



AMILCAR CABRAL

OSPAAAL condemns the vile and cowardly assassination of one of the most outstanding heads of the Tricontinental Revolutionary Movement, and the maximum leader of the Revolution of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands, Amilcar Cabral.

With this new act of ignomy, international reactionary forces have committed a crime and a defiant provocation against the progressive peoples of the world in general, and particularly against the African peoples.

The assassination of one who was and will always be the comrade of the oppressed peoples, lengthens the list of African revolutionary leaders

cowardly assassinated. The death of Amilcar Cabral, will not succeed in satisfying the plans of the colonialists who believed that they could thus wipe out the heroic struggle of the people of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde, and dim the prestige of the great assassinated fighter.

It is not surprising that the colonialist and neocolonialist forces hasten to deny their responsibility — which is indisputable — for this crime, cynically intimating that there are internal problems resulting from rivalries and contradictions inside PAIGC.

International imperialism and Portuguese fascism have once more shown their inability to halt the just liberation struggle of the African peoples by resorting to the physical elimination of their principal leaders in an effort to achieve what they have been unable to gain through the use of massive means of destruction.

The sorrowful and shameful defeat of Portuguese fascism and its bosses by the people of the Republic of Guinea during the aggression of November 22, 1970, has made them turn to other criminal methods.

The assassination of Cabral is not an isolated event, but an integral part of the broad plan of the imperialist powers to continue occupying the African countries in one form or another, more specifically, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Angola, and to reconquer the Republic of Guinea in order to then neocolonize it.

Without any doubt, the assassination of Amilcar Cabral is a sorrowful occurrence and a sad experience in the struggle to death that the people are waging against their oppressors; far from extinguishing the liberation flame in the hearts of the peoples, the death of Amilcar Cabral, like

that of Lumumba, Che, Ben Barko, Van Troi and many other martyrs, will move the revolutionary process in Africa, Asia and Latin America still further. His profound anticolonial and anti-imperialist sentiments, his life and death constitute the most valuable legacies the oppressed and fighting peoples have received.

The peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America are convinced that the fighters for the liberty of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands, will know how to confront this defiance on the part of imperialism and Portuguese fascism, and will bring to reality the ideals that Cabral defended during his entire life and for which he gave his life.

The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL energetically condemns this abominable act committed not only against the fighting people of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands, but also against the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America and the progressive world in their daily and tenacious struggle against colonialism, neocolonialism and imperialism.

The OSPAAAL Executive Secretariat issues a call to all its member organizations, progressive movements and governments, to combat this imperialist defiance, reiterating all its support for the heroic fighters of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands, who will know how to carry on the tradition of struggle of Amilcar Cabral and all their martyrs.

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