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5th August, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

Observance marked with conviction and pledge to roll up struggle to newer heights

To an onlooker, dismay and disarray may be characterizing the progressive movement within and without the country. This sorry state of prevailing situation can be traced with pain to the debacle of socialist camp and counter-revolution in erstwhile socialist countries with the advent of modern revisionism and its playing in the hands of intrigues of the imperialists and consequent invigorated belligerence of war-monger imperialists. But the inexorable laws and contradictions of social history have inevitably

been operating; industrial recession and market crisis of world capitalism drag it more and more into decadence and thus its inevitable doom; people bled white with capitalist exploitation are becoming restive; fighting people refuse to bow down to the imperialist cruelty and inhumanity; here and there in the world, even in the dens of reaction and oppression, they dash out onto the streets in protest, voicing for peace-democracy and even socialism; yet they fail to reach their desired

logical end of emancipation from exploitation-injustice-oppression primarily from lack of a powerful and correct revolutionary leadership before them. However, from amidst this course are emerging the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the post-Lenin days, as the glowing beacon to the progressive and revolutionary movements of the oppressed toiling people of the world. And anybody and everybody anywhere and everywhere happening to come across his

thoughts are invariably realizing the invincibility of the same. Indian people need to recognize all this and it remains for them to close ranks, prepare and equip themselves for the impending tasks of translating his revolutionary thoughts into action and practice and thereby strengthen this treasure of Marxism-Leninism by joining the revolutionary force, the Party, Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), the great leader founded and reared up through his

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Massive gathering at the memorial meeting in Kolkata on 5th August (Inset) Comrade Provash Ghosh addressing

ISRAELI ASSAULT ON GAZA

Inhuman attack backed by US imperialists, a war against humanity

Gaza, a strip of coastal land on the bank of the Mediterranean Sea, is burning and being pulverized. Often referred to as 'the biggest concentration camp in the world', nearly a million and a half Palestinian people have been living here under siege by the Zionist Israelis for four years and a half, with their life brought close to a collapse as the Israeli blockade deprives the population of minimum food and basic amenities. On July 8, the Israeli government launched a major military offensive against this Palestinian enclave—

365 square kilometers of land that holds 1.8 million people. Within a few days, the Zionist Israeli regime backed by the US imperialists have dropped hundreds of tons of explosives on Gaza, destroying its infrastructure, killing over 2000 people and injuring and maiming several thousands. Ignoring world people opinion and demonstrating height of bestiality, Israel continues to pound Gaza with latest sophisticated weapons, razing habitats after habitats into rabbles. The aggressor Israeli forces are on a killing spree, exulting in spilling

innocent blood. The air is rent with the wails of the bereaved. Amongst the dead are innocent civilians, women and children. Hundreds of thousands have been displaced from their home and hearth, doomed to an uncertain future. This recent fresh offensive of the Zionist Israel against the Palestinians in the Gaza strip has surpassed all its records of ruthless retribution. Stated to be an offensive against Hamas, the main resistance Palestinian organization, it marks itself as a mindless state-terrorism designed to annihilate and terrorize an entire population of

innocent civilians. The human impact of the conflict in Gaza is incalculable. The destruction has been widespread. Mosques, hospitals, schools have been targeted. Even UNO relief camps have not been spared by the aggressor Israeli forces. Most homes have no electricity. Water supply and sewerage services have been disrupted. There are no more medicines, no arrangements of proper medical care. This is virtually a war against humanity. There is no sign of silencing the

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Zionism evolved as an ultra-national-chauvinistic reactionary thought in Israel

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guns though talks of ceasefire are surfacing now and then.

What makes the Israeli rulers so arrogant and untrammelled? Why is Gaza under repeated attack? Why there are continuous attempts by the Zionist Israeli regime to assassinate leaders and activists of the Hamas, ever since the latter came to power on people's mandate in Palestine? To seek an answer we need to trace history a bit, touch upon certain informative sides and then proceed to have an objective analysis.

What is Zionism?

First of all, what is Zionism and why is Israel called a Zionist State? Zionism is a movement founded by Theodor Herzl in 1896 whose goal was the return of Jews to Eretz Yisrael, or Zion, the Jewish synonym for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel. The name of "Zionism" comes from the hill Zion, the hill on which the Temple of Jerusalem was situated. Supporters of this movement are called "Zionists". Modern Zionism emerged in the late 19th century in response to the violent persecution of the Jews in Eastern Europe and anti-Semitism in Western Europe. In course of its emergence, modern Zionism fused the ancient Jewish biblical and historical ties to a long-lost homeland with the concept of ultra-chauvinistic nationalism into a vision of establishing a modern Jewish state in the land of Israel. About half a century before the Israel state was established in 1948, there had developed the Zionist political movement from amongst the European Jews that floated the idea for a Jewish state in Palestine for the Jewish community. This campaign indoctrinated with religious and ethnic feelings gathered momentum and thus Zionism evolved as an ultra-national-chauvinistic reactionary thought. Alongside grabbing Arab land, Zionism took a firm root in Israel, aided and abetted by the imperialist superpowers particularly the US imperialists.

Origin of Israel-Palestine conflict

Palestine was a beautiful habitation of Arabs living there for centuries. For long it was a part of the Turk Ottoman Empire. Thereafter, Britain occupied Palestine during World War I. As usual for the imperialists, Britain gave a declaration (Balfour

Declaration 1917) to the Zionist Federation that it would facilitate establishing a national home for the Jews in Palestine, though Palestine land was already populated by the native Arabs. The Zionist design was thus endorsed by the imperialist power. Even the League of Nations provided a mandate in favour of Britain to develop Palestine as a Jewish national home. From then on the invigorated Zionists aggressively followed a policy of sending Jewish settlers there both legally and illegally, with support and connivance of the British imperialists.

With time Zionism emerged with more and more colonialist trend and aspirations, hostile in attitude towards the local Arab inhabitants. Zionist targeted the lands made habitable by the Arabs through their hard work. By the Ottoman rules, buying of lands from the Arabs was difficult. And so the Jewish settlers started using force as the means. For their purpose, they raised and maintained underground private armies that were really secret terrorist outfits to be used against the Arabs. Those had the clandestine support, including arms, from the imperialists. The Arabs gradually lost their land and thus foothold. Jewish villages were founded there. At every such settlement, there had been the Arab villages with villagers living normally. Yet when the Jewish settlers occupied the lands, they destroyed everything, every bit of building stones, even the graveyards that belonged to the Arabs, so much so that those villages were completely lost from history. And to confuse the world, the cunning settlers released a campaign that the industrious Jews had built their new state out of what was only a desert.

In 1947, the UN at the instance of the British imperialists proposed to split Palestine 55% for the Jews and 45% for the Palestinians to establish a Jewish and Arab States in Palestine, and to make Jerusalem an international area. Britain thus opened the door to Jewish immigration from Europe. It may be added that Jewish immigration increased in the 1930's and 1940's because of Nazism and the Holocaust. In 1948 the Jews made up 33% of the population of Palestine, but owned only 7% of the land. In any case, the Arab Palestinians who wanted one single state where both Jews and Arabs lived together, were opposed to

partition or a bi-national state, either way leading to the loss of their homeland. But their demand was not acceded to. Israel proclaimed a Zionist state in the land of Palestinian people where Jewish settlers constituted only a minority and thereby betrayed the cause of its own common people. War broke out between the Arabs and Jews in 1948 and continued after the setting up of Israel state. In this fighting of 1948, the Israeli Zionists who had been armed with sophisticated weapons for years by the Anglo-US imperialists gained upper hand over the Arabs and grabbed much more territory than that allotted to Israel under the UN partition plan. In the process, they drove out or annihilated, through terror and massacres, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian people who had lived there for centuries. Hundreds of thousands of Arabs had to flee their homeland and take refuge in adjacent countries. Those still remaining were pushed back by the Zionist Israelis continuously into a smaller and smaller territory leading a life in refugee camps, which were nothing but ghettos. The Jews occupied 80% of Palestine and established Israel on it. Palestine people have been living since then as refugees in neighbouring lands and Israel has arrogantly refused their right to return to their homelands. Thereby, Israel ethnically cleansed (forcibly removed) 80% of the Palestinians from the land they occupied and destroyed and depopulated more than 400 Palestinian villages, massacred thousands of Palestinians and made around 1 million Palestinians refugees. The UN voted in 1948 (Security Council Resolutions 93 and General Assembly Res. 194) to tell Israel to allow the Palestinian refugees to return to their homes, but until today Israel never complied. Zionists violently uprooted 800 thousand Palestinians, emptied over 500 Arab villages and eleven urban areas in six months prior to the departure of the British troops and establishment of Israel in May 1948.

But the relation between the British imperialists and the Zionists soon became strained, as the US imperialists started penetrating into the region. Zionist terrorist outfits, such as Irgun and others attacked and assassinated British soldiers and administrators and perpetrated terror attacks against Arabs. Ultimately defying British opposition,

the Zionist leadership openly met the US imperialist leaders.

