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Why India Supports Ethnic Cleansing?

Genocide in Making

The state orchestrated mass murder of Rohingya by Myanmar government and resulting exodus and humanitarian catastrophe are welcomed by the Indian state. 3,80,000 Rohingya have fled into Bangladesh since August 25th. Many have drowned, died of starvation, or ended up in Thai-Malaysian border death camps. Indian government and military establishment call these people, one of the most deprived communities from the poorest part of the world, a "security threat" and, of course, terrorists - because they are Muslims, what else can they be?

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The Myanmar military has planted land mines near Bangladesh border that has killed at least four individuals. António Guterres, UN secretary general, called the operation "ethnic cleansing". Meanwhile, Union home ministry in the Supreme Court filed an affidavit on the deportation of Rohingya, telling, "As far as Rohingyas are concerned, they claimed to have entered from Myanmar using porous border between India and Myanmar. The total number of such illegal immigrants into our country would be more than 40,000 approximately as on date".

"There is serious national security threat/concern and when a just and fair procedure prescribed by law exist for deportation, this Hon'ble Court may decline its interference, leaving to the Central Government to exercise its essential executive function by way of a policy decision in larger interest of the country," It added.

ON 21ST SEPTEMBER IT WAS REPORTED THAT MYANMAR ARMY HAS DEPLOYED THOUSANDS OF TROOPS TO THE COUNTRY'S WESTERN RAKHINE STATE AS IT STEPS UP COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORTS THERE. ARAKAN ROHINGYA SALVATION ARMY DECLARED CEASE-FIRE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

Indian Interest in Genocide

Military juntas have been grabbing land from smallholders since 1990s across the country. As in India, "Development" projects, natural resources exploration and extraction, tourism has adversely affected the most marginal population. Myanmar "liberalization" began in 2011. India has both economic and military interests in the small neighboring state.

India financed and constructed the Sittwe deep-sea port, as part of the Kaldan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project. With the aim of connecting northeastern Mizoram with Bay of Bengal. India also provided Myanmar LW-04 Air Search radars last year.

In addition to the economic and military interests atmosphere of jingoism, Muslim hating and Terror of Terror and Terror from Terror has tremendous benefits for political parties and military establishment. In short: Indian stand in support of Rohingya ethnic cleansing stems from the same logic where all its internal policies arise.

LABOR NOTES

REMEMBERING KAMANI TUBES TAKEOVER

Workers control over their workplace has always been a threat to traditional unions and the Bolshevik left. Workers control, taking over the role of management and owner makes the traditional union nonessential, whose work is to mediate between the two groups. More over, workers control has a democratizing affect of society. It demonstrates WE DON'T NEED BOSS. World history is filled with multiples examples of such experiments, some short lived and more radical, some sustained but less radical, from Spanish Revolution to Mondragon project, since Paris commune up till the present. The human impulse for freedom always takes this form in industrial setting. Revolutionary shop-floor unions with aim of workers control are the "structure of the new society within the shell of the old."

In September 1985 the management of Kamani Tubes Limited (KTL) abandoned the factory premise after a long series of feuds and debacles. On 23rd September 1988 Supreme Court gave the workers management rights of the factory, making the workers the masters of their own destiny. The workers formed a co-operative called KTL Kamgar Audyogik Utpadak Sahakari Society Limited which will soon be the major shareholder of KTL.

Lap Dogs.

Times of India (TOI) on 13th September reported that "India hit back... Al Hussein" and that "his wrath was reserved for India". The "hitting back" was done by Indian Nikki Haley, Rajeev Chander who was saddened by the "inadequate appreciation of the freedoms and rights" in India and complained that UN High Commissioners' comments were based on "inaccurate reports". TOI further gave voice to Ajit Kumar, who accused Al Hussein of being "silent" on "Pakistan's sponsored terrorism".

This is objective journalism. Where facts and baseless assertions by state officials are equally valued and blatant lying in service of support of State terrorism is the norm. Where is the evidence of "Pakistan's sponsored terrorism" (which is never preceded by "alleged", while the on going genocide is allegedly genocide)? Have they read the speech Al Hussein have, Where in paragraph seventeen and eighteen he criticized Pakistan for it horrendous human rights records? I suppose not.

Indian state is supporting one of the worst humanitarian catastrophe in recent history and its domestic and international consequences would be irreparable.

Post-Jobs Society

It has been a truism that formal and informal work in India have always been an ambiguous and unhelpful distinction. Also they reinforce and maintain one another - one cannot exist without the other. India IT sector provides job to less than 1% of the population. Primary job providers are transport and hotel, restaurants. In manufacturing roads act as conveyer belts and the informal sector is directly employed by big corporations without any job security or even knowing the workers exist or how they manage it.

