

# About the Current Situation: We Condemn and Repudiate the Imperialist War of Aggression Against the Middle East!\*

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The bloody events in Paris on Friday the 13th of this month, as pointed out by the highest representative of French imperialism, President of the Republic Hollande, are a consequence of France's prominent participation in the Middle East war, in Syria and Iraq. He said, "France is at war," and the attacks are "acts of war by Daesh (ISIS)." The very representative of French imperialism has declared that they are at war both abroad and in the country. It is confirmed what we pointed out during the events of January this year in the same Paris: "imperialist war has come back home."

This is very important in the development of the political situation and the revolutionary situation in that imperialist country and in the world.

The nature of this War: it is an imperialist aggression war for a new division, and the spoils of this new division are the countries in the Middle East (Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, etc.). It is an imperialist war of aggression that has unfolded in successive episodes since the beginning of the last decade of the past century and is increasingly spreading to new countries. It is an imperialist aggression war against the countries and peoples of that region, which holds great strategic importance (economic, political, and military) for imperialist dominance (the main contradiction).

The one leading the War of Aggression is yankee imperialism, in its condition as the sole hegemonic superpower, in collusion and rivalry with the other atomic superpower, Russia, and the other imperialist powers (develop-

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ment of the third contradiction). Since the beginning of October, the Russian imperialists have directly entered the country to bomb it and deploy some ground troops (2000 according to their spokespersons, 4000 according to others), with prior agreement with the yankee imperialists, as we are witnessing. Until shortly before, they were doing it through third parties (the governments of Iran and Syria). Now, the imperialists and their lackeys are holding talks in Vienna (Austria) to reach agreements based on the new correlation of forces achieved on the military ground; in any case, these are advances and temporary agreements.

In this way, their war of aggression develops: an inter-imperialist struggle, leading to a new collusion among the imperialists, which further intensifies the rivalry between them, and so on. The yankee imperialists, since 2006, under Bush Jr., had already considered reaching “agreements” with Iran to advance their interests at the expense of Russian imperialists in that region. They noticed that the government imposed by the occupant and the army structured by them were pro-yankee to the core, but it had a weak point - its social base is Shia. The new government is not very different, and it is the “Shiite brigades” that operate on the ground, alongside the Peshmergas and other Kurdish forces from Syria and Turkey, against ISIS.

That’s why, to advance on the issue with Iran, the yankees promoted behind the scenes, first, cooperation agreements on nuclear energy between the government of Lula in Brazil and the Ayatollahs, then between the government of Erdogan in Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran (Shiite) on the same matter, and later between the government of Argentina under Fernandez de Kirchner and the government of Iran on judicial cooperation in 2011, to facilitate a way out for Iranian officials accused of the bombing of the Jewish mutual association (AMIA) in Argentina (see statements from the Argentine Foreign Minister after his return from Washington last September, where he makes very revealing statements about it; in summary, he says it was at the request of a US government official).

Then, the landlord-bureaucratic government of Islamist confession in Iran has signed a disarmament agreement, submitting to the dictates of yankee imperialism. To achieve this, they earned merits by sending planes and brigades to fight in Iraq against ISIS. Today, they are sitting at the negotiating table on Syria, alongside yankee imperialist servants like the Saudis and Erdogan’s Turks. Iran will have to give up some of its advances as a regional power for the benefit of others. However, behind all of them are the superpowers and imperialist forces.

Today the imperialists are in a great collusion against the peoples of that region, but logically the struggle continues because it is absolute between them. The imperialists claim that their war is against terrorism, now represented by ISIS or IS. Trying to present their war of imperialist aggression for new distribution, where the spoils are those oppressed countries, as a war between “civilization and barbarism,” i.e. as a just war. The plan that the imperialists are carrying out is the division of the country, its balkanization in various zones of influence, fueling and justifying it with the ethnic and religious division and committing the most barbaric and gigantic genocides.

Is the Islamic State a useful enemy of the imperialists?

It is necessary to look at this briefly. Until June 2014 the yankee imperialists and their “allies,” with France as their closest “ally” and fearmongerer of military intervention in the Broader Middle East, together with other imperialist countries, on one hand, with their servants the Gulf monarchies headed by the Saudis (Sunni Salafists) and the Islamist confessional bureaucratic-terrorist government of Turkey, financed and armed all kinds of groups, including those they themselves call “terrorists,” to overthrow the government of El Assad by arming Sunni groups against the Shiites and other ethnic and religious minorities. This government, as the highest representative of that State, had to assume the defense of the territorial integrity of the country and oppose the change of its semi-colonial situation to a colonial one, despite the fact that it has moved within the attempts of capitulation.

