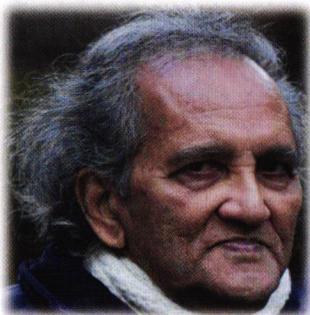


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**This kind and gentle man whose selfless service to the people of the world touched the lives of so many was a voice for the voiceless and legendary for his fearless and unwavering determination to expose the racist and fascist nature of the US-led British state and bring it to account.**

**This famous quote from a poem by Chinese poet Lu Xun aptly describes his unique and exemplary heroism, his deep hatred for the class enemy and infinite love for the people:**

**“Fierce browed I coolly defy a thousand pointing fingers.  
Head bowed like a willing ox, I serve the children”**

**In 2013, he was framed by the British fascist state and its racist Metropolitan police and sentenced to 23 years imprisonment in 2016, a death sentence for a life of political activism, in all but words. To the very end he resisted cruel and inhumane treatment: six years of psychological and physical torture in British prisons culminated in his untimely death.**

**But we will ensure Beloved Aravindan Balakrishnan’s sacrifice was not in vain! There will be no peace on earth until those who persecuted, tortured and murdered him are finally brought to account!**

**Justice for One is Justice for All!**

**The Nature of the State in Britain**

Comrade Bala taught us that, in order to hold onto power, the **secret state**, run by a handful of ruling class families (e.g. the Cecil and Rothschild families), continues its centuries-old brutal rule from behind the scenes - whether Labour or Tories are elected - while inculcating working people in Britain with belief in the ‘inherent justness’ of the ossified bourgeois state system which oppresses them, using the British Parliamentary Political system. In the 1970s, Comrade Bala characterised this as: **Fascism under the guise of Parliamentary Democracy** where, in the contradiction between bourgeois democracy and bourgeois fascism,

**bourgeois fascism is dominant**, a fact becoming increasingly apparent to more and more people. Moreover, it has deliberately kept the working class of all races and colours in Britain ignorant of its own history of revolutionary struggle and proletarian internationalism.

On October 15, 1976, Comrade Bala gave a historic talk on: *State and Revolution in Britain*, in University College London where he popularised three points on the nature of the state. He analysed that it is: **a) a fascist state** serving the interests of the parasitic few which uses the lie machine (newspapers, TV, radio) to keep people in Britain in the dark about the excellent situation in the world and their part in it and violently suppresses anyone who rebels against its attempt at containment; **b) an imperialist state** which continues the centuries old blood-drenched colonial tradition of raping and looting countries and continents, the oppressed nations and people, particularly in Asia, Africa and Latin-America; **c) an integral part of NATO** since the Second World War, accepting control and leadership from the hegemonic superpower, the United States i.e. it is an integral part of the international dictatorship of the bourgeoisie led by U.S. imperialism.

### **Our Campaign to Clear Comrade Bala's Name**

Since 2016, members of the Workers' Institute distributed leaflets to thousands of people throughout Britain at meetings, conferences and demonstrations about the persecution of Comrade Bala and the nature of the British state which cruelly framed, convicted, imprisoned and tortured him, and has now murdered him.

While we encountered so many who had empathy for and supported this people's hero, we also encountered serious indifference and sometimes even open hostility.

This famous saying (right) about Nazi Germany is note-worthy - though it wrongly leaves out black people, the travelling community, disabled people, gays, and other minority religious groups. It contains the very sobering reminder:

*We must stand up for those who are being persecuted even if we disagree with their beliefs, otherwise there will be nobody left to speak out for us!*

#### Pastor Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Communist  
Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Socialist  
Then they came for the trade unionists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a trade unionist  
Then they came for the Jews  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Jew  
Then they came for me  
And there was no one left  
To speak out for me

## Why Does the British State Fear Comrade Bala's Work So Much?

As an expression of his practical struggle against the state, Comrade Bala boldly set out to build the alternative. In 1971, he established the **Workers' Institute**, an educational institute of a new type to counter the racist educational system in Britain, with the guiding principle: "Practise Marxism, not revisionism. Uphold Proletarian Internationalism". The US-led British fascist state reacted, one month later, with a failed assassination attempt on his life using a death ray.

