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Solidarity with Arundhati Roy, with struggle and resistance movements of India, Kashmir and with all the oppressed nations in Indian State, and with all people supporting them and persecuted

Hereafter there is the statement by the writer Arundhati Roy, threatened to be arrested because of her standing on the forefront in denouncing anti-popular and genocide politics of the Indian State.

Arundhati Roy's statement

10/28/2010

I write this from Srinagar, Kashmir. This morning's papers say that I may be arrested on charges of sedition for what I have said at recent public meetings on Kashmir. I said what millions of people here say every day. I said what I, as well as other commentators have written and said for years. Anybody who cares to read the transcripts of my speeches will see that they were fundamentally a call for justice. I spoke about justice for the people of Kashmir who live under one of the most brutal military occupations in the world; for Kashmiri,

Pandits who live out the tragedy of having been driven out of their homeland; for Dalit soldiers killed in Kashmir whose graves I visited on garbage heaps in their villages in Cuddalore; for the Indian poor who pay the price of this occupation in material ways and who are now learning to live in the terror of what is becoming a police state.

Yesterday I travelled to Shopian, the apple-town in South Kashmir which had remained closed for

47 days last year in protest against the brutal rape and murder of Asiya and Nilofer, the young women whose bodies were found in a shallow stream near their homes and whose murderers have still not been brought to justice. I met Shakeel, who is Nilofer's husband and Asiya's brother. We sat in a circle of people crazed with grief and anger who had lost hope that they would ever get 'insaf'—justice—from India, and now believed that Azadi—freedom— was their only hope. I met young stone pelters who had been shot through their eyes. I travelled with a young man who told me how three of his friends, teenagers in Anantnag district, had been taken into custody and had their finger-nails pulled out as punishment for throwing stones.

In the papers some have accused me of giving 'hate-speeches', of wanting India to break up. On the contrary, what I say comes from love and pride. It comes from not wanting people to be killed, raped, imprisoned or have their finger-nails pulled out in order to force them to say they are Indians. It comes from wanting to live in a society that is striving to be a just one. Pity the nation that has to silence its writers for speaking their minds. Pity the nation that needs to jail those who ask for justice, while communal killers, mass murderers, corporate scamsters, looters, rapists, and those who prey on the poorest of the poor, roam free.

Arundhati Roy

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Arundhati Roy and many people like her, are standing against unequalled cruelty and barbarity. They are scientists, teachers, artists, political and religious leaders. Their courage and clear and transparent thinking is an example for any intellectual all over the world.

They represent the resistance and the struggle of popular masses in India, that is an example for popular masses' resistance and struggle all over the world as well.

We express our solidarity with everybody is struggling in India for preventing the havoc of human rights, the war, the genocide, the environmental devastation.

We support the call of the Meeting Against War held in Punjab on 17 October, demanding:

- *an end to Operation Green Hunt;*
- *withdrawal of military and para-military forces from the tribal areas;*
- *disbanding Salwa Judam & such other fascist organizations;*
- *recognizing the rights of tribals over their forests, lands, water and natural resources;*
- *stopping SEZ and uprooting of tribals in the name of development;*
- *roll-back neo-liberal policies of privatization, globalization & liberalization;*

- *repeal black laws such as Armed Forces Special Power Act, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act etc.;*
- *stop false encounters and implication of innocent people in false criminal cases;*
- *revoke the ban imposed on CPI Maoist and its front organizations;*
- *allow the pro-people press-persons and democratic organizations to visit tribal areas;*
- *hold judicial inquiry in the killing of Maoist leader 'Azad' in a fake encounter;*
- *stop the conspiracies to foist false cases on Arundhati Roy, Himanshu Kumar, Nisha Biswas, and other noted intellectuals;*
- *punish the murderers of peasant leader Sadhu Singh Takhtupura and Pirthipal Singh Alisher and the killers of peasants at Khanna Chamiara in Punjab;*
- *stop implicating leaders & activists of mass organizations of farmers, agri-labourers, employees, unemployed youth in Punjab & other states in false criminal cases and torturing them;*
- *close all the interrogation centers such as the one at Amritsar known as Joint Interrogation Center.*