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10 years since the heroic Donbass uprising

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It is impossible to understand the character, position and role of the Donbass 2014 spring uprising in the subsequent developments of the escalation of WWII without scientifically approaching the escalation of the counter-revolutionary processes in the countries that emerged after the capitalist restoration and the dissolution of the USSR, as well as the changes in the global balance of power during these events.

A brief review of the events leading up to the 2014 nazi coup

On 21 November 2013, an acute political crisis (“Euromaidan”) erupted in Ukraine, triggered by the Yanukovich government’s decision to suspend preparations for an accession agreement with the EU. The opposition, led by the USA, the UK, NATO and the EU, organised large-scale demonstrations in Kiev, which then escalated into mass riots with weapons, arson, murder, provocations by using sniper attacks in order to force an escalation, etc.

On 21 February 2014, President Viktor Yanukovich and opposition leaders reached an agreement, mediated by Russia and guaranteed by the governments of Germany, Poland and France, to resolve the political crisis by calling snap elections. However, despite the agreement, on the night of 22 February, at the behest of Western officials (Victoria Nuland, the US and British embassies, the CIA, etc.), Euromaidan activists seized the government complex, taking control of the parliament, presidential administration and government buildings. As a result of the coup, power was forcibly transferred to the opposition. The new speaker of parliament (the Verkhovna Rada), Oleksandr Turchynov, became chairman of the Kiev junta, while Arseniy Yatsenyuk became head of government.

On 23 February 2014, the Verkhovna Rada repealed the law “On the Basic Principles of State Language Policy” (2012), which granted the Russian language the status of a regional language alongside the official language, Ukrainian. Russians and Russian speakers make up at least half of Ukraine’s population, with their populations highly concentrated in the more industrially developed South-Eastern half of the country. Historically, “Kievan Rus” is the cradle of Russian history and culture. The term “Ukraine” itself means “the country’s frontier region” and/or a region inhabited by frontiersmen, guards of the border.

The abolition of this law, which practically banned the use of the Russian language in education and everyday life, accompanied by a series of ideological measures (heroisation and glorification of the nazis as “national heroes”, crude anti-Sovietism/anti-communism, which practically overlaps with anti-Russianism, Russophobia etc.), provoked violent protests in the east of the country, the Russian-

speaking regions such as Donbass, Crimea, Odessa, Kharkov and more. The inhabitants of the regions demanded the legitimisation of the Russian language and education, as well as constitutional reform towards the federalisation of Ukraine.

Following the atrocities committed by the secret services and the nazi deep state/paramilitary assault battalions, a people's militia was formed in Donbass. The rebellious ex-Soviet people/Russians, the language and culture of which, along with all references to the USSR, the anti-fascist victory, whose most basic rights were banned by the fascist junta, are called "pro-Russian separatists", "instruments of Moscow" and "national traitors, collaborators of the occupier" (the entire Soviet period is officially described by the junta as a "regime of occupation by the USSR/Russia").

What were they demanding? Their main slogan: "Down with fascism". They did not recognise the Kiev junta regime that emerged through the unconstitutional armed fascist coup in February, they were demanding negotiations and a referendum on broad economic and political autonomy as part of the federalisation of the country, the recognition of the Russian language as equal to the official Ukrainian language, withdrawal from the IMF, EU, USA and NATO, decent wages, education, health, insurance and so on.

On 6 April 2014, protesters occupied several administrative buildings in the Donetsk, Lugansk and Kharkov regions. In particular, the regional state administrations of Donetsk and Kharkov were blockaded, as well as the Lugansk branch of the Ukrainian Security Service.

On 7 April 2014, acting President Turchynov announced the creation of a "crisis management task force" and the launch of "counter-terrorist operation against those who have taken up arms".

On 13 April 2014, Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council decided to "launch a large-scale counter-terrorism operation with the participation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine" in the east of the country. The junta demanded that the protesters

evacuate the occupied buildings and lay down their arms by 14 April. The rebels rejected the ultimatum, and on 15 April 2014 the "active phase" of the "counter-terrorist operation" (CTO) was launched in the northern part of Donbass.

On 7 April 2014, the People's Soviet (Council) of the Republic was established in Donetsk, declaring the sovereignty of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR); the same process took place for the founding of the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR).

The ban in Ukraine of the celebration of the 9 May anniversary of the anti-fascist victory in 1945, the intention to establish in its place a "day of remembrance of the Soviet occupation" and the official designation of the nazi collaborators during the WWII as "national heroes of Ukraine" foreshadowed the new plans of the junta. On 2 May 2014, the state and deep state instruments of the Kiev regime launched two coordinated "counter-terrorist" murderous operations 1. against the "hostile population" in Odessa and 2. against the people's uprising of the Donbass.

The arson of the Odessa House of Trade Unions

At midday, young people from outside the city began to arrive in the centre of Odessa, at Greek Square, where the anti-Kiev junta protest movement had set up tents. In Ukraine, as in almost every capitalist country, circles of the oligarchy of capital make sure that they control (under their "gracious patronage"...) political personnel, the mainstream media, armies of "influential journalists" and football teams with their respective gangs of football fanatics. The latter are prime recruiting and mobilisation grounds of extreme right-wing, nationalist and fascist groups tied to deep state operations.

The fascist assault battalions were ordered to take part in this operation in civilian clothes. Many of them brandished weapons, not only crowbars, clubs, stun grenades, knives and so on, but also firearms. Some were drunk and/or under the influence of drugs. Under the slogans

“Glory to Ukraine”, “Death to the enemies” and “Slaughter the Russians (“Moskali”)", they began to attack an obviously unarmed small group of anti-fascist demonstrators who were demanding the federalisation of Ukraine and the legalisation of the Russian language.

The armed right-wing extremists (around 1,500) forced the unarmed demonstrators (less than 500) to take shelter inside the House of Trade Unions, while they burned and looted their tents and began to methodically set fire to the building with a barrage of firebombs, shooting anyone who tried to escape from the upper floors of the burning building, beating and publicly humiliating the bloodied & wounded victims who fell from the windows.

Shortly before the nazi attack, the police—who had initially tried to prevent the clash—were ordered to withdraw. As the multi-storey building burns, the survivors jump from the upper floors to save themselves,—while armed fascists are shooting at them for sport—, or take refuge on the roof. The fire brigade, prevented by the fascist arsonists from reaching the burning building, is delayed for over half an hour, and when it arrives the first fire engines have no water in the pumps and no ladders! All the survivors (including many women, minors and elderly people), covered in blood and with multiple burns and injuries, are lynched by the fascist mob, mercilessly beaten in front of the cameras, and finally the survivors (more than 130 demonstrators) are arrested by the “discreet” police to be charged with “premeditated murder”, incitement to arson (yes, they themselves are accused of being responsible for the arson that burned them alive) and treason (since they are considered “foreign agents and separatists”)!

From that moment on, the Euro-Atlantic axis that instrumentalises fascism, that burns alive and executes en masse those who resist (Slavyansk, Kramatorsk, Mariupol, Lugansk, Konstantinovka and elsewhere) has revealed its true form!

The protagonists of the massacre post photos and videos of their atrocities on the internet,

the desecration of charred corpses and looting with “nationalist pride”, interspersed with calls for “blood and honour”^[1], for beneficial ethnic cleansing, “Ukraine for Ukrainians”, “natural selection of the powerful” and hell for “foreign worms, beetles and reptiles”! The US and the EU provocatively announce that the criminal actions of their pet junta are justified as their “right and duty of self-defence”.

The “Western world” legitimises and gifts the “state monopoly on the use of force” to organisations and individuals who proudly claim to be the successors of the collaborators of the nazi occupation during WWII, the security battalions, Bandera and the “Galician” division of the Waffen-SS (formed in April 1943 on the personal orders of Himmler). The involvement of division “Galician” in large-scale genocidal extermination operations against guerrillas and civilians in Western Ukraine, Belarus and a number of European countries (Slovakia and Yugoslavia) was also condemned in the Nuremberg Trials.

These are not isolated incidents. They are coordinated strategic decisions by Washington, Brussels and their chosen ones in the Kiev junta. Moreover, the US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Victoria Nuland, stated with disarming cynicism: “Since Ukraine’s independence in 1991, the United States has supported Ukrainians as they build democratic skills and institutions, as they promote civic participation and good governance, all of which are preconditions for Ukraine to achieve its European aspirations. We’ve invested over \$5 billion to assist Ukraine in these and other goals that will ensure a secure, prosperous, and democratic Ukraine.”

The operation to crush the Donbass rebels

At the same time, on 2 May 2014, at 4:30 a.m., a large-scale military operation was launched by the forces loyal to the Kiev junta against the rebellious people in the South-Eastern part of the country. The operation is carried out with live fire, involving air, armoured, parachute, special forces and infantry

units.

On 11 May 2014, referendums were held in Donbass on the status of the Donetsk and Lugansk republics. 89.7% of voters in the Donetsk region and 96.2% in the Lugansk region voted for self-determination. On 12 May the sovereignty of the people's republics was declared, and on 14 and 18 May the constitutions of the DPR and the LPR were adopted.

The military operation against the popular uprising continued under the next junta president, Petro Poroshenko (who took power in May 2014). In the summer of that year, full-scale hostilities began in Donbass with the use of battle tanks, armoured vehicles and aircraft. It was led by armed nationalist battalions of Nazi murderers, including Azov, who committed a series of mass atrocities against civilians.

On 27 January 2015, the junta designates the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics as "terrorist organisations". On 18 January 2018, the junta president's powers of generalised use of the military against the people without accountability are strengthened, while the areas outside Kiev's control are called "temporarily occupied territories" and Russia is labelled an "aggressor/invader state".

Fighting the enemy with minimal means, the people's militias wrote some of the most brilliant pages of revolutionary history. With surprise asymmetric manoeuvres, they gained the strategic initiative, encircled the enemy and won proud victories, culminating in the Battle of Debaltsevo. The momentum of the armed rebels was halted under the pressure of the leadership of the Russian Federation, which prevented them from liberating Mariupol and the entirety of the territories of the Donbass region and dragged them into the Minsk Agreements 1 & 2, allowing the USA-NATO-EU axis to enormously strengthen and reinforce the armed forces of the Kiev junta.

A genocide unknown to the West

The armed conflict in Donbass lasted for eight years and bore the hallmarks of genocide.

According to UN figures (which clearly underestimate the scale of the losses), some 14,000 people on both sides, including 3,500 civilians, died in South-Eastern Ukraine during those years, while more than 30,000 were injured. Some 2 million people have been forced to flee their homes (including refugees and internally displaced persons). The war in Donbass has already resulted in millions of victims (dead, wounded, refugees) since 2015, a fact which has been suppressed by the controlled media.^[2]

During its recent visit to Donbass, the delegation of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform witnessed evidence of large-scale atrocities committed by the nazis of the Kiev junta and NATO, torture and murder of prisoners and civilians, of the use of populated areas as "human shields" for heavy weapons, the total destruction of infrastructure and cities, mass graves and endless cemeteries, ghost towns with all buildings destroyed, without water, electricity and sanitation, etc.

The people of Donbass continue to fight heroically after the launch of the "special military operation", paying a heavy price in blood for more than 10 years.

Imperialist propaganda and the reality of the coup

In mainstream propaganda there is a complete inversion of the meaning of words. The media speak of the Maidan "revolution". In reality, what happened on the night of 21-22 February 2014 was an armed coup methodically organised under the leadership and with the full economic, political, propagandistic and military cover of the imperialist Euro-Atlantic axis and carried out by its political puppets of the Kiev junta with the armed fascist assault battalions as their "vanguard" and strike force. This clearly marked the shift of the battlefield of the ongoing WWII to the heart of the former Soviet space.

In its content, this coup is at the same time an act of aggression, first of all against Russia—the most powerful remnant of the former USSR—against all

the peoples who are not completely subordinated to the USA, the EU and NATO, but also a preventive terrorist attack against those who question the monocacy of the Euro-Atlantic axis, against the upcoming liberation and revolutionary movements.

When did WWIII begin?

According to the current dominant narrative of the imperialist propaganda, the war in Ukraine started with Russia's "unprovoked attack" on "innocent and democratic Ukraine" because of the latter's Euro-Atlantic orientation...

Many people reasonably and more soberly believe that the war in Ukraine began with the above events of the armed imperialist coup in Kiev in 2014.

A more thorough and rounded approach reveals that WWIII begins with the end of the "Cold War", with the escalation of bourgeois counter-revolution and the restoration of capitalism in the USSR and the countries of early socialism in Europe, from the infamous "First Gulf War", the 1990-1991 imperialist armed campaign waged by a military coalition of 39 countries in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. It escalated into a series of civil wars in the region of the former USSR and the "Black October" of 1993 (armed repression of the uprising in the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation in Moscow with thousands of dead and missing), with the imperialist wars to break up Yugoslavia, with the "War on Terror" & the "2nd Gulf War", with the US-NATO-EU invasion of Afghanistan, with the "Arab Spring" operations etc. until the beginning of Russia's "Special Military Operation" on 24 February 2022, after having its ultimatums on the non-expansion of NATO and its military infrastructure to the East ignored (15 December 2021).

The class dimension of the conflict as a de facto manifestation of the Donbass uprising

Crisis and war bring deeper social contradictions to the surface. Historical experience has shown that after the prolonged turmoil of a major war,

class struggle, insurrection and civil war ("civil" revolutionary class war, as in the Paris Commune, the Russian revolutions of 1905 and 1917, after WWII, the anti-colonial struggle, etc.) come to the fore. However, as the example of Ukraine shows, the current crisis and WWIII, unlike the previous ones, activate the class element more directly, provoking armed insurrection and new forms of revolutionary civil war, not as an afterthought, but as an internal, intrinsic and direct component of a confrontation which, after Yugoslavia, has brought the active front of WWIII back to the heart of Europe, to Ukraine, with unique ferocity.

In summary, we can say that with the decay of imperialism the civil class war becomes an internal element of the transnational war, while the world war takes on increasingly, the distinct characteristics of a global class war.

Since 2014 two camps are clearly defined in Ukraine:

1. The one unleashed by the US-NATO-EU axis in a war instrumentalising the fascist Kiev junta against the insurgent people of Novorossiia and Donbass in particular is an integral part of the escalation of WWIII and of counter-revolution in the "post-Soviet space".

2. The armed uprising of the overwhelming majority of the people of Donbass, who were victorious and took power in the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics.

It is in Donbass that 75% of the industry on the territory of Ukraine (Soviet legacy) is concentrated: mining, metallurgy, machining, aerospace, rocketry, components of the military-industrial complex... Thanks to its location and mineral wealth, Donbass has been the main cradle of Russian industry since the 18th century. Soviet industrialisation, with the systematic use of the achievements of scientific and technological progress, made the region one of the most industrially developed parts of Europe in the 20th century. Thousands of workers of different ethnicities, and nationalities from all over the territory of the USSR flocked to Donbass to meet the needs of rapid socialist industrialisation. It is

here that the historical experience of the populous working class, the collectives of hundreds of thousands of workers in mining, heavy industry of various types and scales, and strategic technological processes has been concentrated for generations.

Industrial development is organically linked to the development of collectivised agricultural production in large-scale units of collective and state-owned land, with technical means of cultivation (“kolkhoz” and “sovkhoz”) on vast areas of extremely fertile “blackland”.

The rebelling people have realised through their anti-fascist struggle during these years that those who are subjecting them to genocide—the “regular Ukrainian army”, mercenary regiments and fascist assault battalions—are acting with the kind sponsorship and under the guidance of Euro-Atlantic imperialism and the local agents of the oligarchy of capital. The main force joining the militias are the industrial workers, especially the miners.

On the historical significance of the uprising and the role of the Russian bourgeoisie

Thus, we have the first armed people’s/workers’ uprising with a clear socialist and pro-Soviet orientation, directed against imperialism, fascism and the oligarchy of capital. This content is clear in the official founding documents of the People’s Republics.

The Declaration of Independence of the Donetsk People’s Republic (7 April 2014) reads in part: “The Republic shall ensure conditions for the free development and protection of constitutionally recognised forms of property, which exclude the appropriation of the results of foreign labour and consider collective forms of property to be of primary importance”.

According to the testimony of Boris Alexeyevich Litvinov^[3] (during the recent visit of a Platform’s delegation to Donbass), the Communists were the pioneers of the uprising and of its socialist orientation. However, they could not take a leading role in it, they could not prevent it from being

manipulated by the bourgeois forces both in Russia and in Donbass.

As F. Engels wrote: “Now, insurrection is an art quite as much as war or any other, and subject to certain rules of proceeding, which, when neglected, will produce the ruin of the party neglecting them. Those rules, logical deductions from the nature of the parties and the circumstances one has to deal with in such a case, are so plain and simple that the short experience of 1848 had made the Germans pretty well acquainted with them. Firstly, never play with insurrection unless you are fully prepared to face the consequences of your play. Insurrection is a calculus with very indefinite magnitudes, the value of which may change every day; the forces opposed to you have all the advantage of organization, discipline, and habitual authority: unless you bring strong odds against them you are defeated and ruined. Secondly, the insurrectionary career once entered upon, act with the greatest determination, and on the offensive. The defensive is the death of every armed rising; it is lost before it measures itself with its enemies. Surprise your antagonists while their forces are scattering, prepare new successes, however small, but daily; keep up the moral ascendancy which the first successful rising has given to you; rally those vacillating elements to your side which always follow the strongest impulse, and which always look out for the safer side; force your enemies to a retreat before they can collect their strength against you; in the words of Danton, the greatest master of revolutionary policy yet known, *de l’audace, de l’audace, encore de l’audace!*”^[4]

The Russian bourgeoisie then used its political, diplomatic and military influence, the apparatus and state bureaucracy of the “Party of Regions” (of Yanukovych) which was gravitating towards joining the ruling party “United Russia”, humanitarian aid to the starving population of Donbass, etc., to obstruct, manipulate and subvert the revolutionary spirit of this uprising.

They understood that the class and pro-Soviet characteristics of the uprising constituted a threat

to themselves and to the regime of their oligarchy of capital. This turn of events was facilitated by the absence of a consolidated communist party, which could consciously, ideologically and organisationally lead the spontaneous front of the forces of the uprising.

The Russian bourgeoisie forced the rebels into a “ceasefire” and a “truce” when it was clear that they had the initiative and were crushing the enemy, in September 2014, when the insurgent militias were advancing tirelessly to liberate Mariupol, and in February 2015, after the defeat of the most capable forces of the Kiev junta in the encirclement of Debaltsevo. Invoking the so-called “state of emergency”, it banned political parties (only the Communist Party was not dissolved) and allowed only “social organisations” to take part in elections. In 2016, it proceeded to withdraw the parliamentary status of 3 Communist deputies, two years after their election in the slate of the social organisation “Republic of Donetsk”, due to “loss of confidence”!

Since then, they have been delusional. They used double standards: they integrated Crimea into the Russian Federation, leaving the Donetsk and Lugansk regions exposed, despite their triumphant referendums (which they had also tried to prevent). They did not want to spoil their relations as comprador intermediaries in the sale of raw materials and energy to imperialism, which was their main field of parasitism. That is why they tried to create another “frozen conflict” like that of Transnistria in Moldova with the blatantly unfounded and unfeasible Minsk agreements.

