

Messages to the March 4 Tokyo Rally Celebrating the International Women's Day 2023

From the Communist Party of the Philippines (PKP-1930)

Imperialism brings war and devastation to the East Asia and the Philippines

International solidarity for peace and socialism!

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Dear Comrades,

Through you, our party, the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930) extends its warmest greeting to all women members and workers of the Activist Group SHISO-UNDO and the Hongo Cultural Forum Workers School (HOWS) who will be holding the 2023 International Womens Day Rally in Tokyo on March 4.

The drum of war is hounding our Region, your country, my country and Taiwan. They are American frontlines offensive and defensive location against China, Russia and North Korea. In our country though unknown to us there are five locations being utilized as temporary basing station for different American armaments, in Japan there are seven (7) military bases and outpost, in between our two countries there are several hundreds of military advisers doing training of Taiwanese forces. Besides this are the American super big aircrafts carriers usually doing naval and reconnaissance mission in the sea lane bounding China, Japan and the Philippine. All this indicate USA offensive intents, destabilization and provocation in our region.

Taking advantages of the flashpoint in the several island shoal on the West Philippine Sea, on the unification of Taiwan with the mainland China and of the continuing unresolved issues islets of Etoruku, Konashin, Shiketan and Habanas in the Kurilles Region of Russia, the American were able to strike and mold and "iron clad" alliance with our countries respective leaders to pursue the unipolar interest of prolong USA hegemony against the threat of multipolar world order pose by China, Russia and other countries. Hope that this will not exacerbate towards arms and nuclear confrontation for this will lead our whole region to infamy and annihilation.

Dear Comrade,

Several weeks ago a Filipina housemaid with the name of Junebee Ranara was found burnt and dead in desert in Kuwait, this was the second time that a Filipina was horrifically killed in Kuwait, the first had happened several years ago with Joanna Dimafelis which was killed by her employer and her body was stuff in a freezer. Both were employed as housemaid, both were women seeking to support their families and both were victim of domestic and cruel violence of their foreign employer.

Today, we have about 1.10 million female working overseas. Majority of them work in the basic occupational sectors of the their host countries as domestic helpers, sales ladies, service workers in as beautician, aide in massage parlors and spa, while others are employed as nurses and caregivers. Most of them are young women and majority are from the countryside. Their travel and overseas work was not a product of their desire. Most of them are force to work overseas because of the economic difficulties here in our countries.

The capitalist globalization of trade, its liberalization had created our country the dumping grounds of surplus agricultural and industrial goods. It causes the ruin of the agricultural and industrial sectors especially small and medium industry. Long reign of import liberalization has crippled our agri-sector, from its 29% percent contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), it dwindles to 9% and still continue to slide downward. The entrance of finished ready to wear garments had ruin our small dress, tailoring shops and garments factories. Leading to the collapse of our textile industry, other manufacturing industries producing kitchen wares, furniture and others who are catering our domestic supply were also drowned by the flood of cheap imported goods. Worse today they are not only dumping finished goods and products, they are flooding our markets with second hand used products as utensils, clothing, chair tables and other housewares, appliances, automobiles and trucks they are sold like candies in every store and in the remotest area of our country, from far flung island, to mountain top and up to the slum in cities. Today our nationalist economist are calling our country the “ukay-ukay nation” terms coined to the dump products, meaning still manageable (Ok-Ok) and can be used, which was derive from the manageable and saleable second used goods. Imperialist globalist liberalization has not only ruin our domestic agricultural and industrial production, it place our monetary and financial system “dollar hungry” industry that will not live long without dollar infusion. The transformation of our industrial production into a net exporter of cheap raw material (mineral and other agricultural products) has corresponded to the decreased of our much needed foreign currency mostly dollar the basic currency to buy our much needed food and energy inputs. Thus, aside from foreign borrowing we have export our human and labor resources to augment our much needed dollar.

As we have cheap raw material to export in exchange with our import; the cabal of our liberal economist restructured our labor and human resources to support the dollar supply of our country. Rather than developing our economic, material and human resources for our national economic growth they further intensify its economic liberalization. They liberalized the flow of foreign capital in the extractive mining industry leading us to be one of the leading global exporter raw metal. They opened to foreigner and foreign investor the public sector, the tourism industry, retail trade, and small and medium scale industries and even liberalized the importation in agriculture. These leads to the total dis-array of our economy and the strengthened its foreign dependence.

