

The Revolutionary Student Movement - Vancouver section (MER-RSM Vancouver), expresses our solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en people against the Canadian state's cowardly colonial violence. We applaud the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs' rejection of the BC Supreme Court's recent injunction aiding Coastal GasLink's trespassing efforts, which poses a violation of Anuc 'nu'at'en (Wet'suwet'en law) - the highest law on Wet'suwet'en land by the principle of sovereignty. The MER-RSM Vancouver contends that in the recent events by the courts and the RCMP, the settler-colonial nature of the Canadian state has been asserted, and its perverse character demonstrated for all the world to see. In the invasion of the Unist'ot'en checkpoint last year by the RCMP - who serve as the foot soldiers of the Canadian state - police planners were found to have requested snipers to fire upon the Unist'ot'en checkpoint's courageous land defenders during their illegal invasion, including children and elders. To us this represents the most pointed symptom of the ongoing colonisation and genocide carried out in service of the settler bourgeoisie by the settler-colonialist Canadian state.

In the face of these recent and ongoing acts of violence against the Wet'suwet'en people, the MER-RSM Vancouver releases this statement as a sign of our solidarity with the valiant land defenders of the Unist'ot'en and Gidimt'en camps and to condemn the vile actors that are Coastal GasLink and the complicit Canadian state. We uphold that Indigenous people everywhere, along with all the oppressed nations of the world, hold the inalienable, historic right to self-determination. This includes the right to defend their land from the destruction of "development" and pipelines, and to enforce their own laws and form their own state on their territories. We also hold that under the rule of the fundamentally capitalist, imperialist, and settler-colonialist Canadian state, permission for such self-determination will never simply be given, but rather must be fought for and won through hard struggle and great sacrifice.

It is important to note that the current violations of Wet'suwet'en peoples rights and land comes at a time when the government of British Columbia is patting itself on the back for passing Bill 41. Bill 41 is set to make the province adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, on which BC NDP Premier John Horgan was quoted stating that "free, prior and informed consent" of Indigenous nations before decisions of industrial development was key to. What risible farce! No matter how much the settler-colonial state parades its promise of "reconciliation", time and time again, the actions of the iniquitous bourgeois government reveals where its priorities lie. The Revolutionary Student Movement -

Vancouver section wholeheartedly rejects this mockery which is “reconciliation” without self-determination, without complete sovereignty. There can be no “reconciliation” in a colonial state without revolution against that state also. The MER-RSM Vancouver and all its allies and supporters vow to stand by the Wet’suwet’en and all other colonised nations of “Canada” until the very end when national liberation is won. We will serve their interests with our words and our actions. Let all those who support this cause see that we are accountable to this end!

Down with Coastal GasLink and the settler-colonial state which protects it!

Solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en nation against settler-colonial violence!

Workers and all oppressed of the world, unite! We have nothing but a world to win!