

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!

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1661 Napier Street**

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DO YOU REMEMBER
YUGOSLAVIA?**

US / EU HANDS OFF UKRAINE!

**PUBLIC FORUM
TUESDAY JULY 15
JOE'S CAFE
1150 Commercial Dr., Vancouver**

7pm

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Served 15 years unjustly in U.S. jail



René González with his family in Cuba
Served 13 years unjustly in U.S. jail



Gerardo Hernández
Served 15 years unjustly in U.S. prison



Antonio Gueirra
Served 15 years unjustly in U.S. prison

Tuesday August 5

Picket: 4-5pm

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Stop the Israeli assault on Palestine!

Israel prepares criminal invasion of Gaza

The Israeli apartheid state has called up as many as 40,000 reserve troops to prepare for an all-out invasion of the Gaza territory, where 1.5 million Palestinians live. Because of Israel's blockade of Gaza, the territory has been described as "the largest open-air prison in the world."

Beginning July 7, Israeli planes and rockets killed 49 people and wounded another 450 in hundreds of strikes, according to Palestinian medical authorities on the morning of July 9. There is no sign that the Israeli regime intends to slow down this relentless assault on the civilian population of Gaza. On the contrary, elements in Israeli government circles are calling for a full re-occupation of Gaza.

As often happens when there is a show-down in occupied Palestine, the major imperialist powers support Israel. On July 9, this included German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and French Ambassador to Israel Patrick Maisonnave, both of whom faulted the Palestinian organization Hamas for its retaliatory rocket strikes on Israeli territory from Gaza.

ests with the Israeli settler state — it acts as an armed outpost of world imperialism at the center of the Middle East — consistently supports Israel at critical moments, even when it tries to claim the role of "honest broker" between the Palestinians and the Israeli state.

Israeli intransigence has frustrated all efforts to reach a negotiated settlement with the Palestinian Authority, which governs the West Bank. Following the failure of these talks, the PA and Hamas, which governs Gaza, formed a national unity government that took office June 2. Since that agreement, the Israeli government has stepped up its provocation of the Palestinians.

These provocations include increasing illegal settlements inside the West Bank territories — signaling future annexation of these areas — and using ultra-reactionary settlers to assault Palestinians.

When three missing settler teenagers were found shot dead at the end of June, the Israeli government seized on this incident to arrest more than 400 Palestinians, raid thousands of homes and shoot five people dead. It brought back the punitive demolition of Palestinian homes, a practice mostly

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THE WORLD STANDS WITH PALESTINE & THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM & FOR SELF-DETERMINATION

Public Forum
* Multimedia * Speakers * Discussion *

Tuesday July 22
Joe's Cafe
In Large North Hall
1150 Commercial Dr. at William St.
Vancouver, Canada

7PM

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Tel Aviv loudly blamed Hamas for the teens’ deaths and then bombed Gaza 34 times. Hamas, elected to govern Gaza, denies any responsibility. Israel’s last attempt to un-seat Hamas, a massive bombing in 2008-09, resulted in the deaths of 1,417 Palestinians and nine Israelis. (Palestinian Center for Human Rights)

On July 2, a group of ultra-right Israelis tortured and murdered a young Palestinian, allegedly in retaliation for the three deaths — although there is still no evidence about who killed the three. Six of the Israeli fascists have been arrested for the murder of the Palestinian.

Meanwhile, the heavily armed and technologically developed Israeli army is bombing a virtually unarmed population in Gaza.

While imperialist governments are backing the Israeli state, popular organizations around the world are taking actions to show solidarity with the people of Gaza.

STOP THE KILLING OF PALESTINIANS!
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE!
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PALESTINE!
STOP ISRAELI ASSAULT ON GAZA!

An edited excerpt from:
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MAWO IRAQ STATEMENT
July 7, 2014
NO TO ANOTHER U.S. WAR IN IRAQ!
SELF-DETERMINATION - NOT MORE TROOPS AND OCCUPATION!

