

Olá, companheiros!

In the name of the Lula Livre National Campaign, I greet your political activity.

In Brazil, as in many parts of the planet, rallies to commemorate Lula's birthday are happening.

It is important that this date allows us to discuss the reasons why, as I write this message, Lula is under arrest.

Therefore, I would like to use this opportunity to share with you some opinions that don't necessarily are the same as all members of Lula Livre National Campaign, which is broad and plural.

Lula is in jail, at its core, for the same reason the army was called to repress the demonstrations of the Chilean people.

The reason is: the ruling class, as confessed by the Chilean President, feels at war.

War of rich against the poor.

War of the business class against the workers.

War of the agribusiness against peasants, indigenous people and "quilombolas".

War of landowners against the landless.

War of investors against the retirees.

War of sexists against women.

War of racists against black men and women.

War of intolerance against LGBTQ people.

War of conservatives against the youth.

War of fascists against democratic liberties.

War of ignorance against the liberation of education.

War of capitalism against humanity.

War of death against life.

The fight for Lula's freedom is therefore part of our international fight for life, for humanity, for the rights of the majority.

The working class, the poor, the peasants, the indigenous people, the landless, the retirees, the women, black men and women, LGBTQ, the youth, democrats, people of the whole world, we need to win.

Only by winning we will have a world with room for us all, just then we will have equality, democratic freedoms, sovereignty, another world becoming possible.

Either we win, or it will be barbarism.

On their side our enemies have the state, the mainstream media, the economic power, the manipulation of hearts and minds.

On our side, we have organization.

It's organization that allows us to raise awareness, to mobilize, to fight and, sooner or later, to win.

It is not clear when will Lula be free.

It is true that the far-right sector who wanted to see him rot in jail is weaker.

It is also true that moderate right that accepts a free Lula without political rights is stronger now than in the past.

But it is not clear, nor when, neither how, will the showdown between them be resolved.

Therefore, our position can't be that of spectators.

Our position is to keep the popular pressure for Lula's unconditional freedom, with the annulment of his sentences and recovery of his political powers.

And to keep fighting against Bolsonaro, Mourao and those that sided with the coup.

They didn't win the presidency legitimately. They gave the coup in 2016, imprisoned Lula and won the election. And now they are going through with the program that breaks the country, the people, and democracy, as the recently passed welfare reform.

The fight for Lula's freedom is part of the fight against the coup, the fight against Bolsonaro, to revoke their changes, to adhere to a national sovereignty program, of social and democratic liberties.

Evidently, with Lula's freedom our chances of victory are higher by a lot.

But as I write this message, Lula is still under arrest.

And those that want to release him, want to impose conditions.

And the far-right wants to do it all.

And it goes without saying that the country's position would much worse than in 2002.

And many countries, through the work of Neoliberalism, are in social upheaval.

In sum, what I have to say to you is: raise awareness, organize, fight.

A big hug and Free Lula!!