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14M - One year after her murder: Justice for Marielle!

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Marielle, a woman, black, LGBT, and a city councillor for the PSOL, arrived in parliament thanks to the people of the favelas, where she lived and who she represented. That's why she was murdered, it was a political crime. She was killed because she was the voice of an exploited, segregated and marginalized people. She was the representative of a cruelly unequal Brazil that, from Rio de Janeiro, has spread all over the country. From Brazil where there is a war against the poor. Of the more than 60,000 homicides last year, more than 70% were of black people and more than half were young people. This country has the fifth highest rate of femicide in the world and in 2018, 70% of the women murdered were black. Every 17 minutes a woman is assaulted in Brazil and this year alone (2019) 126 feminicides have occurred in 34 days.

Political violence in Brazil is an expression of the change of regime we are experiencing and of a very fragile democracy. There are very strong indications that Marielle was

murdered by militias, paramilitary organizations composed of active police officers and former police officers who control a large part of Rio de Janeiro's neighborhoods. These criminal organizations have tentacles throughout the state apparatus. They associate themselves with governments, they elect parliamentarians and have great economic power. One of President Bolsonaro's sons paid homage to militiamen in parliament and had direct relatives of one of these militiamen who is on the run in his office .

Her body has been executed, but Marielle's legacy lives on. Our comrade has become a symbol of resistance against the inequalities and oppressions present in Brazilian society. Her death had the opposite effect to that intended by her executioners. Today there are thousands of black women among the immigrants and refugees who seek better living conditions, among the

women who fight against violence and machismo, among the anti-racist struggles of all countries, among the indigenous and quilombolas who fight for the good life.

We want justice for Marielle! The investigation and the solution of her death will be the work of solidarity of those who reject injustice and seek a decent life. The Brazilian people need all possible support in this battle against authoritarianism, and on this March 14 we demand accountability from those who killed and had Marielle killed.

We stay hand in hand!
Black lives matter!

Marielle lives!

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No to war! Freedom for the people of

Kashmir!

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2. It is difficult to overstate the risks of the present moment, with two nuclear powers facing of against each other in the context of an unstable international political situation and the growth of right wing forces across the globe.

3. While millions of the poor do not even have acces to sufficient food, the far-right government of Narendra Modi whips up communal hatred to divert attention and rally its supporters. Modi has consciously escalated the tensions with Pakistan to rally support for his party in the name of Hindutva in the upcoming general election.

4. In Pakistan, the real power remains in the hands of the military for whom the perpetual threat of war means perpetual access to money and privileges. For them, war is business.

5. Both sides are playing with fire, thinking they can bring their countries to the edge of the catastrophe and profit from whipping up feelings of chauvinism and fear of the supposed enemy. While at the moment neither of them seems to want a full-scale war, history is full of wars started by the carelessness and stupidity of the

ruling class.

6. Both sides have been manipulating groups in Kashmir and elsewhere to use them as proxies against each other. Neither the ruling class of India nor that of Pakistan give a damn about the fate of the people of Kashmir: this confrontation is driven by their self-interest and chauvinism. It is the oppressed Kashmiris who pay the price.

7. In Indian-occupied Kashmir, the people have risen in revolt against the deprivation and communal discrimination of BJP rule and are met with a massive military deployment of over 650,000 Indian troops and brutal violence. Soldiers are firing at protesters who are armed with nothing more than stones and treating all resistance as 'terrorism'.

8. On the other side of the border, the Pakistani state turns a blind eye to the activities of fundamentalist groups as long as it thinks they are attacking its enemies. The Pakistani secret service represses democratic freedoms, muzzling the press, engaging in kidnapping, torture and killing. Those fighting for independence become the target of the repressive violence of the

state.

9. We condemn the cynical manipulations of the ruling classes on both sides, and call for freedom for the people of Kashmir. We support their struggle - on both sides of the border - to decide their their future themselves. Only a mass struggle that forges alliances with the social and democratic struggles of the peoples of India and Pakistan can bring freedom to Kashmir.

10. We condemn the attempts of communalist and sectarian forces to profit from the suffering of the people of Kashmir.

11. We are in solidarity with the democratic struggle of the people of Kashmir for their freedom and call for broad mobilizations against war, against repression and for self-determination for the people of Kashmir both across the sub-continent and internationally

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