



## **SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' PARTY**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

***Capitalism has run its course; it is time for Socialism! All workers Vote for the SRWP!***

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The Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party (SRWP) is preparing the ground for the formation of a Socialist South Africa. The crisis of poverty, massive unemployment and inequality which is threatening our very existence can only be resolved if we replace the system which is responsible for our suffering, Capitalism with Socialism.

The North West province, for example, is one of the riches areas in South Africa. There is a dominance of mineral resources beneath the ground, which is why the mining sector is the dominant sector, and yet the majority of people live a life of extreme poverty and suffering.

Under a Socialist government, all mineral wealth will be owned and managed by the working class for the benefit of society. From the vast wealth of our minerals we shall abolish poverty, hunger, diseases, homelessness and rapidly improve the quality of life of our society.

We shall nationalize all private colleges and universities, and guarantee that everyone is able to access equal, high quality, emancipatory Socialist education. We shall abolish ignorance.

During a rally in the North West on Sunday, the National Chairperson, comrade Irvin Jim explained how our Socialist state can change the lives of the majority of people:

“Education will be free from birth until you pass your degree. Whose doubting that? There is no need to doubt that. All we need to do is overthrow capitalism. Once we have overthrown capitalism, the wealth we are talking about here will be owned and controlled by the producers of wealth: which is you the working class.”

The capitalist ANC government has succeeded only in creating the most unequal society in the world, where the entire wealth of the nation is owned and controlled by the 1 per cent of the population. More than 30 million people go to bed hungry when there is an abundance of food. 73 per cent of the best farming land has been given to white farmers, whilst the majority of the African working class are forced to live in informal settlements and squatter camps which dominate our country. More than 40 per cent of

the population is unemployed and poverty levels are sky rocketing. Those who are lucky enough to be working, support at least six additional unemployed dependents on their meager salaries.

The suffering of the working class is not a coincidence, it is deliberate. The Capitalist system is designed to benefit only a few; it can never cater for the demands of the masses. This is the case in South Africa, and all over the globe where civil and social unrest is growing. Workers in every capitalist country in the world are rising up to fight against this cruel system which puts profits ahead of the well-being of the majority of people.

Because of the hardships the working class is enduring every day, there are on average 30 service delivery protests per day in South Africa as members of the working class take to the streets to vent their anger against this cruel and brutal system. In recent weeks we have seen an upsurge in these protests in Alexandra and Mamelodi, and other parts of the country. This is proof of the failure of the capitalist system. The working class in South Africa is in a permanent state of unrest because of this crisis.

The capitalist system is self-destructing everyday. It is time now for the only genuine revolutionary socialist organ of the working class, the SRWP, to organize and unite the working class for the struggle for Socialism. For us, our work continues after the elections of the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, when we will mobilize the working class and intensify the struggle to destroy this brutal system.

We call on all the voting working class, young old, employed and unemployed, rural dwellers of all races, sexes and genders, to support the only genuine Socialist political party of the working class committed to the destruction of the class system which exploits and abuses us all, the Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party. We call on all the working class to join the SRWP, even after the elections, to be part of the Socialist revolution to rid South Africa of capitalism and all its evils.

We will embark on rolling mass action on all issues affecting the working class, and we will not stop, until we succeed. We are determined to rid ourselves of this evil system, which puts profits ahead of the well-being of society.

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