

Steps of a tireless giant: Honor and glory to comrade Walter Zuleta (Chicho)!

"There are men that fight one day and are good.
There are others who fight a year and they are better.
Some fight for many years and are very good. But
there are those who fight all their lives: those are the
indispensable ones."

- Bertolt Brecht

It is with deep sorrow we inform you of the death of our dear comrade Walter Hugo Zuleta Morales (Chicho), an exemplary and tireless Marxist-Leninist communist. The Central Committee and the members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (PCR) of Bolivia extend our solidarity and deepest condolences to Walter's family, his partner Inés, his children Soledad, Christian, Wara, Camilo and Valentina, and his grandchildren.

Walter was a member of the revolutionary ranks since his youth; he was a university leader of the front VENCER at Law Faculty of the UMSA, he has fought against the coup by Banzer, lived in exile in Chile under Salvador Allende and resisted the coup by Pinochet. In the fight to restore democracy, Walter was a front-row fighter in the struggle to recover the main buildings of the UMSA (1982), which were under the control of the military and paramilitaries.

Throughout his whole life, Walter fought for the revolution and socialism, from whichever trenches he found himself, contributing to the building of a true revolutionary alternative for Bolivia, with a firm conviction of unity of the popular forces and the left.

Comrade Walter took a fundamental part in the formation and building of the Revolutionary Communist Party; from the first moment he expressed with transparent clarity the need to have a political tool, with Marxist-Leninist ideology, to guide the struggle of the Bolivian peoples towards the horizon of scientific socialism. At the First National Congress of the Party he was elected as a member of the Central Committee, he was Chair of the Control and Cadres Commission and a member of the National Secretariat of the Party. When the oligarchic and fascist coup took place in 2019, Walter was clear and forceful about the need to combat the coup and build a true revolutionary alternative of national liberation. Comrade Chicho's political-and ideological clarity has guided the Party and the Front in complex situations, always aiming at taking positions and actively participating in the struggles of the working people. His love for Pando [a department in the Amazon] pushed forward Walter's hard work in building the Party and the Front in the Bolivian Amazon region. Comrade Walter's participation in international events such as the International Seminar: Problems of the Revolution in Latin America and the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations (ICMLPO) have been important in spreading the reality of the popular struggles in our country.



For Walter the legal profession was always a social commitment and his office was at the service of the struggles of the workers and peasants; his election as Chair of the Pando Bar Association is a clear example of Walter's flawless professional vocation.

Comrade Chicho was an integral communist, he leaves us a legacy of struggle and at the same time an example of life, a revolutionary cadre politically, ideologically, organizationally and morally. The young cadres of the Party and the Youth have learned from his lucidity, from his committed work and his disposition for consistent struggle. Our tribute to Comrade Chicho, without a doubt, will be to advance along the paths that he traced, to continue building the Party and the Front, to fight for a red dawn.

Ever onward until victory, Comandante Chicho!

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