

# **OPPOSE U.S. AIR STRIKES AGAINST SYRIA! NO TO ESCALATING THE MILITARY CONFLICT IN SYRIA! HANDS OFF SYRIA!**

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The U.S. has engaged in criminal activity by launching tomahawk missiles against Syrian military targets on the night of April 6. News agencies report that 50 to 60 tomahawk missiles were launched from two U.S. warships in the eastern Mediterranean between 8 and 9 pm against the Shayrat airbase in Syria, allegedly hitting runways, aircraft and fuel stores. According to some reports, the targeted airbase played a significant role in the Syrian army's efforts to liberate cities in central, northern and eastern Syria from ISIL, including the battles for Palmyra, Raqqa and Deir Ezzor.

U.S. imperialist president Donald Trump used the pretext of a chemical weapons attack that is widely suspected to have been a provocation by forces in the pay of the Anglo-American imperialists to blame Syrian president Bashar Al-Assad and justify launching the strikes. The aim is to ensure that there is no peaceful, political resolution of the conflict in Syria under the auspices of the Syrians themselves along with those countries they have sought assistance from including Russia.

“Tonight I ordered a targeted military strike

on the airfield in Syria from where the chemical attack was launched,” Trump said, adding that there can be “no dispute” that Syria was responsible for the use of chemical weapons, which is simply not the case. No evidence has been presented that the Syrian government was responsible for the attack.

Trump said the tomahawk missile attack was to defend the “vital national security interest to prevent and deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons.” To cover up the barbaric nature of this attack, Trump called on “civilized nations” to “join us in seeking to end the slaughter and bloodshed in Syria.” He said “years of attempts at changing Assad’s behaviour have failed.”

News agencies report that there will be no further strikes until “another decision is made.” Trump is alleged to have informed various countries before the attack, including Russia through military channels, and the U.S. said it received support from “a broad list of nations.”

The cruise missile attack comes after 1,000 U.S. ground troops invaded the country in the past weeks with another 1,500 expected to enter soon after.



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