Since the beginning of June, 2014, the open wounds of Iraq caused by sanctions, wars and occupations have grown deeper. This is when the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS, also known as ISIL) began a onslaught against Iraq, establishing control of important border crossings, cities and territory in Iraq through terrorist actions directed against Iraqi civilians. As of June 29, ISIS had taken control of Iraq’s second largest city, Mosul and declared a “Caliphate” state in the areas under their control in Northern Iraq in opposition to the Iraqi state. Fighting between ISIS and the Iraqi military forces continues, imposing more violence and destruction on the people of Iraq already facing the daily reality of a country devastated by over 11 years of U.S.-led war and occupation.

In response to the ISIS terrorist attacks, the U.S. government has sent 770 troops into Iraq. The majority of them, 470, are charged with security of the gigantic U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. The remaining have been assigned as so-called 'military advisers' to assess the training and condition of the Iraqi Army, which the U.S. government built-up and trained as part of the ongoing occupation of Iraq. Increased U.S. troop presence in Iraq has been accompanied by F-18 jets, Apache helicopters and drones on surveillance missions and their influence has been expanded to also include the protection of Iraq’s main airport in Baghdad.

The U.S. government has justified their increased troop presence claiming that they are sending troops and military equipment to Iraq in order to help bolster the efforts of the Iraqi army in their fight against ISIS in Iraq and to help Iraq achieve stability. But how is this possible when, in fact, it is the U.S. government itself that is the biggest destabilization and terrorist force in Iraq? U.S.-led war, occupation, destruction in Iraq over more than 20 years has caused the deaths of at least 3 million people. 500,000 children alone were killed by 12 years of devastating U.S. sanctions that began in the 1990s. Sanctions were followed by 11 years of the occupation of that began with the March 2003 carpet bombing and invasion and continues on to today. This occupation has resulted in the complete destruction of medical, educational and sanitary



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infrastructure, with all factors of quality of life in Iraq plummeting under the assault of the full force of the U.S. military.

These are the open wounds in Iraq created by the US government and their allies. But, really, the question must be asked: what are the roots of an organization like ISIS? First of all, ISIS is the product U.S.-led war and sanctions, that combined left Iraq broken and divided. Western occupying forces utilized the age-old strategy of “divide conquer” as they fomented a bloody sectarian war in Iraq that turned brothers into enemies in order to defeat a powerful Iraqi resistance to U.S./U.K occupation. ISIS has also benefited from Western military, financial and covert intervention in Syria. They are one of the many so-called rebel forces in Syria that operate with the support and backing of the U.S. government, and funding and support from US-allies Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait. On top of this, it is also clear who is benefiting from the ISIS attacks on Iraq. The U.S. government and their allies need an unstable and divided Iraq in order to continue their occupation, resource theft and struggle for complete hegemony in the Middle East.

Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) is standing with antiwar coalitions and peace-loving people around the world in demanding “No to Another U.S. War in Iraq!” What the people of Iraq need is not more U.S. troops, drones and war-planes; the people of Iraq demand their self-determination. People of Iraq are completely capable of defending themselves against any foreign intervention including ISIS. The march of ISIS is not the result of a sectarian battle in Iraq, as Western media might have us all believe, it is the product of imperialist intervention in Iraq, Syria and across the Middle East. It is the result of the new era of war and occupation that began with the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

MAWO is committed to continuing to organize against any form of imperialist intervention in Iraq. We invite all peace-loving people to join with us and demand:

No to Another U.S. War on Iraq!
Hands Off Iraq Now!
U.S. Out of Iraq Now!

WHAT THE MEDIA AREN'T TELLING YOU ABOUT THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE & CRIMEA

Corporate media have always lied about the reasons for war, from Vietnam and Iraq to Libya and Syria. If you turn on CNN or FOX News, read the New York Times or listen to NPR, you aren’t getting the real story. Here are 10 things the U.S. corporate media won’t tell you about what’s happening in Ukraine.

1. Washington planned the coup in Ukraine.

U.S. State Department official Victoria Nuland was caught on tape plotting who would be the next head of Ukraine. She bragged that the U.S. had spent \$5 billion funding the so-called democracy movement there. Senator John McCain went to Kiev, spoke at rallies and was photographed with the leader of the fascist Svoboda party. Neo-Nazi forces took over buildings and threw out the elected government in a coup d’etat, then passed new laws with no quorum in the parliament.

