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**FREEDOM FOR THE
POLITICAL PRISONERS
OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY**

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Thirty years ago, the true hope of People's War made one glimpse the a new People's Republic in Perú would put an end to the great evils that had been dragging our society for centuries. The hundreds of popular committees born under the Popular Guerrilla Army, which acted on hundreds of thousands of popular masses, mainly peasants, were the outbreak of the new popular power that was advancing from the countryside to the city, winning the minds and hearts of Peruvian people.

New economy, new politics, new culture were making their way with the development of the new democratic revolution led by the Communist Party of Perú under the just and correct leadership of Chairman Gonzalo. The brilliant advance of People's War, facing errors, excesses and limitation, brought down the existing feudalism, deeply undermined bureaucratic capitalism and forcefully hit imperialism, configuring a strategic balance that terrorised the big bourgeoisie and imperialism since they foresaw the loss of their economic and political power built by squeezing the blood and flesh of working people.

The open dictatorship of the genocidal and country-selling government of Fujimori, subjected to USA imperialism, unleashed a counterrevolutionary offensive on all levels and in the fateful 1992 managed to head off the revolution with the capture

of Chairman Gonzalo and the Central Directorate of the PCP. Peruvian revolution went into a long retreat, the war ended and neoliberal capitalism was implanted in the midst of an international situation of general offensive by imperialism and the dominance of the USA as the sole hegemonic superpower. And although People's War temporarily failed in its objective of building a socialist society, it served to end the old semi-feudal, semi-colonial and bureaucratic capitalist society, and Perú advanced as a people, as a nation and as a society.

From then until today there are 30 years of neoliberal capitalism in Perú, developed by all the governments of this time. And what have these 30 years left Peruvian people? A redoubled exploitation and capitalist oppression materialised in three perverse burdens on the shoulders of our people.

The first of these burdens is a general crisis of Peruvian society. Economically, our natural resources have been given over to the voracity of foreign capital, the national industry has been destroyed, informality of 80% has been generated, malnutrition has been imposed on half of Peruvian children, inequality has worsened as never before, and the neglect of health and education of the people has deepened. Politically, the State has reacted more and more, abandoning its false democracy, applying political persecution to any questioning of neoliberalism, implanting in the facts a Criminal Law of the Enemy that has been sweeping the guaranteed criminal law until it reaches aberration, to "legally" chase the dead, and destroy, burn and make disappear, with

an executive, legislative and judicial power fighting for greater perks and in collusion to oppress the people. Ideologically, an antinational and pro-imperialist culture has been promoted, a frenzied individualism has been imposed, an anti-people bourgeois meritocracy has spread, a servile media of the extreme right-wing has been almost completely controlled, as well as persecuted with the so-called “*terruqueo*” (accusation of terrorism) the freedom of thought and the expressions of solidarity with revolutionaries and social fighters.

The second heavy burden is the infamous and colossal corruption in which thousands of public officials are sunk, including six former presidents, ministers, regional governors, sold-out parliamentarians and venal judges; looting that costs the country, according to the Comptroller, several tens of billions of dollars in the last 30 years. Corruption inherent in the capitalist system that was strengthened with neoliberalism under the control of the extreme right-wing.

The third overwhelming burden is the atrocious pandemic that has cost the lives of more than 200,000 children of Peruvian people, murdered by a capitalist system that deprived us of oxygen, masks, work, food, medicines, health beds, hospitals and even the mortal remains of our loved ones, leading us to achieve the sad world record of deaths per million due to the coronavirus.

The hundreds of thousands of deaths due to these perverse burdens are crimes against humanity for which Peruvian big

bourgeoisie and its political representatives are responsible. These three decades of disgrace are etched in popular memory and are being unmasked, fought, discarded by the resistance and combat of the people, who defend and expand their rights, struggle to participate in power to defend those rights and struggle to transform the society in a revolutionary way.

The great mistrust and deep popular rejection was shown in events, struggles and large mobilisations that began to demand a new constitution that ends neoliberalism and defends, reconquers and expands rights that serve the development of people's path. This is what the tireless struggle of Chairman Gonzalo served, who in the harshest prison conditions continued to take the correct course, demonstrating his condition as a communist until the end, which is why the extreme right-wing plotted his vile murder and the disappearance of his remains, with the infamous complicity of the current executive, a perverse crime that Peruvian and world revolution will avenge.