After repeated arrests and attacks in the following years, in August 1974, Comrade Bala heroically denounced the courts as 'fascist' and refused to uphold their authority. In August 1975, he led comrades of the Workers' Institute to begin work in Brixton - a poor working class community of all nationalities - to build a **Revolutionary Stable Base Area**, the first of its kind in the world in an urban setting, and in 1977, held the Base Building Conference from April 22-24. At its heart he nurtured the **Communist Collective** established by him in 1967, consisting of men and women of all races and colours, to wholeheartedly serve the people. In particular he educated and empowered a core of women to withstand the attacks of the oppressive male dominated and misogynist capitalist old world: without **new women** the new world cannot be built. Amidst mass upsurges of working people in Britain in the 70s, the Workers' Institute led the campaign to: Expose the Agents within the Working Class Movement, including the treacherous role of the trade union leadership, working hand in glove with the state.

The glorious example set by the Workers' Institute led by Comrade Bala aroused the fighting spirit of people in the base area and, there, later inspired the historic Uprising in Brixton in 1981 against the Met police. Seeing the serious opposition this work presented to the British state, in March 1978, it sent its fascist police, twice, to arrest members of the collective. During these arrests women comrades were brutalised along with men comrades - **Comrade Bala's close comrade and wife nearly lost her eye through injury caused by the fascist police brutality, while the heads of other women were banged against the wall, their arms and legs twisted, strip searched by male police officers who threatened them with rape and beat them while calling them "nigger lovers"**. This cowardly attack which closed down our very popular Workers' Centre, Library and Bookshop, at the heart of the base area, failed to cow comrades. But the British fascist state, feared that others would learn from Comrade Bala's example, and never gave up its desire to take revenge. Behind the scenes, an evil plan was hatched by the US-led British fascist state to try to discredit Comrade Bala - to ruin his reputation by smearing his noble character and unique pioneering work. In 2013, it seized the opportunity, using three treacherous anti-communist women (including his

daughter), to weave a web of lies to frame him. On this false basis and having manipulated public opinion (with the help of the 'lie machine', particularly the BBC) the State, the Met police and the Courts conspired to impose a 23 year sentence on this innocent man - an unforgiveable crime.

### **Lies, Cover-Ups and Delaying Tactics**

The experience of the Workers' Institute, and people in Britain and across the world, bears out the truth of the three points Comrade Bala set out to analyse the nature of the state (mentioned earlier). Victims of Britain's violent colonial-imperialist suppression, for example in India, Kenya, Malaya, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Chagos Islands, the Caribbean and Ireland (to name but a few) and victims of state terrorism within Britain, for example, Comrade Bala, Julian Assange, Blair Peach, Chris Kaba, the Windrush Generation, victims of the Grenfell fire, Hillsborough 97, Orgreave miners and so many more, are ALL DENIED JUSTICE.

After years of tireless campaigning - some for more than half a century - campaigners still face insurmountable obstacles, frustrated at every turn by lies, cover ups and delaying tactics, such as *inquiries*, invariably resulting in failure to bring those responsible for unforgiveable crimes against them and their loved ones, to justice.

### **Three Revolutionary Movements**

Most people are unaware of three revolutionary movements in the world, which are merging. They are:

**spontaneous mass upsurges** in the imperialist heartlands in the form of strikes, demos, rallies, occupations and other struggles, amidst growing discontent with the British parliamentary political system;

**the struggles of oppressed people**, especially in Asia, Africa and Latin-America against neo-colonial rape and plunder and for a just new global economic order;

**the socialist revolutionary movement** which Socialist China leads by example. This combined revolutionary force is relentlessly smashing the US-led capitalist-imperialist old world to smithereens.

It is only with victory of World Revolution and the building of a World Working Peoples' Party under the International Dictatorship of the Proletariat that people of the world can finally gain the accountability and justice they so desperately need, and begin the process of solving the dire global problems of starvation, poverty, homelessness, climate-change and so on.

**DOWN WITH THE US-LED BRITISH FASCIST STATE!  
UPHOLD THE COMMUNIST SPIRIT OF SELF SACRIFICE  
OF BELOVED COMRADE BALA!  
VICTORY TO WORLD PEOPLES SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!  
A BETTER WORLD'S IN BIRTH!**