

# BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN

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## WHAT IS THE BULLETIN?

Brazil is one of the most important countries on Earth. With its 210 million inhabitants, it has the 6th largest population in the world. As a country with continental dimensions, its territory ranges 8,5 million square kilometers, being the 5th biggest country in the world. Having a creative and laboring people, extremely rich natural resources, the most plentiful of the world, fertile land and a huge home market, it fulfills all the conditions for the building of a prosperous country, capable of giving worthy living conditions to the masses.

Nevertheless, this is not what happens. Even under such conditions, Brazil is one of the most deeply unequal countries of the world. Managing to develop areas of wider industrial development, it has also kept areas emerged in backwardness. According to 2017 figures, São Paulo state has reached an annual \$ 8705 per capita GDP, whereas in Maranhão state, this figure reached only \$ 2368.

In a country of billionaires, tens of millions of the toiling masses live below the very subsistence limit, in the urbans favelas (shantytowns), with no access to the most basic civilizational aspects.

Having inherited a slavery regime of the Black population, imposed by Portuguese colonialism in the 16th century which prevailed for almost 400 years,

until the present days the Brazilian Black and indigenous populations are relegated to a second-class condition, in a racist-based society. They are the overwhelming majority among the more of 50 million unemployed and semi-unemployed toilers, and among the more of 60.000 annually murdered people.

In the countryside, only 1% of the landowners control half of the farmland, whilst the great majority of peasants, farmworkers, quilombolas and indigenous peoples own only 18% of the farmland, with little or no land to till. Doubly oppressed by pre-capitalist and capitalist exploitation, they suffer under starvation and misery.

The root cause of this situation is the foreign imperialist rule and the collaboration of local reactionaries, from the 16th century Portuguese colonialism to present-days US imperialism. Against such oppressive situation, the Brazilian people has conducted wide struggles, from the past slaves' revolts to the present-days workers' and peasants' uprisings.

Set up by the Communist Reconstruction Union of Brazil, the present Bulletin intends to show a picture of our society and the struggle of the Brazilian masses, aiming to form up a network of international solidarity towards the Brazilian revolution, understanding it as part of the world proletarian-socialist revolution.

# FASCISM THREATS THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE



## The political situation and the sharpening contradictions in times of pandemic

As in all countries of the capitalist world, the new Covid-19 pandemic is taking away many lives of the Brazilian people. Due to its particular features, Brazil doubly and even triply suffers under such a difficult moment of our history: it suffers to the extent that it is subject to the bounds and contradictions of the world capitalist and imperialist system in general; it also suffers to the extent of a country subordinately subject under this capitalist-imperialist system, bearing the persistent foreign plundering and economic underdevelopment, that is, bearing its semi-colonial and semi-feudal status; by last, it suffers as a country ruled by a proto-fascist and particularly puppet government of our foremost enemy, US imperialism. This government is more than a reckless one, it is a government perfectly capable of openly allowing the

death of tens of thousands of Brazilian toilers, aiming to take some advantage from the prevalent chaos.

Jair Bolsonaro's government is an avowed enemy of our people, being able to be characterized as a puppet government of US imperialism, as well as a proto-fascist-type government, namely, aimed at setting up a fascist-type dictatorship backed by imperialism, landlordism and the big bourgeoisie – still, not yet concluded aims. Bolsonaro has always pursued such political project, openly claiming it in his electoral campaign during the last sham elections, being tolerated and even supported by the jurisdiction of the reactionary State during that time. Under this period of pandemic, Bolsonaro shows no slight sign of stepping back in the attempt of putting into practice his fascist political project. Instead, he and his supporters ignite the contradictions among the ruling classes and within the reactionary State, aiming at setting up a dictatorship which concentrates the power in his hands.

However, as we use to say in Brazilian lands,

to wish is not to power. Though Bolsonaro wishes to become a fascist-type dictator, it does not mean he will be able to do so. In fact, there are many factors hindering this scheme: groups from Federal Police and Judicial Power turn themselves against Bolsonaro, not because they cherish our people or uphold “democracy”, but for seeing him as a threat to their own interests within the reactionary State. Besides, it is necessary to consider the role fulfilled by the militaries, who currently uphold most of the proto-fascist puppet government’s Cabinet posts. The reactionary Armed Forces, which accumulated a large experience in conducting authoritarian governments in our country, are today an allied political force and even a backbone in holding up Bolsonaro’s government. Nevertheless, they are also the main “competitors” of the President and his group in the dispute for who is it going to head the fascist dictatorship which is being set up within the State. It is important to figure that in every crisis which weakens Bolsonaro, in every resign in his Cabinets, it is always a General (or a high-ranked military) who shows up and assumes the post. This is how the reactionary Armed Forces occupy more positions on State key-posts than in the period of the former Military Dictatorship which prevailed between 1964 and 1985.

