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## The Defeat of the Aggressive Policies of the Western Imperialists, Headed by the U.S. and Allies in Syria



The imported foreign mercenaries to Syria, with the support of the western imperialists, have been destroying Syria and killing its people for five years. These mercenaries plant bombs in the centers of big cities such as Damascus and Aleppo and destroy the livelihood of the citizens. The western intelligence organizations have mobilized these mercenaries through Saudi-Arabia and Qatar and have imported them to Syria. Their identities have been revealed to be a mixture of Al-Qaida, the Moslem Brotherhood, and the Salafist Movement. They are mobilized from Libya, Saudi-Arabia, Qatar, Dubai, Afghanistan, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt, Chechnya, Lebanon, China, and so on. There are reports that members of the Organization of Mujahedin of Iran are involved in the West's imperialist intervention in Syria. The role of Turkey in the financial and spiritual support of Daesh (IS-ISIS) and the Syrian reactionary opposition are not hidden from open eyes. The situation is so anarchical and messy that even some imperialist countries fear to send military weapons to this opposition because they do not know precisely who will be receiving the weapons nor to what use those weapons might be put.

The so-called opposition tries to seize areas inside of Syria with the hope of establishing a "free zone" and declaring itself as "the legitimate government of Syria" in order to become a haven for destruction and criminal actions in the region. Turkey and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to assist the "opposition" in achieving these goals. The situation has become so backward that even

some reactionary and puppet regimes of the region have recognized the sellouts and have discredited the opposition's self-proclaimed "legitimate government" as a king without crown or throne.

The "Free Syrian Army" has been dealt a heavy blow in all the areas under its control. The Syrian government has brought about the ruin of foreign mercenaries by mobilizing the people and organizing people's militias. The situation increasingly favors the despotic regime of Syria. Assad's government is defending the principle of national independence, territorial integrity, and national sovereignty of Syria. This defense is legitimate and is recognized by revolutionary and democratic forces. Foreign imperialist forces and their allies have no right to install a government in Syria, or in any other nation for that matter.

The imperialists were caught up in the false assumption that they could overthrow the government of Syria overnight by creating an atmosphere of fear and terror and by using their agents to generate chaos to enable a velvet revolution. The imperialists thought that they could topple Assad as quickly as they toppled Saddam Hussein who governed by authoritarian means through the Iraqi Baath Party. Imperialists and Zionists have invaded so many states of the region that they thought they would be able to carry out a military invasion of other states too. The policies of the imperialists and their allies faced disgraceful defeat in Syria.

Assad's resistance to the criminal activities of the "opposition" continued, and the Syrian administration and army, despite the presence of spies and infiltrators in the government, remained firm. The Syrian administration feared neither threats, or terror, or spies, nor sellout agents. The government of Bashar Assad did not disintegrate as the imperialists and their reactionary and criminal "opposition" had hoped. The administration gained in strength and confidence as the jihadists continued **Continued on Page 2**

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their terrorist activities; at the same time, the sellout opposition became apprehensive and disunited.

The recent Russian attacks, performed at the request of the Syrian government on the terrorist bases of the cannibalistic Islamic State of Caliphate, have played a positive role in preserving the existence and territorial integrity of the Syrian state. These attacks neutralized the sinister western imperialists' plot to topple Assad's regime and to strengthen reactionary regimes of Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Turkey. The Western media's false propaganda about Russian airstrikes "targeting and killing innocent people" are greeted with well-deserved scorn in the progressive communities and further denounce U.S. and other Western administrations as the so-called "defenders" of human rights. The Russian airstrikes in Syria have exposed the U.S. imperialists and their allies who have pretended to oppose terrorism in Syria. Before the beginning of the Russian airstrikes in Syria, the U.S. authorities repeatedly announced that the war against Daesh (IS - ISIS) would occupy up to thirty years!

