

## **UFAWUZ Statement of Solidarity**

### **In defense of the Revolutionary Working Class, the Revolutionary Leftist organisations and Revolutionary Social Movements of Brazil.**

The imprisonment of Lula da Silva, which we, the United Food and Allied Workers Union of Zimbabwe, strongly condemn, is not an attack of Lula da Silva as an individual but of the Brazilian working class, the leftist movements and the social movements like the MST. Lula the most popular opposition leader and challenger to the Brazilian coup government with its reactionary parliament remains a representative fist of the majority poor people of Brazil.

A spirited well-coordinated fight against the poor by agents of monopoly capital which, of late actively co-opted the military generals in pressurising the judiciary system to give political judgements in civil matters is pointing to one direction; paving way for drastic and ruthless attack on the workers – neo-liberalism. The involvement of army generals in civilian matters is a counter-offensive measure and reactionary warning meant to thwart any formidable resistance against the evil agenda of monopoly capital. This reactionary offensive will close down the space for democratic demands of the poor. Lula's imprisonment herald the death of democracy in Brazil and the capitalist hegemony by an illegal regime has to be violently challenged.

Lula represents the 99% of the Brazilian population whereas the putchist cabal represents the interests of the 1%. The putchist cabal knows very well that it is living on borrowed time hence its reactionary response to the clarion call by Brazilian majority who are already in the revolutionary mood and have taken a revolutionary path in resolving the national question.

The events in Brazil cannot be interrogated or fought in isolation with the behaviour of capitalist monopoly across the globe. The system of the minority is at its highest stage of decay and can no longer extend any democratic demands without a fight.

Thus whilst we strongly condemn the imprisonment of the leader and representative of the poor people across the globe; and whilst we are actively demanding his immediate release from the gulag of capitalist-imperialism, we call for the world working class, the grave diggers of capitalism to resist and break the artificial boundaries and defeat this economic, social and political theft imposed on us by the agents of monopoly capital in Brazil.

***Down with the putchist government of Brazil!***

***Down with a reactionary government of Brazil!***

***Free Lula! The voice of the voiceless!***

***Down with Imperialism!***