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Kanaky (New Caledonia)

No to the Darmanin law!

Respect for the Kanak people's

right to self-determination!

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A curfew between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. in the Nouméa conurbation, a ban on demonstrations, dozens of arrests, emergency deployment of extra squads of gendarmes, CRS, GIGN and RAID: Macron is playing with fire by trying to take back by force the right of the Kanak people to self-determination, which they were guaranteed under the agreements signed in 1998 in Nouméa by the French government.

What is happening throughout Kanaky is the uprising of a people. Since Monday, port, airport and hotel workers have been on strike and young people have organized roadblocks to control traffic. Macron and Darmanin's repressive policy of having the police fire on the young people has sparked off a conflagration, the images of which are shown on a loop in the media.

One demand unites this mobilization: no to the unfreezing of the electoral law, no to the recolonization that the government has put in place in December 2021, by unilaterally organising in the midst of the Covid crisis the third referendum provided for in the 1998 agreements. It was the government's desire to halt the decolonization process initiated in 1988 by the Matignon Accords that led to the current crisis!

For two years, the USTKE, FLNKS and the Cellule de coordination des actions de terrain (CCAT) have been building mobilizations throughout Kanaky to make the voices of the colonized heard. The government's response has been repression (including arrests for carrying the Kanak flag) and the desire to pass the Darmanin law, which puts a definitive end to the process that emerged from the Matignon agreements in 1988, by putting a concrete end to the possibility of self-determination for the Kanak people by opening up the electorate.

The NPA-l'Anticapitaliste supports the demands put forward by the FLNKS, the CCAT and the mobilized Kanak population: withdrawal of the Darmanin law, withdrawal of the forces of repression, respect for the right to self-determination of the Kanak people, opening of discussions for a decolonization process. In Kanaky as in all colonized territories: no justice, no peace!

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