

INTERNATIONAL CALL TO ACTION!

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DEFEND THE LIFE OF DR ABIMAEI GUZMAN! END THE ISOLATION NOW!

On 12 September 1992 Dr Abimael Guzman (also known as Chairman Gonzalo the Chairman of the Communist Party of Peru) was captured by the US-Fujimori regime. The US congratulated Fujimori on his capture, and Fujimori made plans to execute Dr Guzman on 15 October 1992. They even chose the firing squad! But people around the world knew Dr Guzman as the leader of millions of peasants, workers, students, intellectuals, and others in Peru, and as the leader of a powerful People's War. They were determined to defend the life of this revolutionary leader. Since Dr Guzman's arrest a determined and fierce battle against the plans of Fujimori and his imperialist masters to kill Dr Guzman has been waged by the people of Peru (mainly through the continuation of the People's War), and by people from all walks of life in more than 40 countries who have joined the international campaign. Because of the actions of the people, the US-Fujimori regime has not been able to carry out their plans. But Fujimori continues to defy international law, the laws of Peru, and the demands of the people, and is holding Dr Guzman in isolation.

Fujimori's hooded military judges sentenced Dr Guzman to life in prison with one year in isolation. One year ended on 12 Sept 1993. But Fujimori is keeping Dr Guzman in isolation, refusing repeated attempts by Dr Guzman's lawyers in Peru and his international lawyers to see him. In March a *habeas corpus* filed by Dr Guzman's Lima lawyers was declared "unfounded" by a Lima Judge, who claimed Dr Guzman was being held in isolation *for his own safety*. This outrageous decision was appealed. On 29 March the Supreme Court affirmed the decision. In other words, **the Supreme Court has put its stamp of approval on holding Dr Guzman in isolation indefinitely..**

Fujimori has repeatedly claimed that Dr Guzman is asking for negotiations. Yet he won't allow Dr Guzman to speak for himself.

~~According to recent unconfirmed reports on the radio, in newspapers, and on television, Dr Guzman's health has worsened and he does not have adequate medical attention. But Fujimori continues to refuse to let his doctors visit him.~~

Dr Guzman's life continues to be in danger.

On 20-21 May a worldwide outcry is needed to denounce the murderous actions of the Fujimori regime. Dr Guzman's isolation must end! He must be allowed visits with his lawyers, family, journalists, and doctors!

END THE TORTURE AND KILLING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Since the arrest of Dr Guzman thousands have been arrested for "apology for terrorism" and "treason". Like Dr Guzman, they have been tried by hooded military judges. The only "evidence" is a police report; they are allowed no defence. They are kept in crowded prisons, and are denied adequate food, medical attention or clothing. They are routinely beaten, and women are raped. Their sentence to "life in prison" is in fact the death penalty by torture.

Peru's Constitution says that the cases of political prisoners sentenced by hooded military judges can be reviewed. But in January 1994 Fujimori refused reviews, saying that most of the prisoners would go free because there was no evidence against them!

No person who believes in justice can allow such outrages to go unopposed! Fujimori must be forced to end the torture and killing of political prisoners!

HANDS OFF LAWYERS WHO DEFEND POLITICAL PRISONERS! FREE THE DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS!

Dr Guzman's lawyer, Dr Alfredo Crespo, was charged with treason and life in prison simply for trying to defend Dr Guzman. Democratic lawyers who defend political prisoners have been harassed, assassinated, disappeared, or arrested and imprisoned for life on charges of "treason" or "apology for terrorism".

Recently the 14-year old daughter of a Lima lawyer was kidnapped by the anti-terrorist police. Her mother, Dr Margarite Chiquiere, went to the court to file papers for her release. Dr Chiquiere was arrested, tried by hooded judges, and sentenced to life for "terrorism". Her lawyer-husband is threatened with the same charge.

Lawyers in Peru who are risking their lives trying to defend political prisoners must be protected by the actions of people around the world! Fujimori cannot be allowed to sentence lawyers to life in prison simply for attempting to defend political prisoners!

EXPOSE AND DENOUNCE THE US-FUJIMORI REGIME! YANKEE GO HOME!

The murderous actions of the US-Fujimori regime are planned in the highest offices in Washington D.C. Fujimori is kept in power by his military and their death squads. The economy of Peru is dictated by the IMF. Fujimori would like people to believe that there is no alternative to poverty but foreign domination. But instead millions of people in Peru have taken things into their own hands, and a powerful People's War threatens the very existence of the Peruvian state.

Fujimori has responded by imposing a state of terror on the people of Peru. Soldiers ransack the homes of the poor during the night. Anyone even suspected of being sympathetic to the People's War is arrested for "apology for terrorism". They have no right to defence. Their personal property is confiscated by the government. They are paraded on television dressed in striped prison uniforms in an attempt to humiliate them. They are then sent to prison for life.

A new Constitution has been passed to reinstate the death penalty and "legalise" Fujimori's dictatorial powers. Phony elections hide what is actually a state of martial law. A sophisticated psychological war is being waged against the people of Peru - every day - every hour.

All the while, Fujimori enjoys the warm embrace of his US masters. Other leaders (especially Latin American) are watching closely. "Fujimori-ism" has become a model for dealing with revolutionary leaders and organisations that many reactionary leaders would like to imitate. But they worry about the response of the people.

The people of Peru are forced to live in intolerable conditions. The rulers expect them to meekly tolerate them. But instead, they have risen up in a powerful People's War, which for 14 years has been led by Dr Guzman and the Communist Party of Peru. The US-Fujimori regime is hell-bent to punish the people of Peru for daring to rise up in arms, and to send a message to everyone around the world that such actions have "no chance of success", and will be dealt with brutally. They desperately want to crush the hopes and dreams of the people of Peru, and of the oppressed everywhere who want to throw off the burden of their oppressors.

On 20-21 May 1994 the IEC is calling on people around the world - in Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Colombia, Bolivia, US, Germany, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Canada, and dozens of other countries - to come together with one voice to deliver a united and powerful message to the US-Fujimori regime. Their crimes must be exposed and denounced worldwide. They must be made to pay such a high political price that they will be forced to back down! There must be no place for them to hide!

Organise for the International Days of Action!

What you can do to prepare for the Days of Action:

- * Link up with an IEC chapter or organiser. If none is in your area, become an organiser. Contact the IEC Coordinating Committee in London for materials.
- * Show the video on the IEC Campaign, "You Must Tell the World", to friends, activists and organisations.
- * Reproduce and distribute this leaflet.
- * Challenge Amnesty Int'l officers regarding their marked indifference toward Dr Guzman and other political prisoners in Peru.
- * Contribute financially to the campaign.

Make plans for the Days of Actions! Here are a few ideas:

- * Organise protests or pickets at Peruvian Embassies and Consulates
(If there is none in your area, go to the US offices)
- * Organise public speaking events, debates, and video showings
- * Write newspaper articles, letters to the editors, get on the radio, etc....
- * Be creative - and get the IDA slogans up everywhere

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