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STOP THE MASSACRE IN EGYPT!

Statement from the International Action Center - August 14, 2013

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The latest massacre of Muslim Brotherhood supporters demonstrating in Cairo was ordered by the U.S.-trained Egyptian generals who had earlier carried out the military coup that ousted elected President Mohamed Morsi.

This bloody slaughter, along with the appointment of 17 Army and two police generals as governors of the 27 Egyptian governorates, plus the coup regime's declaration of a one-month "state of emergency," should wipe out any remaining doubts about the ousting of Morsi. It was an outright military coup. His democratic right to govern based on an election has far more legitimacy than any general's diktat.

The generals' action was directed not only against the government, which had lost some popular support, but also against the Egyptian workers and farmers. It is aimed at restoring the dictatorial regime overthrown in 2011. The last "state of emergency" lasted three decades. During that entire time the Egyptian army and state, under dictator Hosni Mubarak, served as a bastion of U.S. imperialist domination of the region.

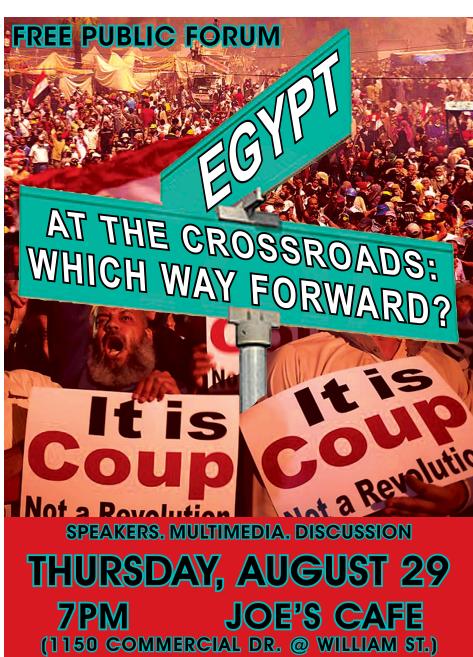
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There is already evidence that some of those individuals and organizations who had argued that the military was acting on behalf of the mass dissatisfaction with the Morsi government are now revising their opinion.

In its early history the Egyptian Army was seen as a patriotic, nationalist force defending Egyptian interests. However, as analyst Joyce Chediac said in a recent talk, "For the past four decades the officer corps has been armed and trained by the Pentagon — at a cost of \$1.3 billion a year. The interest of the officers is diametrically opposed to the interests of the rank-and-file soldiers and the people as a whole."

As evidence of the close U.S. ties with the generals, Washington's criticism of the massacre and the state of emergency has been minimal. This is so

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Cuba : the Egyptian crisis should be resolved without foreign interference

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Cuba's government on Saturday expressed its confidence in the ability of the Egyptian people to find a solution to the crisis in exercising their legitimate right to self-determination, without any outside interference whatsoever.

"We express our confidence in the ability of the Egyptian people to find a solution in the exercise of their legitimate right to self-determination without external interference whatsoever," said the message.

At the same time, condemned the killing of civilians in Egypt before the wave of violence that has been generated.

In a statement read on state television, the director of Middle East and North Africa Foreign Ministry of the island, Armando Vergara, expressed concern about the violence in the Arab Republic of Egypt, which caused the loss of hundreds of lives. He also rejected violence wherever it takes place.

The president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, also rejected on Saturday the escalating violence that has raged in Egypt in recent days, calling it genocide. He said he was dismayed by the hundreds of deaths that has left police repression against supporters of ousted president Mohamed Mursi.

This Friday, the president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, announced it would recall its ambassador to Egypt, following the conflict in that country after clashes between supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and the defacto government have killed more than 700 people.

Since last Wednesday, the attacks by the Egyptian army against the Islamists have killed more than 800 people, according to official figures.

According to organizations supporting the ousted president, Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood, are victims and ensure that at least 200 have died in the last 24 hours.

Venezuela withdraws ambassador from Egypt

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Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has withdrawn his ambassador from Cairo and called for the reinstatement of Egypt's ousted President Mohamed Morsi. Maduro announced the decision on Friday, saying the United States and Israel were behind Morsi's ouster last month.

"We have witnessed a blood bath in Egypt...We warned that the coup against Morsi was unconstitutional. Morsi was kidnapped and the responsible party for what is occurring in Egypt is the empire, which has its hands in it," he said.

"The United States doesn't have friends, it has interests, and what it wants is to control the planet," Maduro added. The Venezuelan president condemned the violence in Egypt and urged the restoration of constitutional order in the country.

"We are against a bloodbath in Egypt, it is a setback that is going to cost a lot to our brothers, the Arabic people," Maduro said.

Egypt has faced international condemnation over the death of almost 640 people who were killed on Wednesday when the security forces cleared protest camps set up by pro-Morsi supporters to demonstrate against his ouster.

On Friday, tens of thousands of Muslim Brotherhood activists and their supporters across the country took part in what the party called the "Day of Rage" against the army and its handpicked government.

The security forces and opponents of the Brotherhood opened fire on Morsi supporters, leaving more than 100 people dead and hundreds more injured in the demonstrations. The Muslim Brotherhood denounced Friday's killings, saying the coup leaders had "lost their minds" and were devoid of any ethics and moral values.

