

**Stop *Trump and Netanyahu's war!* Shatter *Putin's war!*
Break through the danger of the outbreak of
a world war with the international unity of
working people!**

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All workers and students across the world, who are fighting against war and for the creation of peace! All of our comrades!

The world is more and more taking on an aspect of the eve of a Third World War.

Every August, we hold international antiwar assemblies in Tokyo and six other cities in Japan (on August 2nd this year). 'Never again shall an atomic bomb be dropped': we feel that appealing it to the world is a duty of Japanese workers and students, Japan being the 'only country that has suffered atomic bombings'. We send this appeal in our sincere hope that the concerted efforts of people of the world will shatter the threat to human survival posed by nuclear war.

I. The US and Israel's military attacks against Iran

In late February, the Trump administration launched a military attack on Iran, swayed by Netanyahu who whispered that 'if the leadership of Iran is eliminated, its people will rise up, and Iran will undergo a regime change'. However, after being hit by a counterattack, the Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, and facing 'unforeseen events' -- such as a quagmire of war and the world economy thrown into chaos due to soaring prices of crude oil, naphtha and fertilizer, Trump was once again quickly cornered into TACO (Trump Always Chickens Out). And then the United States and Iran agreed to a '14-point memorandum' (June 17th), but the reality was in fact that it only exposed the defeat of the self-proclaimed 'genius at deals', whether it was on the



Zengakuren students and antiwar workers marching on the US and Russian Embassies (May 17th, Tokyo)

issue of the destruction of enriched uranium, a control on the Strait of Hormuz, or the lifting of economic sanctions against Iran.

Precisely for this defeat, Trump is increasingly tempted to launch another military attack on Iran. Moreover, Israel is continuing to occupy southern Lebanon and make attacks on Hezbollah. The 'memorandum' was based on the premise of an 'immediate ceasefire on all fronts, including Lebanon', so that it is now inevitable that the 'talks for the next 60 days' will collapse sooner or later.

Trump's initial intention included: (1) to crush the Shiite theocratic state of Iran, whose national policy is 'anti-Americanism and anti-Zionism', together with its subordinate 'Axis of Resistance', (2) thereby to secure the economic interests of the US and the Trump family in the Middle East, (3) to demonstrate to the world its 'military superpower', the US's last hope, and (4) to exact historical revenge on Iran, a theocratic country that humiliated the US through the 'Khomeini Revolution' nearly half a century ago, thus leaving legacies as a 'great President'.

So, it is very likely that Trump will once again resort to the barbaric act of military attack, thus plunging Iranian people into a sea of blood by saying, 'Because Iran refuses to obey us, we have no choice but to send it back to the Stone Age.'

We must stop the barbaric act of this 'stupid king' at all costs.

Stop all the atrocities perpetrated on Palestinians

The Netanyahu-led Israeli murderous regime has been continuing its attacks on the people of Gaza even after the 'ceasefire in Gaza' last October. The people of Gaza are now confined to the 'yellow line', a coastal area that is less than half the width of the Gaza Strip, forced to live in tents in wretched conditions without food or water, and suffering from the spread of infectious diseases. Netanyahu, whose ultimate goal is to wipe out Gazan and Palestinian people from the face of the earth, is deliberately targeting children in his attacks.

Furthermore, in the West Bank, Israel continues to expand its occupied territory, while insistently claiming that 'Palestine is the land of ours promised by God'.

We must never tolerate the inhumane and barbaric atrocities committed against Palestinian people by those Zionists who are protected by US imperialism.

II. Russia's aggression and Ukrainian people's resistance

Four and a half years since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the great resistance of the Ukrainian people is now cornering the invading Russian forces.

With support from the US completely cut off, Ukraine is now mass-producing drones and long-range weapons capable of reaching as far as Western Siberia. Ukraine is attacking military bases across Russia, including the vicinities of Moscow, destroying military command bases, supply bases, and oil factories one after another. Currently, they are focussing their attacks on oil factories in Crimea, which serves as supply bases for fuel, weapons and food to the Russian occupying forces. It is said that fuel sales in Crimea have been halted completely except for government use.

Struck by those Ukrainian counterattacks, Russian war dead have exceeded 500,000, with total casualties surpassing 1.5 million.

Inside the country of Russia, inflation is accelerating, with prices rising by 20% and consumption plummeting. The national treasury is on the verge of collapse. Putin and Defence Minister Belousov are shouting to their people, 'Prepare for a prolonged war' and 'Don't keep money under the pillow'. They are trying frantically to force their people to hand over their savings to fund the war.

In short, Russia's war sustainability itself has now reached its limit. And besides, for Russian people, the 'war against Ukraine' is no longer just an event happening on the other side of the border.

