

Shooting at the Centre culturel islamique de Québec **ALL OUT TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF ALL!**

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The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) condemns the crime committed at the Centre culturel islamique de Québec. We offer our sincere condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the victims and to the Muslim community targeted by this violence.

According to news reports, an individual entered the Centre culturel islamique de Québec at around 7:45 pm on January 29 and fired on the more than 50 people who were there, killing six people and injuring 19 others, of whom five remain in critical condition. The Centre had already been the subject of threats and provocations last summer. Two men were arrested shortly after the shooting, and one is now said to be a suspect.

The violent crime committed in Quebec City tells us once again that these attacks are state-organized and inspired, attempts to blame the American and Canadian people notwithstanding. The attack came just days after the publication of the racist, destabilizing, destructive and warmongering presidential decree in the United States that, in the name of the fight against terrorism, stopped citizens from seven countries from entering the U.S. and closed U.S. borders to refugees. Countries with Muslim populations and Muslim communities are taken as specific targets of U.S. state terrorism. A toxic climate is created where anything can happen. This in turn creates

a climate of total anarchy and violence which is used to permit the unfettered use of police powers against the people and any notion of civil society.

It is the people's resistance struggle in defence of the rights of all which opens society's path to progress. Within the dangerous situation which has been created by the U.S. imperialist striving for world hegemony and that of their NATO allies including Canada, the people must take charge of putting an end to this state of affairs by intensifying their struggle to defend the rights of those who are targeted and the rights of all.

Oppose the U.S. imperialist hegemonism and regime change against the countries it has targeted for attack. End Canada's participation in the U.S. aggression, wars and violation of international norms. Canada cannot be part of these crimes in the name of peace and other high ideals and then wring its hands in sorrow at the consequences. Whether they are carried out in the name of diversity, national security or any other high ideal, condemn the state-organized and inspired crimes committed against the peoples.

CPC(M-L) reiterates its deepest condolences to the grieving families and friends and calls on everybody to speak out and take action to change things in a way that will benefit the people and their cause.



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