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**AFGHANISTAN --- THE CONTINUING U.S.-MADE TRAGEDY**

The Biden and other NATO regimes are now shedding crocodile tears over the dire fate of human rights in the Afghanistan that they have just recently turned over to their new coalition of Taliban and other puppets under secret deals made in Doha (Qatar) and Camp David (the US president's country residence in Maryland, USA). The fact is that many of the regional warlords under the recently ousted US puppet government were not easier on women or minorities than the Taliban had been, and were fundamentalists of a different stripe.

**US propaganda now wants the world to forget that the US government started its forever war on Afghanistan 42 years ago, with Pres. Jimmy Carter's first directive of July 3, 1979, for arms supplies and financial support for the mercenary jihadist forces trained in Pakistan. For the next 13 years, the USA and its allies (mainly the UK, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the People's Republic of China) supplied the arms and funds to finally overthrow the Afghan government led by the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).**

**The PDPA government took power in the Saur (April) Revolution, with the people storming the Afghan Shah's palace on April 27, 1978, which ended the despotic rule of the old medieval order. The PDPA's introduction of democratic rule through (among others) land reform, the leading role of workers' and peasants' councils, guarantees for equal rights for women, and a widespread adult literacy campaign that enrolled over a million students (mostly women), were not to the liking of the reactionaries who detested any change in the feudal system of land ownership, and every socialist-oriented program.**

**The PDPA-led government appealed several times to the USSR for help, especially since civilian planes of the Ariana Afghan Airlines were being destroyed by terrorists with US-supplied shoulder-fired “*Stinger*” heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles. Soviet troops entered Kabul towards the end of December 1979, initially to help protect civilian airline traffic, and the USSR started to deliver large quantities of consumer goods, fuel and foodstuffs.**

**Soviet doctors & medical personnel were also sent to assist the development of medical services in Afghanistan. Soviet engineers and technicians helped to build dams, fertilizer plants, satellite communication facilities, large-scale bakeries, and polytechnic colleges specializing in engineering, geology, mining, metallurgy and other fields vital to Afghanistan's industrial and economic development.**

**The anti-Afghanistan jihadist forces included numerous Pakistanis, Saudis (the “*Al-Qaeda*” group led by Osama Bin Laden) and many other vicious foreign terrorists who were paid to destroy industry, agriculture, power supply and all major infrastructures. Around 5 million land mines were laid by all the terrorists, killing and maiming hundreds of thousands of Afghans, decimating livestock and camel herds, ending farming activities, driving 2.7 million to become refugees in neighboring countries, and causing over 2 million more to be internally displaced.**

**The terrorists even included some Filipinos who later organized the Abu Sayyaf group which undertook kidnap-for-ransom and beheading operations, and even led the 5-month-long siege of Marawi City in 2017. The Abu Sayyaf group only furthers the US covert plans to give Islam a bad name, exacerbate tribal conflicts, and keep Mindanao destabilized. Other foreign groups which gained experience in terrorist activities against the Afghan people also later came back**

to their home countries (Syria, Libya, Indonesia, etc.) to create mayhem under US-Saudi directions.

Soviet troops partially withdrew from Afghanistan in 1986, and later completed the withdrawal of all forces from May 1988 to February 1989 in accordance with the April 1988 Geneva ceasefire accord, as witnessed by United Nations observations units. However, this withdrawal only encouraged more terrorist attacks which by then had caused the destruction of more than 2,000 schools, over 50 hospitals and health centers, a thousand peasant cooperatives, a thousand trucks and tractors, over 15,000 kilometers of telephone lines, and a thousand electrical transmission towers and pylons. Kabul airport was attacked several times, killing dozens of innocent people. The undeclared war against Afghanistan killed a million of her 15-million pre-war population, with every family suffering a loss, and one out of every three Afghans became a refugee.

The PDPA government carried on even without Soviet troops, but the ending of Soviet economic assistance with the dissolution of the USSR by the end of 1991 was a heavy blow to its continued existence. The dissolution of the USSR was the culmination of the treacherous sabotage of the socialist system by the capitalist-roaders and other special agents of imperialism (led by Mikhail Gorbachyov, Boris Yeltsin and Eduard Shevardnadze) who slyly wormed their way to the top echelons of the Soviet leadership.

