

# Movimento Femminista Proletario Rivoluzionario

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## FROM INDIA... TO THE WHOLE WORLD UNLEASH WOMEN'S REBELLION AS POWERFUL STRENGTH OF REVOLUTION

### New Delhi "capital of the rapes" Great and harsh manifestations of women

After the gang rape in New Delhi against a 23 year old woman student, which took place on December 19th, great mass protests erupted across the country. On the way back from the cinema, the young woman with a friend were on a private bus to go home. The bus turned out to be a trap; aboard six men, including the driver, have beaten the boy with a metal bar, then savagely beat and raped the girl, then smashed out the two along a freeway.



Tens of thousands of people, including many women and young people

demonstrated in New Delhi and other Indian cities, in a spontaneous outburst of indignation and anger provoked by yet another case of brutal sexual violence that killed the girl, who died after a few days in the hospital due to serious injuries.

How hypocritical and false echoed the "interventions" of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and leader of the Congress Party, Sonia Gandhi, about the brutal violence.

Minister Singh, Gandhi, despite on paper India is called "the largest democracy in the world", represent instead one of the most reactionary bourgeois governments of the world that for years has been implementing a genocide against its own people, one billion and two hundred million people, the majority of whom live on about 50 cents a day while the great wealth concentrated in a few men of the big bourgeoisie and landlords. It is a government that allows the massive

exploitation and plunder of resources and raw materials in the country by "corporations" of the imperialist countries; corporations that are free to operate in it without constraints, forcing millions of people to the status of refugees in their country, expelled from land where their ancestors have always lived in a state of heavy oppression and cancellation of rights, even the most basic, which in particular for women turns into a triple, quadruple oppression, class, gender, caste, religion... of which sexual violence is the most tragic plight.

But against all this for years the greatest revolutionary party of the world, the Maoist Communist Party of India, leads a great "people's war" to put an end to this barbaric practice which results in continuous starvation



deaths, suicides and killings by Police and military government against those who

rebel; a people's war in which women, Maoist comrades, participate in their thousands, women for whom in many cases the violence and rapes suffered, used by the government as a weapon of state repression, became a lever to rise up and join a people's war advancing day by day, as the largest part of the general revolutionary current that ultimately will overthrow the existing social system of capitalism and imperialism..

### Against rapes and murders of women the police state is not the solution but the question

While large-scale demonstrations were held in India for the death of a girl student of 23 years, another woman, a worker of 45 years near Calcutta was raped and killed by eight neighbors.

The Government has used the police to suppress the demonstrations and to prevent the arrival of the protestors to government buildings in New Delhi, on the other hand has promised more police on the



streets, checks on abusive buses, security measures.

But in reality they are two sides of the same coin. In India, as in the World, as in Italy, the increasing number of policemen and police laws against rapes and femicides are not the solution, but part of the problem of determining a state that wants to keep women in a general condition of oppression, discrimination and promote hatred towards women.

"Should we feel safer in a police state? - Says Indian journalist Kalpana Sharma - consider that between 80 and 90 per cent of reported rapes are attributed to a man known to the victim: relative, neighbor, friend of the family ... ". And it is just the policemen that to women, who report such violence, respond, as happened recently in India, or to stay silent and accept even the shotgun marriage with the rapist or they even attack women because these would be guilty and provoking going

out in the evening or because the way they dress. Women should be more confident? In the vast parts of India outside the mega cities, and especially in areas where the people's war is going on, the rapes of peasant women, of women "outcaste" by the police and the military are very common; rape and 'killing by the army of women who are engaged in people's war or that support it, the rapes which always accompany torture when they are arrested, are constant weapon of dirty and brutal war of the Indian state.

Also in Italy, we know all too well the violence, sexual abuse of the police and "carabineer" that go together with repression; they express hatred toward women who struggle as to the women immigrants, in the "Cie" [a kind of temporary prison for immigrants], in the prisons (scores are the cases that the movements of women reported). The greater presence of police has never meant more defense for women, because it is directed immediately against women, with more controls, more restrictions, more militarized and inhospitable cities.

How India is proving, it is the tremendous



mobilization of women, but also of many young people that must go on, and it must also "arm" itself against all the centres of this "low intensity war".

### Let's build a bridge to unite women in the fight against the double, triple... oppression of this system

Herewith the intervention of the women comrades of Mfpr to International Conference in support of people's war in India in Hamburg on 24th November 2012

"As women comrades of the Revolutionary Proletarian Feminist Movement, we salute with joy this conference in support of People's War in India and bring also the warm greetings of women workers, precarious, unemployed, young people that struggle in the Italian cities where we are present.