USIBC last year said that 10 Lakh Indians enter job market every month and India needs to provide 10 crore jobs in a year. Only 1.3 Lakh jobs were created in 2016-17. IMF and major other institutions of world order have predicted the rise of nonemployment, i.e. jobs on freelancing bases and almost complete collapse of traditional job structure. This is not a new trend but with the growth of automation and new

platforms this will increase exponentially and will erode the social fabric.

Job insecurity, unemployment, low wages, wealth inequality and stress all add up to a society that is on the verge of collapse. Scholars like Gabor Maté, Michael Marmot et al have demonstrated direct affect of such trends on health. And with governments policy of privatizing health services and making medication more costly by patents is in place, it all add ups to policy of destroying the poor and working people, socially, mentally and physically.

Only new jobs with climate change in mind can save this planet and human society and elimination of wage labor can save the human spirit.

KAMANI TUBES

In the first year of self-management, Kamani Tubes successfully survived the problems of price war, improved its production levels and demonstrated its competence to stay "in the market".

What led the workers to such steps was not radical idealism but economic necessities. Some workers sold their houses. Some withdrew their children from schools and sent them to work. Some were forced to delay or postpone the marriages of their daughters and some migrated to their villages to get some petty work. This is still the situation of workers in uncountable sick industrial units in India. Struggles and victories of Kamani Tube workers should inspire and guide us in our future struggles in these precarious times.

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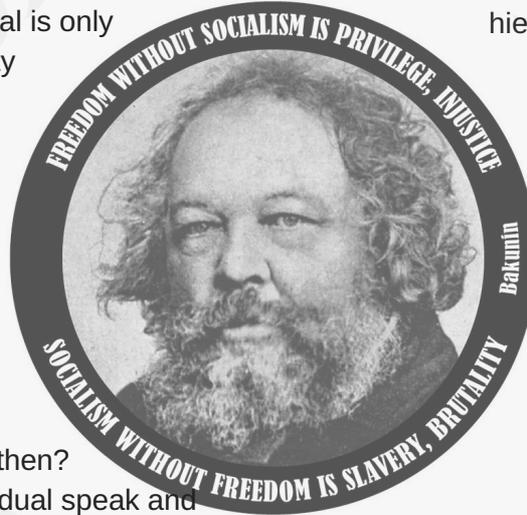


Why Azadi?

Azadi for free individual. We believe in Anarchism, in values of French revolution and enlightenment. We believe in human capacity to do good and make their lives as fulfilling and joyful as possible. We believe no human being, individual or group has authority to rule or command another individual. We believe emancipation of individual is only possible in a co-operative society based on values of mutual aid and voluntary association.

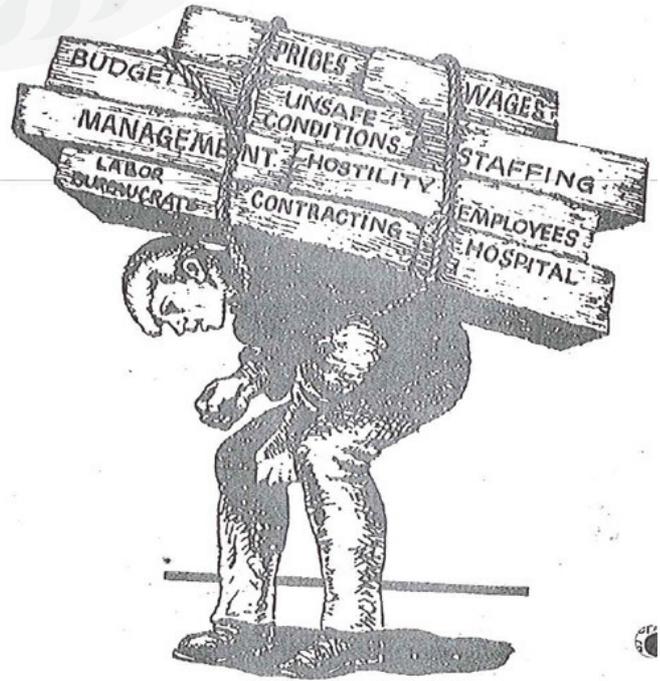
This newsletter is a small step towards making Azadi a reality in India and beyond, to dissolve all borders and vanquish all hatred.

Why Azadi in English language then? When most of the working individual speak and read Hindi. Because, we say there exist a small section of educated working class - first generation school pass outs. College graduates from city universities who do understand and communicate in English.



We aim to start a dialogue within this section of society and find individuals willing to support and work for their brothers and sisters of their Class.

Azadi criticizes power, embedded in state and corporations and its media and all social hierarchies. It challenges the common sense and history of India and its present. It provides a framework of analysis and action in society, to transform it in order to make Azadi of all individual a reality.



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