The destruction of the PDPA government led by President Mohammad Najibullah Ahmedzai by 1992 resulted in a civil war of different mujahedeen and tribal warlords, which was ended with the imperialist shifting of support to the new Taliban group organized in Pakistan in 1996 from among young Afghan refugees studying in *madrasas*. By September 1996, the Taliban took Kabul and gave an initial example of their barbarism and viciousness by seizing former Pres. Najibullah and his brother Shahpur Ahmedzai from the United Nations compound where they were given refuge, torturing them to death publicly, and hanging their mangled bodies in front of the presidential palace.

With imperialist support, the Taliban made sure that the warring groups would “behave” by enforcing violent methods of rule on everyone in the name of Sunni Islam -- instituting a theocracy ruled by mullahs, decimating Shiite and ethnic minorities, removing all rights from women and girls, re-instituting the medieval system of child-brides, destroying ancient mountainside Buddhist statues and any “un-islamic” cultural heritage, and committing huge massacres with the very worst atrocities. The USA allowed all these to happen without doing anything, so long as the Taliban rulers had friendly gas and pipeline deals with western companies.

The US-NATO invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001 was not really because of 9/11, as Dubya Bush claimed. The attackers of the World Trade Center were mostly Saudis, and did not include any single Afghan or Iraqi or Iranian. Bin Laden was by then already in “hiding” at a compound very near the Pakistani military academy. The invasion was also not for the purpose of bringing

**“democracy” or “human rights”, or to “free” Afghan women, but to whet the appetite of the US-NATO military-industrial complexes. The USA alone spent over USD\$2-Trillion in bombing the country and propping up a puppet military regime in the past 20 years. Afghanistan became the testing ground for all new types of US conventional bombs, tactical missiles and drones. The new imperialist-propped Afghan elite obeyed US orders to keep left and progressive forces out of any power, and at the same time plundered the country, protected the opium trade and bought fancy islands around Dubai.**

**Meanwhile, malleable captured Taliban leaders were freed from US prisons at Bagram and in Guantanamo, and allowed to live in luxury in the United Arab Emirates. Last year, the Trump regime started secret meetings with these new puppets at Camp David and then in Doha, behind the back of the US-propped Ashraf Ghani puppet regime in Kabul. A power-sharing “deal” was finally struck under Biden, with the puppet government forces ordered to surrender to or join Taliban forces ; with Taliban leaders calling on their forces on the ground to conduct local negotiations for the peaceful take-over of local governments, as well as to provide security for US and allied personnel going to Kabul airport to catch departure flights ; and with Taliban and some former US puppets (Hamid Karzai, Abdullah Abdullah, etc.) forging a transitional coalition government.**

**Without operating a single bomber or warplane or helicopter or drone or missile or light tank or artillery, the ragtag Taliban forces of gunmen on pick-up vehicles took over the whole country in a matter of two weeks, taking Kabul on August 15 without a single skirmish, in Biden's pre-arranged transfer of power to a new coalition of assorted US puppets. CIA director William Burns even visited Kabul at the height of the airlift operation to extract US-NATO and puppet personnel, to order Taliban leaders to prevent a repeat of the August 26 airport suicide bombings by the “Islamic State” group which killed over a hundred people (including 13 US troopers).**

**Most of the US boots are now off the ground, but some US forces will constantly be hovering over the country, targeting any Afghan leader who will be friendly with neighboring Iran (the arch-enemy of Zionist Israel, the bosom friend of the USA). The Taliban and the Islamic State forces will soon settle their differences (the IS was always a US tool in Syria, Iraq, Libya and elsewhere), and they will buckle down to the new joint task laid down by the USA and NATO -- the fomenting of jihadist movements to be used against the governments in neighboring China, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan (and ultimately against Russia). US-NATO soldiers have gone, but the system of control will not be gone, and will be turned against the new targets of US imperialism --- China, Iran and Russia. The undeclared US proxy war, using Taliban, Islamic State and other jihadist forces in Afghanistan, continues.**

**Only the resurgence of left forces, and their organized struggle, in Afghanistan can end the tragedy caused by 42 years of US imperialist intervention. Veterans of the PDPA have recently given interviews and statements to fraternal UK and US publications, and we can only wish them and their**

colleagues all the best in their very difficult reorganizational tasks and political struggles.

Secretariat of the Central Committee, PKP-1930

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**Joint Resolution of Communist and Workers' Parties :  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA**

*(Paunawa : Ang pinagkaisahang resolusyong ito ng mga partido komunista at partido ng manggagawa sa buong mundo, ay bilang pagsuporta sa Partido Komunista ng Cuba, sa pamahalaan ng Republika ng Cuba, at sa sambayanang Cubano, sa harap ng hayagang panggugulo sa Cuba ng mga ahente ng imperyalismong Kano noong Hulyo 11, 2021. Ang resolusyong ito ay sa inisyatiba ng Partido ng mga Manggagawang Koreano, ang partidong namamahala sa Demokratikong Republika ng mga Mamamayan ng Korea.)*

The imperialists are becoming more blatant in their attempts to topple the socialist system in Cuba.