The Western imperialists are not motivated by a fight against terror, nor are they interested in eradicating the medieval and cannibalistic Daesh; rather, their goal is to overthrow, for their own self-interest, the secular and independent government of Syria. The Russian airstrikes have targeted the training bases of all terrorist forces regardless of their names or masks. We cannot divide terrorism into "good" and "bad" factions. The U.S. imperialists use the "good" terrorists as catalysts and give them military training in the CIA camps in western Syria and then send them to big cities to join the "freedom" fighters. This scheme was broken up by Russian airstrikes on the terrorist-producing regions.

We must mention that some sections of the Syrian national opposition have drawn a political line between themselves and the foreign mercenaries whose aims have been to create terror and chaos in the country. This democratic and progressive opposition correctly recognizes that the defense of national independence is of utmost importance and outshines the other social contradictions. The clock is ticking against the old colonial West. The task of the progressive forces is to direct the fight against ISIS terrorists, to curtail the imperialist military aggression of the West, and to defend Syria's national sovereignty and its territorial integrity. Under these circumstances, the communists of Syria can help to resolve their country's internal class contradictions – not by resorting to reactionary measures or by engaging in a Trotskyite fight

against Assad and ISIS – but by rallying around the flag of anti-intervention and by repelling imperial-backed terrorists. By learning from the disastrous situations in Iraq, Libya, and Afghanistan, a catastrophe against the Syrian people can be averted, and the Syrian working class can be prepared for and directed towards a socialist revolution.

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are hesitant about the effectiveness of Erdogan's adventurist policies. The armed forces of Turkey enter Syria only for the purpose of destroying the democratic achievements of the Kobane Kurds and to fight against the Syrian army. This is obviously in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria.

*Q. Some hold the opinion that Russian bombardment of Daesh has made the situation worse and has killed many civilians, that Russia's objective in its rivalry with the U.S. imperialists is to preserve and strengthen its interest in Syria and the Region, and that Russian interference in the Middle East is an imperialist act that should not be supported. What is your opinion on these issues?*

A. Before we talk about the class nature of the Russian establishment, we must clarify the nature of the war that is being waged in Syria and the Middle East. We must analyze the reasons why the Western imperialists headed by the U.S. and their lackeys and allies in the region such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey, etc. want to overthrow the legal government of Syria. Isn't this policy of aggression against Syria consistent with the doctrine of establishing the "Greater Middle East"? Isn't this the continuation of the policy of military aggression against Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, etc.? Isn't this policy in the interest of Zionism and world reaction? Do China and Russia desire to disintegrate Syria and split it into pieces?



It must be emphasized that Syria has political independence and therefore has the right to freely seek help from any force or country **Continued on Page 3**

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in order to preserve its national independence and territorial integrity. This policy of seeking assistance is not new in the struggle of the people of the world. In the war that is imposed upon Syria, the condemnation of the Western aggressors and their regional allies must occupy the first place. These aggressors are seeking the total destruction and disintegration of Syria. Furthermore, their objective is not limited to the overthrow of Assad's regime. The suppression of Lebanon's resistance movement, aggression against Iran, and the dispatch of terrorist forces to the borders of Russia all will come next.



The U.S. strategy of "New World Order" is to weaken and remove the allies of China and Russia, to subdue these two imperialist rivals, and to impose its hegemony on the globe. The fact is that Eastern imperialists presently do not have the necessary military power or preparation to wage war on the Western united military forces of NATO led by the U.S. In the present condition, it is NATO that has military superiority and violates and threatens the independence, territorial integrity, and the rights of nations to self determination. Western imperialism, headed by the U.S., is the source of all present wars and is responsible for the flight of millions of people from their homelands in the Middle East, Horn of Africa, Yugoslavia, and Ukraine.

Russia and China vetoed the U.S. proposal in the UN Security Council and have expressed many times their opposition to the bombardment of Syria. This is a positive stand, as were the stands of Germany and France in opposition to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. It is clear that behind these stands and oppositions lie economic and political interests and motives. A political party, while clarifying the nature of the war and of the forces involved, must adopt its tactics. The independent state of Syria, as any independent state, can make use of the present world contradictions to preserve its independence; otherwise, it will not overcome the aggression imposed on it. One may simplify a complicated political question and raise a general political slogan and put his mind at ease by declaring war on all forces involved and then watch the development of the events. This is not responsible

conduct and it is inconsistent with Marxism and Leninist tactics. Our Party emphasizes that we must defend the independence and territorial integrity of the countries that face imperialist military aggression. This defense is a defense for rights of nations to self-determination by their own people.