It added that the military coup against Morsi has backfired and it was time for the leaders to accept this fact. Tension has intensified in Egypt since July 3, when army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi removed Morsi from office, suspended the constitution and dissolved the parliament.

Bolivian President Condemns Escalation of Violence in Egypt

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even though its diplomats had been publicly attempting — and failing to arrange an agreement that would avoid a showdown but leave the Muslim Brotherhood subordinate to the generals.

Whatever U.S. imperialism's temporary tactics, as Fred Goldstein wrote in "Imperialists struggle to restore 'stability' in Egypt", "A reliable and stable Egypt, which guards the interests of imperialism, is the key to the U.S. ruling class' policy of domination in the Middle East. And the real foundation of Washington and the Pentagon's grip on Egypt is the Egyptian military."

Egypt's workers and poor - whether they currently follow the Muslim Brotherhood, are in labor unions or are more oriented toward the secular organizations — all share a class interest of fighting against imperialism and capitalism in Egypt. Only if it is possible to forge unity in struggle based

on class interests will it be possible to break up and push from power the repressive, pro-capitalist and pro-imperialist military.

The imperialist powers, and especially the U.S., have the main responsibility for the poverty of the Egyptian masses and the turmoil in Egypt. Revolutionary working-class organizations in the United States must do what is possible to get the U.S. out of North Africa and Western Asia. We must also explain to U.S. workers the need for solidarity with the Egyptian people and against spending tax money to aid the dictatorships and monarchies in the region or the Israeli settler state.

Stop the massacre in Egypt!

End military rule!

Free the elected government!

U.S. and other imperialist powers out of the Middle East!

U.S./Israel Hands Off Syria!

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A Statement by the United National Coalition Antiwar (UNAC) - https:// unacpeace.org

The May 2-3 and nighttime 4-5 bombings Syria's of International Airport, military installations in a Damascus suburb

and a military supply depot reportedly killed

300 people. The bombings were initially denied but then confirmed by Israel and soon after given the stamp of approval by the Obama Administration.

The previous week President Obama and Secretary of Defense Charles Hagel threatened to escalate U.S. intervention in Syria based on the unsubstantiated charge that Syria had employed weapons of mass destruction, in this case the deadly sarin gas.

What is incontrovertible is that U.S. allies in the region - Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia - have supplied hundreds of millions of dollars in lethal military aid to destabilize the Syrian regime. The U.S. itself claims to have supplied some \$400 million in "non-lethal aid." The U.S., which funds Israel's multibillion dollar "Iron Dome" missile program, is the chief military force in the region.

"interests." The latter includes deepening the isolation of Iran, whose oil wealth the U.S. corporate elite seeks to regain.

We recognize no rights among imperial nations determine to the future of any oppressed nation on earth, not to mention

HINW. MAWOVANCOUV the modern day neocolonial interveners. With regard to Syria, that right belongs to the Syrian people only.

> The U.S. government is presently restrained by the mass antiwar sentiment expressed in repeated polls over the past two years. The most recent Pew Research poll indicates that 62 percent are opposed to any U.S. intervention in Syria. We must add to this the fact the U.S. bloody wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the decades long U.S. support to the Egyptian Mubarak dictatorship as well as the constant drone attacks on Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia have earned it the deep hatred of the peoples of the Middle East and beyond.

The Iraq "weapons of mass destruction" justification for this still-raging war, that has taken the lives of 1.5 million Iragis so far, and the ongoing war in Afghanistan, wherein the U.S. puppet Hamid Karzai regime is discredited around the world, has convinced social justice activists everywhere that the U.S. imperial rulers fight for oil and military-geographic advantage and not for peace and justice.

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La Paz, Aug 17 (Prensa Latina) Bolivian President Evo Morales, condemned the violence that has erupted in Egypt and the death of over 600 people, and expressed solidarity with their families. Morales chaired a public ceremony in the capital and took the opportunity to condemn the violence in the Arab nation, criticizing "those countries and powers that boost this kind of genocide".

"We vigorously condemn and repudiate these events and send all our solidarity with peoples like Egypt fighting for democracy, for its restoration and unity of their people," Morales said.

The head of state criticized the presence of powers and interests behind the escalating violence in Cairo and other cities of the country and said it is time to live in diversity, seeking equality and the defense of dignity. According to the president, to defend life is to defend humanity, and said he was moved by "so much slaughter, executions and for me pardon the expression, that is genocide."

Violence increased in Egypt since last Wednesday, following a coup that overthrew President Mohamed Morsi, which provoked clashes between supporters and opponents of the head of state.

No serious observers believe that Israel, the largest recipient of U.S. aid in the world, to the tune of \$4 billion annually, acts without U.S. approval the same is undeniable with regard to Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the U.S. NATO ally, Turkey.

In the case of Qatar, a nation without an army, the U.S.-established and privatized Blackwater military installation is used daily as an operational base for the U.S. war in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

The U.S. Machiavellian strategy in Syria is first and foremost to advance its economic, military and regional More than ever the U.S. and the worldwide antiwar and social justice movement must demand: U.S./Israel Hands Off Syria! Bring All U.S. Troops and Mercenaries Home Now! Self-determination for the Syrian People! No to U.S. Sanctions Anywhere! End All U.S. Aid to Israel! U.S. Out of the Middle East Now!