

All Out for the January 25 Day of Action

NO WAR ON IRAN!

ALL FOREIGN TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ!

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The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) calls on all peace-loving people to join in the January 25 Global Day of Protest to condemn targeted assassinations and the threat of war against Iran.

It also expresses its sincere condolences to all the families and friends who lost loved ones in the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752. The fact that civilian aircraft were permitted to fly in an active war zone leading to such tragic consequences is a serious concern.

At the heart of the matter is the use of force to resolve conflicts and acts which run counter to acceptable norms of behaviour as well as international laws established after the Second World War. The very notion of international law has been cast aside by the ruling elites of the world under the auspices of NATO and its “rules-based international order” in which the warmongers, headed by the U.S., set the “rules.”

Whenever the crisis in the U.S. deepens and the U.S. resorts to such unlawful acts as targeted assassinations, a stupendous effort is made to turn attention away from its condemnable activities and raise every manner of diversion to create a situation whereby the people themselves who are subjected to threats of aggression and genocide are made the focus of attention. The government of Canada is an appeaser of the U.S. in this regard. It must not pass!

The peoples of Iraq and Iran have always opposed the occupation of their countries by the U.S. and other members of its aggressive military alliance NATO. Now, in spite of the fact that the Iraqi parliament has passed a resolution calling for the departure of all foreign forces, neither the U.S. nor Canada have any intention of complying with it. Trump uncouthly said U.S. troops would not leave unless Iraq paid the U.S. back for the “billions” it put into the country, threatening to steal its national oil revenues

deposited in a U.S. bank account. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has declared: “We have to respect their process [speaking of the Iraqi vote] but it is more complicated than just one vote.”

What is “complicated” is that under the command of the U.S., Canada goes along with the NATO pretext for inserting itself in the region – that “peace and stability are key to pursuing the political and economic reforms underway in Iraq,” as Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs put it.

Not only is Canada continuing to participate in the illegal occupation of Iraq, it is playing yet again a leading role to appease U.S. imperialism by promoting the disinformation that the U.S. is the indispensable nation with its continued occupation of Iraq and interference in the region, where it has over 65,000 troops plus thousands of private mercenaries deployed.

A first step to ensure peace and stability in the region is for Canada to permanently withdraw its publicly reported 850 troops deployed to Iraq and neighbouring countries as part of a Canadian-led NATO mission and a mission called Operation Impact which supports the U.S. war coalition’s “anti-terrorism” operation. Any other non-reported Canadian covert or “exchange” forces integrated with U.S. military forces in the region should also be immediately withdrawn.

In the face of U.S. war crimes, sanctions, and criminal activities, Canada’s position is unacceptable as it serves to maintain the status quo and creates conditions for another war of destruction in the region.

Canada must be a factor for peace and withdraw from NATO and all economic and military alliances with U.S. imperialism and establish an independent foreign policy based on the principles of diplomacy and peaceful resolution of conflicts. This must include restoring diplomatic relations with Iran and ending its sanctions against the country.

No to U.S.-Led Wars of Terror!
Hands Off Iran!
Canada Out of NATO and NORAD!
Make Canada a Factor for Peace!

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