

Firmerst revolutionary salute to the martyrs of the Indian revolution

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The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) extends its unwavering solidarity to the Communist Party of India (Maoist) and all revolutionary forces across India as they observe their annual Memorial Week from July 28 to August 3. The Filipino revolutionary forces join the Indian people in honoring the heroes and martyrs who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the fierce struggle against imperialism, feudalism, bureaucrat capitalism and fascism in India. The heroes of the Indian people are heroes as well of the Filipino people because they gave their lives in the struggle for national and social liberation.

In the past year, the Indian revolutionary forces have suffered great losses. We join the CPI (Maoist) in paying tribute to their fallen leaders and members who dedicated their lives to the service of the people. We pay special homage to its former general secretary, Comrade Basavaraju (Nambala Keshava Rao), who was martyred alongside 27 comrades last May 21.

Since 2024, the reactionary Indian state has waged Operation Kagaar—a ruthless campaign aimed at delivering a decisive blow to the CPI (Maoist) and the People’s Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA). Under this operation, the Modi regime has unleashed brutal massacres against the masses of the indigenous Adivasi people and their revolutionary forces.

Reports reveal that under Operation Kagaar, the reactionary state forces murdered 287 people in 2024, and have killed at least 113 in 2025. One

third of the victims were Adivasis, and 40% were women. Many deaths are falsely reported as “encounters” between the state’s armed forces and the revolutionary fighters. The regime’s violent onslaught has not spared even infants and children—in 2024 alone, 14 children aged 14 years and below, including a 6-month-old infant, were mercilessly killed.

As we demand justice, we join the Indian people in honoring these martyrs. The names of Comrade Basavaraju and all fallen heroes now shine among the immortal heroes of India’s epic people’s war and the revolutionary struggle for national liberation and socialism around the world. They have raised high the torch of armed struggle in India, inspiring the proletarian revolutionary forces around the world to persevere in struggle amid favorable conditions arising from the global capitalist crisis.

The oppressed masses of India would have no path to liberation from imperialist domination without the sacrifices of their martyrs in waging revolutionary armed struggle. The same holds true for the masses of workers, peasants and other oppressed and exploited classes and sectors in the Philippines, whose aspirations for a bright future cannot be realized without the sacrifices of the martyrs and heroes of their national democratic revolution.

In today’s deepening crisis, imperialists and reactionaries will unleash harsher counterrevolutionary violence in their desperation to perpetuate the rotten ruling system. To overthrow this system of oppression and exploitation and replace it with a just and progressive society, Party cadres and the broad masses of working people must be ready to wage a life-and-death struggle.

In both India and the Philippines, increasing numbers of workers, peasants and other oppressed classes will be drawn to the revolutionary path, steeled and inspired by the enduring legacy of their heroes and martyrs.