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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with MAWO!

Meetings & Forums on Tuesdays - 7:00PM
For location, please visit our website:
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TUESDAY October 7 at 7 pm
Britannia Community Center - Learning Resource Centre
1661 Naper Street

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION! 107th MONTHLY PROTEST
Marking the 38th anniversary of the air Cuban flight bombing by terrorist Luis Posada Carriles

U.S. / FRANCE & CANADA HANDS OFF IRAQ & SYRIA!

Public Forum
* Multimedia * Speakers * Discussion
Tuesday September 30
Joe’s Cafe
150 Commercial Dr. at William St., Vancouver, Canada

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 an 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 who are 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 advisors” 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 include the protection of Iraq’s main airport in Baghdad.

The U.S. government has justified their increased troop presence by 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 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 and 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./UK 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 U.S.-allied 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 in 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 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!

NO TO ANOTHER U.S. WAR IN IRAQ! SELF-DETERMINATION - NOT MORE TROOPS AND OCCUPATION!
End the siege on Gaza!
End the Massacre of Palestinians!
Israel Out of Gaza Now!
Self-determination for Palestinians!

The World Stands with Palestine!

Statement from Mobilization Against War & Occupation - MAWO
July 18, 2014

For more than two weeks, Israel has been pounding the people of Gaza, one of the most densely populated territories in the world, from the air, sea and land. Thousands of air strikes and intense shelling have pounded Gaza and Palestinian parliaments, 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 it has been when responding to the Israeli bombardment by launching rockets that found their way to 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 the Palestinian National Authority, reached an agreement with Hamas, the political leadership of the Palestinian resistance group, to form a government of national unity. This was an important development in the Palestinian political arena, as it was the first time since the beginning of the second intifada in 2000 that Fatah and Hamas, who represent two different political, ideological and military currents, agreed to work together.

The agreement was reached after months of negotiations and discussions. It was a significant step towards unifying the Palestinian people and creating a united front to face the common challenges facing them. The Palestinian people and the international community welcomed the agreement and supported its implementation.

However, this agreement was short-lived as the Israeli occupation forces launched a military operation on July 8, 2014, targeting different areas of Gaza. The operation was characterized by intense shelling, air strikes and ground invasion, causing severe loss of life and destruction.

On July 18, 2014, a delegation of the World Stands with Palestine (MAWO) and the Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) traveled to Gaza to witness the ongoing humanitarian crisis and to meet with Palestinian leaders and activists. The delegation was welcomed by the Palestinian people and provided them with moral support.

On the first day of the delegation's visit, it was met with a warm welcome by the people of Gaza. A delegation of Palestinian women greeted the delegation outside a Gaza war room and provided them with moral support.

On the second day, the delegation met with Palestinian officials and activists to discuss the ongoing situation and to hear their perspective. The delegation also visited several Gaza war rooms and war centers to witness the ongoing crisis and the humanitarian impact.

On the third day, the delegation participated in a public event and met with various organizations and individuals to discuss the ongoing crisis and to support the Palestinian people.

The delegation was impressed by the resilience and determination of the Palestinian people in the face of ongoing occupation and war. They heard stories of courage and hope, and witnessed the support and solidarity of the international community.

The delegation also heard about the urgent need for humanitarian aid and support for the Palestinian people. They called for international solidarity and support to ensure the safety and well-being of the Palestinian people.

On the fourth day, the delegation visited several war rooms and war centers to witness the ongoing crisis and the humanitarian impact.

On the fifth day, the delegation participated in a public event and met with various organizations and individuals to discuss the ongoing crisis and to support the Palestinian people.

The delegation expressed its solidarity with the Palestinian people and called for international solidarity and support to ensure the safety and well-being of the Palestinian people.

The delegation also called for an end to the ongoing occupation and war and for a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian question.

The delegation returned to Canada on the sixth day, with a deep sense of the resilience and determination of the Palestinian people in the face of ongoing occupation and war. They called for international solidarity and support to ensure the safety and well-being of the Palestinian people.

The delegation also called for an end to the ongoing occupation and war and for a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian question.

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