After that through successive wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973 Israeli rulers have aggressively and illegally annexed more and more territories and have brazenly defied the world opinion to vacate the occupied lands, with full support of the US and other imperialist powers. The barbaric aggressive policy of Israel has driven practically a whole people out of their homeland and forced millions to a life of untold misery in sordid refugee camps, depriving them of all political, economic, social and cultural rights.

Israel's military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza began in 1967. Up to that point, Gaza had been (more or less) controlled by Egypt and the West Bank by Jordan. But in 1967 there was another war between Israel and its Arab neighbours, during which Israel occupied the two Palestinian territories. Israel also took control of Syria's Golan Heights, which it annexed in 1981, and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, which it returned to Egypt in 1982. Israeli state is characterized by a hollowed-out democracy ruled by entrenched elites, mindless militarization, overrun with religious zealots, erosion of civil liberties, a steady outpour of governmental mendacity, rampant racism, corruption and cruelty to the weak. The "right to defend oneself" is not granted to forcibly displaced Arabs who are blockaded illegally in Gaza. Thus to this day the Israeli Zionists under US patronage are violating all international laws and norms and have flouted all UN resolutions with impunity to deny the patriotic Palestine people the very right to their motherland and perpetuate military strikes against them under this or that pretext.

Zionist Israel, an imperialist backed deadly regime

As stated above, after the Second World War, through the machinations of the US imperialists, on November 29, 1947 the United Nations voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states in General Assembly Resolution 181. Finally, the state of Israel was established on May 15, 1948. Clearly, the Zionist Israel state is a product of imperialist machination, obviously created to serve and stand by the imperialists. It is liberally supported and aided, materially and politically, particularly

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Zionist Israel state is a product of imperialist machination

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by the US, as also other imperialists. With these helps and supports, Israel armed itself with sophisticated and most lethal arms-ammunitions, only to grow into one of the world's most deadly war-monger forces with immense espionage, subversive and striking power, a veritable threat to the existence of not just the Palestinians, but all the Arab countries of the Middle East. As a typical militarist, expansionist brigand, the Zionist state acquired newer and newer areas adding them to their occupied territories. Each such occupation meant expulsion and eviction of more and more Arabs. To crush any and every Arab opposition and resistance against occupation and expulsion, the Zionists, along with their mentor US imperialists, designated Arab resistance as acts of 'terrorism' and unleashed the worst kind of state terror on the Arabs in the occupied territories as a sort of 'collective punishment' to the entire population with a view to isolating the uncompromising fighters. They even perpetrated repeated barbarous incursions, invasions, occupations and sieges against other Arab countries on the plea that they had been lending support to the Palestinian liberation fighters and giving refuge to them. For example, in the 6-day war of 1967 Israel invaded and occupied parts of the neighbouring countries like Egypt, Syria or Lebanon.

Palestine Liberation movement

Uprooted from home and means of livelihood, the Palestinian Arabs were thrown into a pathetic life of terrible destitution and uncertainty. In their frantic efforts to survive with freedom and dignity, they ultimately built up organized struggle under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization

(PLO) with Yasser Arafat as their leader. What started as their war of resistance was transformed soon into a struggle with demands for their independent homeland, that is the Palestinian state, and right for the Arabs to return to their homeland. They fought heroically true to their spirit. But unfortunately, the Arab world was marked by its disunity in its stand for the Palestinians. Besides, revisionist leadership that had assumed power in the then Soviet Union could not and did not put up any resolute stand in favour of the rightful national liberation struggle of the Palestinian Arabs for their independent homeland state against the brute aggressive expansionist US-Israel nexus. The Palestinian liberation movement thus could not make any substantial headway and lingered through the years with twists and turns.

The sad dismantling of the USSR and the socialist camp following revisionist conspiracy aided by the imperialist camp had impacted the world events to a great extent. In the unipolar world, the imperialists- capitalists, as well as the Zionist Israel found fresh vigour to launch and continue their offensives to a greater extent. Mounting people's opinion against the Israeli brigandage, occasionally forced Israel and their mentor US imperialists to come to temporary compromises. Thus, Israel had to give back some of the areas, for example from Egypt, it occupied in the 1967 war. Again, in the mid-nineties, in the so-called 'Middle East Peace Process' under the Oslo agreement, Israel agreed to a bi-national status of Palestine and thus to setting up of an Arab Palestinian state as early as possible. The Palestinian Arab leadership that emerged after the death of Arafat also agreed on it. But in all cases of

compromises and agreements, reached under the tremendous and mounting pressure of world opinion against the belligerent brigandage of the Zionist Israel and the war-monger US imperialists, both these avowed enemies of mankind was marked by their treachery and arrogance. The next moment after reaching an agreement, they used to make it convenient to cook up some plea and flout the agreement, even violate UN resolutions and draw up fresh designs towards pushing their expansionist imperialist goals through.

Emergence of Hamas

It is pertinent at this point to know about the emergence of Hamas as the largest of several Palestine militant Islamist groups fighting Israel. As stated above, in 1967, Israel defeated mighty Egypt to take hold of Gaza territory. The first thing the Israeli rulers did was to subdue secular Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and start providing support to the various Islamic groups. Among the latter, those who hitherto were functioning secretly now raised their heads. Sheikh Ahmed Yaseen was then leader of Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza. Israeli rulers gave him the responsibility to revitalize the Islamist groups. Seizing the opportunity, he formed an ultra-Islamist group called Muzama-al Islamia. Israel called Muzama a charitable organization and wanted to suppress the leftist and secular forces with the help of it. Within few years, Muzama virtually cornered PLO and its influential organization, Fatah. Israeli

authorities funded Muzamma liberally. But, after a decade, Israel came to know that the followers of Sheikh Yaseen were procuring arms in Gaza. Yaseen was immediately arrested. But cunning Yaseen convinced Israel that the arms procured would be used against the secular forces. In 1987, Palestine became explosive centring on a street accident in which a few Palestine citizens were run over by a car driven by an Israeli person. Rebellious protests spread



Protest demonstration in Tel Aviv against attack on Gaza organised by Communist Party of Israel

throughout Israel-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Yaseen led the protests and received support from the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas was born out of this rebellious outbreak. In a sense, Hamas proved to be a Frankenstein for Israel.

Hamas launched its first retaliatory attack against Israel after two years of its formation. At that time, Lebanon was under Israeli occupation. Hamas tried to establish contact with the Hezbollah, a militant anti-imperialist organization, fighting for freeing Lebanon from the clutches of Israel. In 1991, Hamas formed an armed brigade called Izaz-Ad-din-al-Qasam and went for all out opposition to Israel. In 2005, Hamas was defeated by Fatah of PLO leader Yaseer Arafat in the

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Massive demonstration in Kolkata on 8 August against Israeli attack on Gaza at the call of All India Anti-Imperialist Forum (AIAIF)

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Palestine Arabs are justified in their demand for homeland

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civic elections of the occupied territories. In 2006, Hamas contested the Palestine Legislative Council (PLC) election with a call to inflict crushing defeat to Israel through an armed uprising. This call received tremendous response from the Palestine people. Hamas swept the election and 40 year strong hold of PLO received a severe jolt. In the same year, Hamas offered a 10-year truce in return for a complete Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967: the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. It also sent a letter to US President stating that it would accept the 1967 border treaty. But, the US did not respond. As a result, conflicts and clashes lingered and escalated. Hamas grew in strength, sweeping up frustrated PLO activists, drawing in the poor and providing the means to fight the Israelis after 1994 when the PLO seemed too exhausted to take charge of the struggle. Hamas' rhetoric reminded the days of PLO militancy. But it was not alone; alongside it was the resolute Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Popular Resistance Committees. They kept the flame of resistance alive. Subsequently, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), led by Abbas, signed a reconciliation pact with Hamas, which now controls the Gaza Strip.

Brigandage of Israel

Powered by the backing of the US imperialists, Zionist Israel refused to accept the just demand of the Palestine people for a state of their own in their homeland. Thus, Zionist Israel stalled emergence of the Arab Palestine state during all these years of the 'Peace Process'. Not only that. After the Hamas came to power in Palestine in a democratic election and vowed to continue uncompromising resistance to realize the just and legitimate demand of the Palestinians for a free independent state of theirs, the Zionist rulers of Israel plainly refused to accept the Hamas rule. Instead, taking advantage of the bitter opposition of the compromising Fatah leadership to that of the Hamas and in connivance with the US imperialists, the Zionists tended to support and encourage the Fatah leadership to run a parallel government of the so-called Palestine Authority in the West Bank. To keep the Hamas chained and even to oust it from power, Israel clamped an all-out inhuman blockade on Gaza that has been continuing for the last several years. Over and above, Israeli rulers made

repeated attempts to kill Hamas leaders and destroy their military strength through frequent air strikes and expedient violations of the ceasefire. Hence, this present crisis in Gaza can only be described as 'unjust, unfair and aggression' perpetrated in culmination of a prolonged enmity and hostility by Zionist Israel, in face of which the heroic Gazan people, under the leadership Hamas still remain unbending.

