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ONLY POWER DEFEATS POWER!

Let's keep on mobilizing for a General Democratic Popular Uprising. The country is in a structural crisis. Neither the block of ruling classes nor the petty bourgeoisie (because of its opportunism), can lead the country out of this hole. The Petro-Caribe corruption scandal is just another abscess on top of this systemic failure, and it only accentuates and deepens it. But the crisis has worsened. There are no simple cures, no constitutional reforms, whether it's a change of government, or targeting the bourgeois fraction that has used state power to accumulate capital, or the bourgeois fraction in garment factories that is ripping off workers in sweatshops. None of these can lead the way out of this hole. This crisis is the result of the complete failure of the antinational and anti-popular ruling class policies. The entire block of ruling classes is responsible.

This abominable system of domination and exploitation of bourgeois and feudal land owners has run out its course. It has led the country into an unprecedented generalized decay, particularly for workers, laborers, small peasants and the popular masses in general.

The popular masses have been condemned by the ruling class block to lifetimes of generalized misery. Either we let them offer their alternatives to this crisis, with the help of opportunist petty bourgeois ready and willing to replace those currently in office, or we take our destiny in hand, we build our own organizations and we lead our own struggles to lead the country in a new direction out this quagmire.

Workers, exploited laborers, small peasants losing your land, those whose houses are being torn down, street vendors who are getting slammed with taxes, extortions, duties and high interest loans, all petty bourgeois progressives, the time has come to mobilize for a real democratic popular uprising. This uprising must make the ruling classes step back while we grow our forces. We must develop our forces until we can overthrow these ruling classes, in order to build a new kind of society in the interest of the popular masses.

October 17 marks the anniversary of the assassination of Dessalines. It represents a political process that started even before the war for independence. October 17, 2018 has been chosen as date for a massive mobilization against corruption and the system that enables it. It is a movement against the thieves who stole the petro-Caribe funds.

Yes, we must pursue the Petro-Caribe thieves. But we must pursue them not only because they are thieves, but also because they are the leaders of the ruling classes. They are the capitalists who are stealing state funds. But we must also pursue the capitalists who deal in import/export and those who steal from workers with slave wages.

Therefore, the popular democratic uprising must target the entire headquarters of the ruling classes. The most advanced workers, militants in the other dominated classes, revolutionary combatants, we must lead a relentless struggle to make sure that no one from the ruling classes or their petty bourgeois lackeys make their way into our ranks.

We must break away from all opportunist politicians who are trying to take a free ride on the back of our struggles to get into power, to fill their pockets. We must lead our own autonomous mobilizations and struggles to defend our own autonomous interests. Let's fight for our rights! Down with the high cost of living! Down with thieving politicians! Down with exploiters! Down with the rotten oppressive state! Down with slave wages! Long live the struggle of the popular masses!

Strength through unity means struggle against opportunism, against lackeys, to build a solid unity of the popular camp, under a strong, well organized leadership. Long live the Democratic Popular Uprising under working class leadership, with all laborers at the center pole, to take down the ruling classes!