These situations, now unfolding in the fifth year of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, must be recognized as a result of the Ukrainians' great, unwavering resistance, a feat truly unprecedented in history.

On June 20th, an international conference was hosted by the Stop the War Coalition in London, to which the Ukrainian democratic socialist organization *Social Movement (Sotsialnyi Rukh)* wrote an Open Letter. It stated: 'This war has the character of a people's war. More than a million Ukrainians serve in the defence forces; millions more keep the country running — railway workers, nurses, energy workers, teachers, volunteers.' It then appeals to 'the international left and peace movement': 'Do not call occupation "peace". Stand with Ukraine. Stand with Ukrainian workers.'

At the US-Russian summit talks held in Alaska last summer, a so-called 'peace plan' -- which effectively swallowed whole the demands of the aggressor Russia, as if to say, 'Ukraine must become a Russian vassal state' -- was decided by majority vote of attendees from both the US and Russia.

The anger of the Ukrainian people at being forced to accept this so-called 'peace plan' -- which exonerates the despicable aggressor -- by the US and Russian nuclear powers; the sorrow of the Ukrainian people as they think of their compatriots in the occupied territories, who are subjected to unspeakable suffering, and think of the children there who are being raised to become Russian soldiers; and the deep and bitter regret of the soldiers who fought and fell in battle, along with Ukrainian people's gratitude felt towards them... We believe we must for ever and ever make these Ukrainian people's pain and sorrow our own, and make it the basis for our solidarity to 'live together and suffer together' in advancing our Ukraine antiwar struggle.

III. Transformation of the World Structure

Now the nuclear powers are continually launching these cruel wars of aggression, where is this world going to?

The world in the 21st century must be called a 'dark century'. Its first characteristic lies in the following.

Earlier this year, the militarist empire of America launched an armed invasion against Venezuela, arresting and removing its president, Nicolas Maduro. They violently overturned

the government and plundered the oil resources of this country. Following this outrageous act based on 'Donroism' (which claims that both Anglo-America in North America and Latin America belong to the US sphere of dominance), they have now attacked Iran, an anti-American theocratic state, in league with Israel.

This means the full-scale onset of an era in which 'the powerful' insists 'might makes right' and, in the name of 'peace through strength', destroys the existing 'sovereign states' with military force.

And what ushered in this dark age was, of course, Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, which was started abruptly in February 2022, four and a half years ago, and continues to this day.

When Putin launched this war of aggression against Ukraine, he arrogantly declared, 'Ukraine is originally a part of Russia, and there is no such thing as the state of Ukraine', and 'The collapse of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century.' He also said, 'Wherever Russian troops set foot, that land belongs to Russia.'

In modern capitalist society, which emerged through the collapse of feudal society, the bourgeois class that rose to become the new ruling class advocated that 'one nation should form a nation-state under one state'. Putin, who admires Peter the Great, flatly denies this Western-style 'sovereign state' along with 'parliamentary democracy', 'separation of powers' and 'territorial inviolability'.

Descendants of Stalin, who usurped revolutionary Russia and transformed it into an autocratic state under Stalinist bureaucracy -- namely Putin and the privileged bureaucrats of the FSB-helmed authoritarian state of Russia, as well as the neo-Stalinist bureaucrats of China -- are now openly rejecting bourgeois democracy of Western origin. They say, 'Democracy is an anachronism' (Putin) and 'China has its own way of doing with Chinese characteristics' (Xi Jinping).

And now, Trump, the self-styled King of the militarist empire of America, too -- as if to follow the Russian Czar Putin -- has openly abandoned the flag of 'freedom and democracy', the flag stained with the blood of people. He is on the way to transforming the United States of America into a totalitarian state.

This means that the full-blown rivalry between the US and China / Russia has manifested as an obvious change in their ruling ideology. This 'East-West rivalry' of the 21st-century type is the second characteristic of today's world.

Today's world is revolving around this new East-West rivalry which has developed between the US and China: the declining militarist empire of America raises the banner of 'MAGA', and neo-Stalinist China is ambitious to be the 'centre of the world' under the signboard of 'market socialism'. And this China is acting in concert with Russia, which advocates a 'new international order', in order to undermine the US's dominance of the world as the 'sole super-power'.

The third characteristic of today's world lies in that while the US and China / Russia are openly in conflict in every aspect of political, military and economic fields, all these conflicts mean their preparations for wining a head-on clash to come.

