

Who are we ?

● The International Workers Committee Against War, Exploitation, for a Workers' International was set up at the World Conference held in Mumbai (India) on Novembre 19, 20 and 21 gathering delegates from 28 countries.

● The Mumbai Manifesto against war, exploitation and precarious labour has received endorsements and support in 44 countries (*)

● The International Workers Committee is not challenging any existing organisation

● Its continuations committee is composed of labour activists from all political/ trade union backgrounds:

Innocent Assogba (Benin),
Alan Benjamin (USA),
Colia Clark (USA),
Constantin Cretan (Romania),

Berthony Dupont (Haiti),
Ney Ferreira (Brazil),
Daniel Gluckstein (France),
Rubina Jamil (Pakistan),
Apo Leung (China),
Gloria Martinez (Mexico),

M.A. Patil (India),
Mandlenkosi Phangwa (Azania),

Klaus Schüller (Germany),
Jung Sikhwa (Korea),
John Sweeney (Great Britain),

Mark Vassilev (Russia),
Nambiath Vasudevan (India).

(*) Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Azania, Belarus, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

FRANCE

Long live the Paris Commune! Break with the European Union!

The Democratic Independent Workers Party (POID) takes part, along with activists of all tendencies, in the movement for a break with the European Union and the French 5th Republic. 12,854 workers have grouped together around a call affirming that there is nothing to be expected from the coming elections, from the point of view of the workers' interests, and that a break from the existing institutions is necessary. (This is independent of the position of each on the candidates who are standing).

This movement is calling for a national gathering in Paris on Saturday March 18 2017, for the anniversary of the uprising of the 1871 Paris Commune.

Organizing Committee for a Break with the European Union and the Fifth Republic There will be thousands of us at the "Communards' Wall" in Paris, on March 18, at 11 o'clock am.

There are already more than 12,000 of us - workers, young people, housewives, pensioners and activist from backgrounds in the democratic labour movement - who have endorsed the appeal launched by the Movement for Breaking with the European Union and the French 5th Republic. We wish to reach 30,000 endorsers by March 18 when we gather in the thousands at the Communards' Wall in the *Père Lachaise* cemetery in Paris, where the last combatants of the Paris Commune fell in 1871.

While respecting the diverse commitments that the endorsers have, or may have, regarding the up-coming presidential and parliamentary elections, we have decided to gather for the anniversary of the Paris Commune. Why ?

In the spring of 1871, the Paris Commune did not hesitate to take the hardest of social measures: the creation of public and secular education, the separation of Church and State, the banning of night work for workers in the baking sector, the freezing of rents, the requisition of vacancies for the housing of working families, the cancellation of the debt for the poorest, the requisition of closed factories so that everyone might have a job and the introduction of a minimum wage.

In order to do so, the communards did not hesitate to break with the old order by setting up a government composed of elected representatives who were were mandated and revocable by the citizens. Internationalists, fighting for a "universal Republic", they gave the highest of military responsibilities to the Polish generals Dombrowski and Wroblewski, and named the Hungarian Leo Frankel as Labour Minister.

Today, counter-reforms are destroying the Social Security system and threatening public education, strangling the hospitals and destroying the Labour Code. With the avalanche of lay-offs they are seriously threatening the conditions of existence for millions of men and women. To get rid of these counter-reforms will demand a government that will be able to take the hardest measures in order to defend working people.

Beyond our different commitments in the coming elections, we all agree that changing a crownless monarch - the President of the Republic under the regime of the 5th Republic - will not bring about any solution.

There is no other way than the tireless struggle to break with the European Union and the French 5th Republic, for a Constituent Assembly, for a government that satisfies popular and workers' demands.

This is the meaning of the gathering at the Communards' Wall on Saturday March 18, 2017.

We call on all the endorsers, all the committees that have been set up in this campaign, to multiply the initiatives for us to be 30,000 endorsers on March 18, in two months, and thousands present at the Communards' Wall.

January 16th, 2017

PAKISTAN

Success of the conference hosted by Pakistani Federation APTUF (All Pakistan Trade Union Federation) against war, exploitation and precarious labour

All Pakistan Trade Union Federation held a National Conference against “**War, exploitation and precarious labour**”, on January 12, 2017.

APTUF representative from all over Pakistan attend the conference. I.A. Rehman and Khursheed Ahmed Sb were the Chief guest of the conference. Akbar Khan, (Banks) Ashfaq Bacha from KPK, Barohi from Balochistan, Qazi Afaq and Rao Nasim from Sind also participated in a conference. Mian Shahbaz General Secretary Punjab Press Club, Malik Humanyun, General Secretary WASA Employees Union, Abdul Waheed, APTUF Sheikhpura, Rashid Lodhi, Vice President, Peoples Lawyers Forum, Taimure Rehman, General Secretary, Mazdoor Kissan Party, Uzma Ejaz, Home based Workers Union and Railway workers Union (Openline) and workshop President Mian Khalid, Mustansar Javed also participated, large nos of workers working in private sector, and workers from Sheikhpura and Gujranwala also participated.