The recent anti-government protests in Cuba are a product of the relentless maneuvers against the country staged by the US over a long period of time to obliterate the Cuban revolution.

Since the victory of the Cuban revolution, the US has committed ceaseless acts of military intervention, subversion and sabotage as well as economic blockade against Cuba under its scheme to stifle the first socialist country in the Western hemisphere by all means.

Lately, the US, in collusion with a handful of counter-revolutionary elements in Cuba, has been doggedly resorting to psychological conspiracy warfare and tactics of social disruption in order to undermine people's faith in the Communist Party and socialist system, and create and aggravate political instability in the country.

The reality shows that "peaceful co-existence" the US advocates is only a sly trick to find an easy way of fulfilling their aggressive ambition by instilling illusions about capitalism into anti-imperialist and independent countries.

The nature of imperialism never changes.

The lessons of history testify that we can defend the gains of revolution, socialist system and people's dignity only when we do not indulge in any kind of fantasy about imperialism, but constantly intensify the struggle against it. The US is terribly mistaken about the unyielding faith and will of the Communist Party and people of Cuba who had opened up their way to the socialist cause with their blood and have stood strong and pulled through the protracted sanctions and blockade imposed by the imperialists and all other hardships.

Communist and Workers' Parties greatly appreciate the will of the Communist Party of Cuba to protect the sovereignty and dignity of the country and defend the socialist system to the end, resolutely opposing the vicious attempts of the US to topple its system, and we express strong solidarity with the Communist Party of Cuba.

Communist and Workers' Parties oppose and condemn in the strongest terms the immoral US sanctions and blockade against Cuba and demand that all sanctions which violate the Cuban people's rights to existence and development be lifted.

Communist and Workers' Parties will consistently and actively support and encourage the struggle of the Communist Party of Cuba and the Cuban government and people to firmly defend and advance the cause of socialism.

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**LUKSANG PARANGAL KAY KA. NARSING**  
(Narciso M. Agustin, Oktubre 29, 1940 – Agosto 25, 2021)

Malungkot na ipinababatid ng Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930) ang pagpanaw ng kanyang Pambansang Kalihim sa Organisasyon, si Kasamang Narciso M. Agustin, o “Ka. Narsing”, nitong Agosto 25, 2021, sa edad na halos 81 anyos, dahil sa karamdamang dulot ng stroke. Ipinapaabot ng PKP-1930 ang taos-pusong pakikiramay sa mga naulila ni Ka. Narsing.

Si Ka. Narsing ay isinilang sa Palagay, Lungsod ng Kabanatuan, Nuweba Esiha, noong Oktubre 29, 1940. Ang kanyang mga magulang ay sina Eladia Mallari at Ambrocio Agustin. Pangatlo siya sa 6 na magkakapatid. Buhat sa rebolusyonaryong pamilya si Ka Narsing. Ang kanyang ama ay buhat sa pamilyang magsasaka, at naging kasapi at pinuno ng Hukbo ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon (HUKBALAHAP) noong Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig. Ang ama ni Ka. Narsing ay nakilala sa taguring na Kumander Singko-Singko, bilang pinuno ng Squadron 55 kung saan nakabilang rin ang isang tiyo ni Ka. Narsing.

Pagkatapos ng digmaan, kung kailan naging higit na mabalasik ang puwersa ng mga panginoong maylupa, at umiral ang pasistang panunugpo sa HUKBALAHAP, ang kanyang ama ay muling nanandata sa ilalim ng Hukbong Mapagpalaya ng Bayan (HMB), at muli nitong pinamunuan ang Squadron 55. Noong Abril 1952, kasama ang kanyang kapatid at ilang nalalabing kasama ay napaslang ang ama ni Ka. Narsing sa malaking pagsalakay ng mga puwersa ng pamahalaan sa Sitio Singko-Singko (ngayon ay ganap na barangay na) sa Lungsod ng Kabanatuan.

