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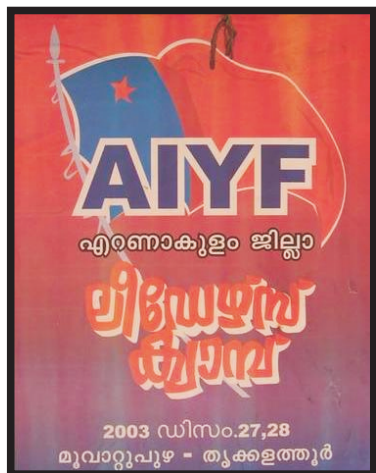


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International News

AIYF launches campaign

All India Youth Federation has made a signature campaign to repeal the AFSPA from north-east region of India. Millions of youth are expected to sign on appeal to be submitted to the president of India. AIYF has been taking this step as the government of India has been imposing draconian Act, namely, the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. The act has severely violated civil liberties of Indian people staying in north east region. Various democratic forces has opposed this notorious act for the last decade. All the people of India and around the world are requested to put their sign with name and address on the campaign postcard. AIYF major demand is to repeal the draconian Act and initiate a dialogue with insurgent group without any precondition as it mentions in post card.



Uprisings in the West Bank



The last few weeks witnessed an escalation of tensions in the West Bank in Palestine, as the Israeli government announced plans to establish new settlements with about 1700 houses on the Palestinian lands, especially in the area of Jerusalem. The Palestinian people strongly protested the decision and went down in protests and demonstrations in the streets. Clashes with the Israeli police occurred at several places and many people were injured. The spread of the protests reminded with the first and the second intifada and gave people the hope of launching a new intifada against occupation. Those developments prove once again that Israel, supported by the imperialist forces, will never stop its aggressions voluntarily and all the speech about the peace process is an

empty rhetoric. Resistance is the only way to face Israel and attain the rights of the Palestinian people in an independent state and return of refugees, and the Palestinian youth and people will attend their rights through struggle and fight. The spread of the actions to form an organized popular movement resisting against occupation and aggressions seems to be a promising possibility for the future of the struggle.

WFDY takes part in WIDF seminar at the UN HQ

On March 9, in the same week that the 100th years of the declaration of the International Women's Day was celebrated, WFDY took part in an international seminar of the Women International Democratic Federation, organized in the framework of the United Nations week dedicated to the follow-up on the implementation of the COP 15 Beijing Summit on Women's Rights that took place exactly 15 years ago.

Alongside with international and national organizations, WFDY contributed to a debate in which most participants converged in choosing imperialism as the main cause of women's deprivation of rights and, therefore, the common enemy to the accomplishment of the rights and expectations of both women and men. Particularly in the framework of the international capitalist crisis, the attack on women's rights starts in the labour area, in which they are even further exploited than their male fellow colleagues, but also in other areas there is a decisive need for reinforcement of the struggle, namely in the access to education, health (particularly sexual health) and protection from immigration and prostitution mafias.



WFDY History

The 14th World Festival of Youth and Students - Algiers, Algeria - 2001

The XV World Festival for Youth and Students, was organized in, Algiers, Algeria in August 2001, under the slogan "Let's globalize the struggle for Peace, Solidarity, Development, against Imperialism", for the first time WFDY organized the Festival in one Arabic-African country, with the presence of the 11.000 delegate from 100 countries around the world.

The Youth and Student around the World after the first moment, finally arrived to Algeria, the opening ceremony was free for all the people and thousands of citizen from Algiers participated in order to receive the delegates from around the world, the Boumedine's University was the place where the Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, and intersectorial event were organized. A big delegation from Western Sahara participated as a symbol of the solidarity with their struggle and the people received them with love and friendship, for the first time several countries from Africa sent delegations to a WFYS.



After the Havana Festival, this XV Festival confirmed that the Festival's Movement will not die, will continue forever, and the youth and student around the world will keep the struggle against imperialism, for peace, friendship, solidarity and brotherhood.

WFDY Activities

WFDY visits several SADC Countries

From march 7 to march 20, one delegation from WFDY and ANC YL, visited Lesotho, Namibia, Angola and Zimbabwe in order to promote the XVII World Festival of the Youth and Student and to reinforce our bilateral relationship.

In all the countries WFDY's Delegations met with the high ranking level of all the youth organization's leadership, with the leadership of the party, and discussed about how will be the presences of the young people from all this countries in the Festival. WFDY's delegation called upon all the progressive youth in order to join to the Festival Movement, and to participate in the Festival. All the meetings that WFDY's Delegations celebrated were successful specially because they confirm that they will work in order to send to South Africa a biggest delegation from their countries.

In all those countries the youths and students were encouraged in order to promote and to organize the delegation that will be in the Festival, specially this year when they celebrate several important historical dates in all the region, for instance the 20 Anniversary of the Independence of Namibia, the 30 Anniversary of the independence of Zimbabwe, and the 35 Anniversary of the



Independence of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, one of the ideas that the NPC of South Africa promote is that to celebrate as a part of the Festival all those important commemoration that also include the 65 Anniversary of World Federation of Democratic Youth. We believe that all the delegations from SADC countries will be one of the biggest delegations of the Festival, the leadership reaffirmed that they will bring to the Festival thousands of delegates and will bring to South Africa the best tradition of their countries, because for them the festival will be for all the African's Countries.

In the next months WFDY with NPC of South Africa will continue visiting others regions in order to promote the XVII Festival and to call all the youths and students in order to joins to The XVII Festival of Youth and Students.

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