

## **Statement of RCPB(ML) on the Killings in Paris and Elsewhere**

The Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) condemns in the strongest terms the murderous attacks carried out in Paris last Friday, which have led to the deaths of over 120 people and resulted in hundreds of wounded. Also to be condemned are the suicide attacks that occurred in Beirut last Friday, which also led to many deaths and injuries, as well as those in Ankara last month in which over 100 people lost their lives. We express our deepest sympathies to all who have been touched by such heinous crimes, which may also include the destruction of the Russian Airbus returning tourists from Egypt last month.

These crimes are carried out indiscriminately against the working people of all countries and national origins, those who have no responsibility for the state terrorism of the big powers and their allies, and cannot be justified. What is now vital in the immediate aftermath is that the working people do not permit any response that harms their interests, whether in Britain, Europe or elsewhere. The crimes carried out in France and elsewhere must not be used as the pretext for new or continued criminal activity in Syria, for attacks on Muslims, nor for repressive measures against those seeking refuge and a new life in Europe.

Already there have been announcements by the Prime Minister that what is needed in Britain in response to the Paris attacks are thousands more spies at MI5, MI6 and GCHQ and even more draconian security measures, including a more rapid introduction of the Investigatory Powers Bill, enabling greater state collection and surveillance of personal communications data.

But what is required is more sober reflection and investigation by the working class and people. Who would carry out attacks such as those that occurred in Paris and elsewhere and whose interests do they serve? If they are connected to the illegal military intervention by the US, France, Britain and their allies in Syria, as well as in Iraq, then the conclusion to be drawn is that such intervention does not make the world more secure as the governments of Britain and the other big powers have claimed. The stated policy of governments in Britain, for illegal intervention and regime change in Iraq, Libya and Syria, has brought more insecurity, instability and violence and demonstrated that political conflicts cannot and must not be settled by force.

RCPB(ML) calls on all democratic people to condemn the shocking crimes committed in Paris, as well as those committed elsewhere in the world, and to remain vigilant so that such indiscriminate violence cannot be used as the basis for reactionary measures and for state terrorism that are further crimes against the people.

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