Anwer Gujjar (President APTUF) chaired the conference. Large nos of women workers and male workers come to the hall and raised slogans : « *Long live APTUF* », « *Workers struggle against war* », « *Workers want peace & dignity* », « *no to IMF/World Bank* », « *Social security for all* », « *Longlive working class* ».

LAAL band (Taimure Rehman) performed very well, they sing working class songs written by Habib Jalib and Faiz Ahmed Faiz. Traditional folk singer sung a song about peace. During songs workers raised slogans.

Stage secretary, Mohammad Ilyas, started the conference and invite Chief guests on the stage. He said that the purpose of the conference is to mobilize working class against the growing extremism and war in Pakistan and also the very bad working condition of workers working as contract or sub contract, including women workers, domestic and workers working in brick kiln working as bonded labor. Our objective for holding this conference is to formulate strategy and struggle unitedly with teachers, doctors, nurses, journalists and political workers to end war, exploitation and precarious labour. While addressing to the gathering Rubina Jamil, I. A. Rehman, Khursheed Sb, Rao Sb, Rashid Lodhi, Dr. Taimure Rehman, Barohi, and Uzma said that we appreciate the efforts of APTUF

holding this conference at a moment when extremism is on its peak. We all know that how the Imperialism started war in Iraq and in Afghanistan and smashed the infrastructure of both countries. 100 thousands of innocent man, women and children lost their lives and both countries are totally smashed. The way which Imperialism attacked on both countries, they are the snatchers, they want to control the mineral resources and capture Iraqi oil, but the role of Islamic country during that war was not positive, Saudi Arabia totally support US and its policies, and also Qatar and other Islamic countries did not raised their voice against this US Imperialism anti human attack. It is very unfortunate that till now both countries are paying the price of war which was not their war, it was imposed by Imperialist and their allies, it was imposed by the snatchers, it was imposed by the butchers, till now the people of both countries feeling the pain, till now the situation is not good, till now the fight between the extremists and people are going on. The greedy imperialists started its interference in Pakistan through our dictators, fundamentalists and sectarian group they create a civil war situation. Imperialism is the creator of Taliban and started giving huge funds to their organizations mean Jihadees groups. These extremists started worst law and order situation in Pakistan through suicide bomb blast, and even now our children's are not safe in schools. Tragic suicide attacks are happening in Balochistan, in KPK and in Punjab too. In Sind target killing is still going on.

Speakers criticize the rulers policy not able to maintain peace in the country, also secure the life of the people of Pakistan. They are spending billions money on their security, buying latest armament, spending huge money on their entertainment, rather than to make a policy to stop war, building relations with Iran, Afghanistan, Russia and India. Today there is no table talks are going on with India.

Comrades months earlier a Mumbai conference against war, exploitation and precarious labour took place in Mumbai, India, but because of war on Indo-Pakistani boarder and tension between both governments we are not able to get the visa. Mumbai conference also took initiative that war must be end and tension between both government should end, terrorism is not an issue of our region its spread so we should a brothers and sisters from different part of the world struggle

together to end imperialist power war games. We appreciate an initiative taken by our Indian comrades.

Comrades also speaks about the worst working condition of contract labour, working in different industries in Pakistan. Speakers criticize government policies increasing bonded labour system in Pakistan. Rulers are only interested to provide any facility to working class, they are interested to loot the money. Not thinking about the benefits of workers.

Conference also condemned Labour department act against working class not inspect industries properly, and also make difficult to register trade unions.

Conference also condemned to terminate Pakistan Spring Sheikhpura 60 workers, terminate since 2 years.

We strongly condemn government act to Imposed 27-B in banks and restrict trade unions activities inside the banks.

Speakers strongly criticize government privatization policy of WAPDA, Banks and the railway.

Conference decide to organize a series of activities on the same theme together with journalist organizations, lawyers, teachers associations, trade unions put pressure on government to take immediate measure to maintain law and order situation, and make policy to bring peace in the country. Speakers emphasis that government should make plan to stop extremism and suicide blasts and secure the life of people. Government also implement labour laws and ILO Convention 98, 97, ban contract & bonded labour system.

Committee was formed to organize series of activities unitedly against war, exploitation and precarious labour.

Thak you to the comrades !

Dear comrades, on behalf of All Pakistan Trade Union Federation we express our thanks for your solidarity message.

Comrades, we hold this conference in very difficult situation. We are proud that only our federation hold this conference and discussed against war and exploitation, precarious labour. No any other federation or political party hold that kind of conference. We chalk-out plan and strategies to struggle unitedly to end war and exploitation and bring peace.

Your message gave us lot of strength and courage to overcome the problems.

Thanks for your support.

In solidarity,

Rubina Jamil,
General Secretary