

Comrade Zia Chairman of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan is Immortal

The central committee of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan with immense grief and deep pain announces to all members, supporters of the party, other Maoists of the country, parties and organizations of other countries, and the international communist (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) movement that comrade Zia, chairman of the C(M)PA and one of its founders, and wise leader of the Party passed away due to a heart attack at the age of 68.

The death of comrade Zia is an immense loss for our party, the proletariat and peoples of our country, the international proletariat, revolutionary peoples, and the international communist movement.

No doubt his death will cause deep grief and sorrow for the members of our party, other Maoists, and peoples of our country. The central committee calls on all members of the party to turn our grief and sorrow into inspiration for revolutionary struggle, keep party unity, and as before remain united around the central committee.

Comrade Zia's life was full of revolutionary commitment and serving the people. In his early youth, he joined the ranks of revolutionary struggle against the obsolete monarchic regime. After the infamous coup d'état of 1978 and the subsequent Soviet social imperialist invasion in 1979, he continued his national-democratic and revolutionary military and political struggles.

Comrade Zia founded and led the Revolutionary Communist Cell of Afghanistan in 1987, which led to the formation of Revolutionary Communist Organization of Afghanistan in 1989. Comrade Zia with his revolutionary comrades founded the Communist Party of Afghanistan in 1990, the central committee of which elected him as the chairperson of the Communist Party of Afghanistan.

After the American led imperialist invasion and occupation of Afghanistan on the seventh of October 2001, the Communist Party of Afghanistan under comrade Zia's leadership, and realizing the necessities of immediate revolutionary struggle, took a stance against imperialist occupation, calling for the unity of the Maoist movement in the country. The Organization for the Liberation of Afghanistan and the Revolutionary Workers Alliance of Afghanistan responded positively to this call for unity, leading to the unity process of the communist (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) movement between the three organizations, and the eventual unity congress formed the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan. Comrade Zia was again unanimously elected as the chairperson of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan. Likewise, in the second congress of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan in 2014 he was again unanimously elected for the same role.

Throughout his professional revolutionary career, comrade Zia paid relentless attention and strived for the training of youth and new revolutionary cadre. He struggled relentlessly for the manifestation of initiating a revolution based on Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and provided a model of sustained self-improvement in the fire of class struggle and in close contact with the masses.

Comrade Zia will remain in our memories as a comrade for all struggles—an immortal comrade, a tireless comrade, a comrade committed to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism that never abandoned the camp of the exploited and the oppressed.

Comrade Zia rendered a valuable service to the revolution by defining the ideological and political line of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan. He played an important role in the conduct of the international activities of the party, whether in relations to the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement or in relations to individual international Maoist parties and organizations.

The central committee of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan pays its condolences for this huge loss to all members, supporters of the party, and other Maoists of Afghanistan and the world. In particular we pay our deepest condolences to family members and loved ones of our comrade.

Comrade Zia, as the chairman of the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan not only continued the revolutionary line of Akram Yari, but further developed it.

Yes comrades,

The camp of revolution lost a legendary comrade, and this is a huge loss for all of us. However, the life of comrade Zia has provided us with a model of an exemplary, committed, and true communist leadership. Comrade Zia has left behind a valuable legacy, which teaches us to never abandon our position, and always firmly stand with the proletariat and swim like a fish within the sea of the masses. He taught us to constantly challenge and rebel against the situation and solidly remain committed to the fundamental principles of the party.

Comrade Zia's life was truly in the service of revolution and the international proletariat. In an epoch when imperialism and reaction are making an onslaught in our region and around the world, in the darkest and saddest of times, he raised the slogan of revolutionary people's war of national resistance against imperialist occupiers, their puppet regime, and the reactionary ISIS occupiers. He made a bridge between previous and current generations of revolutionaries, and as a brilliant teacher spread the seeds of revolutionary ideas. He performed his responsibilities in this regard in an excellent manner.

Comrade Zia will live in the struggles of the international proletariat!

Comrade Zia will be immortalized in the struggles of the international proletariat!

Comrade as a true Maoist leader will remain in the history of our class!

Comrade Zia is with us!

All party units within the country and supporters of the party outside are obliged to hold commemoration ceremonies in celebrating the revolutionary memories of this comrade within a month.

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Maoism Long Live the Communist (Maoist) Party of Afghanistan May the path of Comrade Zia continue forever

Central Committee of the Communist Maoist Party of Afghanistan

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