The aforementioned situation, the power vacuum thus created in large areas of Syrian territory and the means that ended up in their hands were used by the ISIS fundamentalists to finish recomposing themselves after their hasty departure from Iraq in 2009, forced by the “Surge” or yankee military offensive in 2007 against the Iraqi Resistance against the “coalition” imperialist forces led by the yankees, of which they were part. Thus, the imperialist military aggression of yankee, French and others benefited ISIS to occupy a vast territory in Syria and then advance to Iraq and join the Sunni rebellion against the regime imposed by the imperialist occupier (majority Shiite).

What we have just said, marked the turning point in the development of the war of aggression and the passage to its new episode, that is to say, the passage to the greatest direct imperialist military intervention with the mainly aerial attacks of the “Coalition,” combined with the use of native troops of various colors and of the most varied and contradictory interests, as “boots on the ground.” For the yankee imperialists the “Kurdish option” for the division of these countries has been applied since the first war against

Iraq of Saddam Hussein (beginning of the 1990s). The old Turkish state, a bureaucratic landlord in the service of imperialism, mainly yankee, has benefited from this by economically annexing “Iraqi Kurdistan.” Following its military victories in Iraq and the capture of Ramallah, “ISIS” declared its “Caliphate” in the part of the territory of Iraq and Syria under its domination. It is a turning point that marks the entry into a new situation of war; for by declaring itself as “Caliphate,” it announces its pretension to change not only the regimes or forms of government of these landlord-bureaucratic states subject to imperialism, but to set itself up as a single state with dominion over all these countries, displacing the sectors of the ruling classes of these countries by others of its sectors, even more fundamentalist than the fundamentalists of Saudi Arabia or other monarchies or republics of the region.

We do not believe in the theory of the “great conspiracy” put forward by the Russian imperialists through their various spokesmen and the revisionists of the “Left Party” [Die Linke] in Germany, that IS is a creation of the yankees. But as can be seen, it is a “useful enemy.” The contradictions between the two are real and the war between them is also real. Can anyone doubt it now?

Do not forget that Marx, when studying the history of the East, pointed out that Islam had a revolutionary element against colonialism, which consisted in the commandment it contains, that they should not allow “any infidel (foreigner) to trample on the land of Islam.” Not to forget either, that this has been used by imperialism against the communists to seek to hijack the leadership of the national liberation movement in these countries by encouraging, promoting, financing and arming Islamist movements to fight us.

The same has also been used by the imperialists to push one against another for the imperialist repartition, for example, when the Ottoman Empire went into final collapse. For the new partition with the First World War and for a new partition with the Second World War and everything after it up to now. It was the yankee imperialists (the US-CIA between them), together with others, counting on the service mainly of the Saudi monarchy and others of the Gulf, who mobilized, organized, financed and armed the modern “jihadists” to confront the Soviet social-imperialists. That is the starting point of the current “jihadism” or Islamism in its Sunni side, the other being that of Iran of the ayatollahs and the shiaa. The latter, although they shelter under the Russian atomic power, have a whole history of service to the

military aggression of yankee imperialism in that region, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, etc., at different times. That is right, they are all landlord-bureaucratic forces at the service of imperialism, the one that dominates them mainly. But as Chairman Mao taught us, in certain circumstances these forces can become part of the national united front. This is the case when there is a military invasion and occupation of the country to change its semi-colonial status and turn it into a colony. See also the role played by El Assad.

Now, let's go back to the political situation in France, but it is not only foreign war, or external attack, the perpetrators of these "acts of war" (Holande) were French citizens, what does this tell us? That a part of the population is against and hates the French imperialist state. The children of the immigrant workers themselves who live in the poorest neighborhoods "les beieus" declare it in interviews to the media. They say, "we have to stick together, otherwise we have no one, the State puts on the border of all the buildings where we live Freedom! Equality Fraternity," but that is not for us. We do not see it. And this is more acute now than ten years ago when there was the rebellion of the youth of these neighborhoods (banlieues) in the face of the police murder of two young people. Today, we are commemorating rebellion. Everything shows us the development of the second contradiction (bourgeoisie-proletariat) spurred by the reactionary action of military aggression abroad and the greater internal repression against the poorest, the workers and children of workers of foreign origin, to the point of military occupation of the country itself.

