

Forum Against Imperialist War and NATO Declaration in support of Syria's sovereignty

The Syrian Arab Army, supported by the Hezbollah, Iran and Russian airborne forces, have succeeded in breaking the siege imposed by mercenaries in the service of imperialism—Daesh—around the city and airport of Deir ez-Zor more than three years ago, re-establishing Syrian government control over this strategically important centre.

It is in a spirit of internationalism and anti-imperialism that we welcome this victory of the Syrian people and their legitimate government, who are defending the integrity and sovereignty of their country. The imperialist powers have been defeated once again. And the so-called 'international coalition'—directed by the USA and the terrorist machinery of NATO—be defeated by the peoples of the world who stand up against imperialism, for whom Syria is providing an example of courage and dignity.

The bloody war thrust upon the people of Syria is drawing to a close despite ceaseless manipulation by the western media, who to this day keep silencing the facts in complicity with and at the service of the governments implicated in the imperialist war.

We have always known and maintained that Daesh, and other mercenary forces, are mere tools being used by imperialism to destroy the Syrian state. The ill-named 'civil war' in Syria has been a struggle to the death against the USA, a hegemonic power in decline, which sought to hold on to control in the 'Broader Middle East' through regional allies, NATO and thousands of Salafi-indoctrinated mercenaries recruited, trained and armed by the USA and its allies.

The imperialist elites and the Spanish government attempted to heap all war crimes on what they call the 'Assad regime', while ignoring the relationship between the western-fuelled jihadist forces and the terrorist attacks taking place in cities from Baghdad to Barcelona.

As the US declines as the hegemonic power, its imperialist policy is becoming ever more violent and aggressive. The wars are multiplying: Syria, Libya, Venezuela, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran, Yemen...

The war against Syria, then, is part of the general imperialist war against any people that decides to be sovereign and free. It is our duty as internationalists to support peoples wherever in the world they struggle against imperialist barbarism and its system of pillage and destruction.

The Forum Against Imperialist War and NATO salutes the Syrian people, their legitimate government, the Syrian Arab Army and their allies (Hezbollah, Iran, Palestinian resistance militias and the air and special forces of the Russian Federation). It offers congratulations to the government of Bashar al Assad for showing the intelligence and sensitivity to successfully conduct this common struggle against the brutal aggression of the empire and its associates. From Spain, we celebrate the victory and offer our sincere solidarity as internationalists. We continue to learn from the struggle of the Syrian people and from their triumph against the common enemy. We shall be by their side, always, and especially now in the challenge of reconstruction.

Hail to Syria's heroic struggle and victory over the forces of imperialism!

No to imperialism! No to NATO!

Internationalism and Anti-imperialism. We shall prevail.

Enough of imperialist aggression!

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