A consequence of People's War was the existence of political and war prisoners, who, transforming the prisons into luminous combat trenches, held high the flags of the revolution, coming to give their precious lives in the genocides of El Frontón, Lurigancho, Callao and Canto Grande, worthy examples of courage and heroism. Thus also arose the sinister military prison of Callao Naval Base, a center of physical and psychological torture and absolute isolation, which until today is illegally maintained, our beloved and respected Chairman Gonzalo being the

highest expression of political and war prisoner, Marxist-Leninist-Maoist communist, unwavering fighter to the end.

Comrade Míriam and other leaders are still unbeatable from that red bonfire, as well as dozens of prisoners who, without ever repenting, continue to serve the people with all their hearts. After dozens of years in prison and surviving genocide, torture and absolute isolation, their freedom is an earned right. Those are the political prisoners of yesterday, children of People's War, incorruptible, generous, just, with a sense of solidarity, unwavering in their fight for the emancipation of humanity.

At the end of People's War, the political struggle of the people was expressed by defending their fundamental rights and demanding a political and non-military solution to the problems derived from the war. That struggle unfolded and developed fighting neoliberal capitalism and demanding a new constitution through a constituent assembly with the people and for the people. The response of Peruvian State was political persecution and repression that criminalised freedom of thought an expression with apology law: it banned Dr Guzmán's books and *Amnistía* newspaper; it pursued artistic activities of painting, sculpture, theatre, music, cinema; it prevented the legal registration of MOVADef and FUDEPP; it swept the right to work and freedom of organisation for former political prisoners; it criminalised the struggle of the teachers organised at the base of SUTEP, as well as the struggle of the peasantry against large-scale mining; it persecuted and imprisoned political leaders and social fighters

opposed to neoliberal capitalism; until reaching the big raid of *Olimpo* Operation against about 100 people accused of terrorism, without having committed or planned the slightest violent action.

Dozens of prisoners remain from those struggles; they persist in persecuting people and organisations that question the capitalist order and fight for a new constitution or demand a new socialist order. These are the political prisoners of today, who, following the example of those who preceden them in Perú and in the world, stand firm without kneeling, on people's path towards socialism.

Yesterday in military struggle, today in political struggle, the political prisoners of Perú continue to resist and fight for the rights of the people without any personal benefit. In them you will not find the dirty money of corruption, but the sweat and blood shed in favour of the people; there will never be the creeping selfishness of the upstarts and gangsters, but the full solidarity with those who suffer hunger and oppression; there will be no idleness or ill-gotten gains, but decent and honest work; there will be no dissolute life or perversions, but conscious discipline and simple life; they will never defend injustice and oppression against the workers, they will always be on the side of the popular masses. They are part of the best sons of the people who give everything in exchange for nothing personal, but for the benefit of the great majority.

But also, as always in war or in peace, the ruling classes will never leave their butcher knives to slaughter the working class and the people who dare to demand rights, benefits and freedom. Only the organised struggle of the people will achieve conquests, since nothing falls from the sky.

It has now been 40 years of imposition of a Criminal Law of the Enemy that has been devastating the criminal law guarantee, 30 years of application of neoliberalism that has plunged the country into an unprecedented general crisis. The great popular mobilisation since the end of 2020 is showing, amid ebb and flow, the advancement of people's path.

The vil murder of Chairman Gonzalo puts more on the agenda the freedom of the political prisoners of yesterday and today, the current flag of the people that we must raise to the top. We will continue to denounce this crime of Peruvian State and assume Chairman's example of fighting to the end for the freedom of political prisoners.

We demand: the closure of the torture prison at the Callao Naval Base; the end of life imprisonment, which is de death penalty; the freedom of vulnerable prisoners (elderly, sick, disabled, long-term in prison); the right to prison benefits; the right of presumption of innocence; the end of the Criminal Law of the Enemy.

We welcome the fight for the freedom of political prisoners in all parts of the world; our struggle is internationalist because

where there is capitalist oppression there is popular resistance. Unity in the fight for political prisoners is part of the world united front in the struggle against imperialism. Together with the proletariat and the peoples of the world, let us tear the unyielding political prisoners from prison with the force of organised people.

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