What must be done by the Maoists who live and act in these countries, France in particular, is to transform the present situation into revolution, to give a greater impulse to the work of the masses by uniting with the poorest and deepest masses, it is an overdue task, without it there will not be the fundamental lever that will allow the class to shake the world. For this it is necessary to push forward the movement against the imperialist war abroad and the military occupation of the country and the development of the internal reactionary war, of the war against the people. Seeing how reaction tries to use the latest bloody events to boost public opinion in favor of its war of aggression abroad and its war against the people at home, agitated to raise the sentiment "against barbarism" and "for the innocent victims."

The "innocent victims" ("collateral damage") for whom they claim to grieve and shed crocodile tears, do not matter to these dirty imperialists. The imperialists say "we are at war" and that implies a response, a cost, which they foresee, that does not impress them. On October 10th, Der Spiegel

Nr.42/10.10.2015, Der Weltfeldherr p. 8 and 9, noted: “Critics (of Putin in Russia, our note) hold the possibility that the ‘Islamic State’ may react with an ‘asymmetric response,’ something like acts of terror on Russian territory.” Therefore, this was also in the calculation of the French imperialists to use the righteous feeling of pain of the masses to have favorable public opinion and escalate the war in the Middle East and militarily occupy the country and repress the people.

The consequences of their own reactionary action is used by the imperialists to stir up nationalism and fascism, chauvinism. They are already talking about internment of Muslims in camps and stripping them of their nationality. Now they are thinking of concentration camps for Muslims, akin to World War II for the Jews. That is why we have to denounce all this. Denounce the situation in which these families of migrant workers live, they are children of migrant workers, of workers, the imperialist republic does not give them anything, rather it deprives them of everything, it crushes them and they leave attracted by the struggle against imperialism, against the “dirty French imperialists” and “yankees” who kill Muslims like them in their own land and also as they say “seduced by the compensation.” And when they come back they are with more anger for all that this system represents and with the outdated ideology that does not allow them to make differences.

They, the Islamists, have a feudal military theory that comes from the 6th century, it is the “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” if the imperialists slaughter our children and execute our youth by exploding their bombs and disappear our houses and entire villages, we have to give them the same, that is the logic that guides their action. Those who have acted on Friday the 13th in Paris, are not armed like the Maoists with the military theory of the proletariat, the people’s war, which aims to destroy the living forces of the enemy and conserve their own, guided by the need to serve to unite the immense majority of the people so that the revolution triumphs. This is what the people’s wars that are already underway have to show the masses so that their example illuminates and drives the transformation of all the struggles that are taking place in the world to guarantee the victorious development of the new great wave of the world proletarian revolution in which we find ourselves, in this stage of the world revolution in which we find ourselves, that of its strategic offensive and strategic defense of imperialism.

The call for national unity in the name of “victims and values” should be rejected in order for all to commit themselves to a greater war of aggression. Overt or covert voices of condemnation or hypocritical or sincere cries only

help to try to legitimize the imperialist war of aggression and do not allow us to hit with all our strength those who are the real culprits of all the misfortunes suffered today by the peoples of the world. Do not allow the movement against imperialist war to be divided and the target to be diverted. Everything in the service of fulfilling the backward task and one way to advance it in these countries is to oppose the imperialist war of aggression and to point out those who are the most arch genocidal criminals. They themselves recognize that it is war, it is war there and it is war here as well. It is no longer like the colonial wars of the past. Already in the previous one in Algeria they experienced their return home, but its repercussion will never be comparable to the one that is going to develop. They have therefore their answer, it is not ours, but it is the consequence of the one they themselves have unleashed and they intend to escalate it. We always emphasize the superiority of ours, of the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist people's war which aims to win over the immense majority of the population, its class character and its end is to put an end to all wars.

Forge a powerful and broad movement against the imperialist war of aggression in the Middle East!

Against the military occupation of one's own country by the French imperialists and the defense of the life and rights of the masses of Arab origin and/or Muslim religious belief!

Against imperialist chauvinism in Europe!