Who’s MAWO?

Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

Get involved

Meetings & Forums

Tuesdays – 7:00PM
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* Upcoming Organizing Meeting *

TUESDAY February 26 & March 12 at 7 pm

Britannia Community Center - Learning Resource Centre

1661 Napier Street

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Hands off Syria and Iran! End the Drone Wars!
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The ominous signs of impending war with Syria escalate. NATO is missing troops in Libya, sending Patriot systems to Syria’s borders, and preparing to install missiles aimed at Syria. U.S. warships are stationed off Syria’s coast.

• Special operations units are readied. The U.S. government has been supplying arms and training to various groups in Syria. Sunnis in particular have been promised the same weapons and training that the U.S. has supplied to fellow Sunni groups in Syria.

• This statement and raising the demands:

The U.S. and its allies are seeking a new way to intervene in Syria.

There are two sides in this dispute, one composed of the U.S. and its allies in the European Union who are supporting the government of Syria, and another composed of the U.S. or European-led intervention in Mali. We call on all those who are concerned about human rights to join with us in saying No War on Syria!

One side to this dispute has continuously shown its imperial arrogance through war and genocidal sanctions, an inhuman act that has endangered the life of tens of millions in Africa.

We see the results of ‘humanitarian’ aid being used for war, and the delivery of military resupply materials and U.S. counterterrorism forces.

The Second Reason for the Intensifying U.S. Interest is Mali

Why Mali?

Two reasons, oil and the country’s geo-political importance.

It has long been suspected that the northeastern region of Mali that borders Algeria potentially has huge oil reserves. The U.S. and France have identified a potential oil reserve in the area of $250 billion. This has long been a significant threat to the existing neo-colonialists in the region, such as the French, who have been trying to impose their will on the country for decades.

Meanwhile, there is not one significant force in or near the Malian government that has called for the U.S. or European-led intervention in Mali.

Without a doubt, Africa has many problems – poverty, insufficient infrastructure, AIDS, high unemployment, etc. – but Africa has managed to survive with one exception: the intervention of the United States.

Africa is one continent where the U.S. has been able to impose its will on the countries it has occupied and controlled.

But Africa still is a continent of vast natural resources – diamonds, oil, natural gas, fishing and agriculture. There is no reason why Africans cannot develop these resources to not only meet their own needs but to be in a position to help impoverished peoples. But the U.S. continues to force the Africans of the future to fight for the飾ors who have controlled their continent for years of age control over their continent’s riches.

The U.S. anti-war movement, which has fought against war as a whole, also has fought against U.S. or European intervention in Mali. We demand the dismantling of AFRICOM. We must oppose any U.S. or European-led intervention in Mali. We must call for the withdrawal of all Western troops from the Sapal region in Mali. We must show our solidarity with the peoples of Africa in their struggle against imperialism.

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