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CITU appeals for Bengal Bundh on 20th June

Com.B.T.Ranadive, President, CITU has issued the following statement to the Press:

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions fully supports the decision of several trade unions and political parties to organise Bengal Bundh on 20th June in protest against Wage Freeze Act, continuance of Emergency, DIR, MISA, etc. against semi-fascist terror in W.Bengal, for release of political prisoners and other issues pressing the working class and people.

The CITU strongly condemns the intimidatory tactics adopted by the W.Bengal Government and the Congress party to prevent the Bundh. The entire official machinery including the police forces being organised to suppress the Bundh. The anti-social elements are also being used on a big scale and some workers have already been attacked.

The AITUC leadership following an opportunist policy of collaboration with the Congress has come out openly against the Bundh and supported the suppression of legitimate protest of the workers and the people.

The CITU appeals to the workers of all affiliations to unitedly respond to the call of trade unions in W.Bengal so that a mighty protest is recorded against the dictatorial policies pursued by the Congress Government. The CITU is confident that the people of W.Bengal will make the Bundh a grand success and raise a powerful voice against the anti-people policies of the Congress Government.

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