Ang pangyayaring iyon ay itinuring ni Ka. Narsing na malaking dagok sa kanya at sa kanyang pamilya. Umakay ito sa kanya na labanan ang mapanupil na sistemang piyudal sa kabukiran, at ang di-makatarungang kaayusang neokolonyal na lipunan. Hindi na niya naipagpatuloy ang kanyang pag-aaral sa high school. Subalit sinuklian niya ito ng sariling pagbabasa at pag-aaral, at higit na paggawa sa bukid na kanilang sinasaka. Sa kanyang pagbibinata ay nahalal siyang konsehal ng Barangay Palagay, Lungsod ng Kabanatuan. At sa huling mga taon ng kanyang pagiging konsehal ay naging kasapi siya ng Malayang Samahan ng Magsasaka (MASAKA), na bumuhay na muli sa militanteng pagkilos ng mga magbubukid sa Gitna at Timog Luzon laban sa piyudalismo at neokolonyalismo sa bansa. Mula sa pagkilos niya sa MASAKA ay nagpatuloy siya sa pagiging kasapi ng PKP-1930.

Sa unang mga taon niya bilang kasapi, ang gawaing iniatang sa kanya ng Partido ay ang pagbubuo ng samahan ng kabataaan (MPKP) sa lungsod ng Kabanatuan. Sa sumunod na mga taon ay nahalal siyang pangulong panlungsod ng MPKP, at naging Kalihim Pang-Organisasyon ng dibisyon ng kabataaan sa lalawigan ng Nueva Ecija. Kasama si Ka. Pete Baguisa at iba pang lider kabataan ay pinalawak nila ang MPKP sa maraming bayan ng Nueva Ecija.

Matapos na magdeklara ng Batas Militar si Marcos noong 1972, si Ka. Narsing ang itinalagang Kalihim Pang-Organisasyon ng Panlalawigang Komite ng Partido sa Nueva Ecija. Ilang buwan pagkatapos ng political settlement noong 1974, si Ka Narsing ay nalipat ng gawain bilang activist ng Pambansang Kagawaran sa Organisasyon, at pagkatapos ay nadestino bilang Kalihim Pang-Organisasyon ng Pang-Rehiyong Komite ng Partido sa Metro Manila at Rizal.

Noong 1980, si Ka. Narsing at si Ka. Leovegilda Narciso ay ikinasal. Nagkaroon sila ng tatlong anak na sina Leovinar, Marx Andre at Marx Labrador. Sa panahong iyon ay naging kagawad si Ka. Narsing ng Komite Sentral, at natuloy na naging kagawad ng Political Bureau ng partido. Naging kagawad siya ng Kalihiman at nahalal bilang Kalihim Pang-Organisasyon matapos ganapin ang Ika-10 Kongreso ng partido noong 1993.

Sa larangang pangmasa, si Ka. Narsing ay matagal na naging bahagi ng Aniban ng mga Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (AMA) simula pa sa pagkakatatag

nito noong 1975. Ngunit noong ang pamunuan nito'y nalugmok sa financial opportunism noong 1996, isa si Ka. Narsing sa mga nanguna sa pagtatatag sa bagong samahang Aniban ng mga Magsasaka, Mangingisda at Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (AMMMA-KATIPUNAN) noong 1997. Simula noon at hanggang sa kanyang pagpanaw, siya ay nanatiling pambansang tagasuri nito.

Mahirap ang papel na ginampanan ni Ka. Narsing bilang Pambansang Kalihim sa Organisasyon ng partido. Nagsimula siyang manungkulan sa panahong naglaho ang Unyong Sobyet at ang sosyalistang komunidad, at may ilang kasapi ang nagtangkang ikompromiso ang paninindigan at simulain ng partido. Iyon rin ang panahon na may ilang elemento ang nagtangkang sirain ang partido at ang mga organisasyong pangmasa nito. Iyon rin ang panahon ng paghiwalay ng mga dating kasapi na nasiphayo dahil sa pagbagsak ng sistemang sosyalista.

Kasama si Ka. Narsing sa grupong pinamunuan nina Ka. Pete Baguisa at Ka. Sally Corpuz na hindi nagmaliw sa komunistang paninindigan, at siyang tumiyak na ang partido ay mananatiling buo at matatag, at masiglang kumikilos. Ang pamunuan nilang iyon (nina Ka. Pete, Ka. Narsing at Ka. Sally) ang tumiyak na mapapalis mula sa partido ang mga mapagsarili, palasuko at oportunistang elemento. Ipinagtanggol ng pamunuang iyon ang Marxista-Leninistang katangian ng PKP-1930.

