

Capitalism is the source of all kinds of discrimination and racism



Dashty Jamal speech from TCAR demo in Newcastle on 20th November

In the name of the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees, I very warmly welcome you to today's demonstration. I thank Tyneside Community Action Against Racism for inviting me to take part in this demo and I would like to thank them for the fantastic work they do for equality and dignity in society.

We have gathered today in protest against racism and all kinds of discriminations between human beings. Our shared humanity is the main basis of equal citizenship between people. Our action today is part of the fight against war, hunger, and suppression. We stand here with our comrades in the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees who, because of their collective action, have forced the Kurdistan Regional Government in the north of Iraq to stop accepting deportations into their airports. This is a great victory for our movement and it has come because we worked together, across borders in a coordinated campaign. Unfortunately though the European Governments are now sending people back to Baghdad. We must fight this and we must fight all deportations, all detention and all discrimination in our society.

We must stand against this inequality but we still have to ask ourselves: what is the root of the discrimination and racism? What should we do to save our society from the war of racism and discrimination, and how can we build a human society?

The capitalist system has divided human beings on the basis of race, nationality, religion, language, skin color, West, East, North, South. It has put the working class around the world in a war of inequality, confronting each other.

In this advanced human society racism and discrimination are a shame and a disgrace. Shame on the system which discriminates against people under the pretext of being woman, Palestinian, Buddhist, Jewish, or Islamic. Shame on the people who are so proud of their race, religion and culture that they cut themselves off from the modernism of society and humanity's destiny. Shame on the system or the authority which forces people to seek asylum from a society destroyed by war.

The human beings of this particular time can see clearly in these events that they have one destiny. When the war erupted in Iraq and Afghanistan the lives of the people in the whole world faced a human tragedy. When Sonamis come, volcanoes erupt or hunger spreads in a country all the mankind will face great damage. When Israel separates people by putting up a wall between them, all mankind will face blind religious and national hatred. When the society is divided between man and woman, half of the society becomes enslaved and oppressed. For this reason the mankind gets involved in war and fighting.

But once again what is the root of this racism and discrimination? Discrimination and racism are not the culture, politics or the ideology of the people, but the belief, politics and culture of a group in power. As Karl Marx says: prevailing belief and culture in a society is the belief of the ruling class. Therefore, the governing class in the society is the party which infects human beings with the virus of racism. Otherwise human beings are friendly and against inequality.

The capitalist system, based on class distinctions, is a racist and apartheid system. Separation of people to capitalist and workers, rich and poor is the root of all discriminations. The capitalist class, in order to make a profitable market and accumulate capital needs to disperse and separate us through a false religious, nationalist and racist identity. It needs to engage us in a fight with each other so we do not find out the source of the class persecution that attacks our lives. And to keep the class differences, the authorities use the media, press, ideology, art, and racist culture to fool people. They spend billions of dollars to keep this bitter reality in the society.

The capitalism and class society is a racist and discriminatory system. This reality can be covered by neither liberal, democratic regimes nor dictator regimes. Multiculturalism in the heart of Europe has allowed cultures of discrimination to continue. In the same European democratic system human beings are discriminated on the basis of being refugees and being disintegrated and cut off from their lives and rights.

But if capitalism and class society are the source of all kind of racism, what should we do to clean up the human society of the virus of racism and the human beings to regain the human identity? The response is very easy: abolish class differences in order to cancel all kinds of persecution, oppression and discrimination. This is the task of the working class and all the people who get benefit from a free, equal and human society. The anti racist movement is part of working class message to build a human society. Let's make today's protest the beginning of a unified struggle to stand fast around the working class and the aim of freedom, equality and a workers' state. Thank you.