ruling class and their subservient elements. As evident from the columns of the conscientious section of media, all these are known to them. Only what is missing is the admission that if this be the situation, any pledge for ‘good governance’ is sure to meet with either of the two ends: one, proving itself a hoax, or two falling flat in front of this mighty system until and unless it is backed by genuine people’s power that recognizes the task of overthrowing the capitalist system that breeds these maladies.

The BJP sponsored ‘good governance’ drive has shown itself off as a mere ploy for alluring a majority community vote bank and has already proved itself as an attempt to vertically split communal harmony denying history and humanity. It is sure to prove itself a dangerous hoax. There is nothing otherwise in it. People must beware of it. (Source : Times of India and The Statesman dated 17-12-14, Times of India dated 24-12-14 December)

Saffron Brigade’s heinous crime of forced conversion

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their Hindutva agenda of fanning religious fanaticism, spewing hatred against the religious minorities, persecuting the minorities in various ways, engineering communal strifes and riots, raising slogan of Hindu Rashtra, polarizing people along religious line to create Hindu vote bank and thus precipitating and perpetuating divide among the toiling masses so as to scuttle possibility of a united conscious rise of the masses against grueling capitalist oppression. This strategy is now going full throttle and as a part of that, the programme of forced conversion of the non-Hindus to Hinduism has been rolled out by the arch communal saffron brigade. The so called opposition of the BJP leadership to conversion is a big hoax and only aimed to play to the gallery and befool people. Even if

the BJP leadership for public consumption brings any legislation to declare forced conversion illegal, it would not come a cropper to the Sangh Parivar who would immediately claim that there is no forced conversion but only ‘gharwapsi’. The wicked is never starved of subterfuges! This nasty conspiracy has to be foiled. It is incumbent on all secular, democratic-minded conscious people to rise in protest and resist such a dastardly attack on mankind and civilization. Thinking people must come forward, close their ranks, unleash a fierce ideological campaign against the sinister doctrine of Hindutva, fight all sorts of distortions and trashes dished out by the Hindutva protagonists and thereby foil the heinous conspiracy to obfuscate truth and throw a spanner in people’s unity.

US imperialists are the creators and abettors of global terrorism

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changed. In a normal population this is 1,050 boys born to 1,000 girls, but for those born from 2005 to date there was an 18 per cent drop in male births, so the ratio was 850 males to 1,000 females. The sex-ratio is an indicator of genetic damage that affects boys more than girls. A similar change in the sex-ratio was discovered after Hiroshima. US forces later admitted that they had employed white phosphorus and depleted uranium as well as other munitions. Thus toxic legacy of US assault on Fallujah is stated to be 'worse than Hiroshima'.

US imperialism—precipitator of global terrorism

To justify meddling into the internal affairs of other countries on this or that plea, gun boat diplomacy and armed intervention of and drone attacks on foreign lands, the US imperialists often talk of containing menacing rise of terrorism. But who other than the US imperialists are the creators and abettors of global terrorism? Where did terror outfits like Mujahedeen, Al Qaeda and Talibanis originate from? Let us trace back history a bit.

After the British imperialists had withdrawn from the Indian subcontinent in 1947 and India and Pakistan were born in their present shapes, it was a new beginning for Afghanistan too, albeit not without problems. Afghanistan sought aid from the USA to modernize its army; the US refused. It then turned towards the Soviet Union. To begin with the relation with the Soviet Union was cordial, and even during the late fifties and early sixties, it helped the growth of democratic forces in Afghanistan as a result of which certain democratic reforms were attempted for the first time in that land. But subsequently soon after the revisionist leadership had usurped power in the Soviet Union, they started to develop hegemonic attitude and their activities and measures based on such an attitude generated anti-Soviet sentiment in the Afghan people. That, in turn, made room for the US imperialists to sneak into the Afghan issue, through the notorious CIA conspiracies and virulent campaign against the Soviet domination in particular, and socialism in general. Economically, politically and socially the country was thrown into tatters: people were misled; democratic processes were disrupted from taking root; democratic forces were thwarted from emerging and

growing in their natural course; with a weak central government, the countryside was left at the mercy of cruel, arrogant warlords. Taking advantage of this wretched condition as a fertile ground, the already existing religious fundamentalists raised their head and took the rein of the affairs. Towards the end of the seventies the *Mujahedeen*, an alliance of Islamic fundamentalist groups was born with overt and covert support of the CIA and the US imperialists. Finally, as admitted in the CIA's own documents, secret US aid to the opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul was initiated in 1979. The next ten years saw rebellious warlords harnessing Afghan people into a cruel anti-Soviet war and gruesome mutual tribal strife. In this troubled water

knowledge of the US rulers and worked on funds from Saudi Arabia and USA, maintaining close ties with the CIA. In fact, the US rulers and the CIA used such a dangerous force, over and above the *Mujahedeens* and other fundamentalist forces, shamelessly to whip up their anti-Soviet campaign in Afghanistan.

