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1st july - come to express solidarity with struggling contract workers of chhattisgarh.

dear friends,

many of you have been following up the brave struggle of contract workers in chhattisgarh against the powerful cement multinational holcim.

a dharna in niyogi chowk, bhilai is going on since 3rd april for implementation of the high court order directing regularisation of contract labour with intermittent industrial actions. holcim has retaliated by filing false cases of dacoity against union leaders lakhan sahu and bhagwati sahu and another 6 comrades through the security officers of the ambuja management, bhagwati has been arrested and denied bail since 18th may.

despite this tough struggle, the cmm (mazdoor karyakarta committee) has been continuing to express solidarity with all other struggles, particularly in the wake of the arrest of environmental activists dr harihar patel and ramesh agrawal of raigarh who have been arrested on false complaints by jindal management. adivasi villagers continue to demonstrate at kunjemura, raigarh against this gross injustice.

in the meanwhile the army is moving into 650 sq km of forest adjoining abujhmad in bastar, to which maoists have responded with a series of attacks on camps/ police stations in the past fortnight killing a large number of policemen. as the real threat of civilians being killed in large number becomes more apparent, the cg government is talking of banning pucl and the home minister issues a mischievous false statement that "pucl supplies weapons to naxalites!!" a number of peoples organisations as well as pucl have organised a convention on sedition and other repressive laws on 25th-26th june at raipur.

it is in these circumstances that we invite all of you to join us for 1st july shaheed divas rally and public meeting at bhilai in memory of workers martyrd in police firing and a discussion on 2nd july on "the role of the working class in these times".

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