They did everything they could to control and manipulate the rebels to serve their own interests, to nullify their revolutionary claims and conquests, to put their own people at the head of the political and military leadership, and so on.

This attitude, confirmed by the public opinions of the bourgeois politicians of the imperialist countries, enabled the US-led imperialist axis to over-equip and train the army of the Kiev junta to NATO standards, transforming it into the most

capable Axis army in Europe, the most combat-ready army of a protectorate country, formally not a NATO member, ready to completely annihilate the people of the rebellious Donbass in 2022.

The legacy of the uprising and the tasks of communists

In any case, every bourgeoisie seeks to protect and promote its own interests.

However, the question arises: what are the duties of the left, the progressives, the anti-imperialists and the communists in this context?

The communists, since the time of Marx, have always maintained a specific attitude whenever a revolutionary situation, an armed uprising, broke out (however undefined and vague the objectives, declarations and motives of the popular masses supporting it may have seemed).

They never adopted the attitude of “equal distances” against the two warring sides, of the highly resentful sceptic who expresses his dissatisfaction in every way, and criticises the “capricious people”, who dare and fight in a way that is not written in the textbooks, that does not conform to their “pure” idealised and beloved dogmas and schemes. The attitude of so-called “equal distances” is the one adopted since 2014 by the opportunist leadership of the KKE towards the Donbass uprising.

When the fateful question of “who (kills) whom?” is placed on the agenda, there is no room for “waiting in neutrality”. The latter is nothing but a hypocritical cover for the opportunists’ siding with the forces of aggressive imperialist reaction, counter-revolution and fascism.

The attitude of speculative and/or contemplative detachment when the blood of the rebellious people is being shed is not a characteristic of revolutionary forces, it is incompatible with elementary morality. In practice, this attitude is nothing but bourgeois (in its current fascist-like to overtly fascist version of neo-liberalism).

This attitude has nothing to do with the stance of Marx and Engels towards the revolutionary wave

that shook Europe in 1848-1849, or towards the Paris Commune of 1871, whose leadership, far from being Marxist-communist, was dominated by the confusion and illusions of the neo-Jacobins, Proudhonists and so on.

This opportunist stance has not the slightest connection with that of the revolutionaries/internationalists of the Third International during the Spanish conflict of 1936, when they rushed to give their lives by the tens of thousands in the international brigades, defending not a socialist proletarian revolution, but the result of bourgeois parliamentary elections, in favour of the Popular Front and against fascism.

It has nothing to do with the attitude of the Third International during WWII.

The tasks of the time demand the creative development of classical Marxism, the dialectical sublation of its acquis. However, this need in no way means that the precious experience of revolutionary internationalist struggles should be discarded, especially when it comes to an armed emancipatory uprising, a civil/class war with a clear anti-imperialist and anti-fascist content.

Any delay, any obstacle to the formation of this front de facto facilitates the victory of the fascist black front.

In conclusion

The anti-imperialist, anti-fascist uprising for national liberation in South-Eastern Ukraine is the first revolutionary act of the 21st century.^[5] It was an uprising with a clear socialist and class orientation. Despite the insurmountable internal contradictions and manipulations, despite the concessions they were and are forced to make for existential reasons, the Donbass rebels have written glorious pages in the history of the global anti-imperialist and revolutionary movement, a legacy for the victorious battles to come. Today, the armed forces of the rebels have been organically integrated into the army of the Russian Federation and continue to fight heroically against the USA-NATO-EU axis.

Therefore, international solidarity with this uprising and with its logical and historical continuation on the Ukrainian front of WWII is the duty of all internationalists, of all progressive humanity.

We in the World Anti-Imperialist Platform consider the heroic Donbass uprising, the 10th anniversary of which we commemorated with the visit of our delegation there, as a beacon showing the way to the next uprisings and victories of the forces of anti-imperialism and socialism.

[Notes]

[1] A German nazi political slogan (Blut und Ehre) used by the Hitler Youth and by several different neo-nazi organisations.

[2] Based on modest estimates by German intelligence sources, at the beginning of February 2015, the death toll alone was over 50,000. According to the rebels, it was well over 70,000.

[3] B. Litvinov was the leader of the Communist Party of the P.R.D., the author of the P.R.D.'s founding declaration of independence, its constitution and other basic official documents, the first chairman of the P.R.D. Council and the current secretary of the Donetsk organisation of the CPRF.

[4] F. Engels, "Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Germany" 1852

[5] Manifesto of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Ukraine

A new phase in this NATO—3rd world war

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PALESTINE / ARAB COUNTRIES / UKRAINE / KOREA / CHINA : 5 ANTI-NATO WAR FRONTS

World War III has begun. It was planned, launched, organized, financed, coordinated and armed by NATO, the main instrument of US imperialism. The NATO war is one war, which is taking place on 5 fronts: Ukraine-Donbas, Palestine, Arab Countries, Korea, China-Taiwan.

In response to the genocidal attack by the fascist state Israel in October 2023, a new—fifth—front is opened from Arab countries as Yemen.

Officially, Israel, Ukraine, South Korea and Taiwan are not part of NATO. In fact, however, these regimes are implementing NATO's unified policy. But, NATO is losing allies and losing the war.

Even it is losing the support of the people within the USA themselves.

The students of US universities, (even of elite universities) revolt against the Gaza genocide of Israel and demand from president Biden to stop his support of Israel and US capital to stop to invest in enterprises linked with the Israeli occupation policy. They refer to the mass struggle in 1968 in Vietnam, that forced the US to withdraw their occupation troops and leave the country. The “democrat” Biden has no other answer than repression. On April 30th the police attacked the campus of Columbia University, then peacefully occupied by students in tents, and arrested hundreds of students. The same happened in New York City College and the University of California Los Angeles, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the University of Texas.

Against this NATO war offensive, the anti-imperialist coalition, built around China, the DPR of Korea and Russia is gaining allies all over the world.

PALESTINE

In the aftermath of 2023, October 7, NATO defense ministers invited Israeli Defense Minister Yoaf Galant to a video conference. The terrorist and genocidal state of Israel is not officially a member of NATO. But Israel has the status of an “individual partnership” with NATO and even has an office at NATO headquarters in Brussels. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told the conference that “NATO condemns the terrorist attack (by Hamas), that Israel has the right to defend itself.” Several NATO countries have made it clear that they will support Israel in a practical way. This support consists mainly of the supply of American weapons to Israel. Planes operated by the Israeli airline ELAL commute between the United States and Israel and stop in Belgium. The trade unions CNE, UBT, Setca and Transco have called for no arms shipments to be allowed at Belgian airports. We see the same thing in the port of Antwerp. Ships belonging to the Israeli company ZIM, which has a military logistics contract with the Israeli government, pass through it weekly.

(Sources: NATO Alert No. 89 Q4 2023 and Vredesactie Nov 2023)

On 21 November, 150 students, researchers and staff mobilised at Ghent University (Belgium) to take a stand in the conflict between Israel and Hamas. They call for a boycott and an end to all collaborations with Israeli universities, companies and governments that support the genocide. In particular, consideration is given to whether the exchange of high-tech projects contributes to the development of weapons in Israel.

ARAB COUNTRIES

Since the start of the Israel genocide campaign against Gaza in October 2023, more and more the

Arab countries have taken position against US-imperialism and joined actively the anti-imperialist anti-NATO war alliance. This is a new phase in the anti-Nato war struggle.

YEMEN

In protest against Israel's genocide, Yemen's army has been blockading ships delivering equipment to Israel in the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait since December. This strait separates Djibouti and Eritrea, and ends in the Red Sea, towards the Suez Canal. This route is strategic for the transport of oil and gas. Ships have been captured and attacked by ships and drones, backed in technology by Iran. The government of Yemen (north) is called Ansar Allah (Supporters of God). It brings together several peoples, including the Houthi people.

This front has expanded through Yemen, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon.

The U.S. military has 57,000 troops in the region, but is losing one by one its allies there.

IRAQ

In protest of Israel's genocide in Gaza, a drone in Iraq wounded three U.S. servicemen at the U.S. military airbase in the city of Erbil on Dec. 25. A few hours later, the U.S. military attacked various cities in Iraq. The Iraqi government called the U.S. attacks "a hostile act that damages bilateral relations" and in which civilians were also injured.

JORDAN

On the weekend of January 27-28, a drone strike killed three U.S. service members in Jordan. President Joe Biden vowed to "respond to this attack."

LEBANON

Israeli airstrikes hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon on February 26, 2024.

The quiet conflict between Hezbollah on Lebanese territory and the Israeli army on the other side of the border since the aftermath of October 7 has gone beyond the border area.

On Tuesday, February 27, northern Israel was hit by the largest number of rockets ever fired from Lebanon since the start of the war—102 in the space of a day.

Since 7 October, 3,000 rockets have been fired into Israeli territory, as well as 620 anti-tank missiles.

Hezbollah has conditioned the cessation of its operations against Israel, in support of Hamas, on the cessation of hostilities in the Palestinian enclave.

UKRAINE

The NATO-Ukraine Council met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. NATO allies have already provided Ukraine with a wide range of air defense systems, and on January 10, they reaffirmed their determination to further strengthen Ukraine's defenses. Through NATO, allies are buying up to 1,000 Patriot air defense missiles to replenish their stockpiles while continuing to bolster Ukraine's air defenses. Germany has recently provided Ukraine with Patriot and Skynex air defense systems, as well as additional missiles for IRIS-T air defense, and the United Kingdom is sending about 200 air defense missiles to Ukraine. On 10 January, NATO allies made it clear that they would continue to provide Ukraine with major military, economic and humanitarian assistance, and many NATO allies presented plans to provide billions of euros in additional capabilities in 2024. The meeting took place at ambassadorial level and was convened at the request of Ukraine. Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg chaired the Council. The NATO ambassadors and invited Sweden were briefed via videoconference by Lieutenant General Mykola Oleshchuk, commander of the Ukrainian Air Force, and Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Oleksii Serhieiev. The NATO-Ukraine Council was established at the NATO summit in July 2023 and serves as a forum for consultation, decision-making and joint activities between NATO and Ukraine.

KOREA

NATO was founded on April 4, 1949. Since its inception, NATO has never been Nordic or Atlantic, but an instrument for the perpetual consolidation of the world colonial system and the global hegemony of US imperialism. NATO's first war began a year after its founding, in Korea. In 1950, seven NATO countries (including Belgium) invaded Korea under the flag of the United Nations. In that war, they killed 4 million Koreans. This war is still going on. There was an armistice in 1953, but never a peace agreement, the U.S. refused to sign one.

NATO and the Republic of Korea (South Korea) have been formally cooperating since 2005. Since 2012, cooperation between NATO and the Republic of Korea has continued under an individual partnership and cooperation programme. Currently, the cooperation is led by a tailor-made partnership programme agreed between NATO and the Republic of Korea in July 2023. In November 2022, the Republic of Korea established a diplomatic mission to NATO. Since 2021, the Republic of Korea has participated in NATO's annual cyber defense exercise, Locked Shields. It also cooperates with the Alliance at NATO's Centre of Excellence for Cooperative Cyber Defence in Tallinn, Estonia.

At the 2021 NATO Summit in Brussels, NATO Allies reaffirmed NATO-Korea's practical cooperation. This is confirmed in NATO's 2022 Strategic Concept, the Alliance's bottom-up policy document, which states that it wants to confront China and Russia. From 2010 to 2013, the Republic of Korea, as part of the NATO-led International Force in Afghanistan, led 470 military personnel in Parwan Province, to strengthen the provincial government's capacity in health, education, rural development, and governance. The Republic of Korea has also contributed \$319 million to the NATO-managed Afghan National Army (ANA) Trust Fund. In 2020, the Republic of Korea co-chaired the ANA Trust Fund.

Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has participated in the last two NATO summits. On August 18, 2023, the JAROKUS Pact between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea was announced at Camp David, USA. The pact provides for annual joint military exercises

by the U.S., Japan and Korea.

CHINA

In China, the National Liberation War, led by Mao Zedong, liberated mainland China from the occupation of Japanese imperialism on October 1, 1949, and began the socialist revolution and the transformation of the country into a socialist country. Chiang Kai Shek's Kuomintang, which has been backed by the U.S. since 1945, retreated to the island of Taiwan, along with the country's gold and dollar reserves and tens of thousands of troops. From 1950 to 1979, U.S. armies (in 1958 there were more than 9,000 U.S. troops) occupied Taiwan as a base for attacks on the Chinese mainland. In 2017, the "U.S. National Strategy" defined China as a "long-term strategic adversary." In 2019, the NATO summit in London declared that "the alliance must respond to the challenge of China as an alliance". The NATO 2030 report then formulated "the need to tackle the Chinese challenge". Those who follow football know that "tackles" often result in the opponent being carried off the field and eliminated from the game.

In practice, this was reflected in the visit of Nancy Pelosi, leader of the US House of Representatives, to Taiwan, where she expressed US support against China. This manifests itself in the supply of American weapons to Taiwan, a country that the US does not even officially recognize, and that no one recognizes. On Oct. 28, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen confirmed that U.S. military personnel are present in Taiwan and train Taiwanese military personnel there.

To achieve peace in the world, the Communist Party of Belgium appeals:

NATO out from Belgium!
Belgium out from NATO!
Dissolution of NATO!

‘Here we started our struggle against imperialism, against fascism’

Boris Litvinov | Donetsk Republican Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation

On behalf of the Donetsk People’s Republic and Lugansk People’s Republic too, I want to welcome all participants of the anti-fascist conference, which these days and often take place on many continents in many countries, and especially in the Republic of Korea. We are in the former Ukraine and now it is the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics. Here we started our struggle against imperialism, against fascism, which is backed by American imperialism and the Anglo-Saxon ideology of conquest, of subjugation of the whole world.

And what is happening now on the territory of Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporozhye, and Kherson regions, it is all a derivative, it is all what U.S. imperialism aims its tentacles at—the Russian Federation. It wants to subjugate the will of the people of Donbass, the former peoples of Ukraine, and to show that only one power in the world—U.S. power—dominates the whole world, and the metastasis of this struggle stretches to all sides of the world.

This applies today to Europe, which is doing America’s will. I am not talking about Ukraine, which has become a toy and a tool in the hands of American imperialism. Of course, it also concerns the countries of Southeast Asia, the Korean peninsula, Indochina and the whole Pacific region. Wherever the American boot or American imperialism comes, everywhere there is tension, everywhere the military situation dominates these regions. All this is being done to make American capital feel dominated in the world. I appeal today to all peoples, peoples of the whole world. In the Donetsk, in Lugansk, in Kherson, in Zaporozhye we do not want any war, we want to live in peace

with all peoples. We want to be friends. We want to trade, we want to socialize, to communicate, to have cultural exchanges, to engage in sports exchanges. This is our desire. For this purpose, we stood up 10 years ago against the fascist imperialist government that exists in Ukraine today. We have been fighting this ideology and the rulers of the Ukrainian state for 10 years.

We are not against the Ukrainian people. We are fighting the Ukrainian regime because this regime is doing the will of American imperialism. I want to emphasize once again that we want peace, we want friendship between peoples, we want our homeland—Russia, which we are now, would be a powerful independent state that would live in peace with the Korean people, with the Chinese people and even with the American people. I wish everyone happiness, the end of all military conflicts, and international friendship—this is our dream. The main thing is our hope; I am sure that the peoples of the world will understand us and follow us together. We have risen up against American imperialism. Let’s fight together.

‘Our only option is struggle and victory against imperialist criminals’

Miloš Karavezić | New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (Serbia)

Today, the humanity finds itself at the turning point in history. With the start of the WWIII, which began in February 2022 after the escalation of the war in Ukraine, the relative “peaceful” period of capitalist development has ended, and the era of open, military struggle between imperialism and anti-imperialist countries and movements began. The working class and the communist parties as its vanguard are the only forces who can use the given situation and turn the struggle against imperialism into the socialist revolution. In order to succeed, the communists and the working class as a whole need to act as conscious, historical subjects—they need to follow clear strategy and implement tactics based on the scientific analysis of the development and contradictions between imperialist and anti-imperialist forces, as well as within the imperialist camp itself.

Imperialism today and its contradictions

In order to successfully define and implement the anti-imperialist strategy, we must first understand the imperialist camp in its contemporary form, as well as to analyze its essence and the driving forces that determine its historical development. It must be noted that the development of imperialist camp is not an isolated process, rather it has been interconnected with its opposite, the socialist and anti-imperialist countries and movements.

The contemporary imperialism started to develop in its current shape after WWII. With the victory of early socialist countries over fascism, and the subsequent socialist and anti-colonial revolutions affecting dozens of countries all over the world, the weakened imperialist countries and their dependencies regrouped under the undisputed hegemony of the United States. Unlike the period before and during WWI, where the contradiction existed between the two imperialist alliances,

or the WWII where the struggle was fought between fascism and the USSR allied with “liberal-democratic” imperialist countries (USA, United Kingdom and France), the historical development of both the Cold War and the ongoing WW3 is shaped by the fight between imperialist and anti-imperialist camp. Following this logic, the WWI can be characterized as an inter-imperialist, the WWII as an antifascist, while the Cold War and particularly the WW3 is an anti-imperialist one. After the temporary fall of early socialist states in Eastern Europe, it seemed that the victory and subsequent hegemony of so-called “Western imperialism” is final. Some bourgeois ideologues, like Francis Fukuyama, even declared <the end of history>. At that time, during the 1990-s and early 2000-s, the imperialist camp, mostly through NATO interventions and coloured “revolutions”, was able to suppress majority of those who opposed its predatory politics—the examples of which being American invasion of Iraq (2003), the NATO intervention in Libya (2011) and NATO aggression on FR Yugoslavia (1999) and the subsequent counterrevolution in October 2000. Under the banner of “protection of human rights and democracy”, imperialists and their allies killed thousands of peoples and destroyed once prosperous and self-reliant economies, turning them into the perfect ground for extracting raw materials and cheap labour force.

However, the temporary victory of imperialist camp was a Pyrrhic one, since it led to the further sharpening of the contradictions which will ultimately lead to its demise.

The first contradiction is that between the labour and capital. Ever since the 1990-s, the regimes in so-called “Western democracies” are becoming more and more reactionary. The temporary fall of socialism in Eastern Europe,

as well as the subsequent deindustrialization of the ex-socialist countries led to the weakening of the labour movement. This in turn led to the gradual withdrawal of the rights workers have gained in previous decades, the dissolution of so-called “welfare states” as well as the destruction of “democratic” institutions and processes that were once established by the liberal bourgeoisie itself. We currently find ourselves at the end of this process—therefore, the young members of the working class are becoming more and more aware of the exploitative nature and inadequacy of capitalism. The “victory” of capital over labour at the end leads to the increased revolutionary potential, even in the countries of imperialist center.

