

# 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



## with MAWO!

Meetings & Forums on Tuesdays - 7:00PM

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**\* Upcoming Organizing Meetings \***

**TUESDAY September 24 & October 8 at 7 pm**

**Britannia Community Center - Learning Resource Centre  
1661 Napier Street**

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### Who is Chelsea Manning "Soldier of Humanity"?

To find out more about the case of whistleblower Chelsea Manning, pick up a brochure and petition from a MAWO info table or download one from our website [www.mawovancouver.org](http://www.mawovancouver.org)

**anti-war rally**

# HANDS OFF SYRIA!

Free Chelsea Manning! U.S./Canada/UK out of Afghanistan! No To U.S. Drones! No Sanctions Against Iran! Hands Off North Korea! End the Sanctions on North Korea! France, Canada and All Foreign troops out of Haiti! Stop Israel's ongoing Assault on Palestinians! No to War and Occupation! Yes to Self-Determination! Self-Determination For Indigenous Nations and All Oppressed Nations! Money For Housing, Healthcare, Jobs & Education, Not For War And Occupation! U.S. Out Of Iraq Now!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 2PM**  
**VANCOUVER ART GALLERY**  
ROBSON ST. @ HOWE ST., DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

ORGANIZED BY: MOBILIZATION AGAINST WAR & OCCUPATION (MAWO)  
**WWW.MAWOVANCOUVER.ORG**

Endorsed by MAWO:

**95TH MONTHLY PROTEST ACTION**

# FREE ALL THE CUBANS NOW!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
**12PM - 2PM @ VANCOUVER ART GALLERY**  
ROBSON ST. @ HOWE ST., DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER  
**2PM - 3PM @ U.S. CONSULATE**  
1075 W. PENDER ST. @ THURLLOW ST.  
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**stop the war! stop the occupations!**

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**mobilization against war & occupation**

## MANIFEST AGAINST THE ATTACK ON THE SYRIAN PEOPLE, NO MORE DEATHS & LIES!

*The following statement has been signed by over 300 social movements, organizations, political parties and individuals, including Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO)*

The undersigning international groups, social movements and organizations from different areas of the world, strongly condemn the imperialist maneuvers of the United States Government and its economic interests, who once again are making preparations to invade a country with the excuse of wanting "to promote peace".

We however know, as we have learned from history, that US invasions only generate more deaths and misery for the people who suffer their attacks as in the case of Vietnam, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq and many other countries that have had to endure US intervention.

The New York Times editorial of August 27th, notes that "there is little doubt now that President Obama is planning some sort of military response" in Syria. The monarchist daily El Pais in Spain also highlights the topic on its cover today. Large hegemonic media is setting the stage to legitimize this intervention, which, as we all know lurks geopolitical control purposes over an area of the world that is strategic to imperialist interests.

The use of chemical weapons must be condemned in any part of the world. However in this case, there is no clear information on who is using them. Also, what transnational company is producing

them? Nor is it clear who has been selling these weapons.

We, the peoples of Latin America, will remain alert and strongly condemn the actions of the United States, as the people of Cuba are already condemning. The

United States, global police state, now commanded by a Nobel peace prize winner, has violated all relevant UN bodies with the complicity of white imperial European countries (France, United Kingdom), it imposes "peace" in the world by force of arms. It's the "peace" of cemeteries.

Regardless of the position towards the government of Syria, the defense of the autonomy of our Syrian brothers and sisters must be the main and common flag of social movements worldwide.

For a true global peace with social justice, independence and sovereignty of the peoples of the world, we must denounce by all means this serious situation,

Americas, August 27, 2013.

For list of signatories go to:

<http://venezuelasolidarity.wordpress.com/2013/08/27/manifest-against-the-attack-on-the-syrian-people-no-more-deaths-and-lies/>



**DOCUMENTARY FILM & FORUM**

# SYRIA

**BETWEEN IRAQ & A HARD PLACE**

Saul Landau's film, "Syria: Between Iraq and a Hard Place" gives a picture of what life is really like in Syria, past the mainstream media spin. It also documents the history of US imperialist threats against Syria starting over a decade ago. The film provides a vital context to the many years of foreign maneuvering and meddling in Syria's internal affairs that has led up to the current war drive against Syria.