By 1989, when the adventurist move of the revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union leading to the act of military intervention failed miserably, they were compelled to withdraw their forces. Government was formed with the support of the *Mujahedeens*. But the situation did not change. Terrible power struggle among the warlords leading to an almost 3-year long artillery and rocket assault on Kabul reduced the

(ISIS), the Islamic fundamentalist militant group that has seized a chunk of land stretching from northern Syria to central Iraq by launching an armed warfare and has appeared as one of the most dreaded terrorist groups holding humanity to ransom was formed out of the al-Qaeda affiliate. All these terror outfits have their parentage in US imperialism which itself, as shown above, has been on a spree of terrorizing the world and bullying everyone to submission flaunting its brute military might.

Why then this invitation to US President?

Barack Obama, the US President, like all his predecessors in recent times, is the political face of US imperialism, perpetrator of ghastly crimes and violence, wanton killer, flagrant violator of human rights, raider on others' freedom, forerunner in marauding and pillage and shameless undertaker of all kinds of dastardly acts which hold the mankind into ransom. Making him a guest of honour is akin to hold gravest of crimes in high esteem. But why then the Modi government is so keen to have a tryst with the figurehead of such an enemy of mankind? To seek an answer, one needs to understand the hidden agenda. As Obama represents US imperialists, Modi also represents the ruling Indian monopolists who have already acquired imperialist character through widespread export of finance capital and seeking to expand their sphere of influence in the relatively weaker countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Overseas direct investments by Indian corporates more than doubled to US\$ 5.23 billion in March 2014 as compared to US\$ 2.16 billion in March 2013, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The figure ought to have increased in the last eight months. The Indian monopolists have been for long cherishing the dream of being recognized as a formidable global power almost on a par with other imperialist superpowers. This, the ruling Indian monopolists know, can best materialize if they could befriend US imperialists more closely by strengthening economic, political and military tie-ups with them. On the other hand, the US imperialists also need to have a strong ally in Asia to serve its imperialist interest and contain China to the extent possible, particularly in



Holocaust of Hiroshima

created largely by them, the CIA and the US imperialists kept on instigating the mutually warring rebellious warlords as well as the different factions of the *Mujahedeen* liberally providing them with arms, money and satellite reconnaissance and intelligence data and even arranging for recruitment from among the Afghan refugees and their military training often with the help of Pakistan.

Along with that, in 1988 there was created the *Al Qaeda*, another conglomerate of rabid Islamic fundamentalists. Spread in different countries and led by Osama bin Laden, a non-Afghan mujahedeen, this fanatic Muslim fundamentalist force was based on utterly reactionary, obscurantist ideas and thoughts; in the name of religion, it trounced all kinds of progressive thoughts and annihilated any opposition to its views. Laden founded this organization in full

city virtually to rubbles, killed thousands of Afghans, drove hundreds of thousands into squalid refugee camps, created political chaos, and blocked millions of exiles from returning. The rest of the country disintegrated into isolated fiefdoms dominated by local despotic warlords. In this pathetic murky situation there emerged the *Taliban* militia in 1994, once more with the blessings, patronage and support of the US imperialists as well as of the Pakistani rulers. The *Talibans* recruited thousands of young Afghan men, refugees and orphans from the war, who had never seen their country at peace and had themselves been rootless, jobless, economically deprived and hence restless and aimlessly desperate. In absence of any left and democratic force, these *Talibans* gained rapidly and finally with the aid of the Pakistani army captured Kabul in 1996. Even the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

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Coinciding economic and political interests of ruling capitalist classes of India and US making them closer

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a scenario where they have fast lost credibility and acceptability among the weaker countries as a civilized country that may be befriended. So is the need to have India as an ally. In fact, US imperialists are trying to build up an axis with India, Japan and Australia in Asia-Pacific through strengthening of diplomatic, commercial and military cooperation. There is another important aspect. Of late, there is growing resentment among the people of entire West Asia against sustained presence of US military in various countries, increased hostility by the Pentagon rulers in the region. Often this resentment is bursting forth in the form of protest agitations. Suppressing this growing people's resentment by flexing military arm is proving difficult, if not counter-productive on occasions. Moreover, within US also, there is mounting discontent among people against this prolonged escalated military initiatives and war in the Middle East. Under pressure of people's protest, US imperialists are also forced to withdraw military from certain countries. However, they from their vested imperial interest cannot afford to loosen their grip over oil-rich West Asia. So, they are cozying up to the Indian ruling monopolists so that through India which has some influence in the region, they could have their imperial interest served and protected.

