Killings in Brussels: populations here and there are the only victims. The Belgian state takes the opportunity to reinforce itself and unify the petty Belgian nationalisms around the King.

The worst situation for proletarians is to be polarised between the immigrant victims of racist stigmatisation, who withdraw into false ethnic and religious communities, and other workers, who identify with "their" state and the social peace which it guarantees.

Two massive attacks against the population in places with no strategic or military significance whatsoever – the entrance hall for departures at Zaventem airport and the Brussels Metro – took place on Tuesday 22 March 2016. There are more than 30 dead and 230 injured, some of whom may yet not survive.

Faced with attacks of this seriousness ¹, it is urgent to get beyond emotion and to seek explanations so as to better fight against this mortal enemy, an enemy of the proletariat and more generally of the whole population. The state hasn't missed the opportunity to continue armouring itself and make a big leap forward in its repressive policy against immigrant populations, and above all those of Maghrebian origin, and more generally all those who don't take the side of the established order. In this context, the King once again finds a central symbolic place, guarantor "in the last resort" of Belgium, its unity, its state

Immediately claimed by the mass murderers of Islamic State, in all probability these attacks were once again carried out by the adepts of Islamo-fascism. The aggressors are a pure product of the social decomposition and urban segregation which reigns in a lot of working class neighbourhoods in European cities.

The killers are fascists who play the game of the state

Does that mean we have to give a sort of sociological justification for these killings? Not in the least. First of all, because the Islamo-fascists hit out indiscriminately at all sections of the population, including a great number of proletarians. Their acts are open manifestations of reactionary violence which expands insecurity and fear in the social layers which are subjected to all kinds of oppression, and particularly in the proletariat, including, certainly, its immigrant component.

¹ See also, on line, our texts following attacks in Paris on 15/01 and 13/11: http://mouvement-communiste.com/documents/MC/Leaflets/BLT1501ENVFINALE2.pdf http://mouvement-communiste.com/documents/MC/Leaflets/TR_Attentats%20151115_VG%20EN.pdf

What's more, these attacks objectively play the game of the state and capital because they feed the discourse of order and the warlike practices of the state and the reinforcement of social peace, an indispensable condition for the pursuit of the exploitation of proletarians required by capital. Already the rulers of the advanced capitalist world expand their calls for interclassist national unity and introduce states of emergency involving all sorts of measures against the "dangerous populations".

In Belgium, a first great test of the militarisation of proletarian territories took place during the festivals at the end of the year. On that occasion, a level four alert was imposed for several weeks, involving tough and repeated police operations. The presence of the army on the streets, the stopping of public transport, the closing of borders and the suppression of numerous events have become the rule since the attacks of 13 November 2015 in Paris.

Immigrants, first collateral victims of the Islamo-fascists and preferred target of the state

Proposals to expel of immigrants considered not sufficiently assimilated or profitable have become common currency in the deafening silence imposed by the "fight against islamist terrorism". It's a policy which never misses a trick in deepening the divisions between the immigrant proletarians targeted as being supporters of the killers and their class brothers and sisters "from here". It's a policy which risks throwing the former into the arms of the violent political Islamism which prospers in the ghettos and which is nourished by the racism of the "Whites".

The Islamist attacks also reinforce the partisans of direct military intervention by the West, on the ground, in the theatre of war in the Middle East. An intervention which, even though it's only used air-power so far, has already caused thousands of civilian deaths, without even counting the hundreds of thousands killed in Syria by the butcher Bashar al-Assad, and his Russian and Iranian allies, along with their Sunni enemies supported so far by Turkey and by the reactionary oligarchies of the Gulf.

How can we react collectively to all this? Only class struggle unifying proletarians of all conditions and origins against capital, the state and their Islamist lackeys, has the capacity to overturn the tendency towards more class divisions, fewer freedoms, and more exploitation and oppression.

No gods, no masters, no states, no bosses

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