The second contradiction is the one between the countries of imperialist center and the dependent countries of periphery. The exploitation of majority of underdeveloped countries fuels the imperialist machine. Contrary to the dogmatic views of bourgeois ideologues and propagandists, the aim of imperialist system is not to erase, but maintain and further deepen the inequality between the “First world” and “Third world” nations. With the sharpening of the capitalist crisis the economic, but also political and military pressure put on the populations of the dependent countries is increasing day by day. Since the big capital have already conquered all markets of the ex-socialist countries, as well as because of the resistance by the anti-imperialist nations, its space for further expansion is fairly limited. The imperialist desire to extract more and more superprofits from dependent nations reveals its monstrous nature more openly and clearly, which leads to the rise of anti-colonial and national liberation movements across the imperial periphery. With the success of anti-imperialist struggle in those countries—the examples of which being Venezuela, Bolivia and in more recent times Niger, the capitalist crisis further deepens. This in turn means the further loss of superprofits that the bourgeoisie of the imperialist center uses to bribe its own working class and ensure “peace at home”. Having this in mind, it is clear that the anti-colonial struggle for independence also benefits the working class and the revolutionary movement in countries like USA,

UK, France or Germany.

The third contradiction is the one between imperialism itself and the socialist, progressive and anti-imperialist capitalist nations (collectively referred to as “anti-imperialist camp”). This camp emerged after the victory over fascism and the subsequent socialist and anti-colonial revolutions around the world, which were supported by the USSR and other socialist nations. Nowadays, it consists of early-socialist countries like China, DPRK, Cuba, Vietnam and Laos; progressive nations who conducted or are currently waging the anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggle like Venezuela, Syria, Belarus, Palestine, Bolivia and Nicaragua and the capitalist countries whose bourgeoisie, due to dissatisfaction with their current position, opposes hegemony of the Western imperialism. The ongoing World War 3 is actually the war between the imperialist and anti-imperialist camp. At this moment, the open battles are waged in Ukraine between capitalist Russia and NATO, as well as in Gaza between Israel, the US puppet, and the people of Gaza supported by the countries like Iran and Syria. As the contradictions between imperialist and anti-imperialist camp are sharpening, there is an expectation that the new fronts will be open, primarily in South Korea and Taiwan, as well as in the Balkans region. It is worth mentioning that every victory of the anti-imperialist camp also benefits anti-imperialist movements in dependent countries. The example of Chinese initiatives in Africa shows that this socialist country tends reduce dependence from the West and in turn to develop necessary conditions for the successful anti-colonial and socialist revolutions through African continent. Similarly, the victory of Russia in Ukraine has a potential to improve the position of Easter European countries (like Serbia) by reducing their economic dependence of the West, but also to subvert military pressure imposed by NATO (for example, the victory of Russia in the Ukrainian war would be a step closer to the end of NATO occupation in Kosovo and Metohija).

The leading role and the tasks of communists in the struggle against imperialism

It must be stressed that the aforementioned

contradictions do not imply some kind of mechanical processes that are happening on their own, independent of or even against the will and action of real historical subjects. On contrary, every battle, on national or international level highly depends on the so-called “subjective factor”. Although the developments analysed above provide a framework of action, the outcome of every struggle can vary between the victory and the defeat of anti-imperialist forces. In order to conduct the effective struggle and to destroy the might of imperialism as soon as possible, we must examine the aforementioned subjects and define tactical approach to each of them.

In the struggle against imperialism, especially in the framework of WW3, there are several classes whose interests, at least at the current moment, are aligned with the weakening and/or complete destruction of the imperialist camp. As communists, it is our task to understand the interests of different classes and, according to this analysis, define our tactical approach. Since we are forced to create alliances, even temporary ones, we must foresee which allies, and under which conditions, will change their side and eventually align themselves with their former enemies (the imperialists).

Firstly, there are the capitalist classes of anti-imperialist countries. The bourgeoisie of these countries were able to, on a national level, create monopolies relatively independent from those of the imperialist camp. Their success is the result of the specific conditions their countries find themselves in, as well as the fact that capitalism, besides concentration of capital, also tends to create new monopolies in relatively young industries. The example of bourgeoisie in Russia shows that in some cases their independent position is also the result of the formations, economic and military infrastructure established during socialist period. The main interest of this type of bourgeoisie is not the complete destruction of imperialism, let alone the socialist revolution in their countries. The main reason why they oppose the imperialist camp is that they are not satisfied with their position within it. They would be willing to support imperialism, but not under current, unfavourable conditions. They

have no interest in bringing the fight to an end—rather, they are swilling to make concessions half way through. Therefore, the communists need to pay special attention when allying such forces—the task of the communists is to force them to conduct the struggle as far as the conditions allow and to foresee their eventual betrayal, in order to isolate them from the movement and ensure their defeat as well.

The second subject that has a prominent role in the struggle for or against imperialism are the wide stratum of petty bourgeoisie. This class is mostly disorganized and usually serves as a reserve to either their national bourgeoisie (imperialist or not) or the working class. On the one hand, since they cannot hope for the more privileged position under imperialist system, their main interest is complete defeat of imperialism and the establishment of independent, democratic governments. On the other hand, historically, they have proven themselves to be the biggest reserve of reactionary and fascist regimes, due benefits and concessions promised by the big capital. It is the task of communists to sway the petty bourgeois elements to their side and to use them as a reserve force in the struggle against imperialism, and later capitalism. Just like the Bolshevik Revolution was not possible without support, or at least non-opposition of the peasant class, so is with the contemporary struggle against imperialism, which cannot be victorious if reactionary/fascist/pro-imperialist movements have access to this vast petty bourgeois reserve. If the vanguard of the working class aims to “remain pure” and not to engage with other members of popular strata, its struggle is destined to fail.

The third and the most revolutionary subject is the working class itself. It is the only class which, due to the laws of development of production forces, has a complete interest not only in defeat of imperialism, but also overthrow of the power of bourgeoisie and establishing socialism, and later communism. The main task of the working class is to transfer the struggle against imperialism into the socialist revolution. For communists, as the working class vanguard, it is important to guide the workers into the leading force of anti-imperialist struggle. Only with the working class at the

forefront can the struggle be successful and brought to its end. If the communists, and consequently the working class, are trailing on the tail of the movement, if they let bourgeoisie to take primacy in the struggle, the struggle will inevitably fail. On the other hand, if the workers manage to mobilise the vast reserves of petty bourgeoisie, as well as to use temporary alliance with anti-imperialist bourgeoisie to their own benefit, they will be able to navigate through different stages of revolution, from anti-imperialist struggle for independence to the socialist revolution.

The specific tasks of anti-imperialist forces in different countries

While the strategic goals of anti-imperialists remain the same through all over the world (the defeat of the imperialist camp led by the United States), tactical approach can vary from country to country, depending on specific objective and subjective conditions.

In the countries of imperialist centre, such as those of Western Europe and North America, the main tactical goal of anti-imperialist forces is the defeat of their own nations in battles of WW3. The relations and contradictions mentioned above prove that the working class of one country cannot be free as long as it oppresses another nation. Every defeat that makes the extraction of superprofits harder to the bourgeois class is one step closer to the defeat of given bourgeoisie.

In the countries that are dependent on imperialism, the main goal is the struggle for independence and expulsion of foreign troops and capital. The anti-imperialist forces, and especially the communists, must create broad popular fronts, which will, depending on conditions, comprise working class in their forefront, petty bourgeois elements, but also some layers of bourgeoisie who also suffer under the imperialist yoke. South Korea can be used as an example—the main objective of Korean anti-imperialist forces is the national liberation, withdrawal of the US troops from Korean peninsula and the establishment of a democratic government. Similarly, the main objective for the anti-imperialist and communist forces in Serbia is to end the

occupation of Kosovo and Metohija, as well as to establish the government that will abandon so-called “EU integration” and cooperation with NATO.

While the main goal of anti-imperialist forces in imperialist countries is to ensure defeat, the main goal of such forces in anti-imperialist countries is to ensure unconditional and total victory. In the case of socialist countries this task is fairly clear, but in the case of capitalist countries like Russia, the task is little more complicated. The working class of such countries must prevent the bourgeoisie from making concessions and agreements with the enemy. At the same time, they need to strengthen the working class and to prepare for the inevitable moment of betrayal by the capitalist class. When such moment approaches, the task of the working class is to overthrow capitalists and establish democratic or socialist government.

Conclusion

The battles of WW3 still lie ahead of us. The struggle against imperialism is currently waged on the battlefields, but also in the theoretical domain against bourgeois theories and propaganda, as well as opportunistic elements inside our movement. Both of these struggles, theoretical and practical one, are not easy. We are aware, though, that our only option is struggle and victory against imperialist criminals—if we give up the fight, we are giving up our future and even our lives.

In order to gather, organize and properly direct the anti-imperialist forces, the World Anti-Imperialist Platform is formed. During year and a half of its existence, it proved itself as one of the few initiatives that has real potential to threaten the hegemony of the USA, as well as to develop theoretical basis that can answer the needs of the contemporary movement. We, the communist and anti-imperialist forces must continue to organize ourselves, to coordinate our struggle and to further engage in theoretical, scientific discussion which is based not on the wish to describe the world, but on the need to make real and practical changes, the ones that will lead to the victory against imperialism, as well as capitalism.

War Crisis between Taiwan and mainland China

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The Democratic Progressive Party, the ruling power of Taiwan, is so absolutely obedient to the US that it is not enough to describe it as pro-US power. Thus, so-called Cross-Strait relations between Taiwan and mainland China are decided by the relations between China and the US. Lai Ching-Te government, scheduled to be inaugurated on this May 20, belongs to the hard-liners among Taiwan's secessionist forces. He will take a strong stand against the Chinese mainland, so cross-strait tensions are expected to escalate. However, the general opinion is that he will not go outside the frame of the strategy towards China that the US set up. The US is worried that Lai Ching-Te may do something unexpected. After he was elected, the US sent envoys twice exceptionally and repeatedly asked him not to do so.

Is the Taiwan Strait on the brink of war?

To say Yes or No to answer this question, is to fall into a trap.

The Western world including the US, is emphasizing the potential war crisis in the Cross-Strait.

Philip Davidson, the former Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command said mainland China is going to attack Taiwan in 2027, a specified year. This prediction is spreading widely around the world. Many so-called experts are responding to it.

However, it is not true at all. The logic of their scenario is simple, ie., China is a bad guy, so if it becomes stronger, it will invade Taiwan. In 2027, the military power between the US and mainland China will be reversed in East Asia surrounding the Cross-Strait, and the Chinese mainland will have the ability to invade Taiwan. Xi Jinping needs to do something great to serve consecutive terms after his term which expires in 2027. That will be precisely

reunification with Taiwan through force. There are two objectives of propagating this unreasonable and illogical line. One is demonizing China, and the other is invading China by binding, arming and strengthening the East Asian countries including Japan, South Korea, etc., and even Australia by asserting 'China Threat Theory'.

The risk of war does exist in East Asia, including the Cross-Strait. However, it is different from the scenario they insist on. Because mainland China and Taiwan are one China, it is an issue of reunification, not an issue of expanding one's territory or invading another territory. The Chinese Mainland keeps to the principle of peaceful reunification. It is needed to avoid the reunification through force as far as is possible, since it could cause great pain for the Taiwanese. Additionally, it will take a long time to heal the pain and political anxiety is bound to be stirred in that time, so it should be avoided.

Since the biggest obstacle for the reunification issue comes from US intervention, if such an intervention can be avoided, reunification will obviously proceed smoothly. It is only a matter of time the difference in national power between China and the US is reversed, and it may safely be said that the military power of China in East Asia has already equaled or surpassed that of the US. Therefore, China does not need to hurry. It has no reason at all to carry out the reunification through force in the next few years.

It does not mean that there is no risk of war in Taiwan Strait, though, because the US can start an invasion war against China. This is the most likely war scenario.

The US has neither the ability nor the courage

to go head-to-head with China in the waters off China. The time when the Western countries could invade China at will with bringing a few cannons from the foreign land far away like the Opium War during the Qing Dynasty period, over a hundred years ago, is over. Furthermore, the Taiwan issue is a matter of protecting the sovereignty for China, but for the US, it is just a matter of interests. China will risk life-or-death to defend its sovereignty, but the US will not. They will give up if they decide that it is not worth the candle. They have no reason to pay a high price for fighting with China.

However, as the Russia-Ukraine War, the US is likely to provoke war by using its instruments, the main ones being Taiwan and Japan (Okinawa). Other than that there are South Korea and Australia, etc. The US will bind their puppets as much as they can. The scenario is similar to that mentioned above, too. That is inducing a preemptive attack from China. This task will be assigned to the Democratic Progressive Party, the ruling power of Taiwan, that is obedient to the US.

As mentioned before, China's principle is peaceful reunification. However, this does not apply to special situations. What the special situations include are well stipulated in the 'Anti-secession Law'. It pursues Cross-Strait reunification, but in special circumstances, it also specifies reunifying the country through non-peaceful means. Therefore, if the US wants to induce the preemptive strike from China through Taiwan, Taiwan needs to only deliberately violate the 'Anti-secession Law'. Article 8 of the 'Anti-secession Law' stipulates this. In the event that the 'Taiwan independence' secessionist forces should act under any name or by any means to cause the fact of Taiwan's secession from China, or that major incidents entailing Taiwan's secession from China should occur, or that possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted, the state shall employ non-peaceful means and other necessary measures to

protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This provision can be briefly summarized as follows. 'The three conditions for using non-peaceful means' are first, Taiwan's de facto independence, second, significant incidents should occur in Taiwan and lead to its independence, and third, possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted.

Regarding the first condition, what is a more clear case is Taiwan declares independence, but if Taiwan amends the territorial provisions of the constitution and limits its territory to Taiwan (the current territorial provisions include Taiwan and the entire Chinese mainland), this would also constitute de facto independence. Not only this, but recently the US has repeatedly mentioned UN Resolution 2758 (passed in 1971), and by explaining the Resolution in a distorted way, it denies the One-China principle that it previously accepted. Denying the One-China principle can also be seen as advancing Taiwan's de facto independence.

Concerning the second condition, this includes foreign interventions. These days, the US has been sending their soldiers and training Taiwanese soldiers for urban warfare, and it is a situation that could be interpreted as intervention by foreign troops.

In conclusion, as the US continues to test China's red lines, the risk of a military crisis in the Taiwan Strait is bound to be always present. If the US decides to start a war and make Taiwan to cross the red line, then the war is inevitable. It may outwardly appear that China launched a preemptive attack. In this regard, the US will mobilize its gangs and proclaim that China started an invasion war.

There is certainly a heightened warlike atmosphere in the Taiwan Strait or East Asia, but this is not caused by China, but by the US imperialism.

Our task now is to detect and destroy the intentions of the US. Now, according to the

demands of the US, Japan (Okinawa) and South Korea, etc. are increasing military spending on the premise of the 'China Threat Theory'. This is not an act of protecting regional safety, but an act of preparing and provoking war with China.

If it really wishes for regional safety and Taiwan's safety, it must support peaceful Cross-Strait reunification. They are one China. Excluding foreign interventions, they can resolve safety issues peacefully and, by extension, achieve reunification.

The US and their stooges continuing to support Taiwan's de facto independence by strengthening the military forces does not make Taiwan peaceful, but rather risky. Because the 'Taiwan independence' forces will more provoke mainland China on the strength of foreign forces, the risk of war will drastically increase. The US and their stooges will have to think carefully. If they support the secession of Taiwan through war, from China's perspective, this is clearly a challenge to China's sovereignty, so China will regard it as an invasion war against itself. Are they capable of engaging in such a war? They will need to think through whether they can go through the invasion war in spite of huge damage and the people's opposition.

War in Gaza and the risk of World War

- II. Palestine Issue

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1. Why is Israel a treasure of the USA?

Israel is giving a pretext for the West to interfere in the Middle East by causing conflict between Christianity and Islam in the Middle East. In other words, the West played a guard game in the center of the Middle East to block the establishment of the Islamic Empire.

The Jews were discriminated against in Europe, but with their status improving with the development of commerce and industry, the Jewish issue drew attention. Napoleon proposed, in 1799, the creation of a state for Jews in Palestine. The Dreyfus Affair that occurred in France in 1894 made Jews aspire to build a utopia. Jewish author Theodor Herzl, born in Austria, hosted the 1st World Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897 under the banner of building a Jewish state in Palestine.

Queen Victoria and the US president Woodrow Wilson also supported Zionism. At the end of the Ottoman Empire, of the 500 thousand Palestine population, Jews were only 20 thousand. The first Aliyah (returning to Canaan) started as the minority of Jewish Russians naturalized to Israel, when pogroms (Jewish persecution) occurred in Russian Empire.

Churchill, who occupied the Middle East during WWI, divided southern Syria based on Jordan, and the western part is today's Palestine. However, the UK promised to bring it back to the Arabs through the McMahon declaration in 1915. At the same time, it promised to allow Jews to construct a state in the region through the 1917 Balfour declaration.

According to the 1922 population research in the Palestine region, the Jews were 80 thousand and

this number was only 1/7 of the Muslim population, but their immigration gradually increased. Arab uprisings occurred frequently in this area, until the liberation from UK occupation after WWII. To suppress them, the UK organized and armed more than 20,000 Jews in a defense organization called Haganah. It led to military conflicts between Arabs and Jews.

In 1947, the UN divided the region into an Arab zone, middle zone and Jewish zone, but the Arabs protested. After the UN decision, Jews around the world swarmed in the Palestine region to build a community based on Zionism. After the Holocaust became known to the world, anti-semitism was weakened, and Jews actively took advantage of this in the process of establishing the state of Israel.

According to the establishment of Israel and subsequent Palestine issue, in 1948, the war occurred between Israel and the 5 Arab country alliance force: Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, etc. The US did not actively support Israel in the early stages of the war, because it regarded Jewish settlements as similar to Soviet ones. Rather the USSR supplied weapons to Israel through Czech with the expectations to make Israel an anti-UK state. Israel had a tough game at the beginning, but as the US changed its position during Sweden's mediation, and supplied weapons to Israel—the tide has turned.

In 1956, the second Middle East war began as Israel occupied Suez Canal in Egypt, which was abetted by the UK and France who wanted to rule the Canal. In exchange for it, Israel got nuclear weapon technology from France. It was followed by the UK and France invasion of Egypt, while the US

moderated by taking Egypt's side. After the Suez War, the UK and France were subordinated to the US diplomatically. In 1979, ownership of Egypt on the Suez Canal was established by Israel and Egypt normalizing diplomacy.

On June 8, 1967, during the Third Middle East War, the intelligence gathering ship, *Liberty*, a part of the US Navy's Sixth Fleet, sank in high seas off the coast of Egypt, after being bombed and torpedoed by Israeli fighter jets for more than an hour, and 34 killed and 172 injured. The aircraft carriers *Saratoga* and *America*, a 10-minute away by flight, were about to launch retaliatory strikes against Israeli planes and ships, but President Johnson ordered them to stop. According to a secret report of the CIA revealed in 1977, the Israeli defense minister Dayan gave the order to sink the *Liberty* despite the opposition of other generals. The pilot of a combat plane who refused to attack it because he knew it was the US craft, was detained for disobeying.