US imperialists and their associates perpetuating the problem

The US has taken its customary position of 'Israel's lawyer' in the current aggression against Gaza, which could not continue without such support. American politicians have competed in making extreme statements of support for Israel and of condemnation of rocket fire against Israel by Hamas. Defending Israel's mindless killing of innocent civilians and children through ceaseless air strikes and ground assault with latest sophisticated arsenal, US President Obama says that Israel has the right to self defence. On the other hand, the Palestine people and Hamas who are trying to repulse the attack with their limited artillery are blamed for provoking Israel. What could be more ridiculous than this? This queer logic— whereby a population under occupation, besieged in what amounts to the world's largest open-air prison, is painted as the aggressor and massively powerful Israel as the victim — is characteristic of the US imperialists. In fact, this US attitude set the tune of an orchestrated campaign in the imperialist-controlled media, which accompanied the present banditry of the Zionist Israeli rulers since its inception. It tries to make world people believe that this dastardly act of the Zionist Israeli brigand was a mere retaliation to unprovoked rocket firing by the Hamas activists into the southern parts of Israel. Israel also counts on the US mass media, mostly owned by the large weapons manufacturing MNCs like General Electric (NBC), to spout anti-Palestinian propaganda so as to justify the ultimate aim, which is expulsion of the Gaza and West Bank Arabs. However, in the face of mounting people's opinion against Israeli attack and particularly civilian killing, the campaign had to, of late, shift its position a bit and hold both the Israeli rulers and the

Hamas responsible for the present crisis, thereby equating the ruthless aggressor Israel and the attacked helpless Gaza people. What is evident is that instead of consenting to a just solution of this long-lasting problem, the US imperialists, Zionist Israel and their friends are deliberately dragging the crisis, keeping the conflict alive and intermittently launching murderous attacks on the Palestine people in brutal arrogance so as to keep the West Asian zone under tension and constant threat of war. The US imperialists have another axe to grind. A strong Israel with its aggressive posture enables them to have a powerful regime in entire West Asia to buttress their hegemonic design and keep states like Iran, Syria and others refusing to submit to their dictates, in tenterhooks. Lest this design should be exposed, the US imperialists are training their guns against Hamas and persecuted Palestine people.

Hamas's proposal for ceasefire

The US imperialists and Israeli authorities are blaming Hamas for

not accepting an Egypt-sponsored ceasefire. But the fact is Hamas rejected the Egyptian ceasefire terms which were agreed with Israel and other parties — but never discussed with Hamas. The terms would not have provided for a lifting of the Israeli siege and blockade. This was supposed to have happened under a 2012 ceasefire. In 2012, Israel entered Gaza to destroy a tunnel, provoked a rocket attack and then launched Operation Cast Lead. Each provocation by Israel resulted in an action from Hamas that then allowed Israel to "mow the lawn". This has been the outline of Zionist Israel's policy on Gaza. Hamas, and most Gazans and other Palestinians, insist that the siege and blockade be completely lifted as an iron-clad condition for a ceasefire.

Millions globally protest Israel's war on Gaza

Despite all efforts of the imperialists, the world community refuses to remain silent. Peace-loving people round the globe,

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Communist Party of Israel condemns Israeli attack on Gaza

Appended is the statement issued by Communist Party of Israel on 20 July, 2014:

The Communist Party of Israel (CPI) and the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (HADASH) express their rage and anguish at the brutal, criminal and inhuman assault conducted by Israel at the people of Gaza. We are herewith conveying our deep sympathy and solidarity to the people of Gaza who are killed and injured by a vicious government whose all intention is to keep the occupation and colonization of the occupied Palestinian Territories and to pursue the siege of Gaza.

Since the assault on Gaza began, CPI and HADASH have been organizing and leading a series of demonstrations and activities against that assault, calling to immediate ceasefire and to keep all civilians, Palestinians and Israelis alike, out of this bloody conflict. Throughout our activities and initiatives, fascist and racist mobs attacked us verbally and physically, while the Israeli police has hardly done anything to stop that. Those violent attacks were practically promoted by Israeli neo-fascist government that continuously incites against all progressive and democratic forces in Israel, especially against CPI and HADASH and even more so against the Arab-Palestinian population that resides within the state of Israel proper.

Yesterday (Saturday 19th of July), hundreds of us – Jews and Arab-Palestinians together – demonstrated in the city of Haifa against Israeli aggression. We have got beaten and persecuted by Jewish Neo-Nazi mob, some of us were injured by stones and bottles that were thrown on us. The police arrested 13 of our members, although none of them was involved in any violent action.

Comrades, we shall continue! We will never surrender to intimidation and violence. Gaza, we at CPI and HADASH, Jews and Arabs alike, will be keeping our struggle for the liberation of the Palestinian people!

Jews and Arabs are not enemies but comrades – brothers and sisters!

Free Gaza!

Down with the occupation!

Long live independent Palestine!

Israeli assault on Gaza

Stand by and support the fighting Palestine people

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markedly not excluding the people of the aggressor land, are despising Israel and its mentors, the US imperialists for such a dastardly crime on humanity. On July 26, over 5,000 anti-war Israelis rallied in Tel Aviv, Israeli capital, calling for an end to the occupation and the siege of Gaza. The Communist party of Israel also issued a statement condemning Israeli attack on Gaza and expressed solidarity with the Gaza people. In **Iran** millions turned out in over 770 cities and towns. A massive rally of hundreds of thousands in Tehran carried a blocks-long Palestinian flag. In **Egypt** an anti-coup alliance led by the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood held rallies on July 25 denouncing Egyptian President Sisi for closing key crossings into Egypt from Gaza, which help Israel maintain its deadly siege. In **Pakistan's** largest city, Karachi, thousands of marchers trampled U.S. and Israeli flags, while chanting "Down with Israel" and "Down with America." Sunni and Shiite scholars held a joint vigil in support of Gaza in Marwahin, a village on **Lebanon's** southern border with occupied Palestine. **Turkish** protesters in Istanbul and Ankara have marched on Israeli embassies every day since the offensive against Gaza began. Protests supporting the people of Gaza also took place in **Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Algeria, Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Japan** and **Australia**. Demonstrators in Kano, **Nigeria**, marched nearly four miles on July 25 carrying mock figures of injured children and chanting anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli slogans.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators filled the streets of many European cities on July 25, including **Spain, Italy, Belgium, Sweden** and **Macedonia**. In Berlin, **Germany**, Jewish people joined protesters in a pro-Palestinian march. For the second week in a row pro-Palestinian protesters across **France** defied a ban on demonstrations, turning out in the tens of thousands in Paris and other cities on July 23. Over 50,000 people rallied outside the Israeli Embassy in **London** on July 25 and marched to Parliament, where they called on British Prime Minister David Cameron to "Stop supporting Israeli war crimes." (*Workers' World*—29-07-14)

In India also, protest demonstrations have been organized by our Party, our mass

organizations and also under the aegis of the All India anti-Imperialist Forum in different parts of the country. Some other organizations have also voiced their protests. But what is most disquieting is that the Indian bourgeois government, instead of squarely blaming Israel for this most felonious attack has said that since it cherishes friendly ties with Israel, it cannot take sides. Thus, the BJP-led Indian government has clearly aligned with the US imperialists and their associates wearing a mask of neutrality. Ruling Indian capitalism, which has developed imperialist features and is cozying up to the US imperialists for fulfilling its aspiration to emerge as an Asian superpower, has been befriending Israel in its economic and political interest. Hence its servitor government is shamelessly acquiescing in such a horrendous crime against the innocent Gazans and fighting Palestine people.

Hezbollah leadership calls for unity to aid Gaza

Notwithstanding the fact that Lebanon-based Hezbollah, an anti-imperialist militant outfit, does not see eye to eye with Hamas on many points, yet its leadership holds the following view: This time, the USA has been backing up this war since the first moment. It is also providing it with money, weapons, media and with its political position. However, on the other hand, we see this marvelous popular steadfastness and this adherence by the people of Gaza who put their hopes on the resistance, this enormous tolerance of pain, suffering, wounds, killing and displacement. We see this qualitative and outstanding performance of the Palestinian factions. See this political steadfastness in the face of all these international and regional pressures. Let's put aside all the disputes, discrepancies and disagreements over the other causes. We may still disagree on the political stance or on other squares. We may differ in our stance. We may differ in our evaluation. However, we must put all of this aside to approach altogether the issue of Gaza as a cause of a people, a resistance, and a rightful, just cause with nothing obscure, uncertain or equivocal about it concerning what is right and what is wrong. Even if we still disagree on other issues, Gaza with its blood, body, limbs, oppression, steadfastness and heroism must remain above every other



Protest demonstration in Hyderabad on 30 July against Israeli attack on Gaza

consideration. Let everyone offer the political, moral, media, financial and material support and arms support if possible, according to their capabilities, and also apart from the existing discrepancies.