It may be mentioned in this connection that after attaining political freedom, the ruling Indian capitalist class in its drive to foster speediest industrial development and develop India as a powerful capitalist country simultaneously engaged itself in bargaining with both socialist and imperialist-capitalist camps to buttress its immediate class necessity. Exploiting fully the advantage of the division of the world into two diametrically opposite systems, capitalist and socialist, the ruling Indian monopolists were playing between the two, alternating tilt between the two camps with the sole object of developing their capitalist economy as fast as possible in the given international situation. In order to extract mileage from both the camps and at the same time with an eye to capture the markets of resurgent capitalist countries particularly in the Southeast Asia and Middle East, the ruling Indian monopolists then maintained a show of neutrality, pretended befriending with the socialist camp, played on the genuine anti-imperialist sentiment of the Indian people, acted as champion of peace and strove to form a bloc of the nascent capitalist countries known as Non Aligned movement (NAM) under its leadership. But, because of the growing imperialist trends in its economy, India's anti-imperialist stance was weaker than that of

other member countries of the NAM. After sad dismantling of the world socialist camp because of revisionist conspiracy aided and abetted by the imperialist powers, the contradiction between the imperialist camp and socialist camp ceased to exist. So, also became inoperative the two-fold contradiction of the resurgent national bourgeois states simultaneously with both the imperialist and socialist countries. So, NAM became virtually defunct. Moreover, in the changed unipolar world, US imperialism has been on the rampage. On the other hand, the ruling Indian monopolists in order to further their aspiration to emerge as an Asian superpower have been feeling greater necessity to tie knots with US imperialism. The coincidence of economic and political interests, mutual bartering of the interests of the ruling capitalist classes of the two countries and a convergence of political interests are thus amply clear. The root of India's pro-US tilt lies in this vested class interest of the ruling Indian monopolists.

For all the criminal acts referred to above, the US imperialists are most hated today and facing more and more isolation in the field of international politics. The rulers of the countries which had in the past aligned with the US imperialists like Israel, Pakistan, Taiwan, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey and even UK and

Australia are also looked down upon as servile order-takers of the most despotic inhuman oppressive regime of the world. The way the Indian monopolists are pursuing steps to make India a pliant state of US imperialism completely disregarding the glorious anti-imperialist tradition of the Indian people, the tradition of expressing solidarity with the liberation struggle in colonies and semi-colonies and maligning the venerated freedom fighters like Subhaschandra, Bhagat Singh, Asfaqullah, Surya Sen, Pritilata and others, points at the same fate only—plunging into the dungeon of disgrace and dishonour. Yet, as per the order of the ruling Indian monopolists, Modi, their most faithful servant, is set to greet Obama with all humility. Let there not be an iota of doubt that the very move to build up closer ties with US imperialism is totally inimical to the interest of the toiling oppressed Indian people who cherish a glorious past of great anti-imperialist movement. It has become imperative a task on the part of the anti-war peace loving democratic-minded people to thwart this tilt of India towards Pentagon rule, by adopting all possible initiatives and releasing a powerful anti-imperialist, particularly anti-US imperialist movement round the country. Raised be the slogan in high pitch—'Go back Obama', 'Down with US imperialism, the worst enemy of mankind today'.



On 9 January AIDYO organised a state level rally of thousands of students from 30 districts of Karnataka demanding mid-day meals, increase in stipend and withdrawal of Semester system.



The AIDSO Foundation Day was celebrated in Delhi on 9 January at Gandhi Peace Foundation Hall

AIDSO Foundation Day

60th anniversary of AIDSO Foundation Day was celebrated at different corners of the country. Below are a few of the reports.

In Tripura the Day was celebrated at the Vidyasagar High School, Agartala through different programmes like hoisting of flag the organization, placing of floral tributes at the martyrs' column by the state and district leaders of AIDSO and student representatives of different schools, colleges and universities, observation of silence in memory of the victims of terror attack in Peshwar of Pakistan and Kokrajhar of Assam, and later a meeting addressed by the leaders and followed by cultural programmes.

At Nagpur, Maharashtra the Day was

observed as Vidyarthi Sabha with similar programmes at the premises of the Shantiniketan School, Rajiv Nagar, Hingna Road, Nagpur.



On 23 December AIDSO Telangana Andhra Pradesh state council held a massive sit-in at Hyderabad on immediate release of stipends, against abolition of pass-fail system in school etc.



In Saraikei-Kharsawan district of Jharkhand at Kuluptanga, a seven-year old adivasi girl child was kidnapped on 20 December 2014 and murdered. Local people lead by the AIMSS organized gherao of local thana, a candle march, and observation of silence, forcing administration to act.



In Moscow in the recently held plenary session of Communists of Russia (a communist party of Russian Federation), their Chairman Comrade Suraikin showing the book 'GREAT STALIN And a reply to the anti-communist smear campaign' by Comrade Provas Ghosh, General Secretary SUCI(C), to the delegates of the session.