These include: (1) the struggle between China, which declares its annexation of Taiwan as the 'core of China's core interests', and the US and Japan, which are bent on preventing it, (2) heated competitions over the military use of AI as well as development races for drones and war robots, (3) the intensification of the nuclear arms race, centred on 'usable nuclear weapons', along with the beginning of a major arms race that is involving European countries, (4) struggles to secure strategic materials such as rare earth elements and advanced semiconductors...

We must face up to the fact that every one of these elements could be a trigger for a Third World War.

IV. Let us besiege the warmongers with the unity of the people of the world!

The 20th century was called the 'age of war and revolution'. Just as World War I began with a 'single gunshot in Sarajevo', and just as World War II began with Hitler-led Nazis' invasion of a neighbouring country, war can always attack people suddenly and unexpectedly. Moreover, today, we are living in such a horrible age where heartless AI plans a military operation based on big data and issues orders for its execution.

This age, which was ushered in by *Putin's war*, is now shrouded in the flames and rampages of war. If we sit idly by and do nothing while today's Hitlers are trampling on other countries with their state egoism unreserved, the 21st century will become the century of humanity's ruin. We must act quickly. Comrades all over the world! Let us fight with all our might to besiege the warmongers with the internationally united power of the working class!

Today, determined by the turbulent global situation, East Asia is also in a volatile crisis deepening amid the confrontation between the US-Japan and China-Russia-North Korea. In the middle of this crisis, 'far-right militarist' Sanae Takaichi came into power in Japan last autumn. Driven by impatience over a 'declining Japan', her government is openly aiming for the 'restoration of militarist Japan'. It is launching reactionary offensives one after another, which include constitutional revision aimed to openly abandon the so-called 'pacifist Constitution', the turning of Okinawa and mainland Japan into frontline bases against China and North Korea, a drastic strengthening of the security system for repression, and the building of a national mobilization system by inspiring Japanese nationalism. The rapid succession of these offensives is intended for a military and authoritarian consolidation of the Japanese-style neo-fascist state.

Japanese workers and students are fighting with all their might to build up struggles on both the labour and student fronts under the banner of 'No to the restoration of militarist Japan' and 'Bring down the reactionary Takaichi government'. In Tokyo, tens of thousands of workers, students and citizens surround the Diet Building in protest once a month, and we always fight at the forefront. We have of course been fighting this struggle along with the struggle to crush *Putin's war* and that to stop *Trump and Netanyahu's war* by firmly linking all these struggles as inseparable parts.

In these struggles, we do not forget even for a moment the crime that Japan made in the

past, when it was led by militarists to perpetrate military aggression against Korea, China and other countries in Asia, plunging many people into indescribable misery. We, as the working class, must express self-criticism and apologize to the workers and people of the invaded countries for the failure of the Japanese working class to prevent the war of aggression. We believe this is a matter of ethics as the international proletariat, who essentially have no homeland of their own. Only by so doing can we call upon the workers and people of China and North Korea to oppose their governments strengthening nuclear armaments and to build international solidarity.

Where there is war, there is confrontation between states; where there is a state, there is confrontation between classes. We must therefore always base ourselves on the position of workers and people as the ruled class, and must think over 'what we should do' and do it in reality.

In the case that workers and people are fighting against invaders, workers in other countries must stand in solidarity with their brother and sisters in fights. We must not take the side of the power holders' logic of real politics or that of power politics. We must not fall into so-called campism or geopolitical ways of thinking. Though separated by national borders, we must fight in solidarity with them, who are brothers and sisters of alienated workers.

People of Ukraine in resistance are struggling not only against the Russian invading army but also against 'neoliberal politics at home, which places the burden on ordinary people while oligarchic wealth remains untouched'. Before these Ukrainian people, some of the European leftists against the European rearmament argue, 'Let us lower the guns'. Shouldn't they once again seriously listen to the voices of Ukrainians fighting in resistance?

'If we lower weapons, we are conquered. Occupation does not bring peace -- it brings occupation, mass graves, child abduction, deportations and the destruction of independent unions and civil society. A peace policy that forgets those under attack is no peace policy at all.' (*Sotsialnyi Rukh*).

Now, dictators of nuclear powers invading other countries one after another in pursuit of the expansion of their own exclusive spheres of dominance, we call on workers and people, more strongly than ever, to build solidarity beyond borders and stand up for counteroffensive.

Let us win the struggle to crush *Putin's war*! Let us win the struggle to stop *Trump and Netanyahu's war*!

Create greater waves of antiwar struggles! By unifying and multiplying these waves into a tidal swell, let us prevent, at all cost, the outbreak of a Third World War, a thermonuclear war!

Workers and students all over the world! All of our comrades!

Let us fight together to overcome the impending catastrophe facing humanity and the Earth!

'Workers of the world, unite!'

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