

INDIA

## **Bodo People Rise Against Oppression**

The Bodo people in Assam State have risen against the Indian reactionaries' brutal oppression.

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The Bodos have long resented this oppression and have demanded the setting up of an autonomous region of their own. However, the reactionary Indian Government unreasonably and arrogantly rejected this demand.

To voice their protest, the Bodo masses boycotted an Indian parliamentary by-election. On May 19, they encircled the polling booths in Kokrajhar Town, set up road-blocks and attacked officials in charge.

The reactionary Indian authorities immediately dispatched large numbers of police to suppress them. That night, thousands of infuriated Bodos, armed with clubs, spears and other weapons, broke into the Sidli police station in Kokrajhar region. They wounded 15 police and released 72 of their men who were imprisoned. Showing their vicious nature, the reactionary police opened fire on the Bodo people.

This bloody suppression aroused even more bitter resistance. For several days running, hundreds of Bodos fought valiantly against the reactionary police with spears, swords, bows and arrows. On May 22, 5,000 of them encircled a police station in Kokrajhar, demanding the release of over 500 of their number who had been arrested. When tear gas and baton charges failed to disperse them,

the reactionary police opened fire, wounding more than 50, and arrested 750. On May 24, some 4,000 Bodos made another violent attack on the Sidli police station.

## COLOMBIA

### Growth of a Guerrilla Force

The peasants of the Alto Sinu area in northwestern Colombia have risen in arms and formed a guerrilla force which workers and students have joined.

Not long ago they published a bulletin which announced that they had killed or wounded 40 government troops in recent engagements. The guerrillas have armed themselves and the local population with weapons seized from the enemy and have struck at the reactionary elements who have been bullying the people. They have thus won the support of the masses.

On January 6, the guerrillas attacked a police station at Ure, a town in south Cordoba Province. They put to death a big latifundist who had criminally seized the land of several hundred peasants of whom he had killed dozens. In February, the guerrillas killed four police and captured a large number of weapons and equipment during an attack on a