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# In defence of the Ultras: their message and our response – Egyptian Revolutionary Socialists on the football stadium massacre

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**What message was the crime committed against the Ahly Ultras that killed more than 75 martyrs meant to deliver? Was it to punish the forces and groups that participated in the revolution and that still continue to oppose the SCAF [The ruling army council]? This crime occurred on the anniversary of the “Battle of the Camel” was it meant to confirm that those responsible for that battle still have their influence and power and can commit new crimes?**

Was the message of this crime, which was committed just days after state of emergency was lifted, to say that there will be no security without the iron fist of the emergency laws? Or was the aim to raise the spectre of chaos and the burning of Egypt after the revolutionary forces succeeded in protecting the revolution’s reputation and revealed the falsity of these scenarios? ??

Whatever message the crime carried, the revolutionary forces reply was loud and clear. We said, “No”. Crimes committed against the revolutionary forces will not stop the revolution and will not intimidate the revolutionaries. The leaders behind the “Battle of the Camel” who are protected by the military council will not succeed. They will fail miserably just as they failed the first time, and like the Mubarak regime, they and the military regime will end up in the abyss. The state of emergency that did not protect Mubarak from the revolution will not protect Field Marshal Tantawi either. ??

The plot was clumsily-hatched. It could not conceal the shameless complicity of the police, who stood watching the slaughter and killing for hours, not even attempting to protect the victims.

This carries only one message to the revolutionaries the revolution must continue and achieve its goals by eliminating the regime established by Mubarak which has at its core his military and their supreme council that protected and still protects him.??

The Ultras [football fans] groups that joined the ranks of the revolution early on, and fought among the revolutionaries proved and are still proving every day that they are an integral part of our revolution. The Ultras, appeared in Egypt as a reaction to the dominance of the policy of profit and greed of capitalism over football turning it into a marketplace of advertising, rising ticket prices and a monopoly over broadcasting matches as well as the brutality of the security forces. Thus arose the Egyptian Ultras groups, like all movements that originated in Egypt in response to tyranny and exploitation.

It was not a surprise that the Ultras groups found their place in the heart of the Egyptian revolution in search of freedom, justice, and that they have made all the sacrifices incurred by the forces of our militant revolution, rejecting the military council’s looting of the revolution and re-building a system of oppression and exploitation.

The crime that took place on the anniversary of the “Battle of the Camel” is not only a new attempt to undermine the forces of the revolution after the failed policy of defamation, oppression and terrorism to dissuade the revolutionaries from their revolt.

And the Revolutionary Socialists as well as Ultras stand against this crime, all the revolutionary forces struggling invited to come together and stand united against attempts to undermine the revolution. With the Port Said Stadium plot being revealed; the punishment of its’ perpetrators and even those that failed to deal with it is our very first

demand. ??

Long live the Ultras – a fighting faction among the revolutionaries.

Glory to the martyrs, victory for the revolution and shame on the criminals. ??

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