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Red Salutes to the Founding Chairman of Communist Party of Philippines Comrade Jose Mario Sison ! Let us double revolutionary efforts towards the direction of accomplishing World Socialist Revolution!



The martyrdom of leader of World Socialist Revolution and the Founding Chairman of the Communist Party of Philippines Comrade Jose Mario Sison is an unfillable loss to the world revolutionary movement. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) pays humble revolutionary homage to Comrade Sison. It calls upon the entire world proletariat to make much more effort to make successful the World Socialist Revolution, with the spirit of the ideals of Comrade Sison. It conveys profound condolences to the entire cadres of the CPP, NPA and NDF, the revolutionary people of Philippines and to his friends and relatives. Ka Joma in exile in Netherlands was suffering from ill health for 15 days and breathed his last in a hospital in Atrecht in the night of 16th December 2022 at the age of 83.

Comrade Sison was one of the first-generation Maoists who perceived Marxism-Leninism that Comrade Mao Tse-tung developed into Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and this as the guiding theory of world socialist revolution. He applied MLM to Philippines and formed the CPP half a century ago. He took up the responsibility of its founding chairman. Imperialist aggression started in Philippines with the Spanish colonialists. After the US put its vulture eye on it, Philippines was totally caught in the fangs of US imperialism. Comrade Sison proved that Maoist People's War is the only way for the liberation of the people of the semi-colonial, semi-feudal Philippines, the group of islands that the US is utilizing as its military base. He developed the movement in the spheres of Party, Army and United Front. He established relations with the Maoist parties all over the world. The demise of Comrade Sison who stood as a support for the world Maoist forces is a void that the world socialist revolution cannot fill immediately.

Comrade Sison was born in a landlord family on 8th February 1939. He read higher studies. He first worked as English lecturer and later settled as one in Political Science. That was the time when anger was brewing among the people against US imperialism. It was the time when they were searching ways for independence. These thoughts led Comrade Sison to join Partido Komunista ng Philipinas in 1962. He worked actively in the youth organisation formed in 1964 and held the responsibility of Nationalist youth. Later he held the responsibility of Movement for the Advancement of Nationalism. He built movements against the dictatorship of Marcos and against the US war on Vietnam.

However, Comrade Sison understood that the party is revisionist and divorced from it. He organised the genuine Communist forces and founded the Communist Party of Philippines on 26th December 1968. He understood the Maoist perspective that people cannot attain liberation without a people's army and founded the New People's Army on 29th March 1969. Comrade Sison became the leader of the Philippines movement at an age of 27 years. Since then he led the Philippines movement until his martyrdom.

Comrade Sison understood that theory is necessary for practice and studied the Philippine society in the light of the theory of MLM. He wrote several analytical articles and books in the pen name 'Amado Gerero'. He gained the recognition of a Marxist intellectual in the country with his book 'Struggle for National democracy' in 1967. In 1993 Comrade Sison wrote the book, 'Philippine society-Revolution' in which he analysed the history and society of Philippines. The then government banned the book. With the fine blend of theory and practice the Philippine movement advanced.

Comrade Sison made a great contribution to unite the international communist forces. He fought against the modern revisionism of Prachanda and Bob Avakian. As the leader of International League for People's Struggles (ILPS) he strived to coordinate the anti-imperialist and nationality liberation struggles. CPP published the writings of Comrade Sison in 11 volumes this year on philosophy, economic, art and liberation, people's democratic revolution and such other aspects. Maoist forces of the world need to study these writings in order to understand the application of MLM to the concrete conditions. Similarly, Comrade Sison made a remarkable contribution to preserve the contribution of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao. He provided theoretical and political leadership to the world proletariat. Apart from Philippines, Comrade Sison also wrote analytical articles on the world-wide economic and political conditions. These articles were very helpful for the Maoist forces of the world to understand the unfavorable conditions of the exploitive classes and the favorable conditions for revolution.

Comrade Sison and his life partner Comrade Juliet were arrested by the Marcos government in 1977. Dictator Marcos personally interrogated Comrade Sison and conducted tortures on him. Worldwide protest pressurized the government to produce Comrade Sison in the court. Comrade Sison was in jail for nine years. Comrade Sison was tied to a cot 20 hours a day in a dark room in the military prison on the outskirts of the capital city of Philippines.

During this period there was a democratic rebellion against the dictatorship of Marcos. Another government came to power in 1986 March. This government started the process of talks with the CPP that by this time developed as a strong force in the country. Then Comrade Sison toured to muster international solidarity for the Philippines revolutionary movement. When he was in Netherlands, the Philippines government dissolved his passport. That was 1988 September. He was foisted with sedition and did not allow him into the country. Since then Comrade Sison was in political exile in Netherlands. He guided the movement from Netherlands. In 2002 August the US government declared Comrade Sison as 'a supporter of extremism'. With this the Netherlands government too started to harass him. In 2009 EU added him in the list of terrorists. International Communist movement and solidarity helped him stay there.

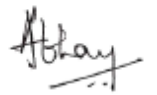
By 1988 left sectarian trend came forth in the Philippines movement that was advancing in steps. After a few more years there was a right deviation. These trends considerably affected the movement. Comrade Sison made a theoretical political struggle against these trends through the rectification movement and sustained the party. The rectification movement contributed to strengthen the Party, NPA, Mass Organisations and NDF. The success of the movement advanced the party. In the process of advancement, the party strengthened NPA with the clear understanding that liberation of the country is not possible without armed struggle, guerilla bases and guerilla zones. It formed National Democratic Front (NDF) as the United Front and strengthened it on a wide basis. It united the various oppressed classes, sections and areas such as Lumod, Moro and Cordillera.

Since the 'Oplan Mamayan' campaign of 1970 until the 'Oplan Bayanihan' in 2011, the Philippines government had been taking up various campaigns to eliminate the Philippines Revolutionary movement. It is conducting aerial bombing since 2018. Comrade Sison provided the correct leadership to the CPP that is taking forth the movement in Philippines facing these repressive campaigns standing as an inspiration to the worldwide proletarian struggles.

Comrade Jose Mario Sison was a poet. He said that he started writing songs of freedom to overcome the dictatorship and boredom in prison life. The essence cognized from the wars made on the enemy makes a human being a warrior, says Comrade Sison.

The real homage to this great leader is to strengthen the solidarity and coordination developing between the Maoist parties and forces of various countries. Imperialism is in the mire of intense crisis. In these conditions, at the time when the struggles of the people and nationalities against imperialism are developing, the entire communist parties and forces must continue revolutionary effort with doubled revolutionary enthusiasm. This would be the real homage to Comrade Jose Mario Sison.

Red Salutes to Comrade Jose Mario Sison!

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