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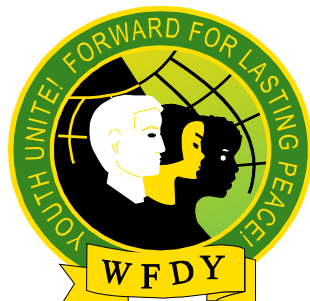
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«Humanitarian» bombs fall in Libya!



Just as happened in Yugoslavia 12 years ago, in Afghanistan 9 years ago, in Iraq 7 years ago, NATO and its members are using the rethoric of the defense of the «human rights» to legitimate sanctions and the military intervention in Libya.

As people are being killed in Yemen and Bahrain for protesting against their governments, the international media tries to draw the attention only for Libya, ignoring even that in the case of Bahrain there is an invasion of the territory by the army of Saudi Arabia, which goes against all principles of respect for the sovereignty of one people and against even the International Law.

It is interesting that never before the situation of the Libyan people had had any interest for the NATO members, that even kept extremely good relations with the Libyan government. In fact this is still clear as contradictions among imperialist forces rise, with USA and France on one side and Italy and Germany on the other, some wanting more control over the oil, the others afraid of losing their good businesses.

The interest of imperialism in Libya has nothing to do with the Libyan people. They know that a better future for the Libyan people depends only upon the capability of that people to attain its demands and stop the repression through their organizations and internal processes, without any external intervention. What imperialism wants from Libya is to have control of its vast oil reserves (the biggest in Africa) and other natural resources, and the possibility to install a military compound in an area that would allow it to rapidly intervene in any African country.

If more proof were needed, the simple fact that bombs falling the houses of thousands of civilians in Tripoli have depleted uranium in its composition shows that imperialism doesn't care even a bit for the life of the Libyan people. Such chemical component, not only produces unmeasurable damage when exploding, as it stays in the soil and water, producing a fast increase of new-borns malformations as well as the widespread of cancer to all those exposed to it (including the imperialist soldiers, as happened with some NATO troops in former Yugoslavian territories!). Now US and UK say they may provide guns to the «rebels» in Libya, but not only that already happened (through Saudi Arabia) is admitting is another shameless step from the imperialists. What would they say if Khadafi sent weapons to the opposition in their countries? Would he be a terrorist? So what makes them different?

What is happening now is just like what happened in Afghanistan to allegedly restore democracy in a country where 8 years after the US supported candidate only wins with fraudulent elections, or in Iraq where the so called weapons of massive destruction could never be found. For that, against imperialism and for the self determination of the Libyan people to struggle is our only option!



WFDY GC meets in Brazil!

The general council meeting of WFDY was successfully held in Port Alegre, Brazil from 17-20 March 2011 hosted by UJS Brazil. The meeting was so crucial as it had discussed the current political situation, evaluated the 17th festival of youth and students, and finalized venue and date of 17th Assembly of WFDY. The meeting was attended by more than 30 organizations from different continents.

The meeting had discussed in brief to reaffirm its political stand on the issue of imperialist aggression and war in Iraq and Afghanistan and its continue maneuvering policies in Latin America to thwart growing progressive movement. It evaluated the global capitalist crisis emerged in developed countries,

especially the recent crisis in some European countries to be proved that the capitalist measures in neo-liberal frame work are outdated and the relevancy to the keys of socialist economy are becoming more significant today for the working class. Anti communism provocation and demonization against communism is unacceptable and lie of imperialism that we need to fight together, as report concludes. The meeting stood in solidarity for the people aspiration of change in Middle East against regimes while opposing any imperialist war and occupations. WFDY expressed its continuing solidarity with people of Western Sahara and Palestine for their legitimate rights to independence and liberation. It demanded the urgent release of five Cuban heroes illegally detained in the US jail and to lift economic embargo imposed against Cuba. The meeting welcomed release of Aun San Su Kyi and expressed its solidarity to further extend the Burmese democratic movement. It supported the ongoing democratic transition of Nepal for peace; stability and new constitution under the leadership of CPN-UML. The meeting reaffirmed its stand that the recent moves of conservative South Korean government with US support have more endangered peace and stability in Korean Peninsula. It also congratulated for the recent congress of communist party of Vietnam for its policy success and new development plan. The meeting passed its condolences and sympathy resolution with victims of earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear disaster occurred in March 11, 2011 in Japan causing death of more than ten thousand people.