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*A tribute to the late*  
**Saul Landau**  
On September 9th, 2013, renowned filmmaker Saul Landau passed away. Saul was a life long social justice activist whose films shine a critical light on the injustices taking place world wide, as well as the struggles of oppressed people for a better world. Saul was a good friend of MAWO, he presented several of his films and led the Master Class at the 2011 MAWO International Film Festival 4 Peace.

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# Cuba : the Egyptian crisis should be resolved without foreign interference

\* Translated from telesurtv.net - August 17, 2013

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 de-facto 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.

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# 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.

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# Bolivian President Condemns Escalation of Violence in Egypt

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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.

# STOP U.S. AGGRESSION ON SYRIA!

STATEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER

<http://www.iacenter.org>

August 25, 2013

Aug. 25 — Before we discuss any of the details of the latest Big Lie, The IAC denounces any missile or air attack on Syria as an international war crime. We call upon all anti-war forces in the United States to stand up to say “No!” to this act of aggression.

U.S. imperialism is poised to open another war. This one, the latest in a long series of aggressive wars, would target Syria. As we write, four U.S. destroyers, each with 90 cruise missiles, are moving into place in the eastern Mediterranean to be able to launch these death-dealers at the Syrian people.

As with earlier major U.S. aggressions against Yugoslavia, Iraq and Libya, Washington has presented a Big Lie to try to justify an unwarranted and illegal assault on the Syrian people.

With Yugoslavia, the claim, shown later to be false, was that the Serbian government was committing “genocide” against Albanian-ethnic people in Kosovo. In Libya, Moammar Gadhafi’s government was alleged to be on the verge of committing a bloodbath in Benghazi — another Big Lie invented by U.S.-NATO forces. And we all know that no “weapons of mass destruction” were found in Iraq.

There is certainly a horrible civil war in Syria. But the forces engaged in armed struggle against the Syrian government have been armed and financed by Saudi Arabia, other gulf monarchies, Turkey and other NATO powers — all allied with U.S. imperialism. They are responsible for the 100,000 deaths and millions of refugees from this conflict.

The Syrian government has categorically denied using poison gas. We have no problem joining with the hundreds of millions, if not billions, of people around the world who believe Damascus, rather than the incurable liars in the imperialist camp. U.S. imperialism has a track record of inventing any pretext to justify its own aggression. Its lies are meant



to cover its track record of spending trillions of dollars on the most massive engine of destruction in history while failing to do anything helpful for the masses of people in the world.

Videos have been shown around the world that show many dead civilians. The imperialist media disseminate these with the hope of justifying an imperialist intervention on behalf of the criminal gangs fighting the Syrian government.

Do these videos really show victims of sarin nerve gas? No experts are confirming this charge. And if they do, does that prove the Syrian government is responsible?

The Russian Foreign Ministry argues that the real source of these killings is the “rebels” themselves — ultra-reactionary, anti-government forces who have been known to murder Syrian civilians belonging to a different religion or sect. It charges they are the ones who have used sarin in an attempt to blame the Bashar al-Assad government and provoke direct imperialist intervention.

The timing of this crisis also makes it highly suspect. The “rebels” have had a string of military defeats and armed conflict among themselves. They have failed to create a central command. Moreover, a United Nations inspection team had just arrived in Damascus. Why would the Syrian government choose this time to do the very thing that the U.S. said would cause it to intervene?

Only the “rebels,” or as Damascus rightly calls them, the “terrorists,” could gain from this.

The administration in Washington claims it is “reluctant” to intervene directly. But the facts on the ground — and in the nearby seas — point to the possibility of yet another U.S. war in the region. Anyone wishing to stop this assault on the Syrians — and this is also an assault on the living conditions of workers and all poor people in the U.S. itself — must be ready to stand up against any new aggression.

STATEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER

# “STOP THE MASSACRE IN EGYPT!”

<http://www.iacenter.org>

August 14, 2013

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.

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 Chediak 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 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!