This incident showed how important the US considers Israel. The US did not want a war against its friendly nation, Israel. Furthermore, the US was planning to remove the prohibition of exporting weapons to Israel, so the US government did not want the arms export to fall apart. During president Carter's term, Israel agreed with the US to pay 6 million dollars in compensation to the bereaved families.

In 1973, the Fourth Middle East War began as Egyptian president Sadat formed an allied force with Arab countries including Syria, and invaded the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights occupied by Israel. Israel was losing at the beginning, but the table turned as the US helped besieged Israel. The USSR supported Egypt. The US operated more than 5 thousand air transportation operations to save Israel. As the Israeli army attempted to occupy the Suez Canal, the US and the USSR faced with direct risk of war. The US and USSR, concerned about

an all-out war, implemented an arbitration plan through UN, the war was halted.

2. Palestine Issue

Palestine consists of West bank and Gaza strip. In 1848, right after the Israeli War of Independence, the Palestine government was established by Arab league. However, when the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel merged West bank and Gaza strip. In 1988, Yasser Arafat from the Palestine liberation organization (PLO), declared establishment of Palestine in Algiers. Within the PLO, there are several political parties and organizations including FATAH (Palestinian National Liberation Movement) led by Arafat, and Hamas, etc. After Arafat, Hamas became the majority in the PLO.

According to Oslo Accords in 1993, Israel and the PLO made an agreement on establishing Palestine within 5 years. Additional transition negotiations could not proceed due to the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by extreme ultra-right wings in 1995 and Hamas's suicide bombing attack in 1996. In 1996, Benjamin Netanyahu was elected as Prime Minister in general election, and he signed the peace treaty, in turn, he resigned due to it. In 2009, Netanyahu returned as Prime Minister and refused to implement peace agreement in fact.

On November 29, 2012, the United Nations General Assembly voted and passed a resolution to upgrade the status of Palestine from an observer 'entity' (without voting rights) to an observer 'state'. On April 19, 2024, a resolution was submitted to the Security Council recommending formal membership for Palestine, which was granted 'observer state' status, by Algeria at UN, and 12 of 15 member states, including Japan, supported it, but the UK and Switzerland abstained, and the US vetoed. Therefore, the resolution was rejected. The US defines not only Hezbollah but also Hamas as terrorist organizations and imposes sanctions on

them. The US is only formally supporting the two-state solution decided by the UN. Israel has opposed to the two-state solution since its dominance was secured. Unless there is a change in US attitude, there is no chance for Israel to recognize Palestine as a state.

Palestine is currently recognized by 136 UN member states. Palestine has adopted dual executive system, in which a president exists alongside a prime minister. In the 2005 presidential elections, Fatah won a landslide victory with 67% of the vote. However, in the 2006 general election, Hamas won 44% of the vote, defeating Fatah by 3%, and especially they won an overwhelming victory in Gaza strip.

Fatah is a moderate that favors the two-state solution and a secularist party that demands the separation of religion and state. On the other hand, Hamas is a Sunni Islamist and nationalist party, as well as a paramilitary organization. Hamas opposes the two-state solution, seeks to oust Israel, and advocates for the unity of religion and state as an Islamic state. Hamas was founded in 1987 and got public support for its armed struggle against Israel. However, the PLO and Israel declared the 2006 general election null and void, and the State of Palestine was divided into the West bank ruled by Fatah and the Gaza Strip ruled by Hamas. Following the division, Israel removed settlements from Gaza Strip and built a wall to seal it off. Armed conflict has been ongoing since then.

3. Background of the Gaza War and the Possibility of the Fifth Middle East War

More than 500 Hamas commandos neutralized Israel's wall by air infiltration and transferred 220 hostages to Gaza. Israel's official death toll from Hamas attacks is 1,200, mostly civilians. Hamas hurt Israel's pride by inflicting the biggest damage ever. Hamas has 20,000 standing forces and 20,000 reserve force. Israel has mobilized 350,000 including

reserve forces. As of the end of January 2024, more than 28,000 Palestinians have been killed since the beginning of the war, and 219 Israeli soldiers have been killed. In the Fourth Middle East War, 2,600 Israel soldiers were killed.

The source of the war in Gaza is US strategy of dominating the Middle East and Israel that is a parasite on the US. On the other hand, the phenomenal background is the resistance to Israel's complete siege on the Gaza Strip, the challenge to the US-Israel-Fatah dominant order, Hamas's improved status, and the exchange of hostages for the 5,500 Palestinian political prisoners (including 113 child prisoners) in Israeli jails.

Through the US-led Abraham Accords of 2020, Israel signed agreements to normalize diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain, and is pursuing similar agreements with Saudi Arabia. If Israel normalize the relations with Middle Eastern countries, Iran and Hamas will be further isolated diplomatically, so it is needed to rebuild the anti-Israel front in the Middle East. The US is unable to take a hard line because of the war in Ukraine, and there is also some expectation of lateral support from Russia and China, which are confronting the US.

The reason why the war expanded is the fascist, Zionist Netanyahu regime, the incumbent government of Israel, is playing hardball for internal unity as it faces the prospect of losing office in the wake of the largest anti-government protests in its history by repressing the judiciary. Of the 120 seats in Israel's parliament, Netanyahu's party took only 32, so they formed coalition government with an ultra-right party.

Public opinion in Israel supported punishing Hamas at first, but as the release of the hostages was delayed, damage to the Palestinian side increased, and blame from international society was intensified, as the result, they are condemning the government's responsibility and demanding

an end to war. The Israeli government needs to maintain the war to stay in power, but it is waging a moderate-intensity war due to domestic and international public opinion and the opposition of the US, which wants to focus on the war in Ukraine and competition with China.

Israel's goal is not to retaliate, but to annihilate Hamas. The rules of engagement were relaxed so that when enemy soldiers and civilians are mixed, the civilians can be treated as enemies and attacked. Hamas is the democratically elected ruling power in Gaza, and is based on Islamic fundamentalism and anti-Israel sentiment, so eradicating Hamas is an unrealizable goal for Israel. The far right wants to attack Rafah which is the last Hamas stronghold in Gaza.

The expansion of the war can be viewed by dividing into the West Bank, Lebanon, Iran, and other Middle Eastern countries. The Gaza War began as a war between Hamas, a non-state actor, and Israel, which escalated into a war between Lebanon's Hezbollah, also a non-state actor, and Israel. Hezbollah has military capabilities that surpass those of the Lebanese regular army and holds 11 of the 30 seats in parliament.

According to the New York Times, Iran has used 185 drones, 36 cruise missiles, and 110 surface-to-surface missiles to attack Israel. Iran has 3,000 ballistic missiles, with a range of more than 2,000 kilometers, and can reach the entire Middle East. Iran provides drones and missiles to pro-Iranian militants, and has legal trade in missile parts and technology with Russia and China. As Iran and Israel have attacked each other's homelands, the Middle East has escalated from a shadow war, a proxy war, to an inter-state war, but neither side is willing to expand it.

Iran has no intention of going to war with Israel right now because it wants to escape economic sanctions and has a long-term goal of developing a nuclear weapon. Instead, it will continue to wage

proxy wars against Israel through pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen. If Iran closes the Strait of Hormuz, either directly or through militants in Yemen, to increase pressure on the West, oil prices are expected to spike.

Palestinians in the West Bank have gone on strike several times since the war broke out in Gaza. With the general strike on April 21, shops, banks, and schools in the West Bank were shut down and public transportation was halted. The Israeli government promised to return occupied West Bank land and withdraw Israeli troops under the 1993 Oslo Accords, but has not withdrawn its forces since, citing 'the protection of Israeli settlers'. Since the mid-2000s, it has illegally expanded its territory by building an 8-meter-high concrete separation barrier between settlements. The construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is a violation of international law, and the UN Security Council adopted a resolution in 2016 calling on Israel to suspend settlement construction. Netanyahu expanded settlements, and the Jewish population in the West Bank exceeded 500,000. The Palestinian population in the West Bank is 2.7 million. Far-right members of the cabinet, including Israeli Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir, are inciting violence by arming Jewish settlers, arguing that Palestinians should be expelled from the West Bank.

Since many of the Israeli hostages have dual citizenship, so both people are the parties involved the Gaza war. Both countries want the Gaza war to stop because they are tired of the coronavirus and the war in Ukraine. The West wants to deal a blow to Russia by focusing on the war in Ukraine.

Egypt and Syria are the main players in the current Fourth Middle East War. However, Egypt has formal diplomatic relations with Israel, having signed a peace treaty in 1979. Both Hamas and Hezbollah are labeled terrorist organizations, so it is difficult to support them. Syria is unable to wage

war against Israel due to its long civil war. Islamic countries in the Middle East are reluctant to go to war, but could take a hard line against Israel if anti-government protests escalate against them. Therefore, Middle Eastern countries are working with the United States to stop the war to avoid being caught in an awkward situation.

4. The Gaza War and the Risk of World War

A world war is a war between blocs of allies. The United States is strengthening its military alliances, such as NATO in Europe and Quad in Asia, and combining them. On the other hand, Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, etc. are sympathizing with one another and expanding their cooperation, but they are only low-level US fronts and have not reached the level of alliances. In addition, global war requires multiple regional fronts, which are already underway in Ukraine and Gaza, and military tensions are rising in Taiwan and the Korean Peninsula. According to US operational plans, military exercises near enemy countries such as Taiwan and North Korea are low-intensity warfare. Economic sanctions and blockades are also low-intensity warfare.

The United States is fighting a proxy war with Russia in Ukraine, an economic war with China, North Korea, and Iran, and a low-intensity war on Taiwan. The war in Gaza is also a proxy war between Islamic forces and Christian forces centered on the US. In this respect, the world has already entered a low-intensity global war, and there is a risk of World War III if the cold war turns into a hot war in Taiwan and the Korean Peninsula. However, given the existence of nuclear weapons and the interdependence of the world system, the likelihood of a full-scale hot war between the United States, China, and Russia is low. Even if an all-out war between the US and China, and Russia is unlikely, the chances of a hot war in the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan are higher than ever.

The likelihood of an all-out war on the US mainland is not even comparable to the likelihood of an all-out war on the Korean Peninsula. In terms of controlling even a one percent chance of war, a military confrontation on the Korean Peninsula carries a very high risk of war.

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It is an outline of his speech at the panel discussion in session 3.

1. Has World War III begun?

1) The war in Ukraine shows that in the age of nuclear weapons, a world war without the use of nuclear weapons is quite possible. In other words, a world war in the age of nuclear weapons can be a war of attrition, not only a war of annihilation. The imperialist alliance of NATO in Europe, Israel in the Middle East, Korea, Japan, and Australia in Asia, with the United States as the centerpiece, is virtually complete, evident by the USA-Japan-ROK alliance, the AUKUS, and the QUAD. Against this, North Korea, China, Russia, and Iran are forming a counter-alliance centered on the North-Russia and North-China alliances.

2) Hot wars have begun in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, and low-intensity wars are underway in Taiwan and the Korean Peninsula. The USA and Russia are fighting a proxy hot war in Ukraine, not a Cold War. Russia is conducting tactical nuclear launch drills in response to NATO intervention. The USA and China are engaged in economic warfare and low-intensity warfare in Taiwan and the South China Sea. Operational Plan 5030 is a low-intensity war plan that creates a war situation from time to time to deplete the enemy's resources. Large-scale military drills without advance notice also induce a total response posture, including aggressive acts that provoke war, such as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident in Vietnam, the Pueblo Incident, the EC-121 shootdown incident, the failed shooting

down of the SR-71 high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft, and the violation of North Korean airspace by stealth aircraft F-117 and F-22.

3) As Joti Brar points out, World War II began long before Germany's annexation of Austria, occupation of the Czech Republic, and partition of Poland in 1938, with the Spanish Civil War in 1936 and the Japanese occupation of Manchuria in 1931. When World War III entered full swing with the outbreak of hot wars in Taiwan, the South China Sea, and the Korean Peninsula, history would likely mark its beginning as the war in Ukraine.

2. Cold War or Hot War?

The current situation is much graver than the Cold War between the USA and USSR since a hot war started in Eastern Europe and has spread to the Middle East, and a low-intensity war is now ongoing in Northeast Asia. The USA and Russia are fighting a hot war. The war in Ukraine is destroying the US-China-Russia global division of labor. During the Cold War, the USA and the USSR never fought a war on each other's borders. In the Middle East, the US proxy regimes and anti-US Islamic factions are at a hot war. The USA and China haven't concluded their economic warfare and are engaged in a military confrontation, i.e., low-intensity war, over Taiwan and the South China Sea.

On the Korean Peninsula, large-scale invasion drills by South Korea, the USA, and Japan have raised the risk of conventional war. In response, North Korea has launched a large number of missile tests of various advanced strategic and tactical nuclear missiles aimed at South Korea, the USA, and Japan. North Korea has simulated strikes on the US mainland, Guam and Hawaii, US military bases in Japan, and Yongsan, Gyeryongdae in South Korea. The USA and South Korea have been practicing retaliatory strikes against these launches to strike the launch sites immediately.

‘To prevent war, not just “peaceful” demonstrations, but to get arms and fight, just like the valiant rioters of Gwangju did.’

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Dear Comrades,

On the 44th anniversary of the armed uprising of the heroic Gwangju working people, youth and its valiant revolutionary vanguard against the fascist Chun Doo-hwan government, we would like to express our great pride in being among you.

With the armed uprising against fascism, the heroic working people of Gwangju showed the working class and oppressed peoples of the world the true path of liberation against fascism, imperialism and capitalism.

Dear Comrades,

The rapidly passing through world history is entering a new phase. Events that will affect the whole world, the whole of humanity, are happening so many and so fast that it is almost impossible to keep up with this speed.

Wars, uprisings, revolts, and great revolutionary mass actions have spread all over the world and continue unabated. The imperialists, who have brought humanity to the brink of a devastating war, are in reality no longer comfortable and sovereign anywhere.

There are no longer only wars in the world caused by the imperialists and their collaborator capitalists. Along with these wars, there were also revolts and uprisings, revolutions and revolution attempts against the imperialists, collaborating capitalists and fascism.

Two poles, two different worlds on the earth are at war. On one side are the imperialists, the collaborating capitalists and the fascists they feed; on the other side are the world working class, the toiling peoples, the oppressed poor masses and revolutionary democratic forces.

This is the war between labour and capital,

between the imperialist-capitalist system and socialism. This is a global civil war.

This global civil war, that is, the worldwide war of labour against capital, appears in various forms. The war launched by the imperialist states to make sure that they completely get rid of the spectre of socialism by dismembering and pulverizing Russia is a phenomenon of this global civil war. The genocidal war waged by Zionist Israel in the Palestinian territories is another example. The war in East Asia, including South Korea, against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the People’s Republic of China, which they are provoking and preparing for, will be another field of this global civil war.

In order to prevent the destruction of the imperialist capitalist system and the capitalist mode of production, the imperialist states are taking the war everywhere. Latin America and Africa are other areas of imperialist aggression. We know that they resorted to the most despicable methods to destroy Cuba, which we can call the Commune of the century, Cuban socialism. The whole world knows and sees what efforts they are making to bring their puppets to power in Venezuela, which has a popular democratic government. Likewise, we know that they put great pressure on Nicaragua, which is trying to advance on the path of socialism, and they are plotting conspiracies and coups against other states that refuse to submit to them.

However, all this does not mean that the imperialist states have the power to do whatever they want. Just the opposite! The imperialist states and the imperialist capitalist system as a whole are experiencing the weakest period in its history, the period closest to destruction.

The concrete proof of this is the huge blows suffered in recent months by the imperialist states, especially by Zionist Israel, which the US-British duo uses as an outpost and a spearhead in the Middle East region.

Dear Comrades

As we all know, the Middle East region is one of the regions that the imperialists attach special importance to. They value it not only because of its rich oil deposits but also for reasons such as inter-geographical transportation, world trade and its military importance due to its geographical location.

The first thing that comes to mind when the Middle East is mentioned is the Palestinian revolution and the Palestinian people's war against the Zionist-occupying Israeli state. Another important and revolutionary war in the Middle East is being fought in Kurdistan. The struggle for the freedom of the Palestinian Arab people and the Kurdish nation are the two main sources of revolutionary flames in the Middle East. On October 7, 2023, the blow struck by the Palestinian revolutionary forces against Zionist Israel and the war that grew with it put the Palestinian revolution once again at the top of the world agenda.

Zionist Israel, as an artificial state established on Palestinian lands in 1948 as a result of the massacres and displacement of the Palestinian people (Nakba), which has no *raison d'être* and no rights, serves as a dagger thrust by the imperialist states into the Middle East.

In the UN, along with struggling for the removal of the British imperialists from Palestine, the USSR also pushed for the non-partition and sought to ensure a territorially-integral bi-ethnic democratic state of Palestine in which Israelis and Arabs could have equal rights. Under the influence of American imperialists, the Soviet proposal for the bi-ethnic statehood and territorial integrity of Palestine was turned down and the UN resolution put forward tied as a "package deal" the removal of the British troops to the partition of Palestine. Prioritizing the removal of the British reinforcers of the Haganah,

and hence prioritizing the weakening of Ben-Gurion's army (he was an MI6 agent) even at the cost of official partition of Palestine, the USSR voted for this resolution. That was the story that the USSR supported this artificial state.

From the moment of its creation, the imperialist states have specially armed, supported and protected this artificial state like the apple of their eye. From its earliest years, the state of Israel functioned as a counter-revolutionary anti-communist war machine, a focus of counter-revolution, an obstacle to the USSR's development of relations with the countries of the Middle East and to the spread of socialism in the Middle East.

Who did the Zionist state rely on in the Middle East when it challenged and recklessly attacked Syria, Iraq, Iran and of course the Palestinian people? Of course, the imperialist states, especially the US-British duo. Zionist Israel is nothing more than an artificial state which is a subcontractor of the imperialist states. It has no history behind it and no future ahead of it.

Knowing this fact, the imperialists have constantly tried to expand the security zone around Israel and to bring the collaborator Arab states closer to Israel. The first concrete fruit of these efforts was the Camp David Agreement. As you know, with the Camp David Accords signed in 1978 between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, under the mediation and supervision of the United States, for the first time an Arab state officially recognized this artificial state and accepted its legitimate existence on the occupied territories.

However, there were also Arab states that did not accept or recognize the existence of the Zionist state. Syria was one of them. Iraq was another Arab state that did not recognize the existence of Zionist Israel. Reactionary Arab states such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Qatar refrained from establishing close relations with the Zionist state out of fear for their own people. In 1979, with the coming to power of a religious government, Iran, although not an Arab state, became a Middle Eastern (West

Asian) state that opposed the Zionist state of Israel for ideological and religious reasons.

But the greatest resistance to this imperialist plan came from the Palestinian people. The Palestinian people transformed their organized and armed resistance, which started from the first days of the occupation, into an organized form with the establishment of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on June 2, 1964. The PLO was established as an umbrella organization that included many Palestinian resistance organizations.

