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Against the Israel-Iran Imperialist War, Anti-capitalist Class War !

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WESTERN IMPERIALISM IN THE WAR

It's been a week since Israel attacked Iran with a massive bombing campaign against military and civilian sites, preceded by a series of assassinations of Iranian military officials and other. But it had been several months since not only threats but also "targeted assassinations" and limited bombings had been committed by the Israeli armed forces against Iranian targets. In retaliation, Iran fired missiles and sent drones on Israel.

While some bourgeois commentators are seriously debating whether this attack was decided by the United States, it is indisputable that it would not have taken place if the US, informed in advance, had opposed it. Moreover, Trump's statements calling on Iran to "surrender unconditionally" leave no doubt that the US support the war unleashed by Israel, the only unknown being whether the US will go to war directly. European imperialism immediately reacted by asserting that "Israel has the right to defend itself" (including by attacking!). The French president, abandoning his hollow idea of "recognizing" a non-existent Palestinian state, added that France was ready to defend Israel militarily: thus, there is a *de facto* military alliance with the Hebrew state.

Israel could not wage its war in Gaza, attack Lebanon, bomb Syria and now attack Iran without the support – mainly military but not only – it has received from the USA and Western imperialism for many years. Undoubtedly, Israel sometimes defends its own interests without too much regard for the wishes of its imperialist sponsors: that's what happens from time to time with henchmen. But the fact remains that if Israel is so unfailingly supported by Western imperialism, it is because the latter have a fundamental interest in it: to have a solid foothold in an unstable region of strategic importance.

THE IMPOTENCE OF CALLS FOR PEACE

As with every war, there are calls for peace, for negotiations, for the respect of international law - except this time that these calls, always in vain and hypocritical, do not come from the major Western democracies,

committed as they are to unwavering support for the Israeli attack. Some imagine that it is possible to put pressure, perhaps through demonstrations, on the leaders of the major states so they put an end to wars, and to this one in particular, and ensure the compliance with international law, humanitarian law and other bourgeois nonsense that is always trampled underfoot.

In reality, it is the whole international situation of sharpened tensions of all kinds that is driving to military confrontations - right up to tomorrow's outbreak of a **third world conflict** - and not the will of a few "war-mongers". The war in the Middle East, like the war in Ukraine, was born on the soil of capitalism in crisis, and beyond the particular circumstances that gave rise to them, they demonstrate the threat that hangs and will hang over the world's proletarians and oppressed masses: to become cannon fodder on the front lines, exploitation fodder in capitalist prisons, or bomb fodder to the random bombings.

THE ONLY SOLUTION: CLASS WAR AGAINST CAPITALISM

Unlike all kind of pacifism, however, proletarians are not condemned to impotence: they have in their hands a formidable potential power, because it is from their labor, from their exploitation, that the bloody capitalist system functions. By fighting against this exploitation, they can bring the war machinery to a halt, even before they can bring down capitalism and its states. But to do this, they will have to break with the forces that paralyze them by chaining them to class collaboration in the name of national unity, the defense of the economy or the capitalist company, and rediscover the path of **independent class struggle**.

By waging **class war against capitalism**, in union with the proletarians and the exploited of the whole world, they will then be able to put an end to bourgeois wars, making it possible to envisage the only definitive help for the countless victims of imperialist wars, that which will be provided by the **international communist revolution!**

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