We must add that Saudi, Qatar, and Turkey's opposition to Syria is over the export of natural gas from the region to Europe. Iran, Iraq, and Syria planned for a ten-billion-dollar project for the construction of a pipeline to export Iran's natural gas to Europe starting in 2010. In 2012, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by these three countries. Two weeks later, armed clashes started in Syria. Armed terrorist groups were sent to Syria through northern and southern borders. Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey utilized their means to overthrow the regime of Assad. Qatar now fights for a bigger share of the market for its natural gas, and Saudi Arabia and Turkey want the gas pipelines to pass through their countries in order to become a broker for the export of Qatar's natural gas to Europe and to collect transit fees.

*Q. Western media claim that Russian bombardments of Syria have killed many thousands of innocent people and that Russia is responsible for the continuation of the war and the migration of hundreds of thousands of residents. What are your views on these claims?*

A. Western media lie about the events in Syria and also fabricate stories consistent with the official line of their governments. The Russian fighter jets bomb the bases and positions of Daesh and some other terrorist groups and have significantly weakened Daesh's grip on the regions under their control. Russia displayed satellite pictures of stolen oil tankers going from Syria to Turkey. Daesh sells the stolen oil to Turkey at a low price, and Turkey offers it to the world at the market price. Russian jet fighters bombed many hundreds of these oil tankers.

Assad's victories over Daesh and over the conspiracies and plots of the Western imperialists are very bitter for Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the U.S., and the Western media. These conspirators try to disrupt and hinder the fight against the terrorists who have destroyed Syria. European countries that are vulnerable and are threatened by the terrorist actions want to stop their losses. They see that their policy of toppling the legal government of Assad has faced defeat and that their hopes are dashed, though they – with the help from reactionary regimes of the region such as Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Jordan – made use of everything the

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could, including the violation of the UN Charter and of the rights of nations to defeat Assad. Now they are interested in reduction of tension in the region. They see the reduction of tension in the region as useful to their interests and to the normalization of relations with Russia. The government of Erdogan that used Daesh of Arab, Turk, Turkmen, Chechen, Dagestan, and European nationalities to attack Syria now sees that the terrorist forces are on the run and are facing defeat followed by another defeat. Erdogan, with the hope of occupying and annexing northern Syria to Turkey, has invented a Turkmen national minority in Syria that wants to join Turkey. Turkmen who are allies of Daesh and who behead Arabs and Kurds are Erdogan's brothers and friends and are defended as "non-terrorist" opposition. The Russian jets are making these terrorists martyrs for Erdogan. And of course, the jets that make these Turkmen martyrs have to be shut down by the non-terrorists provided that the U.S. has expressed its consent. With the defeat of Daesh, the Syrian Kurdish forces are gaining strength, and Erdogan is losing the hope to split Syria. Obama and Erdogan play a sly and hypocritical role in the fight against Daesh.

In the present situation, Russians and Assad's army have no interest in bombarding the civilian regions. We should mention that long before the Russian military involvement in Syria, more than 150 thousand terrorists from 80 countries, financed by Saudi Arabia and Qatar and the U.S. and Europe, were mobilized to destroy and attack Syria. Now they are defeated and are on the run. The Western news media tries to instigate public opinion against the regime of Bashar Assad by engineering lies and distributing photo shopped pictures.

*Q. What is the future of the regime of President Assad? What stand are the people taking in this situation?*

A. As I have mentioned several times, the U.S. objective is to overthrow the regime of Assad in the framework of "humanitarian involvement". The U.S. imperialists and their allies want to divide Syria into four regions: a Sunni region in Damascus and its suburbs, the Druze region in the Golan Heights, the Alavi region in Antakya region, and a Kurdish region in north eastern Syria. This would make Syria a weak, dependent, and fragmented country that serves the strategic interest of the U.S. and Israel and their allies. The silence of the so called human rights

organizations on the violation of the rights of nations by the U.S. imperialists shows the hypocrisy of the fake human rights organizations.

