

The Genaro Meza Case and the organized crime

We strongly condemn the sentencing of comrade Genaro Meza, a humble peasant, a supporter and solidary cook of the popular struggles and a valuable member of the Paraguay Pyahura Party.

From the beginning, the Prosecutor's Office violated all due process, presenting comrade Meza as a criminal without evidence that conforms to the law and trampling the presumption of innocence. In addition, they lied on several occasions, for instance when they said that the defendant was a relative of Magna Meza or during the trial and to the Court itself. They implanted evidence and they did not cross calls. The only testimony with which he was convicted is the one of the kidnapping victim, who never managed to effectively recognize Genaro Meza and in the oral trial he clarified that he was blindfolded throughout his captivity.

During the period that the Prosecutor's Office alleges the presence of Meza in the place where the kidnapped person was, several public activities of the Democratic People's Congress were held and even a Latin American youth camp, where many people were with Genaro, who as always, was dedicated to the popular pot to feed struggle supporters.

With all this, and reaffirming the total kidnapping of the three powers of the State by the mafia, they sentenced comrade Meza to 20 years in prison. A real shame that puts in the open face the dominant presence of the Mafia Dictatorship at the head of the Paraguayan State.

We urge national and international social and political organizations to know the case and to pronounce on the matter. It is essential that we resist the advance of this project of looting, surrender and repression.

A new appeal period to the measure presented is now open. We believe that with a broad struggle of all democratic sectors, we will be able to achieve the freedom of Comrade Meza and other political prisoners convicted in an open and aberrant violation of the laws of our country.

Free Genaro Meza!

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