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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End the Siege on Gaza! End the Massacre of Palestinians! Israel Out of Gaza Now!
Self-determination for Palestine!

Statement from Mobilization Against War & Occupation - MAWO
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For more than two weeks, Israel has been pummeling the people of Gaza, one of the most densely populated territories in the world, from the air, ground and sea. Thousands of air strikes and intense shelling have hit Palestinian homes, mosques, physical rehabilitation centres, roads and entire communities, killing more than 400 Palestinians, and injuring more than 2,000 people, most of them civilians.

Israel is once again blaming its current aggression on Hamas, as Hamas has been responding to the Israeli bombardment by launching homemade rockets into Israel. However, the origins go beyond the stories we hear in mainstream imperialist media and the real reason has nothing to do with rockets.

On April 23, 2014, Fatah, the political leadership of Palestinians in the West Bank formed a unity government with the more militant Hamas, which is the elected leadership of Palestinians in Gaza since 2006. Unrest with a show of unity and strength among Palestinians, Israel needed to find a way to punish Palestinians and try to divide their leadership. While pushing Fatah to end its coalition with Hamas, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately blamed Hamas for the disappearance of three Israeli settler teenagers in June and used it as a pretext for collective punishment as Israel launched “Operation Brother’s Keeper”, where more than 700 Palestinians in the West Bank were arrested, thousands of homes were raided, five Palestinians were killed, and the West Bank was locked down. When three Israeli teenagers turned up dead, Netanyahu put the blame squarely on Hamas and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) then bombed Gaza 34 times. While Hamas denies any responsibility, it resisted the Israeli bombings with its homemade rockets. At the same time, anti-Palestinian hysteria gripped Israeli society and a young Palestinian teenager was immediately kidnapped, tortured and killed by racist Israeli settlers.

The argument that Israel and imperialist countries use, that if Israel is simply defending itself against terrorists, is ironic because Israel, itself, is a country built and maintained on terrorism. Its very foundation on Zionism and colonialism in 1948 is with Palestinian blood. The ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their homes, towns and cities allowed for the appropriation of more land by the Zionist state. And today, after more than six decades, Israel keeps Palestinians locked down in the West Bank and Gaza, which get smaller and smaller as Israeli forces and settlers continue to confiscate more...
Corporate media have always lied about the reality for war, from Vietnam and Iraq to Libya and Syria. If you turn on CNN or FOX News, read the New York Times or The Guardian, you are not 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 for the so-called democracy movement there. Senator John McCain went to Kiev, spoke at rallies with nazis, and photograhed with the leader of the fascist Svoboda party. Then he returned to Washington and threw out the elected government in a coup d'état, 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 Truxtun, a warship armed with missiles, to the Black Sea. The Israeli government, which also supports U.S. military aid, has announced it is stepping up its security to prevent a complete collapse of the Ukrainian military. It is the real threat.

4. Neo-Nazi government in Kiev. The openly racist, anti-Semitic, and pro-Hitler Svoboda party is one of three major parties in the government, which is led by the former head of the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. It is a fascist puppet government.

5. Power for the 1%, misery for workers. The U.S. war buildup is accompanied by F-18 jets, Apache helicopters, and thousands of U.S. troops. The U.S. government and their allies need an excuse to expand their military occupations of countries around the world. The U.S. and its allies have already occupied Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. They have been in the Middle East for over 20 years. The result is a huge increase in global poverty and inequality. The U.S. government has already spent over $1.7 trillion on its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. government and their allies need an excuse to expand their military occupations of countries around the world. The U.S. and its allies have already occupied Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. They have been in the Middle East for over 20 years. The result is a huge increase in global poverty and inequality. The U.S. government has already spent over $1.7 trillion on its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

6. Coup leaders hired snipers to justify takeover. The new government hired snipers to kill protesters. The new government has taken over regional and city buildings across Ukraine. Some people have taken to the streets to protest the new government. Some have been beaten, disappeared, or had their homes and social programs – just like the cut-backs and social programs – just like the cuts in the U.S. government.

7. NATO 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, Obama and the Congress administration agreed to cut SNAP food assistance benefits for hungry families by $5.7 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks later, the U.S. government has declared $10 billion in assistance benefits for hungry families by $5.7 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks later, the U.S. government has declared $10 billion in assistance benefits for hungry families by $5.7 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks later, the U.S. government has declared $10 billion in assistance benefits for hungry families by $5.7 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks later, the U.S. government has declared $10 billion in assistance benefits for hungry families by $5.7 billion, claiming there’s no money.