How can peace be established

So, there cannot be any two opinions on the fact that this just battle of the Palestinian people, presently embodied in the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people of Gaza, can be ended only with the realization of their just and legitimate demands. Prime among these demands that can ensure lasting solution to the crisis include establishment of a full-fledged sovereign Palestine state, recognizing the right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland now under the illegal occupation of Israel and forthwith vacating all territories of Palestine and Syria that Israel grabbed in 1967. However, no move towards fulfilling these demands can be made without restoring peace in the region. So unambiguously and unhesitatingly, there must be immediate stoppage of Israeli aggression and unconditional lifting of the blockade against Gaza and the Hamas.

No freedom-loving people can do away with their right to protect themselves against any attack, particularly when they have a branded expansionist war-monger as the Zionist Israel at their door. Besides, the tunnel network, a major target of Israel, provides the Gazans with the minimum supply of basic needs of living amidst the horrible condition they are put in with the continued all-out blockade by the Israel. Hence, demand for withdrawal of blockade is again a necessary and just demand of the Gazans that must be met with immediately.

But most importantly, the US imperialists, Zionist Israel and their associates must be resisted from

perpetrating violence and misery on the people. In absence of the mighty Socialist Bloc that once could restrain the imperialist brigands from doing whatever they wanted, the bulwark of resistance must be created by exerting pressure of worldwide organized militant anti-imperialist movement. United, sustained and well-coordinated anti-imperialist, anti-war militant peace movements ought to be developed in every nook and corner of the world with a view to creating a powerful pressure upon the ruthless Zionist Israel and the war-monger US imperialists to immediately stop the unjust aggression, withdraw its forces from Gaza and for that matter, every occupied region and fulfill the legitimate demands of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples. It deserves and urgently demands from one and all anti-imperialist, freedom-loving and democratic-minded people and forces of the world, more so of the Arab countries, to forge an unwavering unity and stand by the fighting Palestinian people with active support. It must be realized that the battle of the Gazan people is an inalienable and essential part of the world anti-imperialist movement. Defeat of the evil axis of the Zionist Israel and their mentor the US imperialists, is also necessary to add fillip to the mass struggles and revolutionary movement against capitalism-imperialism all over the world. We call upon all to stand by the fighting Palestinian people with active support and demand immediate stoppage of lethal attack by the Zionist Israeli authorities as well as vacation of all the occupied territories in Gaza, West Bank and Golan heights. We also demand of the US imperialists to withdraw from interfering in the affairs of West Asia and look forward to establishment of independent sovereign Palestine state.

Countrywide observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

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life-long arduous exemplary revolutionary struggle.

On this realization and with this message, the SUCI (C) observed the 38th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary and the beloved leader-teacher-guide of the Party and the toiling people of the country. On this occasion, memorial meetings were organized by different state committees and other units of the Party all over the country. The meetings were addressed by the Polit Bureau and Central Committee members as well as by state committee members, as the case may be. Barring the memorial meeting, the observance included hoisting of the Red Flag at the Party centres, wearing of the GS badge on the Day, arranging for book-stalls more particularly at the meeting venue with the publications of the rich treasure of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts and such other programmes. The meetings were inaugurated with the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as the leader of Indian revolution and ended with *Internationale*, the song of communists of the world. Here we include reports of a few of these observances so far obtained from different units.

Kolkata, West Bengal

A meeting with massive gathering was organized by the West Bengal State Committee at Rani Rashmoni Road, Kolkata, on 5th August, the Memorial Day. It was addressed by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) and was presided over by Comrade Saumen Basu, Member, Central Committee and the West Bengal State Secretary. Komsomol, the young communist wing of the Party, offered guard of honour. It had been raining for quite some days. Even during the meeting, there were a couple of smart showers. But defying rain and inclement weather, vast masses of people who gathered listened to the long valuable speech



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee addressing Memorial Meeting in Mumbai

delivered by Comrade Provash Ghosh in rapt attention demonstrating rare discipline. Speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh will be published later.

Ernakulam , Kerala

Memorial meeting organized by SUCI(C) Kerala State Committee was held on 5th August at CAC Auditorium, Angamali, Ernakulam District.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade C. K. Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Kerala State Secretary of SUCI(C). Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), addressed as the main speaker. Comrade V.Venugopal, State Secretariat member of the Party also spoke. The meeting was preceded by a spirited demonstration in the town in which hundreds of party workers and supporters including women and children participated. Speech of Comrade Manik Mukherjee is given separately.

Patna, Bihar

Memorial meeting was held at IMA Hall, Patna on 5 August. Comrade Shiv Shankar, Secretary, Bihar State Committee presided over. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), was the main speaker. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, Senior Member, Bihar State Committee, SUCI (C) also addressed the meeting.

Hyderabad, AP-Telangana

A public meeting has been organized at Press club, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad, on 8th August, 2014. Comrade G. Lalitha, Member, Telangana-Andhra Pradesh State Organizing Committee presided over the meeting. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Speech of Comrade Chakraborty is given separately. Comrade K. Sridhar, Secretary Telangana-



Comrade Sankar Saha addressing Memorial Meeting in Rohtak

Andhra Pradesh State organizing Committee, SUCI(C) also addressed the gathering.

Delhi

The memorial meeting was held on 5th August at Gandhi Peace foundation auditorium. Comrade Satyawan, Member Central Committee and Secretary, Haryana State Committee of the party addressed the gathering as the main speaker with Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Delhi State Organizing Committee also addressing the meeting. Comrade Pran Sharma senior member of Delhi State Organising Committee presided over. In his speech, Comrade Satyawan highlighted the intense struggle that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Proletarian leader, led on, with only a handful of compatriots, to found and develop our Party as the revolutionary party of the country and the vast treasure house of Marxist-Leninist thoughts he had left for comrades present to acquaint and equip themselves with. Comrade Satyawan pointed out that Narendra Modi was projected and later installed as Prime Minister by the corporate of the country and abroad and he is now on the path of serving them best taking decisions to hand over defense production, insurance, bank, public sector undertakings, railways, roads, water, power education, health and even agriculture to private owners and even open up for FDI. With administration being centralized more and more and with attempts at regimentation of thought through saffronization of education in schools or the likes, it is becoming urgent to develop broad based left and democratic movement on the edifice of higher culture and ethics .

Buldhana, Punjab

Comrade Shankar Saha, Member of Central Committee of our Party addressed as the main speaker the memorial meetings held in Punjab and Haryana on 9th and 10th August respectively. In Punjab the memorial meeting was held at FCI Hall Buhludha. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, In-charge, Punjab State unit of our party SUCI(C) presided over .

Rohtak, Haryana

In Haryana the meeting was held at Jaat Bhawan Rohtak, with Comrade Satyawan, Member Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary presiding over. Recalling the arduous struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh for Party foundation and development, Comrade Shankar Saha highlighted how the great leader elaborated the all-out attack of capitalism particularly in the realm of culture and ethics betraying fascistic trends in the post world war days and how he warned far in advance about rise of modern revisionism in the CPSU that ultimately brought the collapse of the USSR. Comrade Saha went on to explain that decadent capitalism has made the lives of people miserable and suffocating. All the world over, masses are taking to the streets, raising the voice of protest which has shaken the ruling classes. He pointed out that it was the task of the genuine communist party to turn such protests towards revolutionary struggle. Comrade Saha asserted that SUCI(C) is playing a vital role in the national and international struggle against capitalism-imperialism.

Bangalore, Karnataka

In Bangalore, the Memorial Day meeting was held on 5th

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Countrywide observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

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August 2014. Addressing the gathering as the main speaker Comrade K Radhakrishna, Central Committee Member and Secretary, Karnataka State Committee, SUCI(C), discussed elaborately on the present national and international situation including developments in Syria, Iraq and Palestine, demanding that Israel must at once desist from continuing bombing. He also elaborately explained emergence of fascism in Europe and its various facets and pointed out the menace of fascism looming large before India. In conclusion, he said, "At a time when the so called left parties are disintegrating, the only party that is attracting young and bright cadres to the social movements is our Party. To bring about the real change that the people are aspiring for, we have to acquire higher revolutionary character in the process of building up the Party. One must take up more and more responsibility and strengthen struggle inside and outside the party". Comrade B. R. Manjunath, State Committee Member and Bangalore District Secretary of SUCI(C) presided over the meeting.