SUCI (C) disapproves Supreme Court Chief Justice's praising of Modi

Comrade Provas Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 12-01-2015:

It is most disquieting to find the Chief Justice of Supreme Court showering praise on Prime Minister Modi during an interaction with journalists describing him "a good leader, a good human being and a man with foresight". This very certification militates against the very spirit of democracy in which the Judiciary is supposed to maintain its autonomy and neutrality and remain non-committal about not only any executive but any person in public. Any violation of this is tantamount to overstepping the barrier of the concept of 'Separation of Power', the bourgeois democracy rests on.

We totally disapprove such an unprecedented and irresponsible statement of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the country as this is going to generate confusion among people and smack of bias on the part of the Judiciary.

Joint Rally against Kokrajhar Mass Killing

A joint rally was taken out on 30 December, at Shilchar, Assam, by the left parties to protest against the Kokrajhar mass killing. The sudden shooting unleashed by NDFB(S) on last 23 December at Shonitpur and Kokrajhar had taken a toll of more than 80, rendering more than a lakh homeless and compelled to take refuge in camps.

Condemning this barbaric incident SUCI(C) Assam State Secretary Comrade Chitralekha Das severely criticised the incident as well as the inaction of both the central and state governments to ensure safety and security of people despite their having earlier information about impending terror attack. Comrade Das demanded that such atrocities be immediately stopped, all necessary steps be taken to ensure safety of people's life and property, compensation be given to the next of kin of the deceased and necessary compensation and treatment to the injured. She also called upon every peace-loving democratic minded people to develop movement against both the state and central governments to create pressure on them to act immediately and adequately.

Make SUCI(C) Candidates Victorious in Delhi Assembly Election

Constituency	Candidate
1. Burari	Comrade Meera Chaurasia
2. Sadar Bazar	Comrade Ritu Kaushik
3. Badli	Comrade Rakesh Kumar

Obama Visit : Observe Protest Day on January 24

Six Left parties, the CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML)-Liberation, AIFB, SUCI(C) and RSP have issued the following statement on January 3, 2015 :

THE Modi government and the BJP have unleashed the forces of Hindutva which threaten the secular and democratic values of the Indian republic. It is at such a juncture that the government has invited President Obama of the United States of America to be the chief guest of the Republic Day on January 26.

It is a supreme irony that the day which symbolizes India's independence and sovereignty is being graced by the head of a country which has done the most to assault and destroy the sovereignty of many countries around the world. President Obama himself is responsible for the aggression in Libya and for the rerun of bombing and sending troops back to Iraq. The US is doing everything to destroy Syria as a national entity.

The Left parties protest the visit of President Obama because:

1. The United States is targeting and destabilising governments and countries in West Asia by military interventions like in Iraq, Libya and Syria.
2. The United States is the patron and staunch supporter of Israel which occupies Palestinian land and Arab territories and subjects the Palestinian people to colonial oppression.
3. The United States has shifted a substantial part of its naval and military resources to Asia as part of the pivot of Asia and is creating new military bases and tensions in the Asia-Pacific region.
4. The US intervention in Afghanistan and role in Pakistan have nurtured fundamentalist forces, the disastrous consequences of which serve as a warning to India.
5. The US which wages wars in the name of defending democracy, is facing massive protests at home against racial murders by its police force. Further the terrible record of torture and Islamophobic profiling

by the CIA with the approval of the US government has recently exposed the US as amongst the worst violator of human rights and democracy in the world.

The BJP government is pursuing a pro-US foreign policy which is contrary to an independent non-aligned foreign policy. This is being done in the interests of Indian and foreign monopoly capital.

The Left parties strongly protest:

1. The decision to renew the India-US Defence Framework Agreement for another ten years. This is a pact which will yoke India to American military strategy in Asia.
2. Seeking to pressurise India to change its foreign policy orientation vis a vis Palestine, Israel and Iran to suit US interests.
3. The relentless pressures exercised by the Obama administration on India to open up the financial sector to US capital, as a result of which the Modi government has promulgated an ordinance to allow 49 percent FDI in the insurance sector.
4. The strong pressure of the US to weaken the patents regime in India to benefit the US drug companies, so that they can sell drugs in India at high prices.
5. America's pressures on India to give up its food security programme by undermining public procurement and the public distribution system.
6. US pressuring India to weaken laws that protect labour rights and environment, to benefit US corporations.
7. The Obama-Modi efforts to dilute the civil nuclear liability law to favour US nuclear companies.

The Left parties call for a Protest Day against the visit of President Obama on January 24.

Halt US Aggression
Stop Interference in India's Domestic Matters
Stop US-India Strategic Collaboration

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