Communique from the Bloc of Anti-Capitalist Social Organizations: There Cannot Be a Guelaguetza Festival When There is Injustice in Oaxaca

To the Media

To the People of Oaxaca

In seven days, the bad government of Alejandro Murat Hinojosa and his functionaries will attend the festival of the rich and watch the poor Indigenous peoples dance in the festival called Guelaguetza.

The tough and rebellious Indigenous peoples, the women, men, children and elders of different communities of the regions of Oaxaca, will travel to Oaxaca city in the following days during the festival of the rich. We come to say to the son of José Murat Casab that he has lied and has continued lying for the nearly two years that he has been governor of Oaxaca. Alejando Murat Hinojosa pledged to resolve the issues of justice, freedom and human rights with the communities that form the Bloc of Anti-capitalist Social Organizations. Up to this moment, we have not seen any progress in the cases of our *compañero* political prisoners.

Such is the case of *compañero* Pablo López Alavés, Indigenous Zapoteco of the community of San Isidro Aloapam. The government institutions, courts and judges are complicit in this injustice against the Indigenous forest and territory defender. The human rights defense has dictated a recommendation of interim measures of protection. There is an opinion of the United Nations working group of arbitrary detentions in favor of the *compañero*. However, the bad government of Oaxaca and its courts of injustice have not considered these human rights violations. In addition, we have the case of *compañero* political prisoner Librado Baños. What has been seen in these cases is the complete opposite of a just resolution; that is, we have seen stubbornness on behalf of the government and a deterioration of the possibility of freedom for our *compañeros* through the judicial route. We have already seen a rigged process full of obstacles that have prolonged the imprisonment of our *compañeros.* For more than 6 and 8 years, our *compañeros* have been unjustly imprisoned, violating their human rights.

Thirteen years have passed since José Murat Casab and Ulises Ruiz repressed CIPO-RFM, threatening and attempting to assassinate *compañero* Raúl Gatica Bautista. Thirteen years of exile of *compañero* Raúl Gatica Bautista. Neither the government of Gabino nor Alejandro Murat want to take responsibility for his return from exile. They have refused to provide guarantees for the safe return of the Indigenous Mixteco.

Nor do we forget the current and most genuine demands of our communities, districts and sectors. We demand respect for the uses and customs, self-determination and self-government of our Indigenous communities. We demand respect for the commercial sector that continues demanding a dignified work space where they can sell their hand-made products—a dignified space where they can work and bring home daily bread to their families without being criminalized. We also demand an end to the harassment and criminalization of our *compañeros* of transportation, that for nothing more than organizing as transportation workers, for struggling for their right to work and for not pertaining to the servile groups of the state (the same groups that have monopolized transportation in the state converting it into practically a mafia) are intimidated by the authorities of the secretary of road and transport.

For the breaches of our demands, and after consulting our bases in our communities and sectors, the social organizations that make up the Bloc of Anti-Capitalist Organizations—el Consejo Indígena Popular de Oaxaca – Ricardo Flores Magón (CIPO-FRM), la Unión de Pueblos Originarios (UPO), el Frente de Izquierdas Revolucionarias (FIR) y la Unión de Artesanos y Comerciantes Oaxaqueños en lucha (UACOL)—we’ve decided to peacefully but forcefully mobilize ourselves in the streets with a series of actions to begin on Monday, July 16th, 2018.

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