Tamilnadu

On August 9, 2014, Tamilnadu State Organising Committee of SUCI(C) held the memorial meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in Chennai on 9 August, 2014 with Comrade A Rengasamy, Secretary, Tamilnadu State Organising Committee, SUCI(C), presiding over the meeting and Comrade C K Lukose, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C), and Kerala State Secretary was the main speaker. Memorial meetings were also held at Madurai and Theni, where Comrade A Rengasamy, Tamilnadu State Secretary was the main speaker.

Agartala, Tripura

Memorial meeting was held at T. B. Association Hall at Agartala

on 5 August. In his presidential address, Comrade Arun Bhowmik, Tripura State Secretary, described briefly how SUCI (C) has been organizing mass movements in Tripura against all the anti-people policies of both the Central and State Governments based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Gopal Kundu, Member, Central Committee of the Party, was the main speaker. He showed how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of building up a revolutionary party on the soil and waged an arduous struggle with a handful of revolutionary compatriots for that. He also described how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as a giant Marxist Authority in course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on the Indian Soil. He also dwelt on the prevailing economic and political scenario of India and explained how the BJP and Modi pose a great danger to the country. Lastly he appealed to the comrades and supporters present in the meeting to build-up mass and class struggles based on the higher proletarian ethics and culture as taught by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Mumbai, Maharashtra

With marked enthusiasm, the memorial meeting was organized at Janata Kendra Hall in Mumbai on 5th August by the Mumbai State Organising Committee involving Nagpur, Yavatamal and Wardha districts. Comrade Kumar Kulashreshtha, Member of the Mumbai SOC conducted the meeting while Comrade Anil Tyagi, Secretary of the Mumbai SOC presided over. The meeting was addressed by Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Committee Member of our Party as the main speaker.

Vadodhara, Gujarat

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee also addressed the memorial meeting in Vadodhara held on 8th August with party workers, supporters and sympathizers

from Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Surat attending it. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Meenakshi Joshi, Member Gujarat State Organising Committee. Also other leaders including Comrade Dwarikanath Ratha, Secretary, Gujarat SOC and Comrade Tapan Dasgupta, Secretary, Vadodara District Organising Committee spoke on the occasion. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee paid her tribute to the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh recalling his lifelong struggle to found and develop a genuine revolutionary party on Indian soil. She added, in the present days of utter decadence of capitalism, parties like the AAP



Comrade K. Radhakrishna addressing Memorial Meeting in Bangalore

on our struggle honestly and consciously and develop people's movements forming people's committees, so that one day political power of the people will grow to overthrow the exploitative capitalist system .

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

The Memorial Day was observed in Bhopal through a state-level mass meeting held at the local



A section of the gathering at Patna Memorial Meeting

and the movement released by Anna Hazare could lead to nothing significant since those were not directed against capitalism. Even Narendra Modi has come to power with slogans of ushering in 'achhey din'; yet his own state of Gujarat speaks otherwise. Development is meant for the rich and corporate and mainly restricted to places like Surat, Vadodhara or Ahmedabad. Comrade Mukherjee further added that to develop the subjective condition for revolution to adequate strength, we must keep

Samudaik Bhawan, on 9th August. Speaking at the meeting as the main speaker Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary brought attention to the facts that in the backdrop of intense world-wide market crisis of capitalism, administrative fascism is being imposed upon our country by the capitalist rulers which is throwing the toiling people into even deeper misery and that the bringing of Narendra Modi to power has been to further that end. In such a condition, movements have to be developed combining different democratic forces. Also to be undertaken are the tasks of developing scientific bent of mind fighting out superstitions and blind faith. The call of the hour is to uproot capitalism. Madhya Pradesh State Party Secretary Comrade Uma Prasad also spoke at the meeting, with Comrade Ramavtar Sharma, presiding over and Comrade J C Barai, conducting the meeting, both being Members of the State Organizing Committee.



Part of the gathering at Ernakulam Memorial Meeting

“We must develop broadest unity possible, with the purpose to develop movements, mass and class struggles without which we cannot check fascist Hindu Fundamentalism of RSS-BJP” — Comrade Manik Mukherjee

(This is the abridged version of the speech of Comrade Manik Mukherjee delivered on 5th August, 2014 at Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting in Ernakulam, Kerala)

This annual memorial-day observance of our departed beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is not a ritualistic affair but comes with a twofold purpose — firstly, to highlight before the public the struggle and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and explain it to them. Secondly, we, the comrades of our Party, need to learn again and again from it and imbibe the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh started his political struggle to build up a genuine communist party at a very young age, when he realized that the so called communist parties in our country - the CPI, RSP and other parties - were not real communist parties but really social democratic parties. And based on the teachings of Comrade Lenin, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh concluded that in the absence of a genuine communist party, we need to develop a real communist party in order to fundamentally change this Indian capitalist society and establish socialism. With this deep conviction he set out on the struggle.

Comrades, we are virtually the third batch to join our Party at a time when the Party was so small, and other social democratic parties used to banter that Comrade Ghosh considered himself the Lenin of this country. At that time the undivided CPI was recognized as communist party by the International communist movement, when Stalin was alive. So we had to face the argument: ‘is your Shibdas Ghosh wiser than Comrade Stalin? When Stalin recognizes the CPI, Shibdas Ghosh does not and says that it is a social democratic party’. In this way we had to face many questions and had to fight them politically. Today, we think that these political fights definitely helped a lot in developing ourselves.

Pointing to the unflinching determination in the face of mountain-high obstacles, of unthinkable conditions under which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with Comrade Nihar Mukherjee and a handful revolutionary compatriots had started a unique struggle to build up a genuine communist party, with no resources whatsoever; no money, no social backing, no media backing, not even the surety of two square meals a day, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said: At that time some senior political leaders used to tell

them: ‘Shibdas, Nihar, you are simply going to die without accomplishing anything. In no country has a communist party been built in this way.’ You know the answer of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh — “If I am to die, I will die with honour holding my head high... Even if I can do nothing else for revolution, I would at least lay the first brick — others will build in future the edifice of a revolutionary party on it.” Today, though we have no press backing, no Ministers, MLAs or MPs; but in terms of cadres our party is definitely bigger than the so-called communist parties in India. In every state our party is very much active and developing mass and class struggles. We have



Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing in Ernakulam

so many whole-time comrades who have given up their careers; they have taken up a very hard struggle. Not only that; an ever increasing number of comrades are leading a collective life, a collective struggle in party centres. This is a new phenomenon in our country.

Why is it that we are continuing to spread out and develop, whereas many communist parties in different countries have been disintegrating and some are even on the verge of extinction after counter-revolution in Soviet Union and East European countries? It is because of the correctness of our ideology and political line — the ideology, the revolutionary politics, the understanding of Marxism–Leninism as concretized by our beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, i.e. Marxism – Leninism – Shibdas Ghosh Thought. This is our main weapon, and the source of strength from which we derive the impetus to lead a life of struggle and due to which the masses support us. The thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

are spreading not only in India, I can tell you, but even outside India and are creating and have already created a tremendous effect. So, from these we have to learn one thing, that we should continue our struggle covering all aspects of life to understand Marxism – Leninism – Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts. In this way we will be able to develop mass and class struggles, and only we can lead the Indian masses to their emancipation; no other party is capable of doing so. The life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and his very developed understanding of Marxism – Leninism has become a treasure not only in our life but also the proletariat of our land. So, with the help of it, our party, SUCI(C) will lead the masses against capitalism to establish socialism.

Drawing attention to another

able to print all of his speeches, his speeches on philosophy, culture, ethics and sex among others. These are very important issues. We feel guilty that we have not been able to publish them properly. The speeches are being edited and we are trying our utmost to publish them soon. I will point out an instance. Once there was a debate in communist circles on how communists should approach the concept of freedom of sex and free love, following which Clara Zetkin and others approached Lenin. Decrying the bourgeois preoccupation with sex, Lenin stressed that free love was a bourgeois not a proletarian demand, and provided the famous analogy of a glass of water. But he did not elaborate on it. After that, no communist authority had explained the subject. As a result, there prevails a confusion now that Marxism has no definite stand as regards the matter of sex. But Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided elaborate guidelines on how to conduct struggle covering every aspect of life including sex. When we shall be able to publish his hitherto unpublished speeches and discussions it will be a treasure to the communist literature and a great help to all those who are seriously taking up the struggle to be real Marxists.

Before Comrade Ghosh held discussions on any subject, he would confer about the same even with ordinary comrades wherever he could, be it in office, commune or other places. It was through those discussions and interactions that Comrade Ghosh developed in comrades the thinking faculty. He had said that it was but collective learning wherein he derived knowledge from the comrades also. In order to develop power of critical analysis in comrades Comrade Ghosh introduced the method of *negative dialectics* in study circles from the time of party formation, where comrades would place questions on any topic, discuss these among themselves, arguing and cross-arguing, while Comrade Ghosh would intervene if necessary and finally conclude the discussions. These interactions helped to develop and sharpen the comrades’ understanding of Marxism–Leninism, on the basis of which they were able to place the same before the common masses in a manner that was suitable. At the same time Comrade Ghosh used to conduct

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“We have to go to the people and imbue them with Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought” — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

(This is the abridged version of the speech delivered by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C), at Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial meeting on 8 August, 2014, in Hyderabad.)