2. There has been no Russian invasion.

Washington officials have threatened Russia for “invading” Ukraine. It’s a Big Lie meant to cover up U.S. involvement in the coup. Russia has a military base in Crimea, a predominately Russian ethnic area, and is legally allowed to station up to 25,000 troops in the country. On March 16, nearly 97 percent of Crimean voters who participated in a referendum chose to leave Ukraine and affiliate with the Russian Federation. Russia has said it may act to protect civilians if they are threatened by the neo-Nazis in Kiev. That is all.

3. The U.S. war buildup.

The Navy has deployed the USS Truxton, a warship armed with guided missiles, to the Black Sea. Six F-15 fighter jets and 60 military personnel have been sent to Lithuania, in addition to those already stationed there. The U.S. and EU are imposing sanctions and travel bans on Russian officials. Politicians from Hillary Clinton to John McCain have compared Russian President Vladimir Putin to Hitler. When preparing for war, the U.S. always uses this bogus comparison to demonize leaders of opponent countries.

4. Neo-Nazis dominate the new government.

The openly racist, anti-Semitic and pro-Hitler Svoboda party is one of three major parties in the government. Svoboda led the street actions that forced elected President Yanukovych to flee. The Right Sector, armed fascists who have beaten opponents and vandalized public property, are now in charge of the military. Immediately after the coup, Ukraine’s chief rabbi, Moshe Reuven Azman, urged Jews to flee Kiev. The government’s first act was to ban the use of Russian and other minority languages. Opponents of the coup have been beaten, disappeared, or had their offices and homes vandalized and burned. On March 14 in the city of Kharkov, two anti-fascists were shot dead and three people were taken hostage by neo-Nazis sent from Kiev.

5. Coup leaders hired snipers to justify takeover.

A leaked call between Estonian and European Union officials reveals that people behind the new government hired snipers to kill protesters and police in Kiev. President Yanukovych was blamed for the killings and this was used to justify the coup.

6. Wall Street and Big Oil want to control Ukraine – and Russia.

Oil and gas pipelines in Ukraine bring fuel from Russia to Europe. Big Oil wants to cut the flow from Russia and hike their own profits. The U.S. has even offered the new government gas from dangerous fracking drilling here! Russia is the world’s largest producer of gas, oil and industrial minerals. They want to break up Russia too. Wall Street would love to get its claws deeper into Ukraine and Russia – to drive up profits and push down wages for workers here and there.

7. NATO’s drive to expand.

As part of the Western drive to dismantle Russia, the Pentagon wants to establish military bases on the Ukraine/Russia border. The U.S.-dominated NATO alliance has expanded aggressively into eastern Europe in the past 20 years, adding 12 countries to its roster so far. Since their criminal bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, the U.S./NATO forces continue to occupy Kosovo, a province of Serbia, and are still present in Afghanistan to the south.

8. Billions for coup in Ukraine, cuts for food stamps in U.S.

In early February, Congress and the Obama administration agreed to cut SNAP food assistance benefits for hungry families by \$8.7 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks later, they announced \$10 billion in assistance to the neo-Nazis in Kiev. Secretary of State John Kerry personally delivered the first billion on March 4.

9. Power for the 1%, misery for workers.

The new regime has appointed wealthy oligarchs as governors of rebellious regions of Eastern Ukraine. It’s also agreed in principle to accept an IMF austerity plan drafted by Washington to cut workers’ pensions, unemployment insurance and social programs – just like the cut-backs workers from Detroit to Greece face.

10. People across Ukraine are fighting back.

People in Eastern Ukraine and throughout the country are organizing against the coup. Some have taken over regional and city buildings and refused to hand them over to the new authorities. Others are marching on military bases and demanding that the troops not obey the commands of the neo-Nazis in Kiev. Some are calling on the Russian government to protect and assist them. The people of Ukraine remember well what Nazi rule was like during World War II, and they will not stand for it again.


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