

Declaration of protest:

Let us defend May Day as the international day of struggle of the working class

Dear member organizations,

the militant and revolutionary workers faced massive repression and persecution in several countries on this year's May Day. ICOR declares its full solidarity with those arrested, injured and persecuted on May Day 2015. We ICOR organizations leave no doubt: on May Day the streets belong to the workers and their allies, they will not allow the right to demonstrate to be taken away.

In Egypt, Malaysia, Morocco and Turkey workers and leaders of the masses were arrested on May Day 2015.

From **Malaysia** the arrest of 34 activists and leaders of the working-class movement and the Malaysian Socialist Party (PSM) was reported.

Our ICOR comrades from **Morocco** report that this year the trade unions in Morocco did not want to organize a May Day demonstration. The students' association together with the workers called for a demonstration. During the demonstration police forces of the reactionary regime attacked the demonstrators and arrested several people.

In **Turkey** the reactionary Erdogan government cordoned off the highly traditional Taksim Square in Istanbul and banned a May Day demonstration. They took action with tear gas, water cannons and arrests against the demonstrators at Taksim Square, in other parts of Istanbul and many other cities in Turkey.

Also in Zurich, 58 persons were arrested. With a massive police deployment the "revolutionary post-demonstration" was criminalized and the formation of the demonstration was hindered. This also aims at intimidating the workers and preventing them from taking part in the official Mayday demonstration.

In **Egypt** the political police of the "National Security Forces" arrested comrades of the Revolutionary Communist Party – Egypt (RCP-E) Said Bayoumi, Alaa el Sarkawy, Jachia el Sarkawy, Walid Hashem and Emad Romani when they were preparing a peaceful May Day demonstration in the center of Cairo. They were supposed to be released after four days, which however has not yet happened.

The Tunisian ICOR organization **PPSR** calls on the entire ICOR for solidarity with the arrested five comrades of the Revolutionary Communist Party – Egypt (RCP-E) and writes in its call:

"At labour day 2015 your comrades at Revolutionist Communist Party of Egypt were preparing to hold a demonstration downtown Cairo to support working class at Egypt and all over the world against suppression that suffers by hands of Capitalism and the military regime of Sisi that styles neoliberalism wild policy & executes without hesitation the conditions and recommendations of International Monetary Fund and International Bank.

The Egyptian working class suffers from programmed targeting by unfair dismissal if they practice their right at strike and sitting in; recently an administrative court decided that workers deserve that dismissal as they oppose Islamic religious law (shareia). (...)

In addition to complete prevention of political activity and programmed mouths closure that done by the repressive police machine of the regime which specially faces violently progressive, leftist and communist groups and parties (recent assassination of comrade Shaymaa El Sabbagh was a ring at that series)."

Long live May Day as the international day of struggle of the working class!

Long live Marxism Leninism! Document Title:

Signatories (as of 7 July 2015, further signatories possible)

1. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
2. PPSR WATAD Parti Patriote Socialiste Révolutionnaire WATAD (Patriotic Socialist Revolutionary Party WATAD), Tunisia
3. MLOA Marxist-Leninist Organization of Afghanistan
4. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
5. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
6. PCC CPI (ML) Provisional Central Committee Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)
7. Ranjbaran Hezb-e Ranjbaran-e Iran (Proletarian Party of Iran)
8. CPN (Unified) Communist Party of Nepal (Unified)
9. NDMLP New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party, Sri Lanka
10. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
11. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
12. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
13. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
14. BP (NK-T) Bolşevik Parti (Kuzey Kürdistan-Türkiye) (Bolshevik Party (North Kurdistan-Turkey))
15. RMP Российская маоистская партия (Rossijskaya maoistskaya partiya) (Russian Maoist Party)
16. VZDOR VZDOR - strana práce (Resistance - labour party), Slovakia
17. MLGS Marxistisch-Leninistische Gruppe Schweiz (Marxist-Leninist Group of Switzerland)

18. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
19. PR Partija Rada (Party of Labor), Yugoslavia (ex)
20. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
21. PC/ML Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista) de Panamá (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) of Panama)
22. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
23. PML del Perú Partido Marxista Leninista del Perú (Marxist-Leninist Party of Peru)
24. PPP Partido Proletario del Perú (Proletarian Party of Peru)