Fifth August is a very emotional day for our party. On this very day in the year 1976, our leader, teacher, guide and a foremost Marxist thinker, the founder G.S of our beloved party SUCI (C) the only communist party of India passed away. Firstly we observe this day for taking lessons from his life struggle and apply them in our life and struggle to become good communists. The second objective is to analyze the political situation and find out the task before the party in the light of his teachings.

The situation that has emerged during and after the general election has to be understood very deeply. In the whole country, there is a tremendous reactionary sweep. At the centre, BJP, the most reactionary communal party, carrying all old and reactionary ideas which cannot guide people in modern time has come to power. In Andhra Pradesh, TDP the most reactionary party, the party of the Telugu capitalists and in Telangana the TRS still worse, serving the capitalists came to power. In different states reactionary forces surged forth like AIDMK spreading typical Dravid fanaticism and a party of the Tamil bourgeoisie and BJD led by Naveen Patnaik another reactionary force in Orissa, also TMC led by Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal. On the whole it is a total reactionary sweep. People did not want it. It is true that people wanted a change because of the most anti-people policies and attitude of the Congress government and because of the total crisis that developed in the lives of the people. People wanted to overthrow Congress from power. But what was the alternative before the people? People wanted movement and struggle, to solve this crisis. This is why, Anna Hazare developed a movement and lakhs joined it. People lost belief and confidence in the leaders of all the parties including the so-called communists. Because they did not organize people's movements, did not lead their struggle against this oppressive rule of the Congress, against the exploitation by the capitalist houses. Rather in West Bengal or Kerala the government led by CPI, CPI(M) suppressed people's movements. Naxalites the so-called

revolutionaries instead of preparing the country for revolution which is painstaking took up arms when people remained divided by caste, community, religion and region. Telangana and Andhra people are fighting against each other. When such is the consciousness of the country will taking up arms bring revolution? We are not opposed to armed struggle. Taking up arms prematurely without preparing the people is adventure. In that adventure many people give their lives being misled. In this election, CPI and CPI (M) instead of organizing people to come to

bring BJP into power. All their hopes are shattered. Just after forming the government even before the parliament started railway fares increased. Prices of commodities started soaring. Not only that. Dinanath Batra, a typical reactionary Hindu fanatic met the Education minister seeking sanction to teach Vedic Mathematics. Age old Hindu Vedic Mathematics is primitive in relation to the total mathematical development of today. Still if you are forced to learn Vedic mathematics, it shows how much Hindu fanatic mind is instigated. People's reasoning power and scientific bent of mind will be destroyed. Very old and reactionary idea will gain ground. Idea of

reduced market is not there. That is the crisis of whole world capitalism. Even after taking the policy of globalization, liberalization such a serious crisis gripped the world capitalism, the foundation of capitalism was shaken in 2008. Today, the governor of the Reserve Bank of India says that crisis is coming again. Capitalism cannot escape from crisis. Lenin showed it in the beginning of the last century. After the second world war Stalin showed that the relative stability that the capitalist system was having before the Second World War, was also lost. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that the crisis of capitalism is a daily affair. Coming out of one crisis will only result in being swamped by a graver crisis. In this situation informing the youth that they will get jobs will mislead the youths. Starting from the US throughout the world, 'Occupy Wall Street' movement was developed by the unemployed students. They took loans for studies but could not give them back because they had no jobs. America, England, France, Germany, Japan such advanced capitalist countries with their highly developed technology could not solve the problem of unemployment, and Narendra Modi will solve the problem? We must show to the people that this problem cannot be solved in a capitalist society. If we want to solve this problem we have to overthrow capitalism. Actually the national bourgeoisie is the enemy. It has to be overthrown from power. CPI, CPI(M), and particularly Naxalites feel that bourgeoisie has a progressive role and it is ally of revolution. India has not only become a capitalist country but even an imperialist country as shown by Comrade Ghosh. It is exporting capital to foreign countries to exploit foreign resources both material and human and in such an imperialist country fighting against foreign imperialism and local feudalism does not bring revolution. CPI in those days, and even today thinks of people's democratic revolution which is against foreign imperialism, local feudalism, combining with the bourgeoisie of the country. CPI(M) and Naxalites also are following a similar line. Where is feudalism? You will not find one feudal landlord anywhere. All are capitalist land owners. In India there is no feudalism. It is out and out capitalist



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing in Hyderabad
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governmental power, tried to form a third front with Chandra Babu Naidu, Jayalalithaa, Naveen Patnaik, Mulayam Singh Yadav just for political gain and parliamentary gain. So people have lost confidence in all these parties and leaders. Taking advantage of this very situation the corporate houses Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis and Adanis projected Modi as a great man as if he has magic in his pocket and good days are coming! If the left parties truly organized people and people's movements this time neither the Congress nor BJP could come to power. It could be the left democratic forces that could come to power. Now people were realizing what a mistake it was, to

“Akhand Bharat” will be propagated- as though Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Sumatra, Java and Indonesia all belong to India. That should also be introduced in the school courses. No doubt new value system has to be brought in the society as people are losing moral values. But the old reactionary ideas cannot guide life today. Where from Modi will give jobs? If industrialization takes place then only jobs can be created. Lenin showed 100 years back that capitalism became moribund and crisis-ridden reaching its highest stage i.e. imperialism. It cannot help develop industry any more. As people's purchasing power is

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and imperialist power. Tata purchased steel industry in UK. Four or five individuals of India figure as the richest people of the world. They have become so rich by exploiting such a vast population. CPI, CPI(M) and Naxalites do not see them. They simply dictate revolution by misleading the people. May be honestly. Honesty alone cannot help revolution. Honesty is the minimum thing. Without honesty and sincerity no man can become a communist. You have to know the law of development of society and clearly understand what is the stage of development of our society, who are the enemies, who are the friends. Comrade Ghosh in 1948 itself, when our party was founded, showed that India had already become not only a capitalist country but an imperialist power. That is why Bangladesh hates India. India government helped Bangladesh liberation struggle only to get its market. Nepalis hate Indians. Even in Africa Indian capitalists exploit.

Now the reactionary forces have come to power. The left parties have to wonder why it happened and why with the rise of BJP the most mechanically centralized party with reactionary ideology coming to power the tendency of fascism is gaining ground. Comrade Ghosh showed that when a capitalist country develops its economy capital gets concentrated in the hands of a few because of the development of monopoly. Capital gets centralized either under individual or the capital state. Then political power also gets centralized. In India it has happened. Indian monopoly developed after independence taking advantage of the situation when world was divided into the imperialist capitalist war camp led by USA and the socialist peace camp under the leadership of Soviet Union. Following a so-called non-aligned policy Nehru government at that time milked both the camps and filled the bucket of Indian capital. This led to foundation of fascism. India is a fascist state with administrative fascism as Comrade Ghosh pointed out long back. The parliament and assembly are only show pieces where one can shout. People consider this as democracy because one can get elected, even the working class can get elected and can even form the government. But actually who rules the country? A former American president told that in America and in all capitalist countries it is not that the parliament or assembly but the industrial military bureaucratic complex that rules. Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis and

Adanis supported the BJP, projected Narendra Modi spending lakhs of crores of rupees. All electronic media, the television channels were totally purchased. A combination of industrial military bureaucratic complex is ruling. This is administrative fascism. But this is not what we saw in Germany or Italy. There the people being misled, confused by the fascists who instigated national jingoism, fanatic national mind among the masses, even among the intellectuals, scientists, professors, lecturers and all stood behind the state and then full fledged fascism appeared there. When reason dies no values, love compassion sensitivity nothing operates it will prepare ground for it. The Jews were killed by the Nazis and Gestapo forces in Germany.

Anti-Muslim fanaticism is being instigated in our country. In Gujarat, thousands were killed. Many youths devoid of any value or concept of love, affection, compassion, sensitivity, sympathy resorted to communal violence. Opened the abdomen of a pregnant lady and took out the fetus with a trident and danced. If people of the country can be made like that then full-fledged fascism can come as happened in Germany and Italy. BJP can do it. Modi's Hindu nationalism, Bharat Maata ki Jai, Akhand Bharat- all these slogans are coming to create fascist mind. Congress was no less. BJP talks against Muslims. Congress does not talk against Muslims because votes will not come. But it talks against Pakistan creating some border clash in Kashmir and opening fire. Then Pakistan will also respond. An atmosphere of war psychosis is created. The idea that anti-Pakistan means anti-Muslim is created. BJP is creating anti-Christian mind also. They are raising the conversion question again. In 1999 Dr. Graham Steins an Australian missionary who came to serve Indian lepers was burnt alive along with his two children by Bhajrang Dal in Orissa. In Gujarat, Hindu fanatics attacked churches because the tribals are mostly Christians. On the plea of fighting against conversions they attacked and ransacked churches and burnt Bibles. So, Hindu fanaticism is growing in the country against any minority.

