August 14, 2010, 400 Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka arrived in BC’s waters aboard the MV Sun Sea. These refugees are fleeing war torn Sri Lanka, where in 2009 the government of Sri Lanka launched a war against the Tamil people who were fighting for their self-determination. These 490 Tamil refugees are part of hundreds of thousands of Tamils who were persecuted and detained by the government of Sri Lanka. Upon their arrival, they were met by Canadian military, RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency personnel and taken to jails while they await their immigration hearings. “Families are now being separated, with many children being taken by the Ministry of Child and Family Development. The refugees now face the threat of incarceration and eventual deportation,” according to a statement by No One Is Illegal in Vancouver.

The government of Canada has made it clear that the doors will be closed to these Tamil refugees. Before the MV Sun Sea had even neared BC’s coast, the Canadian and BC governments had already begun a negative and deceptive campaign against the refugees, labelling the asylum seekers as ‘terrorists’ and ‘human traffickers.’ On Thursday August 26th, Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews said, “Human smugglers and human traffickers are now watching Canada’s response to judge whether or not they can continue to take advantage of us... We will send a message loud and clear to other criminals: If you do this, then you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” This statement and other similar statements by the government of Canada and BC are part of the racist fear mongering against the Tamil people. We must not let this negative and deceptive campaign divide and working people, or isolate the Tamil community – this is not just a Tamil issue, but one of human rights and dignity, that all peace loving people must unite around. This creates a danger of attacks against refugees in general and Tamil refugees in particular, unity is essential.

The refugee and immigration problem today is created by imperialist countries like Canada on two fundamental basis. Firstly, the effect and impact of colonial and imperialist policies on third world countries, such as the destruction of their economy and domestic agriculture, and crisis of market dysfunctionality, as well as the creation of political crises in these countries, has created hundreds of millions of refugees and immigrants around the world. Secondly, the racist and inhuman immigration policies of imperialist countries have brought this immigration and refugee problem to its state of tragic crisis for immigrants and refugees. Tamil people are suffering from imperialist exploitation, as well as being victims of the Sri Lankan government’s war against them – a war which was the result of divisions imposed by the legacy of colonialism in Sri Lanka, and supported by imperialist countries, like Canada, the US and Britain who declared The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to be a terrorist organization. We as human and peace loving people must support all people’s human and democratic rights to self-determination. People in Canada and the world have demanded the doors be opened unconditionally to all Tamil refugees.

Join Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) in supporting No One is Illegal’s National Day of Action in support of the Tamil refugees, in order to help change the policy and to promote these actions. MAWO will actively promote the actions through announcements in our lists of thousands of our supporters, and by distributing flyers and leaflets. For further information go to: www.nooneisillegal.org

On July 25th, 2010, the true face of the occupa - tion of Afghanistan was once again exposed to the world with the release of tens of thousands of pages of a total of 91,000 secret military documents obtained by the website WikiLeaks. But the scandal of the release of these documents did not just reveal the criminal nature of the war that the US, Canada and NATO countries are imposing on the Afghan people. In fact, there was nothing really new that was not revealed by previous scandals. What was new in these documents were the criminal and brutal acts happening in Afghanistan being documented by occupation forces themselves. What it truly reveals is the desperation and frustration of the imperialist powers, especially the US, in the quagmire of Afghanistan. Furthermore, the documents show that not only are the occupation forces not progressing in the consolidation of their war and occupation, but in fact every indication is that they are losing the war.

Countless issues for the foreign forces occupying Afghanistan have come to light recently: the corruption of the Karzai government; the lack of existence of a viable central government in Afghanistan in light of military occupation; the problem of widespread opium production; the widespread problem of lack of health care and other basic services; the connection between the Taliban and Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI); the crisis of leadership in NATO forces and in the US army; the resignation of former chief of forces in Afghanistan, Stanley McChrystal; the killing of more and more innocent civilians and the inability of the occupation forces to stall apart Taliban from the masses of people in Afghanistan due to the popularity of the resistance movement. All in all, these issues pose the fundamental question: what are these imperialist forces doing in Afghanistan?

When foreign forces invaded and occupied Afghanistan in 2001, they made many claims about the great humanitarian aims of the military invasion. They were there, they claimed, to liberate Afghan women. They would bring democracy to Afghanistan. They would ensure human rights were respected and bring a better life to Afghan people. But today, despite nearly a decade of foreign occupation, nothing has improved in the life of ordinary Afghans. Although billions of dollars have been poured into the occupation of Afghanistan, three-quarters of the country still has no access to drinkable water. Ninety percent have no access to sanitation facilities, and 70% of the population lives on less than $2 per day. On top of this daily hardship of life, Afghans now face the constant threat of their homes being bombed with their families inside, of checkpoint shootings by occupation forces, and of night-time home raids, not to mention ongoing persecution, torture and executions.