Much more important than that is the fact that Bolsonaro is increasingly and more furiously rejected by the masses, who see his government, including its military faction, as being responsible for the disastrous answer to the pandemic, as well as for the full economic bankruptcy which ravages the majority of our people. Slowly, the people’s democratic forces, opposing opportunism which has paralyzed our people for so long, are beginning to give effective answers and a more resolute leadership for people’s indignation under development. At the same time, spontaneous people’s uprisings are erupting across the country, demanding economic rights – like keeping wages and jobs, or the peasants’ struggle for the right to land ownership – and social ones – like the right to access health services. The Communist Reconstruction Union supports the democratic demands of our people and put itself side by side with the toilers at this moment, aiming to give them a resolute leadership, gathering this indignation with the scientific ideology of the proletariat, and leading them to fulfill the tasks of the anti-imperialist democratic revolution towards socialism.

## **Economic situation: the destitution of the Brazilian people**

Amidst a deep institutional crisis, there is also a deep economic crisis as the basis for the overall

political instability. While the local ruling classes and imperialism seem to be trying to solve the issue of the institutional crisis by establishing a fascist-type dictatorial regime, they also have a very clear position towards the economic crisis: local ruling classes and imperialism pursue the deepening of the brutal exploitation of workers and peasants, the bankruptcy of small and middle-scale businessmen and the full opening-up of the country for capital investments from the main capitalist powers.

In fact, this program has no differences with the program which was already being applied along the previous years by all administrations, but it was blatantly accelerated and deepened after the 2016 events – the Coup D’Etat which overthrew Dilma Rousseff’s administration. This deeply anti-people economic program has been for very long the refrain that gathered all the fractions of the reactionary ruling classes. However, it was Paulo Guedes who showed himself as the most capable of applying such program more resolutely. He is himself an economist, a notorious fascist which advocates the so-called “neoliberalism”, besides being a former employee of Augusto Pinochet’s dictatorship in Chile, where he learned much on how to safeguard monopolistic profits and plundering the people’s livelihood. Guedes is Bolsonaro’s Economy Minister and another of his pillar – sticking with him, Bolsonaro can maintain the support or at least a connivance with the big bureaucrat-comprador bourgeoisie.

Guedes is completely obsessed with his “reforms”, which are nothings more than attacks against the people: dissolution of Brazilian social security, which was already passed through; tax reduction for big monopolies; the total sell-out of our natural resources for the imperialists and some other barbarities which he was still not able to approve. Such is the decadence of the Brazilian ruling classes: Guedes was not yet able to materialize a big part of his program, and has shown a weak performance until now, even under the standards of the bourgeois-landlord ruling order. But he is still able to keep up by his braggery, by his stubbornness in plundering people’s livelihood and, above all, by alleviating the losses of big capitalists during the crisis – Guedes’ “relief” has given up to R\$ 1 trillion (US \$ 200 billion) to bank monopolists, and the comprador capitalists received free hand for massive lay-offs and for cutting up to 70% of the workers’ wages. Meanwhile, millions of workers are left on their own or to their knees for a miserable monthly R\$ 600 (US \$ 120) “emergency relief”, an amount of money which is incapable of buying even food for a family during a month. Famine, poverty, and pauperism are skyrocketing in Brazil.

## Growing repression against the Brazilian people

Amidst such disastrous background, class struggles are surely bound to deepen. To anticipate repression against the violent uprisings of the toiling masses, the fascist-type dictatorship is beginning its setting-up. Although this overall process is not yet consolidated, we can already see many abuses perpetrated by State reactionary forces against proletarians and peasants across the country.

Many democratic organizations and media presses have been denouncing the growing presence of reactionary Armed Forces in Brazilian remote areas and the consequently growing repression against the peasant movement and the resistance of indigenous peoples. The increasing occupation of key-posts within the bureaucratic structure of the Brazilian State by militaries is also set for the Armed Forces to take a leading position in the repression against the people and for them to show themselves as a "solution" for the old ruling classes. The cost of this scheme is the most coward and outrageous repression against the people which oneself can imagine. It is also due to this that landlords have been scoring records in devastating Amazônia and land-grabbing along the last months.

In Rondônia state, during the beginning of May, two poor peasants' villages were attacked by heavily

armed military policemen. During this event, two women peasants were arrested. Some weeks ago, in other municipality of the same state, another village was gunned down by goons supported by a local landlord.

In the Northeastern Brazil, Sertão region, Alagoas state, landlord-backed goons encroached and shot down another poor peasants' village, keeping up the encroachment for more than an hour to intimidate and eventually displace the peasants from those lands. Such events are becoming more and more usual, and the encroachments, more and more brutal.

In the main urban centers and small and middle-scale cities throughout the country, workers are being forced to keep working in their companies, frequently with complete absence of labor security or precautions due to the sanitary crisis, under the threat of losing their jobs. The choice that Brazilian bourgeoisie is giving to the workers is rather this one: keep working and curve themselves to the risk of being infected by Covid-19, or staying home, losing their jobs and not being able to buy even food for their children.

What these criminals do not expect is that not even the fascist-type dictatorship that they intend to set up will be able to contain the masses' rebellion due to all suffering and killing-spree. To ignite such rebellions and to smash the fascist project are our immediate tasks.