As such individualism is the basis of bourgeois culture. One day it was very progressive and revolutionary. In feudalism during monarchy, rule of the kings, monarchs, Sultans and Badshahs, no one had independence or freedom. Serfs were bound to land. In those days individualism was very

progressive and revolutionary as autocratic rule of kings and monarchs had to be overthrown. So, bourgeois democracy had to come using the slogan of individual freedom and individual right over means of production. Tata, Birla, Goenka and such few people will develop their right of individual ownership but not all individuals. Rather very few individuals will be the owners of the means of production and crores of people will be forced to work in their factories. Where is equality? Are Tata and his worker, equal? Both Birla and his worker are equal? So bourgeois individualism and bourgeois democracy cannot give freedom or real equality to all. Capitalist rulers say in socialism there is no democracy but in capitalism there is democracy. In their sense, democracy means this right to property. Fact is that in socialism there is no individual ownership and entire means of production i.e. factories mills, mines, big lands are owned by the working class. There will be no distinction between the owner and worker. There only real equality is possible.

Lenin showed that workers are wage slaves in capitalism. In slavery, slaves could be purchased, sold and butchered also. In feudalism, the working people became relatively free but bound to land as slaves. In capitalism, the workers were freed from bonded labour this much that they can leave the job. Capitalist owners cannot bind them to the job. But workers cannot give up as there is no alternative. So they remain as wage slaves. This very individual freedom which was one day revolutionary freed the serfs and all the people even women to that extent from the total dictatorial rule of the patriarchs or husbands or men. To that extent some democratic rights were availed or achieved in that struggle. Today individual freedom has given rise to worst type of culture. It has given rise to self-centeredness. Everything is for my happiness— that mind has developed. So old human values democratic concepts, secular concepts all have gone. And if one has the power as a minister, he or she will indulge in corrupt practices because ethics, morality have died.

Capitalism was revolutionary at the beginning. So there was no such corruption because still then bourgeois values were operating. Morality and ethics were there. But today when capitalism has become reactionary those values died. In this gap of ethical and moral values criminal psychology is developing. A student of 6th standard was

gangraped in Bangalore only few days back. Gangrapes and killings happen regularly. Fanaticism, selfishness and self-centeredness are growing. In that situation where fanaticism grows it can be used for national chauvinism. Fanaticism creates condition for fascism.

Comrade Ghosh has elaborately discussed that individualism cannot develop reasonable mind or concept of higher values. It can be developed by the communist culture meaning proletarian revolutionary culture and collectivism as Marx showed. Workers produce collectively, not for themselves but for the collective. There upon this culture collectivism came. That can give you a correct concept of life with noble feelings, lofty ideas, great mind, big heart, kindness, compassion, thinking, soft and delicate feelings and affection. All such values can develop on the basis of proletarian and revolutionary culture that Marx gave. With that not only exploitation will go but man will become great. Other than communist concept of life no man can be a great man. Those who oppose this concept cannot become great. Some may say Obama is great. With his support Israelite army is killing children. They are bombing hospitals, schools. India is also not saying anything. India purchases arms from them. US led by Bush destroyed Afghanistan and Iraq with inhuman barbarism. Can we cite a single name from the bourgeois world who is great? Today bourgeois thought cannot produce any great man. But communist outlook, communist culture, communist ideology and communist concept of life created great philosophers like Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Shibdas Ghosh and also so many great people who followed their teachings. Without communist outlook nobody can be great. Comrades, this basic thing we have to understand and spread in the society to stall fascism. It is true that evil forces have come to power. Capitalist class can be at best 10% in the population. Rest are all exploited masses in crores. They want movement. If they can be united and imbued to appreciate the communist concept of life not only fascism can be stalled, revolution will break out. Our experience is that when we go to the masses with the concept of Shibdas Ghosh people are getting attracted. We are growing. CPI, CPM are diminishing. In the recent election CPM could manage 9 MP seats and CPI none. Naxalite forces are limited only to some parts of the country. No ML

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party is as big as our party. We are working in 20 states in India. Though small we are growing without any propaganda by the media because of the great thought of comrade Ghosh. People feel it is needed for their life and take Ghosh as their leader.

So comrades, it is true that a very dangerous situation has developed because of the reactionary forces coming to power but forces of movement are also very vast. We have to unite them, fight against casteism, communalism, regionalism, localism, linguistic fanaticism etc., It will be possible only with the thoughts of Shibdas Ghosh in our country. The concept of life, the concept of culture, ethics, and morals, as taught by him, have to be practised and taken to the people.

BJP is telling there is gap in the ethical field. True but should it be filled up with the old concept of backward reactionary values or the most advanced, developed and developing concept of values? If Marxist concept of life and values can be brought to the people they will be totally changed. It will be making a new civilization as was made by Lenin and Stalin in Soviet Union, Mao in China, Ho-Chi Min in Vietnam. We can also create

that type of civilization if we can understand Marxism as Comrade Ghosh has preached here. He understood in 1940s itself and started forming this party. CPI was recognized in those days by the international leadership. Even then Comrade Ghosh showed that it was not a communist party. Though its leaders were sacrificing and struggling, and were honest, sincere, dedicated and had thorough knowledge of Marxist literature, they were not communist because they have not practiced it in life. What they preach in the open they do not practice in life. They have their private property, their separate family life. They come to the party office and talk about Marxism Leninism and revolution. All may not be like that. But those who are leaders of the party, those who educate the cadre and the people they must lead the life of communist. Communists cannot have private property, can not have personal way of life. They should become impersonal. They should become collective in real approach and practice. Personal interest and social interest shall merge. And social interest today is represented by the proletariat the most revolutionary class. My personal interest should be identified with the interest of the working class.

Without a revolutionary party there can not be revolution. Ultimately the interest of a communist should merge with the interest of the revolutionary party of the proletariat. The leaders of CPI, CPM, ML neither preached this concept of struggle nor practiced in their own lives. Today you see how these parties are. No atmosphere of mutual exchange of ideas, debates, philosophical tolerance, nothing is there. If you criticize any party they will beat you. Fanaticism will grow in this situation and it has grown. So, fascist condition has developed. Bourgeoisie needs such a situation where no reason or scientific outlook works and man becomes totally blind, machine like without any value concept. The left parties have helped the bourgeoisie in this way.

So Comrades, on this historic occasion on the death anniversary of Comrade Ghosh when such a fascist condition is developing in the country we all leaders and the led should take lessons from it. Learn deeply more particularly the concept of morality and ethics what he preached, the culture what he created in the party and outside. Showing to the people that emancipation if they really want from this exploitative system, from exploitation and oppression this is

the only party which can lead them. Remaining ordinary we cannot have revolution. People should be great. Common people may not become like advanced working class leaders meaning the communists but if they can appreciate truth and acquire this great concept to an extent then their nature changes. Then the whole society's nature can be changed. As the possibility of fascism is growing equally the possibility of growth of revolution also is there. We have to go to the people and imbue them with Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. We have to organize them and lead them to power. This if you take as our mission revolution is not far away. And I believe the comrades will understand this seriousness of the situation and take up the struggle face the situation and change the situation. Revolution is not a simple work. We are not afraid of difficulty. Rather to meet the difficult situation is our task, our way. With this I conclude.

Long live Socialist Unity centre of India (Communist) founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.
Red salute to the great leader of the proletariat
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh."