Why then have the foreign forces not achieved what they claimed when they invaded Afghanistan in 2001? The truth is, bringing a better life for Afghans was never their intention. Afghanistan was in fact a prime location not only for exploitation of resources, but also as a base for further war and occupation against Iraq and Iran.

After nearly nine years of seeing only worsening conditions of daily life, more and more Afghan people are joining the resistance to the occupation forces in their country, whether protesting on the streets or taking up arms to fight the occupiers. The foreign forces have created a deepening crisis and quagmire for the occupation forces as they fight a losing battle against Afghans who are struggling for their dignity and right to self-determination. There can be no better life for Afghans as long as foreign troops remain in the country. There can be no future for women, youth and all people in Afghanistan as long as the imperialist occupiers have turned this country into a military base. The only way forward for Afghan people is an end to the destruction and occupation of their country.

Canada/US/NATO Out of Afghanistan Now! Self-determination for Afghanistan!
I affirmed on July 4 that neither the United States nor Iran would be the one to entail the pride of the powerful, and the other, out of re- sistance and determination, the certainty that as has occurred so many times in the history of humanity. In any case, one of the parties wishes to avoid them, and sometimes, both. On this occasion, it would come about even though one of the parties does not wish it, as happened in the two World Wars in 1914 and 1939, and with only a few years of distance before the first front and the second.

The slaughters were horrific, but they would not have been unleashed without prior errors of calculation. The two parties were defending imperialist interests and they believed that they would obtain their objectives with weapons and bullets. And it was incorrect.

In the case that concerns us: one of them is defending national, absolutely just interests. The other, to pursue ill-intentioned interests and crude material interests.

If we analyze all the wars that have taken place throughout the history of our species, one of the parties has sought those objectives.

Any illusion that, on this occasion, such objectives will be reached without the most terrible of all wars is absolutely vain.

In conclusion, the above articles published by the Global Research website on Thursday, July 1, signed by Rick Rozoff, he provides abundant indicative arguments on the United States intentions, of which any well-informed person can see, even from a distance.

“...Victory can be attained when an adversary knows it is vulnerable to an instantaneous and all-encompassing devastating and with- out attacking the ability to defend itself or retaliate,” is what the United States thinks and according to the author.

“A country which aspires to remain the only state in history to wield full spectrum military dominance over land, in the air, on the seas and in space.”

...To maintain and extend military bases and troops, aircraft carrier battle groups and strategic bombers, and super submarine delivery vehicles.

...The U.S. retains 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads, 2,200 (by some counts 3,500) more in storage, 1,500 strategic bombers and, air and submarine delivery vehicles.

...The non-nuclear arsenal used for disabling and destroying the air defenses and strategic, potentially all major, military forces of other nations will consist of intercontinental ballistic missiles, adapted submarine-launched ballistic missiles, hyper- sonic cruise missiles and bombers, and stealth strategic bombers able to avoid detection by radar and thus evade ground- and air-based defenses.

Rozoff lists the many press conferences, meetings and statements of Joint Chiefs of Staff with high-ranking members of the gov- ernment of the United States in the last few months.

He explains the commitments to NATO and the reinforced cooperation with Near East al- lies, particularly, he read. Says, “The U.S. missiles is also intensifying space and cyber warfare programs with the potential to completely shut down other nations’ military surveil- lance and command, control, communica- tion, computer and navigation systems, rendering them defenseless on any but the most basic tactical level.”

The new U.S. nuclear doctrine is an element of the new U.S. security strategy that would be more adequately described as the strategy of total impunity. The U.S. is boosting its military budget, unleashing NATO as the global gendarme, and planning real-life exercise in Iran to test the efficiency of the Prompt Global Strike initiative in prac- tice. At the same time, Washington is talking about the completely nuclear-free world.

In essence, Obama is trying to deceive the world by talking of a human rights of nuclear free nations, which would be replaced by other extremely destructive ones, ideal for terrorizing state leaders and achieving the new strat- egy of total impunity.

The only real alternative that Iran’s rendition is already close. The European Union is expected to approve a new package of its own to be signed on July 26.

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