This was aggravated by the recent global pandemic and massive lockdown which greatly

leads to inflation and inadequate food supply. Though we move away from the pandemic and lockdown still its ill effect to the social and economic life still persist as inflation is still persisting primarily on food prices, fuel and electricity. While it revive some of the dislocated section of service industry and trade which caters to the community most of which were left behind and became worst in the agricultural sectors and in the countryside were most of our people are residing.

This lead us today to the flight of our countrywomen abroad. Notwithstanding the fact most of them are subjected to exploitation, cruelty and misery. This is more severe to female overseas workers who are employed in many “male dominated” country. Male dominated societies are culturally and socially discriminatory to woman. Their cultural ideas and biases are oriented towards treatment of woman to be the secondary members of their society, to be slavish and to be the subject of their sexual desire and satisfaction. These discrimination are usually suffered by female overseas workers. They became the subject of the vicious human inequity in their host countries. Thus several of them became the victim sexual, physical, psychological abuse in their host countries. Worst of which was the slaying, torture and rape which had happened to the two of our OFW. Those were the published incidents, how about those that were not?

The capitalist war for global hegemony which are primarily manifested on trade, economy and control of global resources is now clearly exacerbating in Asia and this explain why tension and war is hounding our region today. Hegemony and war wages in whatever forms and means are totally odious to mankind. And its worst form is arm conflict, war, destruction and annihilation.

The destructive effect of imperialist war and invasion had caused massive lost human lives and properties that leads to the total regression, underdevelopment and diaspora in Iraq, in Libya, in Afghanistan, in Yemen, in Somalia. This is now felt in Europe especially in Ukraine and in Russia. Worst... The effect of war in Europe is “coldly” felt in every chilling household, in every street, in the city and urban center and even at the far flung areas. While the American and other imperialist are nourishing from the war because of higher and much profits from arms and energy sales; ordinary people in Europe and in the rest of the world are agonizing because the effect of the war has lead to the escalation of food and energy prices.

Imperialist are nurtured on idea of self-preservation and dominance. It's no permanent friends and relative. Everyone is a competitor even friends, brother and allies are consider enemy. Everyone and even nation can be offered as sacrificial lamb to the altar of capitalist greed. This is now happening in Europe, the greedy and astute leaders of Europe joined the American anti-Russian crusade with the dream that an American victory will muscle their European hegemony. Now, this European dream is turning into nightmare. European economy is in the verge of collapse, the Ukrainian are in verge of defeat and prolonging war will make it more agonizing to Europe. More destruction and bloodshed in Ukraine. Notwithstanding the outcome, American imperialist gains from the war is now visible. The incoming destruction and de-industrialization of Europe, the

transformation of European economy into economic vassal of the imperialist is achieved and is concluded.

Europeans' leaders are agonizing because of the foreseen defeat while Biden and his imperialist cabal are celebrating. True that they did lose the war. But they won and conquered the economy of Europe, their friends and major ally. This scenario is now slowly creeping in Asia. While the American imperialist is waging an economic war against China on the parallel side of it was his control of the past slipping Asian Empire he had established after the defeat of Japan during the Second World War. While he considers China to be his main competitor he also views his Asian allies as competitors and markets. The Japan and USA iron-clad alliance is now reflected in more arms purchases, in joint arm production, in joint military and naval exercises, in joint patrol in the sea lanes of Japan and in the Pacific Region. In Taiwan it is translated to more arm sales, control of microchip industry and creation of a vassal armed force commanded by the imperialist. In our country it is the revival of American air and naval bases and monitoring stations, the patrol of American naval fleet in our domestic and international waters. This scenario is reviving our enigma against foreign bases which became the center of flesh trade, prostitution and white slavery. An enigma that until today haunts places which were the bases stationed many years ago.

Worst and unforeseen is the fate of what is happening in Ukraine now. Being the frontline area of conflict Ukraine is now suffering the worst humanitarian disaster. This same scenario that may befall us being a frontline area of imperialist warring parties, in case of their full-blown military conflict.

Dear Comrade,

War, since its inception is male-dominated undertaking. It creates culture, values and attitudes totally founded against women. It treated and portrayed women to be weak, slavish, and subject of male desire and capriciousness. This is the war waging today. A war for equality, a war for women's respect and recognition as equal partner in society, a war for global peace, a war for democracy, peace and socialism.

Our Party salutes you and all women of the world on this historic day. We hope that our collaboration, fraternity and solidarity will enhance peace, will prevent war, and will nurture global understanding, friendship, equality and fraternity.

Thank you.

Comradely Yours,

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