At the international level, we dedicated the 8 March of this year to the thousands Indian women protagonists in the revolutionary struggle against class, gender, feudal, caste, and religious oppression... women who are the heart of the people's war that advances against a government and a state that calls itself "the largest democracy in the world."

This kind of democracy is made of oppression, even in a capitalist and imperialist country like ours, Italy, that the bourgeoisie in power considered "civil". But the state, the technical/dictatorial Monti government, backed by the Catholic Church, show every day their total incivility declaring war to the proletarian and popular masses and doubly to us women, making violence in all ways, both in the conditions of work and of life and want to take us back to what we call "modern Middle Ages."

State, government and masters are conducting a general worsening downloading on us the cuts of social services, from education to healthcare, increasing cost of living, re-chasing us at home, attacking rights won through years of struggle, like maternity, freedom of abortion, and turning us into "social absorber" (safety nets) in the flesh, in an increasingly subordinate role in the family.

In response to all this we said: "We won't pay the crisis, united we'll break the double chains!"

The more a condition of return-back grows, the more it feeds and spreads a reactionary, chauvinistic, sexist, modern fascist climate/humus that creates the best ground on which grows and increases sexual violence against women up to the killings. In Italy only in 2012, more than 100 women have been killed and most of the killings took place in the family by husbands, boyfriends, fathers, etc, a real war report, a low-intensity war against women. It 'a kind of systemic preventive violence, which feeds on "hate" towards women, as they can think, choose, rebel, fight.

Sexual violence and killings of women have merely continued discrimination and the double exploitation that today goes more and more forward on the ground of the general living and work conditions of women. Hence, it is not this bourgeois state that can defend us women, that can prevent sexual violence. This bourgeois state is the cause, not the solution!

We work to make the fight against the killings and violence against women an important lever to unleash

the revolutionary fury of women against this capitalist society, which makes of the oppression of women one of his props/base, so to overthrow it. In this process an important step is our proposal/call to build a women's strike, a class and gender strike for the job and the wages, against the attacks on women's rights, discriminations, double oppression, against the killings and sexual abuses of women; a strike that expresses with force our rebellion, a novelty, an unexpected rupture against masters, the government, the state, and the bourgeois and male chauvinist social system. We are working so to build such a first strike on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.



The November 25th is the international day against violence on women, and the fact that this conference takes place right at the back of this day of struggle is for us a hope that through it we create a kind of bridge: we want to bring from here, as comrades of RPFM, generated organization of Pcm Italy, to all the Indian women who are engaged in the people's war, our solidarity and support. This means both to acquaint the popular and proletarian women masses in our country the war of the Indian people and the direct protagonism in it of the many women comrades and thousands Indian women, and, on the other side, find the strength and the example to let progress also in our country the revolutionary process in which women will be protagonists, especially the proletarian women.

In these initiatives of struggle we have appealed to women, who are mobilizing in Italy around this day of November 25, to send their greetings and solidarity to the Indian women who are fighting in the nowadays biggest and incisive people's war that gives a liberating response also to the condition of severe sexual violence and oppression that women in India - and in the world - suffer in a so fierce manner. In India many rapes are rapes of war, perpetrated by the military and paramilitary forces to suppress and annihilate the anger and the strength of women. But for many women the suffered violence and rapes have become a lever to rebel and join the people's war, becoming fighters in the "front line" of the Maoist Communist Party in the revolutionary struggle for the "revolution within the revolution"; and many women today are in positions of leadership in the war and in the party, and they are a great example for women all over the world.

"Either they win: the imperialism, the state, the governments, the masters... or we win!" So we said in a national assembly of proletarian women held in Palermo on March 8<sup>th</sup> last year. And of course we must win, whatever the cost, because we are right, because through the "revolution within the revolution" we women must fight for a new society, a socialist society, for a new humanity. And the great struggle of our women comrades and Indian women this says with strength: it is not only a fight "per se", but it is an overall struggle calling to reckon with what kind of new society we want to build.

From India to the whole world... let unleash the rebellion of women as a powerful force of the revolution!

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## India: "i would tears turn in to bullets"

"Sweet revolution, i would my tears of woman could turn in to bullets"  
(a comrade)

With women in India we weep bitter and angry tears for the death of the girl raped some days ago. The massive demonstrations are the answer to hypocritical statements of the Prime Minister, that while is promising concrete action against the rapes, the only real actions going on are the violent charges of his own police.

The road to a better future that we all comrades and the relatives of the murdered girl want for women throughout India and every country in the world is showed by the women who fight in the maoist people's war, the largest in the world. These women, while developing the revolution against the regime of India, are carrying on the revolution to break the triple shackles that keep women subjugated.

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## From Associations of Indian women in struggle

It's a Time for Grief, Mourning and For a Solemn Resolve - To Take the Struggle Forward for a World Where Women Can Have Freedom, Rights and Justice.