Comrade Manik Mukherjee's speech

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many school of politics' for the illiterate, emphatically asserting that these peasants and agricultural workers who are engaged in class and mass struggles need to know *dialectical materialism*. Without its knowledge a worker cannot transform himself into an organizer of the masses. Now, more than ever, we feel it necessary that we must follow all these methods and dialectical process to educate our comrades within the party and develop their standard – not only their political standard, but cultural and ethical standard as well. For ethical and cultural aspect play an important role. Without higher ethical and cultural standard it is impossible to lead revolution. Comrade Ghosh had criticized the International Communist movement on the aspect of individualism – bourgeois individualism. The remnants of bourgeois individualism in communist movement had sown the seeds for the development of modern revisionism, so we will have to fight it. In our party, we are trying to fight it with the help of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

Pointing to the fact that after the last general elections Narendra Modi came to power with absolute majority, Comrade Mukherjee said: after independence, there followed thirty years of single-party Congress rule, which gave way to an era of coalitions where no single party had received an absolute majority — not even the Congress - with coalitions in power at the Centre and in the States. In this manner the Indian bourgeoisie had gradually tried to establish a two – party system in Indian politics. Through such a two – party system they want to serve the interests of the bourgeoisie. Though maintaining the façade of parliamentary democracy, they have brought in a certain level of administrative fascism. This time around, Narendra Modi came to power with absolute majority, a situation which many parties could not foretell. How did this turn of events take place? We know that the party to which Narendra Modi belongs, the BJP, is a Hindu communal party. It was pushed to the forefront by the Indian ruling class, as a result of which they received absolute majority. I am

saying this because we must alert the people that the BJP is gradually trying to consolidate its power. They would try to build their mother organization, RSS — a Hindu fundamentalist, a fascist organization — everywhere possible. Their main objective would be to fight communism, communist ideas, Marxism-Leninism and ultimately annihilate the communists from this soil. This is the idea of the RSS and its political wing, the BJP. Therefore, this election has led to a very dangerous situation. Why did this happen? For a long time we have been urging the unity of left and democratic parties functioning in India for the development of mass and class struggles. This unity should not be forged for the purpose of elections. Generally, it is seen that parties unite for the purpose of securing maximum seats in elections, as a platform to help them come to power. But what we have been stressing is unity with the purpose of developing mass and class struggles, on which basis alone we will fight elections if these come. Remember, we need to check the spread of ugly Hindu fundamen-

talism – a virtually fascist force — because, if allowed to grow, it will destroy mass and class struggles, and large sections of the non-Hindus, particularly the Muslims, will be cornered. You will find that the Muslims are already shaken. After these elections already some sort of Hindu revivalism is gradually coming to the fore. Now, our Party deeply feels that we must develop the broadest unity possible, with the purpose to develop movements, mass and class struggles without which we cannot check this tendency. This is the slogan we must raise in the coming days. Our Party has given the call to develop such a unity all over India. Comrades, after the elections the situation has become more grave but if we discharge our duties properly we can develop mass and class struggles which provide the way out. Today, with these words I would like to conclude.

Long live SUCI(C).
Long live Internationalism.
Red Salute to
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Sput of communal clashes in UP in areas set to have bypolls

Uttar Pradesh has been turned into a communal cauldron. Communal violence, polarizing communities, has overtaken the state, with an aggressive BJP and a weak and abject Samajwadi Party both directly responsible for turning the state into a tinderbox that can explode at any point in time.

Uttar Pradesh has witnessed at least 24 riots since May 16, the day the Lok Sabha election results were announced. Eight people have been killed and more than 250 injured in these clashes, nearly half of which were over petty issues like use of loudspeakers at religious places or fire crackers in processions. It's no coincidence that most of these riots took place in west UP, which is home to half of the total assembly constituencies where by-elections are to be held in November. By-elections are to be held in 12 constituencies that fell vacant after BJP MLAs were elected MPs. Of these 12, six have seen communal clashes in the past two-and-a-half-month. Of these six, the assembly segment-wise Lok Sabha results show, four seats are such where BJP's performance wasn't so good compared to other parts of UP.

In Moradabad, more than 50 people including the DM, were injured on July 6 when BJP workers clashed with the police for trying to hold a panchayat in protest against the removal of loudspeakers by police from a temple. By-elections are due in Moradabad's Thakurdwara after Kunwar Sarvesh Singh of the BJP, an MLA, was elected MP by defeating HT Hasan of SP by over 87,000 votes. Assembly segment-wise LS result shows Singh was ahead in three segments and Hasan in two. In fact, Singh was behind Hasan by 475 votes in Thakurdwara. Had it been an assembly poll, he would've lost from here.

Similarly, in Saharanpur, three people were killed in communal clashes on July 26. Curfew continues in some areas even today. Raghav Lakhani Pal of the BJP won the LS elections from Saharanpur. He was MLA from Saharanpur Nagar where by-elections are due. Of the five assembly seats in Saharanpur LS, Pal was ahead in three and Congress's Imran Masood in two. In Saharanpur Nagar segment, Pal was ahead with just 23,784 votes.

Kairana fell vacant after its MLA, BJP's Hukum Singh,

became MP. The margin in Kairana was 26,629, the lowest among five segments which form the LS seat. Kairana includes parts of Shamli and Muzaffarnagar districts. While clashes took place in Shamli on June 5, Muzaffarnagar witnessed communal tension on July 11 and 13. Similarly, in Bijnore, BJP MLA Bhartendu Singh was elected MP. Both Hukum and Bhartendu were also accused in Muzaffarnagar riots in which over 65 people were killed and 65,000 displaced.

By-elections are also due in Balha in Bahraich and Noida in Gautam Budh Nagar which fell vacant after BJP MLAs Savitri Bai Phule and Mahesh Sharma were elected MPs. While Bahraich saw communal violence on May 25, Gautam Budh Nagar witnessed clashes on June 30.

Polarization of communities could break existing harmony, leading to a consolidation of non-Muslim votes. The BJP got 71 of the 80 Lok Sabha seats from the state with the Muzaffarnagar violence impacting on the electorate across the board. Besides, the hundreds of incidents that have taken place, although not reported in the national media, have helped accelerate this polarisation that was felt by all the non-BJP parties in the state.

A new element in the poison being spread is the focus on 'love jihad' wherein stories ~ most of them unverified ~ spread like wildfire of love affairs between the two different communities, eve teasing, rape, murder that eventually has each baying for the other's blood and unscrupulous politicians ~ as in the case of Muzaffarnagar ~ actually ensuring this. The alleged rape in Meerut has now been turned into a major issue with the PAC actually moving into localities to ask people to move out to 'safer' areas.

It is almost as if no one seems to realize the dangers in what is happening in western UP. Or wants to recognize that the spread of communalism is becoming almost institutionalized in the face of little or no opposition to the communal forces seeking to expand through divisive and hate-filled politics. The venom is being felt by the hapless people on the ground whose insecurity has grown following the realization that they do not have a government in the state that is willing or able to secure peace and

SUCI(C) calls for immediate halt of US air strikes on Iraq and exhorts peace-loving world people to build up global militant anti-imperialist movement

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 9 August, 2014:

After invading and occupying independent sovereign Iraq on fraudulent pretext, planting a pliant regime there, making a show of force withdrawal, cunningly fueling a Shia-Sunni conflict to thwart crystallization of united freedom movement by the Iraqi people and covertly feeding the various insurgent and separatist groups with arms and other aids, the war monger US imperialist hegemony have now propelled a second military attack on Iraq by launching air strikes in the name of containing ISIS, a militant outfit, before it advances to capture Irbil, capital of Iraq's Kurdish region and a hub for US oil companies. It is obvious that the US bombing is aimed at protecting US interests in Iraq, insulating US oil installations from being overtaken by the armed ISIS brigade, perpetuating war tensions in the region and finding a new plea for deploying army afresh inside Iraq. The Pentagon's contention that US air attack is purported to prevent 'genocide' by the ISIS militants is a hoax as the US itself has perpetrated worst genocide in Iraq by killing over 4 lakh innocent civilians in course of their illegal occupation of Iraq through diabolic military intervention.

We demand that the US imperialists immediately stop aerial bombing, withdraw all its forces, desist from fomenting and nurturing various divisive communal forces within Iraq to escalate tension and conflicts, stop intervening in the internal affairs of Iraq and allow the Iraqi people to decide the kind of governance they want in their motherland free from all foreign interferences. When Zionist Israel is pounding innocent Gaza people, killing women and children indiscriminately and now US warplanes bombing Iraq, it has become imperative on the part of the anti-imperialist anti-war peace loving people of the world to close their ranks and come forward to build up organized sustained militant anti-imperialist particularly anti-US imperialist movement in every nook and corner of the globe which alone can constitute a bulwark against the sinister imperialist machinations and war crimes.

amity in the districts of the state.

There is no rule of law or accountability. The people have been virtually left on their own to be swamped with lies and falsehoods that then make them react to shadows far removed from reality. The BJP is aggressive in the area and impervious to checks and balances while the Samajwadi Party government is completely out of its depth and unable, or unwilling, to take concerted action to bring back normalcy to this part of the world. The role of the local media also needs to be examined and corrected as the tendency is to report falsehoods, rather than the facts. Highly exaggerated reports feed into the fires leading to further tensions.

The BJP is flaying the Akhilesh Yadav government for its failure to curb law and order in the state. Why are BJP leaders not doing anything about it? Does not the Central government bear any

responsibility for the situation of law and order in India's largest state?

For over two months since the Modi government was sworn in, Uttar Pradesh witnessed unrelenting crime and disorder. There have been literally hundreds of communal incidents in Uttar Pradesh since Mr. Narendra Modi became Prime Minister. After the rioting between Muslims and members of the Jat community, there have later occurred riots between Muslims and members of the Sikh community. The Modi government does not seem to have a clue about its responsibilities. There is no pressure at all on the BJP to desist from playing politics, and on the Samajwadi Party government to act with responsibility. Immediate action is required in UP to bring back communal harmony and amity in the state. (Compiled from 'Times of India' and 'The Statesman' dated 08-08-14)

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