

75 years of NATO: We say NO to your wars of terror and plundering!

According to the preamble of the NATO treaty, NATO stands for "peace, democracy, freedom and the rule of law". In reality, it was the opposite. It was and is a war alliance of Western imperialist states to enforce their economic and political interests by military means. NATO is a guarantee for war, not for peace. It is a guarantee for national submission to US interests, not a guarantee for independence.

From the very beginning, it was led by US imperialism, which always provided the military high command. It was an instrument of US imperialism against the Soviet Union and workers and communist movement. From the very beginning in 1949, NATO and its member states were involved in many brutal wars. NATO also meant a constant increase in military spending at the expense of the working people.

Instead of "freedom and the rule of law", NATO meant exploitation, oppression and war. Dictatorships such as those in Portugal under Salazar or in Turkey under General Evren were no obstacle to NATO membership and still are not.

NATO was and is a leading participant in many imperialist and neo-colonial wars. In 1999, NATO attacked Serbia and continued to do so in the Kosovo war. From 2001, NATO used lies as a pretext for the war against Afghanistan, which ended in defeat in August 2021. In 2011, NATO states attacked Libya and largely destroyed the country. NATO also intervened in Turkey's fight against Syria since 2013 and supported Turkey militarily.

NATO troops are currently deployed in Africa, the Balkans, the Mediterranean and Iraq.

In the last years there was a continuous process of expansion of NATO toward East, a major cause of the current imperialist war that is opposing US, NATO, UE imperialist powers to Russian imperialism.

At the same time, NATO is providing massive support for the war in Ukraine by supplying infrastructure, weapons and advice. NATO is in an unofficial war with Russia. In Israel's war against Gaza, NATO states are actively participating in the war crimes and genocide by supplying weapons and political support. From the very start of the Gaza war, NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg told Israel that NATO stands with them.

The struggle between the imperialist blocs of NATO with the EU and imperialist China with Russia on the other has become a serious threat to peace. EU in alliance with US-imperialism plays a complementary role with its common policy of "security and defense", in a logic of division of labor. As well EU uses the situation to strengthen its role in competition with US.

All this is being waged at the expense of the working class and its social and political achievements. Workers and peoples deeply suffer the consequences of that NATO plans of war and the implementation by their governments: cut to the social expenses, high prices for basic products, pressure on the wages, increase of taxations...

Nationalism and reactionary, fascist movements are being strengthened again in order to make the peoples "fit for war".

In our countries we are therefore campaigning for withdrawal from NATO! We are against any participation in NATO's wars!

No to NATO! Out of NATO and of all imperialist military alliances!

No to European military union!

NATO and US military bases out of our countries!

NO to the arms race and the sending of weapon!

Immediate withdrawal from war mission abroad!

Peace and friendship among peoples - instead of rearmament and war!

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Organization for the Construction of a Communist Workers' Party of Germany
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Communist Platform – for the Communist Party of the Proletariat of Italy
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