We condole the sad passing of the brave rape survivor of Delhi, who battled her assailants and her horrendous injuries with so much courage and endurance. We stand by her family in this time of unimaginable grief and mourning. This is a time for mourning, for inner reflection, and also for a resolve to take the struggle forward for justice, rights, and freedom for women in our society. We all feel immense anger and outrage at the cruel way in which a young woman's life was taken. It is important that the anger be directed at the root causes of violence against women in society, as well as at the system and institutions that fail to defend women's right to freedom without fear.

As we approach a sad end to the year, full of grief and anger, let us resolve that the new year to come will be one where we resist discrimination and violence against women in every way – in our homes, on the streets and public spaces, in every institution. Let us declare zero tolerance for discrimination and violence against women, and vow to uproot patriarchal oppression from our society.

Let us unite to demand accountability from the government, police, judiciary. No longer will we tolerate the anti-women statements and policies from those in power. We demand justice, freedom and rights for women!

AIPWA, AISA, RYA, Jan Sanskriti Manch, and Many Other Common Students, Women and Men  
(from <http://aipwa-aipwa.blogspot.in/>)



## What was she wearing?

Here is a piece (that we translated into Italian) published on the blog of AIPWA-All India Progressive Women's Association - For a women's movement with a revolutionary left orientation



What was she wearing?  
I'm sick of the question – How was she dressed?  
Show me the man slumped over the counter with a bullet in his head  
Dressed like someone who deserves to be dead.  
Tell me the 6 year old girl assaulted in church was asking for it.  
Or the girl raped in gym class looked like a slut in those sweat pants.  
What clothes – pulled from what rack  
Will prevent an attack?  
Tell me the store – and I'll go back  
And buy the right clothes this minute –  
The outfit that prevents rape if you're in it.  
See I didn't understand  
I didn't understand that I could buy a shirt that says 'I deserve to be hurt'  
I had no clue I could put on a shoe  
That says do whatever you want to do to me

See, your needs come first  
After all I am wearing a tight skirt  
Instead of the assault-proof dress  
And I notice that you have the fault-proof vest  
So it's my fault I guess  
Apparently I didn't say No as loud as my clothes could say Yes  
See I didn't know that my No wasn't enough  
I didn't understand that my body became less precious  
'Cause certain dresses made me look hot  
And I guess if I'm wearing the wrong top  
Then my yes is the same as my 'Stop'  
And you shouldn't have to, just because I begged you to  
I'm begging you, tell me the magic outfit and I'll buy it  
Apparently my No wasn't heard even when I screamed  
So I need my clothes to be quiet.

## India is not so far away, just till here will the red north wind arrive...

Grandi Large mobilizations against violence against women, all this happens in India, while in our country recently, a fascist/fundamentalist Catholic priest has incited, in the province of La Spezia, from the pulpit of "his" church, the churchgoers against women guilty of being raped and even killed by men because they are too provocative "with their clothes so skimpy" that trigger male instincts: "... make a healthy self-examination: maybe they were asking for it", and in the same time the chief prosecutor of Bergamo F. Dettori, after the aggression and violence suffered by a young woman in the province in recent days, said: "Women are the weak link in a society in which is still partially inculcated the absurd mentality of the female as an object of possession. I say this with all regret, but it would be good to not go out alone at night... I do not want to penalize the young woman who has suffered violence... but sometimes you have to think in realist terms".

These words are in fact a green light to commit a crime! If it is the women who, with their lifestyle cause the rapes, the rapists are justified, women are "willing" as they tried imply, but in vain, for the young girl student who was raped and tortured in L'Aquila by a bunch of soldiers, one of which in these days on trial for rape and attempted murder.

These words and deeds fully confirm that it is not isolated cases, but pointed to a more visible and obscene sexist, fascist humus, hateful towards women that is present everywhere, from the Church to the institutions, interior, product and food in turn of a social system in which women, their condition of life they want to bring 50 years back, because functional, both practically and ideologically, to a state of modern fascism, of open attacks of class against the masses.

This explains why facts of this kind, justifications for sexual violence, may occur in the small town as well as in one of the "evolved" city in the north.

And today more than ever, in Italy, as elsewhere in the world (see India), the status of women is the litmus test for the grade level of incivility, brutalization of this capitalist social system, which can not be stopped or improved, but only destroyed.

Against this social, institutional "hate" against women, against this low-intensity war that has executioners and mandators do not serve to complaint and take distance by the women of different parties, as is happening for example in Bergamo. The minimum is the immediate resignation of the Prosecutor.

**But much more is necessary: it's time, it's time, it's time to fight! the fury of women must be unleashed!**

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