Hands off Iran continued

domination like we saw in last year in Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Saudi Arab, Qatar, Oman, Morocco and Algeria. Today imperialists are frightened and shaken to their bones!

In order for the U.S. and other imperialists to conduct a bloody war against Iran, they need to manipulate and shape public opinion in their respective countries and around the world. The ugly and completely deceptive campaign against Iran has moved from a hideous campaign of propaganda to a tragedy. For decades Western powers filled our ears with how important and decisive it is to fight Iran as the so-called centre of training and exporting terrorists, and put Iran with North Korea and Iraq in an “Axis of Evil.” For a decade now they have been drumming up fear about the danger of Iran’s peaceful nuclear activities. Ignoring that even if Iran somehow obtained an atomic bomb, how could they possibly use it against the 400 Israeli and 2,000 American nuclear warheads and their sophisticated nuclear defence technology? However, apparently this manipulation is not enough, now we have very recently learned from Mr. Poreeta, the U.S. Secretary of Defence, that the United States is under threat of attack from Iran! So we are seeing the victimizer trying to paint itself as the victim and turning the victim into a menace. Ironically and hypocritically, Israel, who is warning other countries of the region and the whole world about the dangers of Iran, is not a signer of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which does not seem to matter to any of its allies. Shouldn’t we be more concerned about a heavily nuclear-armed Israel, which has established itself as an aggressor and war monger against Palestinian and Arab countries for more than 6 decades?

We need to realize by now that the U.S. and other imperialist countries’ ugly and untruthful campaign against Iran, is precisely the same as their world wide racist campaign of Islamophobia. It is all about domination and imperialist hegemony for the elimination of all resistance against imperialism that is gaining popularity in countries with Muslim populations. We have to be vigilant about imperialist tricks and manipulation while we are fighting back against war mongers. The focus today is not the nature of this or that regime, in this case namely Iran, but to oppose an immanent imperialist war drive against Iran. Like their campaigns against Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, as well as Syria, the U.S. policy of “regime change” can only bring devastation to the people of oppressed nations. To call for a dictatorial regime to be condemned or for regime change in Iran, from outside that country, is against the principal of self-determination of sovereign nations. Self-determination means it is up to the Iranian people to decide how to conduct their internal affairs including the form of government and social order. For those who are, out of naivety or desperation, focusing their campaign on the government of Iran - we must remind them that true regime change from outside of Iran is only possible through imperialist military intervention, period. Therefore no matter what nice words they use against sanctions and military intervention as soon as they are distracted from the main focus against foreign intervention, and begin talking about regime change, they are willingly or unwillingly on the same side as the imperialist campaign for the destruction of Iran.

Iran is not a threat to anyone. Iran is simply the target of imperialist powers because of its independence, geographical importance and political weight and influence in the whole region and beyond. Iran is surrounded by dozens of U.S. military bases all for their preparations to attack Iran. We must demand unconditionally that the U.S., UN Security Council, and EU end their sanctions on Iran. Stop assassinations of Iranian scientists and stop intervention in Iran. We must demand U.S., NATO and all imperialist out of the Middle East and North Africa and as well as an immediate end to the occupation of Afghanistan, Iraq and ending of interference in Pakistan, Libya and Syria.
Once again the United States and its little imperialist stooges like the UK, France and Canada are about to continue another imperialist war in the Middle East, as they prepare for war and destruction against Iran. Iran is an independent, sovereign country, and its people have stood up for more than three decades to defend the revolution and their country against the west and regional countries’ aggression and intimidation. The Iran government has always stood up for their people’s right to self-determination for exercising their inalienable right to self-determination and living with dignity by repelling foreign forces and their invasion of its territory. For more than thirty years, the U.S. and its ellie have consistently and persistently been trying to sabotage and terror on the people of Iran, but they have been unsuccessful because the Iranian people will never accept the terms and rules of imperial powers.

Iran is the most important target of the U.S. in the Middle East and North Africa. Without bringing this to an end it is not possible for imperialists to roll back the dynamism of the anti-imperialist anti-war movements in the Middle East whole region. The United States’ fundamental goal is for regime change in Iran. With a potentially adequate revolutionary situation in the country in the Middle East, imperialists are not able to bring back their total hegemony to the Middle East, like they had before the great Iranian revolution of 1979. That revolution changed the imperialist balance of forces, if not completely, then definitely significantly, in favour of oppressed nations. It opened the way for the people of the Middle East, South Asia, as well as East, West and North Africa. Therefore we should defend our right to self-determination against all oppression and discrimination. We should defend the revolution and liberation of all oppressed people in the Middle East and the whole world. This includes the right to international solidarity and friendship with Iran. Iran is the most important target of the U.S. in the Middle East and North Africa.

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Since our founding on October 29, 2003 MAWO has always endorsed and supported all anti-war, anti-occupation, anti-imperialist actions. We strongly agree that, in contrast to what we observed in Vancouver, theStopwar.ca leadership took a strong stance against imperialist interventions in Libya. This is an example for all of us. We have rarely spoken out publicly about such an important subject.

In this period, imperialists have tried to paint the picture that NATO is bombing Libya “to humanely” stop the Libyan revolution and to prevent a “chaos” in Libya and a possible threat for NATO and imperialist powers. This is a lie. NATO and its coalition partners must maintain their operations so that civilians remain protected and the power ‘would be an unconscionable betrayal’ of the Libyan people. There is no justification for having pro-war speakers at an anti-war rally. There is no space for presenting such confusion in a public action that is supposed to be unifying and against war.

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February 15, 2011

Stop Bombing Libya

To Stopwar.ca and the Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA)

We in Mobilisation Against War and Occupation (MAWO) are sending you this open letter due to our deep concern for activities taking place in relation to the organizing of the April 19th demonstration in Vancouver. Your organizing, public statements, and political orientation have been, without a doubt, against the spirit of building an anti-war, anti-imperialist movement. In this context, we call your attention to the following questions for your consideration:

1. Why were the Libyan speakers who we’ve invited to speak at the rally, calling for a democratic transition in Libya and against NATO bombing of Libya, removed from the list of speakers?

2. How does the CPA and Stopwar.ca justify this position when they said that the Libyan speakers should be allowed to speak without any interference from the organizers?

3. How can we trust the organizers when they said that they would not interfere with any speaker who wanted to speak?

4. As a coalition of anti-war, anti-occupation groups, why did you not invite any speakers from the Canadian Sikh community as a group of over 250,000 people who have been demanding a voice in discussions about the war on Iran and Afghanistan?

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