Many of the Palestinian organizations were influenced by socialism and the USSR, which was a great supporter of the Palestinian people. Organizations like the PFLP defined themselves as Marxist-Leninist organizations. This character of the revolutionary war of the Palestinian people gave the Palestinian revolution an anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist character.

Thus, the Palestinian revolution, especially in the 70s, developed along revolutionary international lines. With this characteristic, the Palestinian revolution attracted revolutionary organizations from all over the world; countless revolutionary organizations from Japan to Latin America to European and Asian countries have established ties with the PLO; the PLO trained militants from these organizations in their camps and sent them back to their countries.

The reactionary Arab states and the religious Iranian state didn't want the growth of the Palestinian revolution in the line of a socialist orientation. Taking the Palestinian revolution out of this line has been the common goal of all these states, which today stand as enemies to each other, and of course the imperialists and Zionist Israel. They all worked together to break the influence of the PFLP and other revolutionary organizations that raised the Palestinian people and turned them into revolutionary people. HAMAS, the child of this common goal, was born in 1987, right after the First Intifada. Or rather, it was created. The Palestinian branch of the Ikhwan (Muslim Brotherhood), headquartered in Egypt, was transformed into a

separate organization under the name of HAMAS as part of this plan. It was equipped with unlimited financial, military and technical means, especially by Iran, Qatar and Turkey. It is now admitted that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu allowed billions of dollars of money to go to HAMAS. This is how HAMAS became stronger. This is how the Palestinian revolutionary organizations were weakened by cutting off all their material and military resources.

HAMAS began to pay its debt of loyalty to Zionist Israel, the USA, Qatar and other reactionary Arab states by siding with the imperialists and Zionist Israel during the religious reactionary attack launched by the imperialists in Syria in 2011. It lasted until it became clear that the Syrian state would win the war. When it became clear that the Syrian state would win the war against the religious fascist gangs, HAMAS began to change sides.

The Palestinian revolution entered a new phase with the October 7, 2023 attack. The deterrence of the Israeli state, the myth that it is an invincible, untouchable state has been shattered. The October 7 attack also deepened the internal conflict and class war within Israel, bringing it to the point of civil war. The Israeli labourers, who had been standing up against the fascist Netanyahu government for a long time, took to the streets with even greater anger after October 7.

To get out of this process, Zionist Israel has resorted to what it knows best: spreading the war, attacking everywhere randomly. This was the only thing it could do to survive. This was the reason for its constant attacks on Syrian territory and the bombing of the Iranian Embassy in Syria. The main plan of Zionist Israel is to spread the war and drag the imperialist states into this war.

Zionist Israel is a focus in the Middle East, fueling and provoking a world war.

Another focus of war is Turkey; the religious fascist government of Turkey. In 2011, Turkey became the main implementer of the war of destruction developed by the imperialist states against the Syrian state. The religious fascist gangs

gathered by the intelligence organizations of the imperialist states from all over the world were transferred to Syria through Turkey. Turkey not only hosted them but also personally protected, armed, trained, organized and directed them. It is already known that the war against the Syrian state is being directed from Turkey.

Turkey, with the full support of the imperialists, is waging a total war against the Kurdish Freedom Movement (KFM) to suppress the Kurdish nation's freedom struggle. As a result of this war, it occupies parts of Syria, Rojava and Iraq. In this war, the government of Southern Kurdistan is siding with Turkey against the KFM. US imperialism is giving all kinds of support to Turkey in order to liquidate the KFM, which has been strongly influenced by Marxism since its emergence, while at the same time penetrating the Kurdistan revolution and trying to destroy it from within. This typical example shows that the imperialists resort to a wide variety of methods in order to remove national liberation movements from the socialist orientation.

Currently, Turkey, under the rule of the religious fascist government, does not limit its policies of occupation, annexation and war to Syria and Iraq. From Libya to the Azerbaijan-Armenia line and the Russia-Ukraine war, from Cyprus to the African continent, it meddles wherever it can reach, wherever it can afford; it provokes wars and conflicts.

But just as Turkey and Israel are the two foci of war in the Middle East, Palestine and Kurdistan, which has been divided and annexed by four countries, are the two foci of revolution in the Middle East. These two people are keeping alive the flame of a great revolution spreading throughout the region.

Not only the Middle East but also the peoples of Africa are mobilizing against the imperialist order of robbery. Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and Ghana have begun to expel French imperialism, US imperialism and imperialist monopolies from their lands one by one.

The imperialist states are getting hit from all

sides. This is the reason why they are trying to turn the war they waged against the world proletariat and working people, against socialism, into a war of mass destruction between states, a total world war. This is the reason why they act with rabid aggression that brings humanity to the brink of a nuclear war.

Dear comrades,

All these conditions, this whole picture points to one thing: The revolutionary situation has emerged worldwide. There is a revolutionary situation in the world.

The world bourgeoisie cannot rule and maintain its sovereignty with the old methods. They feel obliged to resort to repression, terror, fascist regimes, war and occupation everywhere in order to rule and protect their sovereignty. Gathering all the fascists of the world, organizing and arming them, and unleashing them on the masses of the people in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and countless countries of Africa is the expression and proof of this.

The working class, labourers, oppressed peoples, revolutionary democratic forces, socialist states, and socialist-leaning states of the world are responding to this tendency of the imperialists with revolutionary mass actions, revolutionary wars, uprisings and revolts. While the world bourgeoisie can no longer rule with the old methods, the world working class, labouring masses, oppressed peoples, and poor masses do not want to be ruled as before.

Under these conditions, the main task of the communist parties in imperialist-capitalist countries is to put the goal of seizing political power at the top; and to link all their policies to this basic goal. In the vast majority of imperialist-capitalist countries, the conditions for social revolutions have emerged. This is the basic line of our epoch, of the new phase we are entering.

The essence of the matter lies in the fact that the productive forces that have developed under the capitalist mode of production and have reached gigantic proportions—and the world working class, as the largest and most revolutionary productive force, is foremost among them—are no longer able

to fit into their capitalist shells. The productive forces are revolting against the capitalist mode of production, the rule of the capitalist class, and the capitalist private ownership of the means of production; they are breaking the shells of this mode of production that squeeze them like a vice.

That's why the imperialist states, in the face of the slightest revolutionary development, put aside all their contradictions and conflicts of interest and become "united"; they come together and appear before us in the form of a united counter-revolutionary movement.

While the world bourgeoisie acts in the form of such a united counter-revolution against every revolutionary development, the world working class, labourers and revolutionary democratic forces appear on the stage of history in the form of a united revolutionary force. The Palestinian revolution brought tens of millions of people together, united them and brought them to their feet. European agricultural labourers crossed borders and united in action against the capitalist class. The world working class in all countries is acting in a spirit of international solidarity against the capitalist class.

In order to emerge victorious from this ongoing global civil war, the imperialist states are now trying to provoke a total world war that will lead to the destruction of humanity. This is what they are trying to do in Ukraine. This is what they are trying to do in the Middle East through Zionist Israel. This is what they are trying to do by provoking capitalist South Korea against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Taiwan against the People's Republic of China.

However, despite all these, we do not consider a total world war that will lead humanity to destruction as a destiny. For all their eagerness and efforts to unleash a total world war, there are some counter-forces forcing the imperialists to think ten times before touching the trigger.

The fact that the working class, labourers and oppressed peoples of the world are in revolt and uprising against capital, the capitalist mode of

production, imperialism and fascism is one of the main factors that frighten the imperialists.

On the other hand, the military power of Russia, the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea makes the imperialist states and their organization of aggression and war, NATO, hesitate to start an all-out world war.

Despite all the provocations of the imperialists, a total world war between states is not inevitable. This war can and must be prevented. However the way to achieve this is not just "peaceful" demonstrations, but to get arms and fight, just like the valiant rioters of Gwangju did, to fight for revolution and power against imperialism, capitalism and fascism, against the rule of the world bourgeoisie.

Now is the time for revolution!
Venceremos!

What does Hamas want?

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On 7 October 2023, Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement in Palestine, shook the world with a surprise attack on what Israel considers to be its south, an area of historic Palestine from which most of the Gaza population hailed upon their displacement during the 1948 Nakba (the catastrophe that led, with the help of Western imperialism, to the occupation of Palestine and the creation of the Zionist state). For many years to come, political analysts and historians will, undoubtedly, continue to talk about the immediate impact of that attack and its long-term ramifications.

In their very initial response to the attack staged by Hamas fighters against Israeli settlements and towns in the environs of Gaza, some commentators compared what happened that day to the 1968 Tet Offensive in Vietnam. Two main aspects were highlighted: the element of surprise and the course-changing repercussions. Some believe that just as the Tet Offensive provoked a massive change in US public opinion prompting the Administration to contemplate withdrawal of troops from that part of the world, the Gaza offensive will likely stir up a global uprising against Zionism and US imperialism.

Yet while the 7 October attack was truly surprising to everyone, above all to the Israelis themselves, an eruption had long been expected because of the constantly deteriorating conditions for the Palestinians both in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. However, few people expected Hamas to unleash such a stunning, well-planned, and most daring offensive that gave the immediate impression that Israel, despite all the US and European support and pampering, proved to be so

fragile and vulnerable.

The skill with which the movement managed to penetrate the fence and paralyse Israel's electronic surveillance was truly astonishing. Equally surprising was the level of secrecy with which the operation was conducted. This shows that Israeli intelligence had no access whatsoever to the units who had been preparing for the operation for many months.

Hamas came into existence in December 1987 upon the eruption of the Palestinian uprising (Intifada). It was born out of the Muslim Brotherhood of Palestine. The reason behind such transformation was the deteriorating situation in Gaza under Israeli occupation since 1967.

The Muslim Brotherhood of Palestine was established around the mid-forties of the last century, several years before the creation of Israel. Since then, it grew into a grassroots organisation focused primarily on religious education and social reform. Except for the volunteers who joined the endeavour to prevent the creation of a Zionist state in 1948, the movement opted to stay away from armed struggle. Yet, gradually, and since the early 1970's, the young affiliates of the movement had grown restless and unhappy, as the conditions under occupation were getting worse day after day. Confining activity to education and social work was no longer tenable and they yearned to join in the resistance activities of the leftist and nationalist factions. The creation of Islamic Jihad by formerly disgruntled members of the Brotherhood in the early 1980's might have played a role in precipitating this sense of discontent.

The 8th of December 1987 Israeli murder of

Palestinian workers while they were heading home from work triggered not only the intifada but also the transformation of the Brotherhood into Hamas.

Initially, Hamas resorted to passive resistance but gradually, and as the Israeli occupation authorities cracked down brutally on peaceful protesters, the young men of Hamas started planning knife attacks on Israeli soldiers, in what became known as “The War of the Knives”. Some of them managed to snatch rifles from Israeli soldiers and used them to attack and kidnap Israeli occupation soldiers. This marked the birth of the military wing of the movement, which was given the name of Izziddin Al-Qassam Brigades, called after a Syrian Muslim scholar who had come to Palestine to join the Palestinians in their struggle against British colonialism and was killed in a battle with the British occupation troops in 1935 in the village of Ya’bad, twenty kilometres to the west of Jenin in northern Palestine.

When a Jewish settler from New York called Baruch Goldstein massacred Palestinian worshippers in Al-Ibrahimi Mosque of Hebron on 25 February 1994, Hamas responded with a new tactic: the “Martyrdom Operations” (referred to in the West as suicide bombings). At the time, the founder of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin had been serving a long prison sentence for the past five years. He was visited in his prison cell by Israeli officials who asked him how he believed this mayhem could be stopped. He answered: “Stop killing us and we’ll stop killing you.” He proposed to them a “hudnah”, or long-term truce. He said: “End occupation, withdraw your settlers and release our prisoners and we shall sign a truce for 10, 20 or 30 years with you.”

The Israelis did not think much of his offer. Just a year earlier they had signed the Oslo Accords with the PLO and a Palestinian Authority had been set up.^[2] The Israelis believed that the Oslo arrangement was a sufficient remedy for their

predicament they had been entangled in as a result of occupying majority Palestinian population territories since the 5 June 1967 so-called six-day war. Indeed, the promise by Oslo of a forthcoming independent Palestinian state did pacify the Palestinian public and extinguished the Palestinian first intifada (uprising).

Over the years, Hamas continued to grow both in size and in popularity. Polls conducted locally show that its popularity had not waned, despite the increasingly dire economic conditions inside the Strip under its rule since 2007.

It is worth noting that Hamas popularity was, at least in part, the product of the failure of the peace process between Israel and the PLO, whose leadership had been under the illusion that the Oslo peace treaty would pave the way for the two-state solution. Yet, it became obvious with the passage of time that Israel was not serious about giving the Palestinians a state and only wanted a Palestinian Authority that served as a security collaboration agency, to relieve Israel of the burden of occupation. This is what Yassir Arafat came to realise by the year 2000 during the Camp David talks with Israel’s Ehud Barak under the auspices of the Clinton Administration. Upon returning home from a failed summit, he decided to play the card of resistance to force the hand of the Israelis, triggering the second intifada of September 2000 in coordination with Hamas. He was eventually poisoned and killed.

In January 2006, just about one year after the Israelis withdrew unilaterally from the entire Gaza Strip, Hamas scored a sweeping victory in the Palestinian Legislative Council elections.^[3]

Immediately, the Israelis and their Western allies came up with three conditions for dealing with Hamas after its electoral win. What became known as the conditions of the World Quartet (US, UN, Russia and the EU) stipulated that 1) Hamas should recognise Israel’s right to exist; 2)

Hamas should disarm and renounce all forms of violence; 3) Hamas should recognise all the treaties and agreements signed by the PLO with Israel. When Hamas rejected all three conditions, the PA in Ramallah was told to shun the Hamas administration.

The following year, in the summer of 2007, the US and Israel supported a coup attempt against Hamas led by former Fatah security chief Muhammad Dahlan. The coup attempt backfired and ignited a brief battle that ended with Hamas left in charge of Gaza and being outlawed and almost uprooted in the West Bank. Since then, the Gaza Strip has been under siege.

Thirty years since the Oslo deal was signed, Israel is still occupying the West Bank and oppressing the Palestinians. In more recent years its settlers and troops have been desecrating Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, and have been violating Palestinians' basic rights; harassing and attacking them; uprooting their olive trees and burning their crops; confiscating their properties and demolishing their houses; and detaining thousands of them for very long periods, many without ever being charged or brought to court. And above all the entire 2.2 million people of Gaza are held in a cage, or a concentration camp. What has added to the frustration of the Palestinians is that while their own cause is ignored, Israel, with the help of the United States, has been reaching out to Arab governments across the region in pursuit of normalisation.

It was no wonder that what happened on the 7th of October was celebrated in the West Bank, in Gaza and in much of the Arab world.

Hamas sees itself as an organization of Palestinians who happen to be both Arab and Muslim and who perceive themselves as the immediate victims of an unjust world order that saw fit to create a 'European' Jewish state in their own country at the very centre of Arab and Muslim

heartlands. Hamas founders and affiliates see the Israelis as their oppressors who dispossessed them and their fellow countrymen and who have, since then, been persecuting them generation after generation. Resisting Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and Israeli oppression of the people of the land is one of several elements that inform the thinking of the movement and instruct its activism. Although Islam, as a religion, plays a significant role in motivating Hamas members to resist occupation and make big sacrifices, it is widely recognized that the conflict in Palestine is not a religious one. It is simply the result of a foreign invasion that installed in Palestine a settler colonial and racist entity that justifies itself in the name of the Jews and Judaism.

Evidently, until the beginning of the twentieth century Muslims, Christians and Jews coexisted peacefully throughout the Muslim world where, for many centuries, the Islamic empire, whose terrain extended over three continents, provided a milieu of tolerance under a system that guaranteed protection for what is today referred to as religious or ethnic minorities. Islam, whose values, and principles governed the public and private conduct of Muslim individuals and communities, recognized Christians and Jews as legitimate communities within the Islamic State and accorded them inalienable rights. The followers of both Christianity and Judaism participated on equal footing with the Muslims in building the Arab-Islamic civilization on whose fruits European renaissance philosophers were nourished.

In contrast, Jews repeatedly suffered persecution in the European lands. Whenever that happened, they sought refuge in the Muslim lands where they were welcomed and treated as 'people of the book' in accordance with the 'Covenant of God and His Messenger'. Such Muslim perception of the Jews remained unchanged until the Zionist movement, which was born in Europe, started recruiting Jews

in the Muslim lands for a project that was seen by the Muslims as an attack on their faith and homeland.

Despite the secular origins of the Zionist project and the atheism of many of its founding fathers, the Zionist discourse justified the creation of the State of Israel in Palestine and the dispossession of the Palestinians in religious terms. The Bible was invoked by Zionist pioneers, although few of them really believed in it or showed any respect for it, in a bid to bestow religious legitimacy on their project and gain the support of the world's Jews, most of whom had initially been opposed to political Zionism.^[4]

As a matter of principle Muslims, Christians and Jews can live together in the region as they lived together for many centuries before as equally dignified human beings. While Israel as an exclusive state for the Jews in Palestine is something Hamas can never recognize as legitimate, the Jews can, and should be, accommodated as legitimate citizens of a multi-faith, multi-racial state in which citizens are equal before the law. Post-Israel Palestine is a state that will have a Jewish population but no Zionism. This is a vision inspired by the South African experience that brought an end to Apartheid but kept all communities living together. Like Apartheid, Zionism is racist, inhumane, and fascist, and its removal is seen as the only way forward. This is the only way the conflict can truly be resolved and all inhabitants, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish, will ever coexist in peace in the region.

Notes

[1] Dr. Azzam Tamimi is the Director of the London-based Institute of Islamic Political Thought (IIPT). Until 31 March 2006 he was visiting professor at Nagoya University for three months. Prior to that, he was visiting professor at Kyoto University from 1 April to 30 September 2004. He has published several books the most recent of which has been on Islam and democracy entitled: Rachid Ghannouchi, Democrat within Islamism, Oxford University Press, New York, Autumn 2001. He also co-edited Islam and Secularism in the Middle East, Hurst, London, and NY Univ Press in New York, Autumn 2000. His forthcoming book:

Hamas Unwritten Chapters is due in late October 2006. He writes and lectures on issues related to Islamic political thought and Middle Eastern politics. He is a regular commentator on the Arabic satellite channel Aljazeera and frequently makes appearance on a number of other channels both English and Arabic.

[2] The martyrdom operations were, later, abandoned by Hamas upon the development of home-made rockets. With the passage of time, the movement incorporated modern warfare technology, equipping itself, despite the siege, with an arsenal of drones and much improved missiles. The recent attack on 7 October 2023 involved, perhaps for the first time, the use of paragliders.

[3] Those elections were held under pressure from the George W. Bush Administration, despite objections from the Palestinian Authority and some Arab governments. Following his invasion of Iraq, Bush wanted to improve his image by encouraging democratic transformations in the region having been convinced that only liberal pro-Western elites were capable of scoring victory in those elections.

