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*The All India Committee of the All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) has issued the following statement to the press:–*

“Recently, the television channel-4 in the UK had released a few pictures as a part of its documentary titled, ‘No War Zone, the Killing fields of SRI Lanka’. The photos clearly reveal how Balachandran, 12-year old son of the late LTTE leader V. Prabhakaran, was brutally murdered by Sri Lankan military in 2009, who had him in its custody. One photo shows him eating something, and another photo shows him lying dead with five bullet holes in his bared chest. Though the Sri Lankan authorities maintained that he was killed in the cross-fire in the battle against the LTTE, the photographic evidence indicates that it was a cold-blooded and brutal murder.

The AIDSO unequivocally condemns this murder of an innocent boy by the Sri Lankan military which is a blatant human rights violation. We cannot but note that the ethnic conflict which continued for a long time in Sri Lanka, and claimed the lives of more than one lakh innocent people of different ethnic origins, was engineered, aided and abetted by the imperialist powers from time to time. The Indian ruling class, which, being an imperialist power, and intent on emerging as the regional super power in the sub-continent, also had deep vested interest in abetting this conflict.

AIDSO holds that whatever might be the problem in Sri Lanka, it should be considered strictly as an internal affair of the island nation. Chauvinistic approach and sentiments – either the Sinhalese or the Tamil – cannot solve, rather shall aggravate the ethnic conflict. The problem can be solved only by the well-meaning people of Sri Lanka, adopting a secular and democratic approach, irrespective of religious and ethnic identity of people. The imperialist powers should keep their hands off Sri Lanka. US imperialism, which brutally killed millions and millions of innocent people in Afghanistan and Iraq, resorted to inhuman torture on prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, and trampled on the sovereignty, democracy and human rights in one country after another, has suddenly donned the garb of the champion of democracy, and declared its intention to move a resolution in the UN on censuring the Sri Lankan government for gross human rights violations (!) that smacks of vile ulterior motive.

The AIDSO, while expressing its solidarity with the students and common people of Sri Lanka, calls upon them to ensure that the Sri Lankan government institute an impartial judicial enquiry into the episode and mete out exemplary punishment to the military personnel responsible for this and such other ghastly crimes.”

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