It must be said that the overthrow of the regime of Bashar Assad by the hands of the Syrian people led by the working class and for the purpose of establishing freedom, social justice, and the preservation and deepening of independence of Syria would be a revolutionary act that serves the people of Syria and of the entire region. The toppling of the Syrian regime by the imperialist powers is neither in the interest of the Syrian people nor in the interest of the people of the region. Parties and organizations that have not learned from the experience of the occupations of Iraq, Libya, and Afghanistan and that are still repeating the theories of "fight against all reactionary forces" and resolving "all social contradictions" at the same time understand neither tactics nor revolutionary politics. They are sunk in the Trotskyite quagmire of a "fight against two reactionary poles". These forces do not serve the people. On the contrary, they sabotage the national and liberation struggles of the people against imperialist aggression and invasion. It is the responsibility of the revolutionary and progressive forces to resolutely expose these deviated and decaying political trends that damage the movement under the name of "communist" and "left".

Today, the Western imperialists see that a significant section of Syrians, due to the destructive actions of the dark force of Daesh, have lined up behind Assad's regime and that not by any means will the Syrian people "rise up" against the "dictator". The U.S. imperialists and their allies are forced to talk about peace (!), but in practice, they beat the war drums on all fronts.

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### On the situation in Syria

The English Facebook page of the Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) has interviewed the comrade in charge of the Office of Foreign Relations of the Party, Comrade Jaafar Paknia, on the situation in Syria.

The following is the text of the interview.

*Q. Comrade Jaafar, thank you for the time you are spending with us for this interview. As you know, due to the Russian aerial bombardment and the destruction of the bases of Daesh (ISIS) and other terrorist groups, the balance of power has changed in Syria. The regime of Basher Assad has gone on the offensive, and its forces have advanced significantly. The Turkish government of Erdogan has violated international norms and regulations and has frantically bombarded the bases of the Kobane Kurds and has declared its opposition to any autonomy for the Syrian Kurds. How do you evaluate these new developments in Syria?*

A. The adventurist policy of Erdogan's government, a government that is sunk in the dream of the revival of "Great Ottoman Empire" and that shamelessly interferes in the internal affairs of the countries of the region has faced disgraceful defeat. This is clearly a sign of political shortsightedness of the present leadership of Turkey. By sending the Syrian refugees to Europe, Erdogan wanted to pressure the European governments to agree with his policy of toppling the legal and legitimate government of Assad and to pretend that only through NATO involvement in Syria and its support for terrorist organizations and eventually through the overthrow of the Syrian government, it is possible to stop the

influx of refugees to Europe. Erdogan's inhumane conspiracy has become a policy of instigation, war, and destruction in the region. This policy was rejected by the European governments, and consequently Turkey's shortsighted policy faced a dead end. Erdogan asked for three billion Euros from the European countries as blackmail to stop the influx of refugees to Europe.

The gains of the Syrian army against Daesh through Russian bombardment are increasing daily. These gains have encouraged the people in the Daesh-controlled regions to resist and to participate in the war against the terrorist organizations. ISIS has chosen the "flight" over "Heaven". These terrorists are returning to their homelands by the scores. The imperialist-trained Daesh and Jihadists have spread their terror campaigns to their motherlands. Though France has fallen victim to terrorist operations, it has not stopped interfering in the affairs of the Middle Eastern countries. The Western imperialist countries that supported Daesh and other terror groups in killing 300 thousand Syrians will not escape these terror campaigns. Turkey itself will fall victim to Daesh's terror campaign soon.

The government of Erdogan that continues the criminal fascist suppression and bombardment of PKK and the Kurdish people is extremely frightened by the recent victories of the Syrian government over the terrorist groups, and it is asking Saudi Arabia and Qatar to jointly dispatch their armies to Syria to "fight" Daesh. What a joke! What a lie! These countries have been supporting, training, arming, and financing ISIS for the past five years. Even Barak Obama and NATO and

EU officials

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