[4] For the secular origins and biblical justifications of political Zionism see the following: Abdelwahab Elmessiri, *The Land of Promise: A Critique of Political Zionism*; New Brunswick, N.J., 1997; Michael Prior, *The Bible and Colonialism: a moral critique*; Sheffield Academic Press, 1997; and John Rose, *The Myths of Zionism*; London: Pluto Press, 2004.

World War III and counter-hegemonic trends

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Till the 7th of October last year it was possible for people unaware of the reality of the centralised around the USA/NATO/EU/AUKUS/Japan/Israel block of States to believe that the more than forty wars and conflicts in the world were independent one from the other. But now the “Al Aqsa flood” revolt of Palestinians against the order imperialists wanted to impose in Western Asia has made things crystal clear. Palestine and Gaza became then the central focus point of world contradictions between the decaying capitalist imperialist world (dis) order and the growing counter-hegemonic forces. And it appeared clearly then that all current wars are linked one with the other. And that all more “peaceful” blockades and sanctions constitute an integral part of this “non officially declared by imperialists” World War III. This war is real but nowadays decaying imperialist bourgeoisie is coward and does not want to take similar risks to the ones XIXth centuries bourgeois were still able to take, especially in a situation where they lost in the fifties the global control over nuclear arms and that’s the reason why they prefer to use proxies in what can be now called a world hybrid war.

Palestine and the growing unity of the world class revolutionary movement

In the capitalist Russia, you could find before last October political forces or leaders trying to believe that war in Ukraine can be solved independently from other wars. They thought “their war” was not fundamentally linked with other conflicts and/or blockades and sanctions policies imposed by imperialist in the Balkans, in Africa, in Western Asia, in Eastern Asia, in Latin America, ... Serbia/Kosovo, Bosnia, Belarus, Syria, Yemen, Palestine, Libya, DR of Congo, Sahel African States,

Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Indian Ocean, etc. Now all “moderate patriotic” Russians have been forced step by step for the last six month to understand that the adversaries of Russia in Ukraine are the same ones as the adversaries Palestinians face in Gaza and in all the Palestine from the River to the Sea, and that they are the same ones all other peoples of the world threatened or terrorized by imperialism are facing. And this means in fact that the scientific socialist methodology was the correct one to analyse all conflicts inside socialist countries before 1991, what lead to new forms of international conflicts between countries after 1991 and the end of Soviet Union. Post-1991 situation made us clearly understand that revisionist illusions created the current situation where a new world war could break. This in fact marxist concrete analysis of concrete situation enabled resistance movements, marxists or non marxists, to mobilise and launch a new wave of national liberation movement all over the world. And this explains why the worldwide solidarity movement with Palestinians made all true marxists, but also, we have to admit it, all true muslims, all true christians, all true patriotic State leaders, all true revolutionaries to unite in a common worldwide mass mobilisation movement from Gaza to Donetsk, from Jerusalem to Gwangju, from Beijing to Islamabad, from Pyong Yang to Moscow, from Wagadugu to Caracas, from Havana to Tehran, from Minsk to London, from New York to Beyrouth, from Sanaa to Damascus, from Athens to Rome, etc. This broad bottom up unity mass movement shows that the masses are the real masters of history since they all mobilised taking first into account their class and national consciousness before or simultaneously

to their ideological or religious beliefs. And in this situation, they used the political tools they could find in their own country to mobilise, or when there was no such movement, they spontaneously created such organisations. With the worldwide solidarity movement with Palestine, the material base took the lead in spite of ideological or religious differences. And the religious leaders who were able to constitute the forefront of their national liberation movement, especially in Palestine, Yemen or Lebanon, succeeded because they did not put their religious beliefs in opposition to their concrete analysis of their concrete reality. In fact, we can observe throughout history that some religious leaders are able to use materialistic tools in a much more efficient way than proclaimed coffee shop materialists. We have to remember Lenin's words about the much more progressive and anticolonial Muslim at the time Emir of Afghanistan than British colonial Laborites. Same thing happened with the Abd el Krim insurgency in the twenties, the Algerian insurgency in the fifties and now with the Hamas or Hezbollah or Ansarullah/Houthi insurgency in Western Asia. Arab communists did understand this, and this explains they joined those insurgencies which is not the case of all pretending to be communists in the Western neo-colonial countries.

Proletarians and patriotically oriented bourgeoisies

Paradoxically the situation that developed in Ukraine after 2014 explains also the current situation when some Christian or Muslim leaders are much more conscious of the basic contradictions the whole world has to deal with in Ukraine than the so called "pure marxists" coming from different Trotskyites or superficially Extreme Left "schools of thought".

Up to Al Aqsa flood and since the dismantling of Socialist community and Soviet Union by local

revisionist bourgeoisies, counter-hegemonic national bourgeoisies played a key role to rebuild against their own comprador bourgeoisie some forms of economical reconstruction of their countries, trying to promote different attempts tending to limit the dollar centered and debt centered imperialist global economy. And that was particularly the case of Russia. National bourgeois interests were linked with the basic need for their countries and their economies to breathe and save at least some parts of the national productive capabilities. This led to the development of new more or less limited or sometimes even opportunistic but sovereign oriented trends we could observe after 2000 and especially after the 2008 crisis. We observed this contradictory processes in Russia but also in Western or Eastern Africa, in Latin America, in Turkey, in Hungary, in Serbia, in Iran or in Pakistan. Now the situation has much more fundamentally changed. The Palestinian national liberation movement including more than twelve organisations, islamic, secular or marxists, working hand by hand in Palestine and Lebanon, put masses on the forefront of the national liberation struggle and this explains the echo it encountered in all corners of the planet among broad masses. Palestine became now in fact for the whole humankind something quite similar to what Vietnam was in the sixties of the last century.

Mass line and ideological diversity in the XXIth century

This situations leads us to new challenges we have to deal with if we are true and mass line oriented revolutionaries. We have to deal then with the necessity to rebuild a united world working class and world national liberation movement taking into account all the real existing regional, national, ideological, cultural or religious differences. We must then take first into account in our mission,

the positive but also the negative experiences the International worker revolutionary movement traveled through all over the XXth century and promote on this basis a renewed vision of the same fundamental rules of scientific socialism. We must also in the same time take into account the successes and the failures of the anticolonial national liberation movement launched at the 1920 Baku and the 1955 Bandung conferences. And all this cannot be done seriously, scientifically, if we do not take into account the class base of every movement, the class contradictions, but especially the class struggle that burst from inside the core of the communist movement and socialist countries, and lead most of them towards capitulation. But this cannot be done also if we do not take into account simultaneously the masses real revolutionaries were not able to lead all over the XXth century. In some parts of the world, revolutionary marxists were successful but it was not the case in other parts of the world and we have to analyse the reasons of this differences. We are in this context confronted to the necessity to understand and respect the profound feelings of broad masses of the world, taking especially into account the existence of progressive religious feelings we could observe first around the Christian liberation theology in Latin America or now with the anticolonial Islam we can observe since the Iranian revolution and the birth of Lebanese, Yemeni or the renewed Palestinian national liberation movement against officially secular and even socialist but in fact real traitor Palestinian Autonomy leadership. To take into account those facts does mean to be naive or eclectic, or worst, opportunistic, but just to respect true liberation trends and be able to differentiate them from reactionary trends we can also find in religions. But let's be honest, we could also find all over the XXth century among marxists, beginning with trotskyism and finishing with all kinds of "democratised

socialist", "leftist" or rightist, reversionistic or sectarian tendencies which were in fact quite similar to the class opportunism and reactionary trends we observed inside religions. So what is important is not the ideological slogan officially raised, it is the concrete mass line an organisation practice or not.

All these historical experiences must be then analysed one by one because they all explain the successes but also the defeats of what I call the "socialism 1.0", the "real socialism" of the former socialist and peace camp. Now we arrived at the stage where we must work for a new wave of socialism, a "socialism 2.0", taking into account all our glorious marxist-leninist history but also all other glorious histories of truly emancipatory and revolutionary movements of the human history. We must then work simultaneously to rebuild a world united revolutionary class movement using the tools of marxist methodology, and learn how to cooperate strategically with non-marxist revolutionary or national liberation movements. Our main goal now is to create conditions so we could unify all forces tending to push national bourgeoisies and counter-hegemonic non-socialist powers to rebuild a new economic world order based on non-aligned countries, to create an alliance of peace oriented, economically productive and anti-imperialist states, so to be able ultimately to serve the people. Doing so, we can help to lead masses and countries at the very end towards socialism which is the only solution to finish with endless wars, neo-colonialism and exploitation of man by man.

Socialism is the solution

If we observe for example the debates developing in threatened by imperialism Russia at war, we notice that more and more people in this country, including some non-communist political leaders or economists take into account the fact that capitalism

cannot lead Russia to real and final economical, military and political victory if at least some forms of economic planification and State controlled enterprises are not introduced able to compete with imperialist based enterprises. This does not mean Russia is ready now for a new socialist revolution but this means Russians became gradually aware since 1991, 1993, 2008, 2014 and 2022 of what they lost within globalised capitalism, not only in terms of social security and justice, but also in term of rationally developing national economy, culture and science. Now the Russian national bourgeoisie, more or less opposed to its comprador and oligarchic bourgeoisie, begins to understand it cannot stay in the middle of the river between capitalism and socialism. And this reminds us the works of Mao Zedong concerning the class alliances that were necessary in the thirties and forties up to now to make China free from colonial domination and exploitation, under the guidance of proletariat and its party. We observe now also similar trends to the ones we just mentioned in Russia in other non-socialist countries tending somehow towards some forms of, let's say, "socialised economy" like Iran, Yemen, Burkina Faso, Venezuela, Algeria, Serbia, etc.

So we must now work hard if we are truly open minded and creative revolutionaries to develop a truly socialist scientific long term view, simultaneously with a much broader ideological and dialectical approach for the short and middle term goals. We must constitute a force able to unite all peace-loving and people's liberation movements all over the world, wherever they come from, as soon as they are rooted in their people and its reality, as they practice some form of mass line and as soon as their actions tend towards the development of their local economy, people's political mobilisation, and then objectively towards real people's power. Class line imposes us to respect real existing people and nations with their

culture and convictions, and stay away from purely intellectual petit bourgeois artificial "debates".

The world anti-imperialist peace force will certainly win

People's Democracy Party (South Korea)

We sincerely wish for peace. We never wish for war. All anti-imperialist forces worldwide, without exception, feel the same way. The world's anti-imperialist forces are the true world peace forces, but unfortunately, reality is going against our wishes.

In 2022, the war in Ukraine entered full swing. It began with the Maidan coup in 2014, intensified with the war in Donbas for eight years, and finally began in earnest in February 2022 with Russia's special military operation. The war in West Asia (war in the Middle East) started in October 2023 with Hamas's "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation, which erupted into the war in Palestine, intensified with the involvement of Hezbollah and Ansar Allah, and then entered full swing with Iran's "True Promise" operation in April 2024.

The flames of World War 3, provoked by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia and are traveling towards East Asia. Just as no one can deny that the war in Ukraine triggered the war in West Asia, it is also true that the wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East Asia, specifically the wars in "the Republic of Korea (ROK)" and Taiwan. The wars in the "ROK" and Taiwan are inextricably and closely linked, with the outbreak of one automatically leading to the outbreak of the other. An agreement to this effect between the DPRK President Kim Il Sung and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in 1961 was supposedly reaffirmed by the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2019.

The Korean War in the 1950s was an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a reunification war from the DPRK's point of view. Currently, the DPRK has declared that if the

war in the "ROK" breaks out, it will be a "war of subjugation". Chairman Kim Jong Un's speech at the Supreme People's Assembly on 15 January has given much weight to it to be called a "declaration of subjugation". When we analyze his speech, "The war of subjugation" is an antifascist and anti-imperialist war and an internal war. This is because it defines the "ROK" as "a group of outsiders' top-class stooges", while calling it an "enemy state" and a "belligerent state".

In contrast, the war in Taiwan will be an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a war for reunification. In terms of fascistization, the "ROK" and Taiwan are on different levels. China and Taiwan do not define each other as "primary enemies" and can freely come and go to one another.

However, both the DPRK and China have virtually shared the same view that the peaceful path is closed and that only the non-peaceful path remains to fulfill the strategic goal of territorial integrity. China still does not explicitly deny the peaceful path, but in practice, has seen it as unlikely since the election of hardline separatist Lai Ching-te as Taiwanese president in January and has been remarkably building up its military forces. The DPRK, through its January speech, proclaimed to delete the concept of "peaceful reunification" during the war of subjugation and to annihilate the "ROK" in the event of emergency. We should note that the prerequisite of "emergency" has been defined as "an invasion war against the North" but at the same time, has been abstracted and defined more comprehensively as "war provocation," "armed conflict," and "armed response." There is no doubt that military tensions and hostilities between

North and South Korea are now at their highest ever since the Korean War. In short, the likelihood of war in the “ROK” is at an all-time high. If the war in the “ROK” breaks out, the war in Taiwan will follow, and vice versa.

World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine in Eastern Europe, has escalated with the war in West Asia, and is likely to enter full swing with the wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan in East Asia. There is a lot of debate about whether we are in World War 3 or not, but when the Wars in East Asia break out, everything will be clear.

World War 3 is part of the “New Cold War”. The imperialist powers are plotting World War 3 under their “New Cold War” strategy. Immediately after World War 2, the imperialist powers adopted the “Cold War” strategy to deflect from their own political and economic crises and directly fought hot wars against the smaller anti-imperialist countries. However, now the “New Cold War” has begun alongside World War 3, and they are waging hot wars in the form of proxy warfare against the most powerful anti-imperialist countries.

In addition, while during the “Cold War,” socialist forces formed the leading force and national liberation forces formed the auxiliary force within the world anti-imperialist camp, during the “New Cold War”, the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, and China, a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, as well as Russia, which has a socialist heritage, form the leading force as nuclear missile superpowers, and other anti-imperialist forces, including the two billion Muslim forces, form the auxiliary force within the world anti-imperialist camp.

As of May 2024, Russia’s overwhelming predominance in the war in Ukraine and Zionism’s feeble performance in West Asia demonstrate the vulnerability of the imperialist camp. In particular, the imperialist camp’s logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda has

lost its pretext for war, which is eking with its manipulation. The world anti-war and peace force is a world anti-imperialist peace force in essence, as evidenced by the US university student protests.

It is the imperialist countries and their vassal countries that are experiencing political and economic crises, whether in terms of the approval ratings of those in power or terms of economic crisis and devastation of public welfare. It is also imperialism that is at a disadvantage in armed confrontation, as evidenced by the level of development and deployment of hypersonic missiles, which are considered an absolute weapon. Moreover, the imperialist camp is not as keen on winning the war as the anti-imperialist camp, and it has the decisive weakness of having to stick to proxy warfare with the disadvantage of expeditionary wars.

It is not only Zelensky in Ukraine and Netanyahu in Israel who are experiencing a severe political crisis as imperialist proxy ruling powers; Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” and Kishida of Japan also are. In particular, Yoon’s clique is facing an impeachment crisis after losing the general election in April. Due to the worst economic crisis, a desperate devastation of people’s livelihood, unprecedented corruption, and outright incompetence, Yoon is on the brink of a precipice of withdrawal and imprisonment, resulting in his finding an exit of fascistization and war.

The problem is that with the defeat in the general election, the situation has become unfavorable for fascistization; Yoon Suk-yeol clique has no choice but to move further toward the path of war under the control of US imperialism. It means that US imperialism is pushing him into the same situation as Rhee Syngman’s clique of the “ROK”, which lost the election in 1950. In fact, following last year, this year has seen the most extensive dangerous war exercises against the North continually and simultaneously, involving the US and sometimes

even Japan. The formation of the “Asian version of NATO” is expected to become apparent soon, with Yoon and Kishida attending the NATO summit in Washington in July. The Korean Peninsula has become a tinderbox.

The people of the “ROK” can no longer tolerate the Yoon Suk-yeol government. The reality of the eve of war beyond corruption, incompetence, and fascistization shows our people that if we do not immediately put an end to the Yoon government, the war in the “the ROK” will break out, which will cause untold misery. This is another reason why Yoon’s clique was harshly judged by the last general election and why the candlelight uprising demanding Yoon’s resignation is spreading and intensifying. Yesterday, the People’s Democracy Party vigorously carried out an antifascist and anti-imperialist demonstration here in Gwangju, the city famed for antifascist armed struggle, the city that loves democracy and peace, with the slogan of “Down with Yoon Suk-yeol!” along with the World Anti-imperialist Platform.

To implement the three major goals of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, the People’s Democracy Party is holding anti-imperialist peace demonstrations nationwide on the first Saturday of every month with the flag of the World Anti-imperialist Platform and is doing its best to play its role as the Platform’s organizer for the success of the World Anti-imperialist Platform’s congresses and meetings, which are being held with accelerating speed. Our party will keep the two main slogans of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, “Proletarians of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated” as scientific convictions and will unswervingly struggle to the end for the victory of our people and the people of the world, the victory of the world peace movement and the world anti-imperialist forces.

The struggle against imperialism is a struggle for civilization

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A world in decay

Imperialism is decaying. Even knowing of its inevitable fatal outcome, it will refuse to voluntarily abandon the stage of history. The decomposition of the world organized in NATO intensifies the policy of aggression of that warmongering organization to avoid an immediate collapse of the economies of its member countries.^[1]

In their drive for expansion, fueled by the imperious need to avoid a colossal economic collapse that would ultimately mean the end of the hegemony of the imperialist countries, NATO^[2] countries have for decades relentlessly tried to contain the development of Russia and China and since the dissolution of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance have in six waves, accompanied by wars of aggression against Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria, extended their presence and infrastructure to Russia's borders. The NATO regularly conducts military exercises in which "defensive attacks" against Russia are rehearsed. The most recent were: Steadfast Defender 2024 (from April 8 to May 31 in Northern Europe) which became by far the largest exercise since the end of the Cold War and one of the largest since the organization's existence, Immediate Response 2024 (from April 21 to May 31 in Sweden), Brave Warrior (from 1 to 22 May 2024 in Hungary), Swift Response 2024 (from 14 May to 14 June in Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland), Spring Storm 2024 (from 6 to 17 May in Estonia), Grand Quadriga (from 30 April to 30 July in Germany and Lithuania).

NATO's preparations for war against Russia are accelerating and proceeding vigorously. It seems

that NATO member countries are urging for a war against Russia. In January of this year, NATO Admiral Rob Bauer called on the people of Europe to prepare for a war against Russia within the next 20 years. So NATO is giving humanity nothing more than 20 years of certain peace.

On February 29 of this year, the overwhelmingly re-elected Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that Russian weapons could reach European territory.^[3]

Two days later, on March 19, the head of the Russian foreign intelligence service, Sergei Naryshkin, reported that France was already preparing to send a contingent to Ukraine.^[4]

Also on March 19, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin participated in a meeting of the Contact Group on Ukraine at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, where he reiterated US policy that NATO would soon find itself at war with Russia if Ukraine were defeated. How ironic, because it would have been earlier if Russia had not prevented NATO's advance precisely in that country... Extending NATO's architecture to Ukraine would have directly nullified the nuclear parity between Russia and the United States to Russia's detriment.

