



# COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)

## Central Committee

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### **Red Homage to Comrade Abimael Guzman (Gonzalo), Founder Leader and Former Chairman of Communist Party of Peru!**

Central Committee, CPI (Maoist) pays it's humble homage to 86 year old Comrade Manuel Ruben Abimael Guzman Reynoso (Gonzalo), founder leader and ex-Chairman of Communist Party of Peru – Shining Path who martyred on 11<sup>th</sup> September in the high security centre of the Callao Naval Base of Peru. Our Central Committee expresses deep condolence and sympathy to Peru Communist Party, proletariat, peasantry, all the revolutionary people of Peru and friends, comrades, kith and kin of Comrade Gonzalo.

Comrade Gonzalo who born on 3 december 1934 in Mollendo, a port town of Peru was attracted towards Marxism and joined Peruvian Communist Party during his student life in university. From 1962 to mid 70s he served as a professor of Philosophy at San Cristobal of Huamanga university in Ayacucho.

During the 1970s comrade Gonzalo was arrested twice on the charges that he was involved in the

violent activities against the Peru government. In the year 1965 comrade Gonzalo visited people's republic of China and met comrade Mao Tse Tung. Comrade Gonzalo left his job as university professor and in the mid 1970s and went underground. After the demise of comrade Stalin, in the background of the transformation of Soviet Union Communist Party as a revisionist party and Soviet Union as a social imperialist county, the great debate, the great proletariat cultural revolution, the division in the international communist movement in 1950's and 1960's, the Communist party of Peru had also splintered. comrade Gonzalo had taken the line of protracted people's war and New democratic revolution developed by the Communist party of China under the leadership of Mao Tse Tung. Inspired by the great proletariat Cultural Revolution comrade Gonzalo rejected revisionism out rightly and formed Communist party of Peru-Shining path with 11 of his companions in 1969. Communist party Peru under the leadership of comrade Gonzalo launched people's war/guerrilla war against imperialism especially American imperialism, comprador bureaucratic bourgeois and feudalism of Peru in May 1980. The Shining Path guerrillas achieved remarkable victories against the armed forces of Peruvian government which is the representative of the reactionary and counter revolutionary ruling classes of Peru.



The Communist party of Peru under the leadership comrade Gonzalo along with revolutionary communist parties especially Marxist-Leninist-Maoist parties of some countries formed Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. The Communist party of Peru then-leading RIM has gathered solidarity in different forms to help the revolutionary movements going on in Peru and other countries. RIM by synthesised comrade Mao's contribution to the Chinese revolution and International Communist Movement as Maoism and declared it as the third and higher stage of Marxism. After that Revolutionary Communist parties of many countries of the world started describing Marxism-Leninism-Maoism as today's Marxism. By developing the method of concrete analysis and synthesis of concrete things Comrade Gonzalo had contributed to the Marxist philosophy. Comrade Gonzalo applied valuable experiences of Chinese New Democratic Revolution and the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism to the concrete socio-economic and cultural conditions of Peru and advanced the revolutionary movement and peoples' war in Peru unabated. Concept and understanding developed by Comrade Mao about the comprador bureaucratic bourgeois, one of the targets of the new democratic revolution in semi-colonial and semi-feudal countries has been more concretely defined in the context of Peru by him. Com Gonzalo's contributions made to the New Democratic Revolution and peoples' war in Peru were propagated as Gonzalo thought by Communist party of Peru.

With the Advancement of the New Democratic Revolution and People's war in Peru, American imperialism and comprador ruling classes of Peru got panic-stricken and launched a big operation by organising a special intelligence input network in order to mop-up the revolutionary movement and its leader Communist party of Peru-Shining path and its guerrillas under the guidance of American intelligence agencies FBI and CIA during the first administration term of president Alberto Fujimori. The operation was headed by National Directorate against Terrorism. An elite unit of NDAT arrested comrade Gonzalo and 8 other leaders of the communist party of Peru on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1992 from a dance teacher's residence in Lima.

The trial conducted against comrade Gonzalo was a farce. After his arrest he was tried by a military court. Just with a 3 day trial comrade Gonzalo was sentenced to life imprisonment by hooded military judges under charges of terror and treason and was sent to the naval base on the island of San Lorenzo. On the appeal of the people in thousands Peru's constitutional court declaring the military trials unconstitutional, ordered new trials. Though comrade Gonzalo's re-trial began on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004 but the civilian court also following the military court's judgement sentenced life imprisonment on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006 on the charges of aggravated terrorism and murder. During the trial the only words of comrade Gonzalo heard by international media, people of the Peru and world were – “Long live the Communist party of Peru”, “glory to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism”, “glory to Peruvian people”, “Long live the Heroes of the peoples war”. The International media including Peru was kept away from the court proceedings and the press was unable to hear a single word of the trial. Comrade Gonzalo was tried again in a bomb blast case in 2014 and was sentenced to a second life imprisonment on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Since July 2021 Comrade Gonzalo's health had been deteriorated continuously and on 11<sup>th</sup> September he died. Following the appeal of the Communist party of Peru, many Maoist parties and organizations including our party, trade unions and intellectuals had demanded for the better

medical facilities to comrade Gonzalo and made appeal to the ruling "left-wing" government of Peru for his immediate release. But social fascist left-wing government had acted according to the agenda of American imperialists and its Peru compradors. The appeals made from all over the world to release comrade Gonzalo were not heard by the above said social fascist left-wing government as per its class nature.

In this way America and comprador rulers of Peru put comrade Gonzalo behind bars till his death. They didn't provide him with better medical facilities. Actually the death of comrade Gonzalo in Peru's naval base was nothing but a barbaric murder by police-military-judiciary of Peru under the guidance of American Imperialists and Peru comprador rulers.

On this sorrowful occasion our Central Committee humbly remember comrade Gonzalo's contributions to the new democratic revolution of Peru, the revolutionary internationalist movement and in holding high the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Our Central Committee once again pledges to carry forward the new democratic revolution and socialist revolution in India as a part of world socialist revolution in order to pay real homage to comrade Gonzalo.

Our Central Committee calls upon the people of Peru to move forward in the path of peoples' war to make new democratic revolution a success in Peru as a real homage to comrade Gonzalo and to fulfil his dreams.

Our Central Committee calls upon the proletariat, oppressed nations and people of the world to strongly condemn the malicious behavior of the American imperialism, Peru's comprador government and military towards comrade Gonzalo while he was serving his punishment in naval base. Our CC also appeals to carry forward and intensify the peoples' war against the imperialism and the comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and feudalism in their respected countries. Our CC appeals to workers of all countries to unite, fight, defeat and wipeout imperialism.



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