The meeting had positively evaluated the 17th World Festival of Youth and Student happened in south-Africa and hosted by ANC Youth League was of great success politically for the WFDY mission. Attended by more than 130 countries with 15 thousand delegates in the country of liberation from apartheid is of great significance with range of discussion on current issues of anti imperialism, development, liberation, youth rights, education, employment, environment etc.

The meeting evaluated its one year activities that with full of busy schedule to make success the festival in short span of time. The meeting has finalized calendar of upcoming activities, especially to send the solidarity mission for the struggling people in Egypt and for the preparation of 17th WFDY Assembly. The meeting also decided to make WFDY more self sufficient financially with more organizational contributions. The date and venue of 17th Assembly is finalized to be hosted by JCP Portugal in Lisbon from 11 to 13 November 2011. It approved for the different responsibilities of draft resolutions on thematic issues. In the framework of GC meeting, different regions had reported their decision and proposals for upcoming activities after concluding their regional meetings.



Crisis, fatal destiny or strategy?

As the panic continues to be transmitted by the media, the offense against the youth and workers' rights goes deeper and deeper. The current crisis framework continues to provide an incredibly large umbrella for the governments of each of the European Union member states to deepen even further the attacks against the people in each country.

After the cuts in the salaries, privatization of public services, widespread of laws to make even more “flexible” (or better said, precarious) the working relations, increase of the prices of all goods, increase of taxes that harm specially the ones with lower incomes, etc., etc., what is next? More of the same kind, deepening the same line!



The debates and statements released to protect the European Union and the “Euro Zone” against the boogie man called International Monetary Fund (IMF), serve to justify just about everything. Not that the intervention of the IMF can ever be a good sign, but what has been done is, in essence, not different from the consequences of such intervention - not because of any coincidence, but both lines have the same goals and political line.

The pacts to reinforce the Euro and the so called “economic governance” have led the European states to what one could never thought could be done so openly. Over the last months, there were several prime ministers visiting the German chancellor to receive the German approval to the measures to be taken to “control the public expenses” even before they have submitted them to discussion or even the knowledge of their own people in their country.



The recent development, just after the withdrawal of the Portuguese Government, in which an European Commission official discussed the need for Portugal to keep under the same path with the opposition party with largest representation in the national parliament (who enthusiastically accepted) is yet another sign of how deep the interference and treason to their own peoples of the puppets and allies of the big economic groups go.

The recent developments of right-wing parties rising and anti democratic and anti communist measures implemented are instruments of the system to try to create diversions and prevent the people from struggling.

Despite the long way to go and the tough battle ahead, the ongoing struggles in many countries of Europe should provide motivation for all the peoples under this attack to continue this movement and taken even further the struggle for their rights, as this is clearly and unquestionably the only way to stop the attacks we face!

Vietnam celebrates HCMCYU 80 years!



One delegation from WFDY participated in the Commemoration of the 80 Anniversary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, in Hanoi, Vietnam. The Secretary General of WFDY presented a congratulations message to the leadership on behalf of all our member and friend organizations of this important WFDY member organization.

WFDY remarked our total historical support to the youth and to all the people of Vietnam, and expressed on behalf of the progressive and anti imperialist youth and wished our best for the development that the country, now that after their struggle against imperialism, is building a new homeland and shaping a poor country in one that has great development in their economy with the increase of the social level of life, as an example of how socialism is better than capitalism.

The Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Nguyen Phu Trong, participated in the main activity held in Hanoi on March 26. In his speech he urged the Vietnamese youth to work for the political and cultural education, so that the new generations can follow the glorious revolutionary traditions of the Vietnamese people. The leader remarked that the party and the government of Vietnam put their hope of the youth in the new generations, as owner of the future of the country and vanguard of the building of the new socialist society. The President of the country, Nguyen Minh Triet, gave the Gold Star Order to the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union for their significant contribution for the revolutionary work to the party and the nation.

The Ho Chi Minh Youth Union was founded on March 26, 1931, in the second congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam. The youth of Vietnam was an important factor in the liberation struggle against France colonialism and against United States Imperialism. Millions of youth offered their life for the freedom of Vietnam, all of them became an example of courage for the youth all over the world.



WFDY Condolences and Sympathy Message to the Victims of Earth Quake and Tsunami in Japan

The World Federation of Democratic Youth would like express its heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the victims of terrible Earthquake and Tsunami occurred on 11 march 2011 following by the nuclear disaster in Japan causing death and missing of over 27000 people and with loss of more than 200 billions USD. We express our solidarity with our member organizations JLSY Japan, DYLI and KYLI for their efforts to support the victimized people in this hour of national sorrow and grief. We urge international communities to take urgent action to provide humanitarian assistance to more than three hundred thousand people left without shelter, food, sanitation and drinking water, and to provide support aids for the reconstruction of devastated areas. We hope Japanese will recover from this tragedy with their dedication, unity and handwork along with international cooperation and support.

Come to Portugal, attend WFDY Assembly!

The General Council decision WFDY of holding the 18th Assembly in Portugal, hosted by the Portuguese Communist Youth (JCP), was welcomed with great joy by all our organization.



We are in a moment when the attacks against the rights of the Portuguese youth deepen: the privatization and gentrification of education proceeds, with tuition fees that can reach the 35 000€ in the second cycle of higher education, the dropout rates increase, there are about 800,000 unemployed workers, (half of these are under 35 years), about one million and 500 thousand workers have precarious contracts, there are cuts in all social supports: education, unemployment, health, housing and culture.

There are successive attacks against the democratic freedoms and rights, with attempts to forbid demonstrations or the daily activities of the class trade union among the working places.

In this context, the struggle of the youth has intensified. With the daily work of the class trade union - CGTP and its youth structure, it was possible to achieve the great general strike on 24 November, in which more than 3 million workers were on strike, several sectorial strikes, a national demonstration on 19 March, one of the biggest in the last decades. Also the students have developed several struggle actions, at national and local level, as on November 17 in which more than 10,000 students of higher education were in a demonstration in Lisbon, or on February 24 in which high school students protested in over 26 municipalities through the country.

Due to all these struggles, proving the general discontent of the people against the Portuguese Government's policies in the service of capital and the EU, led to the resignation of the Government. This scenario imposed new elections for soon, which will need more than just a change of actors, but a real change of policies. Therefore, the struggle has continued as in the 24th of March (the day after the resignation of the government), national student days, when thousands of students came to the streets, as it will be on 1st April in the national demonstration for young workers, called by the CGTP.

JCP has been playing a decisive role in this process, guaranteeing not only that many more can join our struggle, but also that the class consciousness of those who struggle, is developed, fulfilling our role as the revolutionary organization of the Portuguese youth. We are committed as well to the promotion of WFDY in our daily work, considering that this is our priority at the international level. We are sure that our solidarity will reinforce our common struggle.



Thus, we are certain that the achievement of the Assembly in our country will be a strong expression of solidarity with the Portuguese youth, as will be another good opportunity for our youth to express their solidarity with the youth around the world that struggle and resists. Here is our commitment that we will strive to "Fortify WFDY, strengthen the struggle against imperialism, for peace, solidarity and revolutionary social transformation!"

**Text submitted by JCP Portugal*