A day earlier, the German and Polish defense ministers, Boris Pistorius and Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, met at the gates of Warsaw and announced that the two countries would jointly deploy a rapid reaction force on the eastern border of the European Union (initially with 2,500 soldiers per country).

On March 1, an audio recording was made public revealing that high-ranking Bundeswehr officers were planning an attack on the Kerch bridge

(Crimea) with some 20 Taurus cruise missiles. The authenticity of the recording was immediately confirmed by the German government. The bourgeois media and the German government were not shocked by the content of the conversation between high-ranking Bundeswehr officers, but by the fact that it had been leaked. As military strategist Scott Ritter pointed out, this was an act of aggression by Germany against Russia, and Russia could rightly have interpreted it as an open declaration of war by Germany against its country.

On May 6, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, due to “Russia’s increasingly aggressive behavior and the increasingly tense situation” decided to travel to Latvia and Lithuania. In the Lithuanian military training area of Pabrade, he visited the 10th Armored Division of the Bundeswehr, which is participating in NATO military exercises there. Scholz talked with Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda about about 4,800 Bundeswehr soldiers that Germany wants to station on NATO’s eastern flank. This will “only” cost about 9 billion euros.

In Germany, the CDU^[5] is likely to be the next government and, although it may seem hard to believe, on the basis of the signals it is giving it will surely outdo the present government in warmongering. For example, it has come out in favor of the gradual reintroduction of compulsory military service in Germany to “give a clear signal to Russia,” arguing that Germany would not currently be in a position to defend itself against foreign aggression. This is Kafkaesque, because Germany is a U.S.-occupied country, and has been since 1945, when it was not the U.S., the U.K. or France, but the Soviet Union that saved the country from fascism. It sounds schizophrenic, but it is real: Germany “must” militarize, not to expel the current occupiers from the country, but to wage war on those who liberated it from fascism...

The reaction of France, the United States, Germany and NATO as a whole to Russia’s

repeated calls for reason is incredible. Instead of holding peace talks, they are escalating the war. First they sent weapons to Ukraine, then medium-range missiles, soon after Leopard and Abrams tanks, today they are discussing sending long-range Taurus cruise missiles, which can penetrate deep into Russian territory and deploying NATO troops to fight Russian soldiers.

It should not be forgotten for a moment that the governments of NATO countries are desperate, and rightly so, because their economic system is collapsing. All this seemingly irrational warmongering is ultimately an act of survival.

NATO’s advance against Russia and China continues unabated. The era of political, economic and military interventions against largely defenseless countries is coming to an end, and a new one has dawned in which the US and its dominated NATO challenge countries with large nuclear arsenals and powerful armed forces. The fact that the US is withdrawing from its traditional theaters of war, such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, indicates that Washington wants to strengthen its economic and military presence in the Indo-Pacific region, i.e. around China.

NATO is moving away from being a North Atlantic alliance to become a global war alliance. With some 900 military bases (officially known, mostly American), it is capable of destabilizing not only countries, but entire regions.

As is well known, the US has formed alliances against China. The AUKUS and “Five Eyes”. She is expanding also in South America.^[6]

US General Laura J. Richardson has blatantly exemplified the US colonialist and interventionist mentality by repeatedly pointing out that the sources of raw materials in our countries would be US strategic interests. In order to impose military, economic and political structures to benefit US interests, she constantly visits various Latin American countries. In Haiti, the US is preparing

a “new MINUSTAH”, the MSSM^[7], that is, a new military intervention, this time justified by the serious problems with criminal gangs that kidnap, terrorize and murder innocent people.^[8]

NATO’s history shows that it does not only operate on a single front, that it imposes its policy of “peace” and war on the whole world and that in a large number of cases it has asserted its interests by military means. It forces Russia, China and other sovereign states to react to its destabilizing and belligerent actions. She forced Russia, with the threat of a massacre against the Russian-speaking population in Ukraine, to make incursions into that country^[9], just as she is dragging Iran into a war against Israel and China into a military conflict over Taiwan and Hong Kong. And it is the US that is provoking South Korea’s military confrontation with the DPRK. This grave situation has led the DPRK to conclude that the diplomatic track with its peer in the south is now exhausted. It is also the US that is stirring up a military conflict over Venezuela.

Despite the fact that the hegemonic NATO countries, especially the USA, currently hold the upper hand, despite the fact that NATO dictates economic, military and diplomatic policies to the whole world, despite the fact that NATO is becoming a global organization, despite the fact that NATO seems to be synchronizing the military conflicts in the world and that it is NATO which, in its eagerness to open a war against Russia and China, is dragging large parts of human civilization to death, at the end of the day there is no force that can save imperialism from death. Humanity will give an immeasurable, unimaginable and terrible sacrifice to bring capitalist imperialism, the ultimate society of exploitation and oppression, to its grave, but it (humanity) will prevail. The first foundations of such a collapse were laid in 1917, and what we are witnessing today is nothing other than the continuation of the long and painful

death of the last human system of exploitation and oppression.

National liberation struggles worldwide

The struggle of Russia in Ukraine against NATO and fascism marks the beginning of the defeat of imperialism in the world. In the last two or three months, the Russian army has made an extraordinary leap from an army that made serious and elementary military mistakes to a disciplined army, capable of excellent military strategy and which, without losing its moral basis of focusing military action on military objectives and safeguarding the civilian population to the maximum, is increasingly prepared to confront a more powerful enemy. The Russian military, like the national policy of the Russian state, still needs to mature. I welcome the new Minister of Defense, Andrei Belousov, who was trained during the Soviet years and is an advocate of a strong industrial base in the hands of the state.^[10] The advances Russia is making on the front and within its economy deliver a message very similar to that of the socialist revolution in Russia or the Red Army’s victory over fascism in Europe: David can defeat Goliath. And the peoples of the world are following the call:

In Africa^[11] the people are taking up the path of struggle for national sovereignty with increasing determination, driving out the colonial powers of Western Europe and, more recently, the United States, which have been supporting and financing terrorism in the region for years in order to destabilize it.^[12] The US is reluctant to lose its influence around the world (because it would collapse in the blink of an eye its economy based on plundering the sources of raw materials of other countries).^[13]

The Yemeni people (and their resistance group Ansar Allah) and the Lebanese people (and their resistance group Hezbollah) have decided, in solidarity with the Palestinian people, to take up

arms against Israel and all countries that support it.^[14] In Syria and Iraq, armed resistance forces have intensified their attacks against U.S. military bases in Syria to show their solidarity with the Palestinian people and to weaken the U.S. military presence in the region.

I think one can positively evaluate what is happening today in the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, where the Taliban expelled the US forces. Their current foreign policy is oriented towards Russia and China, an irony considering that all the misery in this country began when the mujahideen joined the Americans in driving out the Soviets, i.e. the Russian communists.^[15]

Iran has always opposed US imperialism, NATO and Israel, has carried out actions of solidarity with national liberation struggles in West Asia and Latin America (especially Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela) and has expanded its relations with several African countries, China and Russia despite the economic sanctions and the continuous terrorist and interventionist actions of imperialism against it.^[16]

Iran is the only country in the region that poses a real threat to Israel. Israel alone could not cope with it. The support of US and British imperialism (and other countries such as Germany and France) is essential for its survival.^[17]

Demonstrating that Israel cannot act with impunity and that it is vulnerable was not the only positive consequence of this important event. What is more important was the fact that the gap between Sunnis and Shiites is narrowing. The statement by Hamas, which supported the Iranian response, is significant.^[18]

Another important consequence of the “True Promise” is that, with this response, Iran has not only demonstrated that it can reach any part of Israeli territory, but also any part of the region where U.S. troops are stationed. Not for nothing has the United States asked Iran not to attack its troops

in the region.

But perhaps the most important consequence has been the reaction of China^[19] and Russia^[20].

A new world is maturing

In my opinion, China and Russia are the only two countries that are in a position to stop NATO globally. By this I understand the ability to provide military and economic support worldwide to all nations that are attacked by this organization. The cases of Libya and Syria are exemplary in this regard. In Libya, Russia and China did not intervene after it had been agreed with NATO members that there would be no intervention from either side (i.e. NATO from one and Russia and China from the other). But, as is well known, the word of the imperialist countries is worthless. NATO members made sure that China and Russia would not react in Libya and catapulted the country “back into slavery”. China and Russia did not make this mistake again in Syria. And Syria could not be destroyed.

Being the only two countries capable of stopping NATO globally, they are also the ultimate target of NATO. This is the main dilemma of the present, from which derives the inevitability of a great confrontation between imperialism, on the one hand, and Russia, China and all the peoples of the world who want to be or remain sovereign, on the other.

Stopping NATO is one thing, defeating it is another. Russia’s special military operation has been the new beginning of the struggle against fascism, imperialism and its criminal instrument, NATO. But defeating NATO is a task that has to be carried out, if not by all, at least by a large part of humanity. Russia and China are not in a position to do it alone. They need all kinds of anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, patriotic, socialist, democratic, revolutionary, believing and non-believing forces, all communists in all parts of the world, all peoples,

the vast majority of mankind. And all these forces need Russia and China. There is the DPRK, Cuba, Iran, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Vietnam and Laos, Mexico and Bolivia, there is the African continent that is reborn, there is Palestine, Yemen and Lebanon, Afghanistan, there are the BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation, the Belt and Road Initiative, there is a world in which non-imperialist capitalist and socialist countries cooperate in peace, there is also us.

In the late 1990s, Brzezinski^[21] pointed out that the most potentially dangerous scenario for the United States and its goal of maintaining its hegemony over the world for as long as possible would possibly be a grand coalition of China, Russia and perhaps Iran^[22].

The growing cooperation between Russia and China and Iran point to a promising future in terms of the defeat of imperialism, but not only in relation to this fact. The People's Republic of China bases its strength on the vigorous economic and political development of its country, oriented towards the construction of socialism. Thus, the imminent clash between NATO and China will not only be a collision between two superpowers, but above all a confrontation between systems, between a dying imperialist capitalism and a socialism which, after the terrible defeat of 1989 with the liquidation of the USSR, is recovering its historical cause.

Therefore, in the national liberation struggle, in the anti-imperialist struggle, in the anti-fascist struggle, in the struggle against NATO, the class struggle that is being waged on an international scale is manifested. And these struggles harbor the seeds of socialist society. Thus, with the overthrow of imperialism, personified by the US, the EU and NATO, a new horizon opens up for humanity: the passage from human prehistory to socialist civilization.^[23]

Notes

[1] Finance capital determines the political decisions of the world

organized in NATO and directs the functioning of these economies by destabilizing them through speculation, while relentlessly pressuring member states to open up new markets in search of new investment opportunities and cheap access to sources of raw materials, labor, transportation and trade routes, as well as new centers of speculation to continue its heady casino economy.

The expansionist drive of finance capital is followed by military expansion. This leads to a growing political, economic and military threat to societies that resist this exploitation, while those that submit to it are impoverished by the unfavorable conditions imposed on them for the unfettered plunder of their economies.

[2] Particularly the USA, UK, France, Germany, Canada and Italy.

[3] "They must understand that we also have weapons [...] that can attack and eliminate targets on their territory. [...] All this is real and can provoke a conflict and lead to the use of nuclear weapons. Don't they understand? These are people who suffered hard times. But now they have forgotten what war means."

[4] "Initially it will be composed of about 2,000 soldiers. [...] This will make them a legitimate priority target for the Russian armed forces. This means that they will suffer the fate of all Frenchmen who have ever invaded the Russian world with a sword."

[5] The CDU will probably have to form a coalition government with other parties that are not yet foreseeable (perhaps the AfD and SPD).

[6] The NATO website reads:

"NATO has a number of 'partners across the globe' or 'global partners', which the Alliance cooperates with on an individual basis. NATO's global partners include Afghanistan¹, Australia, Colombia, Iraq, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand and Pakistan. NATO's engagement with global partners is taking on increasing importance in a complex security environment, where many of the challenges the Alliance faces are global and no longer bound by geography."

In a footnote it states:

"The partnership with Afghanistan is currently suspended following North Atlantic Council decisions related to the security environment."

In 2017, Colombia became one of NATO's global partners and its first Latin American partner. In 2018, preparations began for Chile's application to be included in Tier 2 of the classification system for non-NATO states. This should be completed before the end of this year. This year Argentina applied to NATO for global partner status.

[7] MSSM: Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti.

[8] It is hidden that these criminal gangs are supported by the country's national oligarchs, who in turn are supported by the US, and that they are targeting the only one fighting against them: Jimmy "Barbacoa" Cherizier, leader of the G9 Revolutionary Forces, who enjoys broad popular support and has a solid social and anti-imperialist conscience.

[9] NATO wanted to create "living space" in eastern Ukraine by "cleansing" the "insurgents." This would have ultimately paved the way for NATO to militarize Ukraine and, as mentioned above, would have directly broken nuclear parity between Russia and the United States to Russia's detriment.

[10] Putin has nominated Andrey Belousov as the head of the Russian Defense Ministry. Andrey Belousov was born on March 17, 1959. He graduated in 1981 from Moscow State University with a degree in cybernetics and economics. He was Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation and Director of the Department of Economics and Finance of the Russian Government. From 2012 to 2013, he headed the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation. From 2013 to 2020, he was Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation for Economic Affairs. On January 21, 2020, he was appointed First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Government. Deutschland Funk reads:

“This Moscow-born economist is considered an advocate of state industrial and economic policy. In terms of economic theory, he is therefore more a follower of the teachings of John Maynard Keynes (state control of macroeconomics) than of Milton Friedman (the market regulates everything). ‘Belousov was one of those who saw the state as the main driver of everything, and at the same time he analyzed the same data as we do, unlike most other pro-state economists, who just juggled with abstractions,’ says Konstantin Sonin, an economist and professor at the University of Chicago.”

[11] A particularly interesting case is Algeria. TSA quotes Algerian President Abdelmajid Tebboune:

“If you are in debt, you are finished: you cannot defend Gaza, Western Sahara, human rights or the rights of the oppressed in Africa or anywhere else as long as you are a slave to debt and to those who have lent you money! That is why we are not indebted and have not become indebted, even if we have been set up, said the Arab president.”

Algeria is one of the last countries in the world to be completely free of foreign debt and even of foreign military bases.

The Arab state’s leaders decided in the 2000s to get rid of its foreign debt after the then government had accumulated loans and debts during the rebellion of religious radicals in the 1990s.

Since gaining independence in a bloody armed war of national liberation, the leadership of the ruling Arab socialist party, the National Liberation Front (FLN), has pursued a long-term strategic policy of completely renouncing foreign loans and foreign military installations on Algerian territory. It has set itself the goal of absolute self-sufficiency in all areas.

[12] The current anti-colonial uprisings in e.g. Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, which brought patriotic military governments to power, are encouraging evidence of the revitalization of the fighting spirit of the peoples of the African continent. The recent decision by Niger and Senegal to end their military cooperation with the United States and demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from their countries is a significant step toward national sovereignty for the countries and a great signal to the continent and the world. Niger established a new military agreement but this time with Russia. U.S. troops must leave, Russian troops must come. And that’s pretty much what happened. At least the part about Russian soldiers going to Niger to support the fight against terrorism was fulfilled, and they were welcomed with a standing ovation by the Nigerien population. Shortly after their arrival in the country, the Russian soldiers entered the U.S. military base in Niger, which since their arrival is supposed to be their new

home, while the U.S. troops, who are taking inordinately long to leave the country, are still there. So it happens that the Russian soldiers are camped at one end of the military base that the Americans are reluctant to leave while the latter are stationed at the other end, with no words exchanged between the two groups. A comical scene in the midst of a serious international situation.

[13] While more and more African countries are deciding to end “cooperation” with that country, the US is preparing to find a way to recover what has been lost. The maneuvers being carried out by the United States in West Africa are part of Washington’s “offensive” and are “a little suspicious” because of the large number of military personnel taking part in them, Professor Francis Onditi, associate professor of conflictology and head of department at the School of International Relations and Diplomacy at Riara University in Nairobi, Kenya, told Sputnik Africa. This shows us that the defeat of imperialism is far from being consolidated and that there will be hard battles against it.

[14] Ansar Allah, which has won the de facto war against Saudi Arabia, has been attacking any ship flying an Israeli flag, coming from countries allied with Israel or calling at Israeli ports. At the time of writing Ansar Allah was in the midst of the forth phase of retaliation in support of the Palestinian people. The United States, in its usual cowardice towards weaker countries, did not hesitate to attack Yemen directly. The latter has repelled such attacks with astonishing success.

[15] Having paid a heavy price for its alliance with U.S. imperialism, Afghanistan is now building its major economic and manufacturing ties with Russia and China, i.e., the Russians and the communists. Afghanistan has come a long and painful way to get to where it started. It just goes to show how strange the twists and turns of life sometimes are. Despite this history, it is to be appreciated that the country has managed to convert its agricultural production from opium production to food production, that it is taking firm steps to reindustrialize the country, or that it has managed to expel US troops from the country and take steps to exercise national sovereignty over the sources of raw materials in the national territory.

[16] Iran’s confrontation with US imperialism and its lackeys and its open support for national liberation struggles around the world strengthen regional and global resistance. Iran’s “True Promise” reaction to Israel’s attack on the Iranian diplomatic establishment in Syria was inevitable, forced and desired by Israel and the US and welcomed by the vast majority of the peoples of the region. Iran did not intend to attack Israel on a large scale, but to leave a message: Israel must know that its actions will no longer go unpunished. Undoubtedly, it would have suited Israel if Iran had attacked its country in such a way that the United States would have been forced to intervene in its defense against Iran.

The proof that Iran never intended to launch a full-scale military attack against Israel is the fact that if US and Israeli intelligence had actually had information about such an attack by Iran, they would have moved warships from the western Mediterranean to the eastern Mediterranean and many more aircraft to bases near Iran, if not in countries in the region, because Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and even

Turkey have denied the US NATO bases for a confrontation with Iran, at least in countries like Cyprus, for example.

[17] Iran's first real response to Israel's constant and vile provocations led to the flight of more than 300,000 Zionist settlers. This shows that large sections of the Israeli population have no confidence in the ability of their army or their government to protect them from possible Iranian wrath. If more than 300,000 settlers left Israel because of a single attack, one can only imagine how many of them would have left the country if Iran had responded seriously.

[18] On Sunday, April 14, Hamas declared:

"We, the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), consider the military operation of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the Zionist occupation regime as a natural right and a deserved response to the crime of attacking the Iranian consulate in Damascus and assassinating a number of Revolutionary Guard leaders there."

[19] China has supported Iran with its characteristic diplomatic posturing, as it did with Russia and the special military operation in Ukraine. Reading between the lines China's support and positioning on Iran's side is clear. The Global Times, for example, states:

"The main cause of the current Israel-Iran conflict is the Palestine-Israel conflict. But the United States has turned a blind eye to the real causes of the Middle East crisis. Worse, since the beginning of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the United States has not done enough to stop Israel's actions. On the contrary, it has provided Israel with large-scale military aid and political support, making it an absolute accomplice and co-conspirator in the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza."

