

declaration

Solidarity with the Panamanian workers

On the initiative of the International Coordination of Revolutionary Organizations and Parties (ICOR), Section America, ICOR condemns the repression of the Panamanian government under José Raúl Mulino against the country's workers, especially those in the construction, education, and banana industries.

For more than six months, Panamanian workers and the social movement have been facing neoliberal austerity measures implemented by President Mulino, who, with the support of Parliament, not only privatized the pension system but also condemned future retirees to live in extreme poverty by reducing pensions by half, from 60% of income to 30%.

Construction workers who refuse to give in to the unpopular measures have been the hardest hit by police and judicial brutality, with more than 120 court cases to date. Likewise, without due process, the premises of unions affiliated with the National Union of Construction and Related Workers (SUNTRACS) are being raided, their bank accounts frozen, and protests criminalized.

Teachers, for their part, are not only affected by social security issues, but also by arbitrary salary cuts, which further exacerbate the deterioration of education in the country. The neoliberal Mulino government has responded to the resistance of the teaching profession with repression and aggression, resulting in hundreds of arrests and nearly a thousand dismissed teachers' leaders.

Government abuse and repression also extends to the banana sector, where the US-Swiss capital empire, Chiquita Brands, in collusion with the government, has fired thousands of workers, denying them all the rights to which they are entitled by law.

Other elements to highlight, which gave rise to the social conflicts that began in February and intensified with the strike in April in the Central American nation, were the government's intentions to reopen the Canadian-owned Cobre Panama open-pit mine, which was closed in 2023 as a result of social struggle; as well as the servile attitude of the president, who agreed with Trump to begin reopening three military bases and stationing US troops in the Panama canal zone.

In this regard, Icor America calls on all workers', democratic, anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, and revolutionary organizations in the region and around the world to stand in solidarity with the just struggle of the workers and the Panamanian people, and to condemn the repressive, submissive, and criminal attitude of José Raúl Mulino.

Long live the struggle of the construction workers, teachers, banana workers, and all the Panamanian people!

No to the repression and servility of José Raúl Mulino!

Long live international solidarity!

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1. UPC-Manidem Union des Populations du Cameroun - Manifeste National pour l'Instauration de la Démocratie (Union of Populations of Cameroon - National Manifesto for the Establishment of Democracy)
2. CPK Communist Party of Kenya
3. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
4. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia
5. NCP (Mashal) Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)
6. RUFN Revolutionary United Front of Nepal
7. CPA/ML Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist)
8. Krasnyj Klin Аб'яднання беларускіх камуністаў «Чырвоны Клін» (Association of Belarusian Communists «Red Wedge»), Belarus
9. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
10. PR-ByH Partija Rada - ByH (Party of Labor - Bosnia and Herzegovina)
11. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
12. BP (NK-T) Bolşevik Parti (Kuzey Kürdistan-Türkiye) (Bolshevik Party (North Kurdistan-Turkey))
13. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
14. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
15. UMLP União Marxista-Leninista Portuguesa (Portuguese Marxist-Leninist Union)
16. RMP Российская маоистская партия (Rossijskaya maoistskaya partiya) (Russian Maoist Party)
17. TKP-ML Türkiye Komünist Partisi – Marksist-Leninist (Communist Party of Turkey – Marxist-Leninist)
18. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
19. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
20. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
21. PCR-U Partido Comunista Revolucionario del Uruguay (Revolutionary Communist Party of Uruguay)
22. SUCI (C) Socialist Unity Center of India (Communist)
23. Chinese Communists (MLM) Chinese Communists (Marxist Leninist Maoist)