

People's Power and Revolutionary Strategy

Dear Comrades

I would like to enthusiastically greet all the delegates present at this event and, especially, the Communist Party of Turkey, a reference for combativeness and dedication to the emancipation of workers in Turkey.

Our meeting takes place at a critical moment in the sociability of capital, which becomes evident in the intensification of imperialist offensives, the degradation of working conditions, the segregation of impoverished sectors of the proletariat, especially in regions that have historically been subjected to the most varied forms of exploitation and colonial domination, and their consequences.

The crisis of capital has gripped the entire planet, and puts human existence at risk, both through environmental degradation and the lowering of the living conditions of the human mass that can only survive by selling their labor power. A growing group of human beings appears, today, as disposable, as a result of the normal development of the general law of capitalist accumulation, which produces and reproduces relative overpopulation in account to the needs of capital valorisation.

While current capitalism shows, on the material level, its most brutal face in extreme poverty, migratory movements caused by hunger, misery and inter-imperialist wars, environmental degradation and climate change, in the political-subjective sphere hopes for systemic changes have been manipulated and captured by movements based on irrationalism and tending towards fascism. This can only occur due to the important defeat, on a planetary level, of the communist forces, which opened the way for different national fractions of the bourgeoisie to advance shamelessly over the already small part of social wealth appropriated by the proletariat, spreading insecurity, fear and hopelessness. In this context, there are workers who have been supporting movements committed to a project that further accentuates capitalist brutality.

It is in this context that one can understand the wave of scientific denial that became blatant at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. The irrational worldview underlying it turns itself also against historical achievements of workers, women, indigenous peoples and the non-white ethnic-racial population, the LGBT population, and immigrants.

Nowadays, youth and the elderly constitute the portion of the population that suffers most and, to make matters worse, they do not see, on the near horizon, prospects for existence that guarantee a minimum of dignity.

In Brazil it is no different, despite the propaganda surrounding Lula's presidential victory. The ideological movement and political strength of the most reactionary and far-right sectors in

our country are far from being defeated. On the contrary: the alternation of power gives the liberal-democratic regime part of its effectiveness as a political form of bourgeois domination, and PT governments have presented themselves as guarantors of Brazilian capitalism, playing a role in the political pacification of popular sectors. In Brazil, we have witnessed a profound process of transformation of leading sectors of popular struggles and the proletariat, through the incorporation of individual leaders and entire groups, coming from such struggles, into State management of capitalist barbarism. As a result, we witness the weakening of its radicalism and its capacity for mobilization, which prepares the ground for more brutal governments, such as those of Temer and Bolsonaro.

This regrettable role of the PT governments is programmatically justified by the democratic-popular strategy, founded on the assertion that a government of conciliation between the interests of capital and those of the proletariat is possible. It is in these milestones that an important political bloc, such as this, which PT, CUT, MST, and other organizations developed within the class struggle of the 1980s in Brazil, abandons not only the socialist strategy, but even more the tactic of mobilizing class as a pressure instrument. Thus, this political bloc is constrained, when in government, to submit to the “retail counter” of National Congress’ politics and to the appetite of right-wing forces for space in the governmental structure. Today, even to approve an agenda restricted to the narrowest interests of the bourgeoisie, right-wing politicians present at the National Congress blackmail Lula and his government for more space and for the release of public money for its interests.

We, the communists, follow our revolutionary strategy, in the struggle for reorganization of the proletariat and the construction of People's Power. Therefore, on a tactical level, we fight for the repeal of the counter-reforms: “Labor Reform”, “Pension Reforms”, “Spending Ceiling and Fiscal Framework”, “Secondary Education Reform”, “Fiscal Responsibility Law”, “Temporal Framework”. All of these measures, deepened or even approved under PT governments, are degrading living conditions and natural resources in Brazil. They also mark the targeting of the State, its tax structure and fiscal policy, for withdrawing resources from the working class and transferring them to capital, through public debt.

For all these reasons, we have acted to boost the organization and struggle of the proletariat in order to advance its immediate interests and build People’s Power from the perspective of a revolutionary bloc. On an international level, we work to strengthen the revolutionary camp, while, at the same time, we do not exempt ourselves from the responsibility of seeking bridges with other organizations in order to build an anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist front.

Communist greetings,

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