[20] Russia's support for Iran's "True Promise" was, as usual, more direct. Putin noted:

"What the Islamic Republic of Iran did in response to this criminal act and in the face of the UN Security Council's inaction was the best way to punish the aggressor and a proof of the tact and wisdom of the Iranian authorities."

[21] Zbigniew Kazimierz Brzeziński was an American diplomat and political scientist. He was an advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1966 to 1968 and National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981.

[22] Brzeziński said:

"Potentially, the most dangerous scenario would be a grand coalition of China, Russia, and perhaps Iran, an 'antihegemonic' coalition united not by ideology but by complementary grievances. It would be reminiscent in scale and scope of the challenge once posed by the Sino-Soviet bloc, though this time China would likely be the leader and Russia the follower. Averting this contingency, however remote it may be, will require a display of U.S. geostrategic skill on the western, eastern, and southern perimeters of Eurasia simultaneously."

[23] In the preface to the text "On the Critique of Political Economy," Marx wrote:

"Bourgeois relations of production are the last antagonistic form of the social production process, antagonistic not in the sense of individual

antagonism, but of an antagonism growing out of the social living conditions of individuals, but the productive forces developing in the bosom of bourgeois society simultaneously create the material conditions for resolving this antagonism. This social formation therefore concludes the prehistory of human society."

The anti-imperialist battle of Russia in Ukraine, it's back round and the dirty role of the West

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Dear Comrades,

I would like to thank you for inviting me to this event and giving me the opportunity to analyse the going situation in Ukraine, in Caucasus and in the post Soviet region in General.

We, the communists of Georgia and the workers of our country knew in practice that, with the collapse of our great country of the USSR, the succession in every aspect of the former socialist Georgia also collapsed.

Within 32 years, Georgia lost all the conquests and all the achievements it had achieved under socialism. But the worst thing is that Georgia was first thrown into a civil war led by Far Right anti-communist pro-Americans who later dragged Georgia into a full-scale war against our big neighbor Russia in 2008 by the guidance of the White House, exactly in the same way as it is happening now, only in a different country, in Ukraine, which is under the regime of an American-backed Junta.

Georgia, today is a devastated country where, about the 22% of the population left the country to migrate overseas for a better life, and those who live in Georgia live below the poverty line. Georgia was an industrial and agricultural country during the years of socialism and Soviet power which today has transformed into a country of wild primitive capitalism. Today, Georgia is reaching out to the whole world and asking for help.

Seeing the tragedy of our country, the communists of Georgia are fighting for the return of power to the people, the reconstruction of socialism and the great Soviet Union on a new basis.

We believe that we will achieve our goal by fighting in unity with all the communists of all the countries, and we believe that with the new

cooperation of the peoples, with the renewal of the friendship (cooperation—s. m.) of the Soviet people, Georgia will truly be a sovereign state again. In the struggle for socialism, the solidarity of communists and all workers of the world is essential. Comrades, the World is in a dire economic and geopolitical situation.

The Great October Socialist Revolution played a decisive role in the history of the 20th century as it opened and led the historical era of our newest history, it managed the revolutionary transformation of humanity from capitalism to Socialism. It had a significant impact on the course of world history and determined the destiny of many nations. Social benefits based on the ideals of equality, peace and harmony and of multiculturalism, formed in the USSR, are still appreciated to this day. The USSR achieved a lot in manufacturing, agriculture, energy and space, and laid the foundation for many industries and new research directions. The achievements of the Soviet Union in the fields of culture and sports have become the heritage of humanity and brought the country world fame.

Today we can see the labor exploits of the Soviet era, the scientific discoveries and the heroism of Soviet soldiers. Sadly, humanity has forgotten the achievements of those who stood up and fought for sacred values such as justice, hard work and equality.

The development of this pivotal era is going through a fierce class struggle between social-political forces of Socialist revolution and imperialist counter revolution internationally and on domestic levels of the countries. Ability to live for modern humanity, overall progress, civilizational and cultural growth, are tightly

connected to rightful strengthening of socialism on planet earth. Capitalism, that reached its existing highest stage, is obsessed with deepening global crisis. Capitalism has to take a step back in favor of Socialism, though it will not surrender its social structure of peoples' lives without resistance.

As we discuss the crises and their solutions today, close to us a brutal conflict is raging between Israel and Palestine, which has been going on for decades. Sides of this conflict must sit down to a negotiating table and end this conflict in a peaceful manner. Also, to find a way of ending this conflict, we must turn to the UN sec. Council decision about creating a sovereign Palestinian state. The US administration plays extremely negative role in this process as it isn't willing to compromise. Instead, US always was a side in this conflict, and even now it has sent destructive weapons to the region. There is no another way to regulate this conflict except by a Peaceful pathway!

On the other hand we have also an ongoing conflict in our region, and I am talking about the Special Operation of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. It is a topic not so simple, so let's start from the beginning. When Nazi Germany attacked the USSR, some far-right fascist groups led by Stepan Bandera, a Ukrainian pro-Nazi, sabotaged and fought against our partisans and the Soviet army and even collaborated with them while they occupied Ukraine and Belarus. Since 2014 and even earlier, the American embassy in Kiev has been playing a dirty game, the main goal of which was to overthrow the government and bring to power the political offspring of the same fascist Ukrainians who collaborated with Nazi Germany. We saw marches glorifying Bandera, and militias marching under the slogans "Kill Muscovites, death to communists." I would also like to remind you of the burning of the Trade Union Building and the death of 48 people as they expressed their solidarity with the Greek neo-Nazi terrorist organization Golden Dawn. Once they achieved their goal and overthrew the elected government they came to power, their first steps were to terrorize and eliminate every

opposition, and not only that, every ethnic minority, not only the Russians who are the majority in the eastern part of Ukraine, but also the Greeks and Crimean Tatars. Back in 2014, a referendum was held in Crimea, in which its population decided to reunite with Russia, since Crimea was donated to the Ukrainian SSR by Nikita Khrushchev, and in accordance with the principle of self-determination of the peoples, the Lugansk and Donetsk regions declared their independence from Ukraine to avoid terror and statements accused by the Kyiv regime. Between September 2014 and February 2015, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, France and Germany signed several versions of the so-called Minsk Agreement to stop the fighting, but unfortunately the agreements were never implemented by the Kiev regime, resulting in more than 14,000 people lost their rights. life.

Since the republics broke away from Ukraine in 2014, the government in Kyiv has waged a brutal war against the republics' residents and ignored agreements requiring recognition of their autonomy—the Minsk Protocols. Therefore, we admire and support the courage and determination of the Russian Federation to support the just struggle for freedom of the peoples of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics and join them to the Russian Federation, just as we support the just struggle for freedom. -Nazification and liberation of Ukraine from the regime of American-controlled Nazi murderers. We express our solidarity with the civilian population of these regions, who welcomed the appearance of the armed forces of the Russian Federation with joy, flowers and music, but I am sure that you did not see these scenes, since the media is controlled by the West. Recently the security services of Georgia published undisputed proofs that Kiev regime is attempting to destabilise the situation in Georgia, by organizing a pro-fascistic coup. For years, serious terrorist military forces and political platforms have been readied in Ukraine, the plague, formed particularly for Georgia.

If this happens, we will get a fascist Georgia, with crushed workers, tens of thousands of prisoners,

hundreds of physically liquidated leftists and progressive thinkers and actors. We have already gone through this back in 2003-2012 under the regime of Saakashvili. Believe us, about this we also talk with deep knowledge of the case and concrete facts.

So, the only real force that blocks the Ukrainian spreading of fascism on its way to swallow post-Soviet countries is Russia. Our days Russia might follow a capitalist pathway, but today is saving all the post soviet people from ethnic and religious conflicts, saves them from full absorption by the most dangerous American imperialism and saves the leftist and progressive forces from destruction. We are even sure, that holding a neutral position towards the situation in Ukraine, and condemning the actions of Russia automatically means supporting Kievian Fascism and inevitable Fascistisation of post-Soviet countries and its peoples.

Since some American officials admit that they will fight Russia to the last Ukrainian, their target is not only Russia or Ukraine, but also Europe. The United States insists on tough sanctions against the Russian Federation, habitually justifying itself by the fact that Russia is a terrorist state and the so-called "humanitarian aid to Ukraine." Economic competitor is the European Union. Since the United States has an extremely low level of trade with Russia, Europe has favorable trade and economic ties with Russia. The conflict with Russia allows Washington to push European countries towards new, economically destructive sanctions.

The task of the US imperialists is not to protect Ukraine, but to get out of the acute crisis of capitalism. Russia is finally moving away from the harmful idolatry of the West, and the time has come to show its mettle in the Donbass. The Russian Federation is surrounded by a chain of unfriendly states, and it is impossible to retreat further. The West must sense Russia's determination to defend itself and its friends. Our goal as communists is to crush fascism, just as our political forefathers did in 1945. which is as fact cannot be falsified or

erased from people's memory, in which the great leader was the Georgian Soviet leader Joseph Stalin who expressed and served the interests of millions of the working class and the peasantry. The gigantic contribution of the Soviet Union to the victory over Fascist Germany and its allies was achieved thanks to Soviet workers' power, the advantages offered by the socialization of the means of production and the central planning of the economy, the leading role of people led by the working class, in the role of the communist party as a revolutionary labor vanguard. Stalin appears as a criminal personality, anti-communism has Stalin as its main point because during the period when he was the leader of the CPSU, the total abolition of capitalist relations of production took place, with the abolition of the exploitation of wage labor, the foundations for the new social system, with various ridiculous arguments they try to tarnish the labor struggle that defended socialism especially at that time against the undermining done by the capitalists and their supporters.

What the European Union, America and the West generally call the crimes of socialism as totalitarianism and Stalinism is that for the first time in history the working class took power from the bourgeoisie, socialized big business, organized the collectivization of agricultural production, defended popular power, socialism, punished the fascists and their collaborators and defended the people's bread held by the rich bourgeois, the kulaks.

It is our moral duty to stand on the right side of history and not even think that we are making things bigger than they really are, as I would like to remind you. As Comrade Stalin said, "Fascism is not only a military-technical category. Fascism is a militant organization of the bourgeoisie, based on the active support of social democracy. Social democracy is objectively the moderate wing of fascism." Everyone has the same boss, and it is our duty to stand up for the truth.

The situation of World War 3 and the tasks of the world anti-imperialist peace forces

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The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: “The flames of World War 3, perpetrated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to Western Asia (Middle East) and then to East Asia.” The provocateur of World War 3 is imperialism, and although the current war is in Ukraine, it is likely to expand to Eastern Europe; the war in Palestine is expanding to West Asia, and the crisis of the looming wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan is escalating in East Asia. The war in Ukraine triggered the war in Palestine and West Asia. The wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East Asia. If the war in East Asia breaks out, it will, in turn, promote the expansion of war into Eastern Europe and the escalation of the war in West Asia.

World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine, has intensified with the war in West Asia, and will enter full swing with the war in East Asia. The reason we describe the war as having the three stages of beginning, intensification, and being in full swing is that, in reality, not only do wars often progress through these stages, but also there are many different opinions about the concept, nature, and beginning of war in general. This implies that although there may be different views on the beginning of war, no one disputes the existence of a war once it reaches the full-swing stage. The war in Ukraine is a good example. It is said to have started in 2022, but it actually began in 2014 with the Maidan coup. The eight-year war in the Donbas was an intensification of this war, and it entered full swing with Russia’s “special military” operation in February 2022. There may be disagreements about the Maidan coup as the beginning of the war, but there is no doubt that the war in Ukraine has been ongoing since the “special military” operation.

From this perspective, the war in West Asia began with Palestinian Hamas’ Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in October 2023, intensified with resistance from Lebanese Hezbollah, Yemeni Ansar Allah, etc., and then entered full swing with Iran’s Operation “True Promise” in April 2024. It can also be analyzed that World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine and is intensifying with the war in West Asia, and it is expected to enter full swing in the war in East Asia. We agree with the view that World War 2 began with the Manchurian Incident, the Japanese invasion of China in 1931, intensified thereafter, and then entered full swing with the German invasion of Poland in 1939.

A world war is a major war between two camps on a global scale. World War 1 was fought between the Allies and the Central Powers as an inter-imperialist war, and World War 2 was fought between the antifascist and fascist camps as an antifascist war. World War 3 is an anti-imperialist war fought between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. The war in Ukraine is essentially a war between an anti-imperialist country, Russia, and the NATO imperialist powers. The NATO imperialist forces, centered on the USA, are waging a proxy war, insidiously using Zelensky’s Ukraine, a fascist and a puppet of imperialism. The imperialist camp, which is plotting and provoking World War 3, has made proxy wars a basic doctrine to avoid mutually assured destruction (MAD). The imperialist forces are waging proxy wars against the “axis of resistance” in West Asia, through an imperialist puppet and zionist Netanyahu, while against the DPRK and China, through their puppet and fascist, Yoon Seok-yeol’s “ROK” and another puppet, Lai Ching-Te’s Taiwan respectively.

We agree with the view that the war in East Asia

has already begun if we do not limit the concept of war to “high-intensity” warfare but include “low-intensity” conflict. US imperialism has been annually accelerating the continuous joint military exercises of the US, the “ROK” military, and the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, especially in and around the Korean Peninsula, aimed at the DPRK and China, as nuclear war exercises. As a result, the military and diplomatic confrontation in Northeast Asia between the DPRK, China, and Russia on one axis and the USA, the “ROK”, and Japan on the other has become increasingly intense. It is natural that the defense budget has increased proportionally and military exercises have become more frequent. The gravity of the problem cannot be overstated: war in East Asia is highly likely to involve tactical nuclear weapons. The USA has a history of nuclear threats against North Korea and China dating back to the immediate aftermath of World War 2. It is no secret that even during the Korean War in the 1950s, the USA was actively considering a nuclear strike on the DPRK and China, as proposed by its commander. In the end, China and the DPRK were forced to arm themselves with nuclear weapons as a deterrent to nuclear war, and now, together with Russia, they are nuclear and missile superpowers with all kinds of nuclear weapons and delivery systems. This is why even if the USA plans to wage war in East Asia, which is an integral part of World War 3, it will not be an all-out nuclear war between the USA and DPRK-China, but a limited nuclear war, i.e., proxy war and tactical nuclear war. The USA has been overtly practicing nuclear war drills against North Korea that mobilize tactical nukes since the 1990s, with specific operation names, and it has reached the stage where the DPRK has vowed to respond with tactical nuclear weapons, and China also has been conducting military exercises to counterattack with tactical nuclear weapons. China recently held a military exercise to surround Taiwan in response to the inauguration of Lai Ching-Te. Judging from media reports alone, the likelihood of tactical nuclear use in East Asia is higher than in Eastern

Europe.

It is also important to note that military tensions in East Asia are escalating in conjunction with political and economic crises in the “ROK”, Taiwan, and Japan, such as the Netanyahu administration in Israel, which is facing the biggest political crisis. The Kishida government’s approval rating is hitting rock bottom due to the corruption scandal of the Liberal Democratic Party, and Taiwan’s ruling party lost the recent local elections outright. In particular, the Yoon Suk-yeol government of the “ROK” faces the risk of impeachment after the crushing defeat in the last general election. Just before the Korean War in the 1950s, the Rhee Syngman government in the “ROK” was also amid a political crisis after losing the general election. It is not surprising that the ruling fascists would choose war as a way out of the political and economic crisis.

At the root of the political crisis in Ukraine and Israel, which are already at war, and in the “ROK” and Taiwan, where war is imminent, is the economic crisis and the collapse of people’s livelihoods, which also stem from the global economic crisis caused by the imperialist forces. The imperialist powers are slyly trying to deflect from its political and economic crisis by launching a major war on a global scale while blaming their proxies for the global economic crisis caused by boundless greed, savage plunder and invasion of capital and for the economic crisis and public welfare disaster in each country caused by capitalism and neocolonialism. This is why they are using the deception of “de-risking” by launching the “New Cold War” strategy with World War 3. In recent centuries, wars have been the biggest money-making opportunities for monopoly capital, and the arms dealers and the military-industrial complex have always been behind world wars. It is the military-industrial complex and oil barons who are profiting from the wars in Ukraine and West Asia, and it is the people, including workers, who are dying from bombing and fighting, conscription and recruitment, destruction of buildings, and inflation.

The people are a peaceful force that loves peace and hates war. As the root of war is imperialism, it is inevitable and natural for peace forces to engage in anti-imperialist struggles. Since 2014, the people of the Donbas region in Eastern Europe have been resisting the Ukrainian fascist forces in armed struggle; the people of the “axis of resistance” including the Palestinian people in West Asia have been staging armed struggles against the Israeli Zionist forces; the people of the “ROK” in East Asia have been uprising against the pro-US fascist warmongers, and the people of Taiwan have been fighting against the pro-US separatist forces. It is no coincidence that the pro-Palestinian and anti-Zionist, anti-war peace protests of the US university students are spreading around the world, including Europe. The Israeli Zionist genocide of Palestinians and war provocations eventually made even Western European countries such as Spain recognize Palestine as a state. Just as all capital exploits the world unitedly, the people are also united on a global scale to resist it. The world is moving toward a great transition through the resistance and struggle of anti-imperialist forces in the great upheaval period of World War 3. The DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, has become the strongest nuclear and missile power, occupying a key position and playing an important role within the anti-imperialist camp. In this camp, China, a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, and Russia, a country with socialist heritage, are forming the leading force with the DPRK, and the world’s anti-imperialist forces, including the two billion Muslims, form the auxiliary forces. The imperialist camp lost its pretext for war due to the logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda. The imperialist camp is losing in both military and pretext. It has neither the will nor the ability to win in three major theaters simultaneously: Eastern Europe, West Asia, and East Asia. The victory of the anti-imperialist countries in the war in East Asia will be a decisive step for the victory of the world’s anti-imperialist camp in World War 3, just like the

Battle of Stalingrad was in World War 2.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, which was formed in Paris, France, in October 2022 by anti-imperialist forces around the world, centered on communist forces in each country, has been holding anti-imperialist conferences with important political declarations and organizing popular anti-imperialist rallies in Belgrade, Serbia, in December 2022, Caracas, Venezuela, in March 2023, Seoul, South Korea, in May 2023, and Athens, Greece, in November 2023, and carrying out anti-imperialist joint struggles on a global scale. Chanting the slogans of “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!” the World Anti-imperialist Platform continues to innovate and move forward to fulfill its three goals: mass struggle against imperialism, ideological warfare against pro-imperialist opportunist forces, and the strengthening of the international communist movement. Today, we are gathered in Madrid, Spain, to analyze the world situation and seek the path of justice, peace, and victory, which will serve as a guide to illuminate the popular and revolutionary practical struggle of the future.

It is an immutable truth proven by history that the people are the true masters of society, marching toward a society in which they carve out their own destiny. We are convinced that the just world peace and anti-imperialist forces will achieve the final victory and usher in a new world of independence and peace without imperialism and fascism, and a new world of progress and equality where the people become masters.

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