On the Outcome of Historic Plenum of the Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh

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The three-day plenum of the Workers Party of Bangladesh had just finished recently in Dhaka. The outcome and important political and organizational decisions taken

in the plenum have been announced at a press conference arranged in Dhaka. Through the press conference these are also being informed to the people of Bangladesh.

Comrades and Friends,

A. Party renamed as Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh - RWPB:

- 1. As the manifestation of our revolutionary politics and struggle the party is renamed as the Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh.
- 2. The basic program of the party has been amended and updated in the recently concluded plenum. This program will be finally adopted in the coming 8^{th} Congress of the Party, which is scheduled to be held within March 2009.
- 3. The primary objective of the party is to curb the imperialist hegemony and power of ruling class and the all-out demand is to architect a democratic constitution.
- 4. The revolutionary democratic party and the movement must arrange the judicial trail for the looter-capitalist, mafia, political and economic miscreants, corrupt people and war criminals on arresting them under the law and order. Eventually the terrorists would be detected and they would also be put under trail and the property belong to these culprits would be confiscated and they would be declared incompetents for any election in the country.

B. Important amendments of the Constitution of the Party:

- 1. To get primary membership of the party the age limit has been decreased to 16 from 18 years of age.
- 2. The posts of President and General Secretary will be created in the committee of district level as it is in the Central Committee.
- 3. New layers of party memberships have been adopted such as Associate Member and General member in the existing three-layer membership

structure.

- 4. Moreover, in every committee of each layer should have a quota for one-third of women members gradually.
- 5. It has also been decided that a three-member panel of secretaries would framed out into the central committee of the party.

C. Political Resolution:

- 1. A politico-organizational report has been taken in the plenum.
- 2. 77 political resolutions have been taken with some corrections and updates considering the recent national, regional and international events.
- 3. It has been proposed in the political resolution that the emergence and implementation of the present caretaker government absolutely fails to solve the crisis and to arrange a free, fair and impartial election.
- 4. It is unconstitutional, non-democratic and beyond the jurisdiction of the caretaker government to achieve a bond of understanding in advance from different political parties through so called political dialogues with them (government).
- 5. The ridiculous approach of bargaining in the dialogue and strategy taken for lingering the process of free and fair election indicates a black and dark future for the people of the country.
- 6. Government has been informed through the resolution to stay away and constrain from the process of snatching away the constitutional and democratic right of the people in the name of reform and ban the democratic rights of assembly, procession, protest, strike, hartal etc.
- 7. It has also been mentioned that it is very clear to the mass people of the country that the Commission for Anti Corruption is not even impartial and working as an agent to implement the political wish and desires of the powerhouse of the caretaker government.
- 8. Though the Judiciary has been made independent from the Executive and Administrative Department it is also clear that they can not operate on it's own and even the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is not free from the dirty and vicious political desire of the ruling powerhouse.
- 9. It is also mentioned that there is no scope for free and fair election without changing the infrastructure of the present deceiving policy, black money, terrorism and administrative hegemony in the electoral process.
- 10. It is also clear that the government and election commission have

taken such strategies to settle different issues with the corrupt godfathers in such a way that there is no space and possibility of "level playing field" for the next election as declared by them. It is almost clear that in such a condition, the next national election would be turned into another "free style" competition among the 10% miscreants and the black money holders of the country.

11. In the political resolution it has been mentioned that for the emancipation of the mass people and to establish their right and security there is no alternative other than the revolutionary reconstruction of the social system and uproot the present undemocratic and exploiting-oppressing state.

D. Immediate Demands:

In this regard the following demands have been placed in the political resolution to strengthen the process of polarization of the left democratic and patriotic revolutionary forces:

- a) Immediate withdrawal of the state of emergency by terminating the undemocratic and unconstitutional rules and by making ascertains the political right of the mass people.
- b) Resist the conspiracy of US imperialism and all kinds of their illegal activities threatening for the sovereignty and national security of the country.

Politically counter and challenge the rightist and the religious fascist forces in the country.

c) The struggle should be continued for terminating the rule and hegemony of the looter-rich class and imperialism and to establish the revolutionary democratic state, government, constitution and society for the majority people.

Solidarity expressed by the left democratic forces of the country

At the opening ceremony of the plenum of the Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh on the 13th June, 2008, the eminent personalities and leaders of the country say that the left democratic forces has to take effective leadership in order to fulfill the expectation of the people by changing the state and society from the root. The revolutionary left have to stand by the people with necessary responsibilities and have to ensure the democratic future of the mass people and the country by terminating the present exploiting and torturing undemocratic demons. If not then again there would be the traditional handover of power within the exploiting ruling class. Corruption, terrorism and violence, mafia would grasp the people more tightly. The speakers say that the activities of the present caretaker government about the dialog and the so-called national consensus are unconstitutional and beyond their jurisdiction.

Finally the party would declare soon the definite and specific schedule for all-out movement along with the Democratic Left Alliance against undemocratic regime and imperialist design.

Looking forward for your revolutionary solidarity and cooperation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further information or query in this regard.

Unite the Workers of the World!

Long Live Revolution!!

Again with revolutionary greetings in solidarity with,

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