Sa personal na katangian, si Ka. Narsing ay mabait at mapagpakumbaba sa kanyang pakitungo sa mga kasama. Ngunit lagi siyang militante at disiplinado. Lagi niyang tinitiyak na gampanan ang mga tungkuling nakaatang sa kanya. Di siya lumiliban sa pulong, at kahit malayo ay madalang na nakikita na siya ay nahuhuli. Sistematiko siyang kumilos kahit sa pang-araw-araw na buhay. Pala-aral si Ka. Narsing, at sa mga sandaling nakapahinga siya ay madalas na makikita siyang nagbabasa at nagtatala ng kanyang binabasa. Lagi siyang may talaan na detalyado ang nakasulat. Masinop siya sa personal na gamit at maging sa gamit at ari-arian ng partido.

Si Ka. Narsing ay mahusay na orador, at lagi niyang kinakatawan ang partido at ang AMMMA sa mga pangmasang pagkilos at mga kapulungan --- sa mga pamamahayag sa harapan ng DAR at DA ; sa Mendiola at Plaza Miranda ; sa mga rally sa araw ng SONA ; at sa mga pagpupulong ng iba't-ibang samahan ng magbubukid. Noong Mayo 1987 ay kinatawan ni Ka. Narsing ang mga magbubukid sa Pilipinas sa ginanap na pagpupulong ng mga trade unions sa Moscow (USSR) at Ulaan Baator (Mongolia).

Ang mga naisagawa ni Ka. Narsing para sa partido at mga organisasyong pangmasa, at ang kanyang katatagan at sakripisyo, ay patuloy na magsisilbing gabay para sa PKP-1930. Sa ginawang pagpupulong ng Komite Sentral nitong Agosto 26, 2021, sa Ika-91 Anibersaryo ng Pagkakatatag ng PKP-1930, ay

ginawaran si Ka. Narsing ng Gawad Crisanto Evangelista, ang pinakamataas na parangal ng PKP-1930.

KOMITE SENTRAL, PKP-1930  
Agosto 26, 2021

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**MESSAGE TO THE 45<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE "AVANTE!" FESTIVAL,**  
**(Seixal, Portugal, September 3 to 5, 2021)**

COMRADE JERONIMO DE SOUSA  
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Dear comrade,

Through you, the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) and the Editorial Board of our monthly organ "Sulong!" ("Forward!") send warmest fraternal greetings to the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) and to this year's 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Avante! Festival to be held in Seixal on September 3 to 5, 2021.

This Festival, which will necessarily be scaled down this year to comply with protocols to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, marks another successful year of the work of Avante! ("Forward!"), the PCP central organ which serves as your party's collective educator, organizer and propagandist-agitator. As we wish this Festival every success, we congratulate and salute all the office-bearers and staffers of Avante!

Your 45<sup>th</sup> Avante! Festival takes place in this year of the Centennial of the founding of your party, and in the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the April 1974 "Carnation" Revolution which toppled the 48 years of the fascist dictatorship in your country. The spirit of the 1974 April Revolution, and the "*Values of April*" remain as the bedrock of your struggle for advanced democracy, an integral part of building socialism in your country.

The 1974 April Revolution also opened the way to the victories of the national-liberation movements which were supported by the PCP in all the former African colonies of Portugal -- in Angola, Mozambique, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, and Sao Tome and Principe. Here in Asia, Timor Leste's independence was attained only after a long struggle against the genocidal Suharto dictatorship in Indonesia -- the same genocidal dictatorship which drowned in blood almost a million Indonesian communists in 1965-66.

**Marxist-Leninist parties throughout the world look forward to your annual “Avante!” Festival as a powerful cultural and political expression of the struggles of the PCP and the Portuguese working peoples for a rupture with right-wing policies and the capitalist system itself. Capitalism today under the pandemic is marked with greater levels of unemployment, precariousness and poverty, the intensification of the exploitation of labor, the widespread devaluation of wages and pensions, the offensive against workers' rights and access to medical and other public services, the worsening of social and regional inequalities, and greater corruption and plunder of resources by the bourgeois ruling class under the guise of anti-pandemic emergency measures.**

**The “Avante!” Festival reflects the PCP's commitment to advancing the Portuguese working peoples' struggles for their rights and interests, for achieving a patriotic and left-wing alternative that affirms national sovereignty, social progress and peace. We are sure that this year's Avante! Festival will also be a powerful expression of internationalist solidarity against imperialist aggression and subversive activities in all parts of the world.**

**In the face of the pandemic, we wish all participants to the 45<sup>th</sup> “Avante!” Festival the best of health ! Keep safe, comrades !**

**With communist greetings,**

**ANTONIO E. PARIS  
General Secretary**

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