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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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Canada, U.S. & UN Hands off Haiti!



Haitian demonstrators carry a coffin covered with American, Canadian and French flags as they protest foreign intervention on Jean-Jacques Dessalines Day in Port-au-Prince, October 17, 2022.

No New Occupation of Haiti!

Statement by Mobilization Against War and Occupation – MAWO

October 20, 2022

“Today, Canadian and U.S. military aircraft arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to transfer vital Haitian government-purchased security equipment, including tactical and armoured vehicles, and supplies to the Director General of the Haitian National Police (HNP),” explained a Global Affairs Canada statement on October 15, 2022.

The next day, Canada’s Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau tweeted, “This equipment will assist the police in their fight against criminal gangs and help improve security. [...] Our two countries [Canada and the U.S.] remain committed to supporting the Haitian National Police’s work of protecting and serving the people of Haiti.”

But what kind of government is Canada sending weapons to? What kind of government is Trudeau propping up in Haiti?

With the above announcement the government of Canada is announcing that it is backing and arming Haiti’s de-facto Prime Minister, Ariel Henry. Henry took power, without an election, after the assassination of former president, Jovenel Moise in July 2021. Henry has been implicated in the murder of the former president. Henry’s rule has been highly contested and protested by Haitians, now Canada is sending him weapons and helping to arm his police force.

Meanwhile the United Nations (UN)

role in all of this is still developing. There may be plans to send so-called ‘UN peace-keepers.’ However, these forces are not welcome in Haiti. A Global News, article explains, “Haiti’s last cholera outbreak was in 2010 as a result of United Nations peacekeepers introducing the bacteria into the country’s largest river by sewage. Nearly 10,000 people died and more than 850,000 were sickened.” Today, cholera is once again on the rise in Haiti. Foreign intervention is not the solution. In an interview with Global News, Haitian-Canadian activist Jean Saint-Vil said, “Haiti needs reparations, not invasion,” from the United Nations.

Foreign military intervention, whether it’s the U.S., Canada, or United Nations ‘peace-keepers’ has always meant further devastation for Haiti. These forces arrive with their own political interests and imperialist motives; they are not going to help poor and working people in Haiti. An important example of this happened in 2004 when the U.S., Canada, France and the United Nations occupied Haiti after the forcible removal of the democratically elected Haitian president, Jean Bertrand Aristide. The occupation force - first U.S.-led and then United Nations-led - suppressed the will of the Haiti people in favour of opening the doors to North American corporate interests and upholding an illegitimate de-facto government.

Imperialist forces hope to repeat this brutal history, but the people of Haiti are resilient and standing up for their right to self-determination.

THE PEOPLE SAY, "NO TO US WAR!"

Demonstrate for just peace against US-led aggression



Join member groups of the Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network and friends in the Lower Mainland, BC

Hyak Square, 8th and Columbia, Westminster Quay, New Westminster
at 2:00 on Saturday, October 22

We are responding to the CALL TO ACTION by the United National Anti-War Coalition (UNAC), NYC, US, [unacpeace.org] to JOIN THE "NO TO US WAR" ACTIONS FROM OCTOBER 15 TO 23, 2022.

While the U.S. pours more weapons into the proxy war in Ukraine—holding open the possibility of direct confrontation with nuclear-armed Russia, the war fanatics in Washington seem determined to start even more fires around the world. Nancy Pelosi’s trip to Taiwan; hints that the U.S. may be moving towards confrontation with China as well as strikes against Iran; and reports that new U.S./South Korea war games will practice a “decapitation” strike against the north (DPRK): all show the urgent need to speak out.

Today working people face escalating costs of food and energy, recession, growing insecurity and attacks on efforts to unionize. Sanctions on developing nations hurt impoverished workers there, while U.S. sanctions on Russia and China are at least partially responsible for rising energy prices, the current wave of inflation in many European and N. American countries.

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On October 17 protests took place across Haiti, with thousands demanding the prime minister's resignation and 'no to foreign intervention'. Samuel Jean Venel, a salesman from Haiti who attended the protests, is quoted by the Associated Press saying, "We don't need a foreign force. It's not going to solve anything. [...] As you can see, there is no result. There is more poverty, more insecurity."

Peace-loving people across Canada, must call out the Trudeau government for its support and arming of an unelected illegitimate leader in Haiti.

Haitians are demanding their right to self-determination, to decide their own future, and we must stand with them!

Get involved in Mobilization Against War and Occupation - MAWO as we demand:

Canada, U.S. and UN Hands off Haiti!

No New Occupation of Haiti!



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We also encourage everyone to sign on the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute letter, "No to Canadian Military Intervention in Haiti" here:



#FundPeaceNotWar Week of Action

From October 15th to 23rd, join us in demanding NO new fighter jets, warships, or drones! We need billions for housing, health care, jobs and climate, NOT for war profiteering!

STATEMENT BY THE CANADA-WIDE PEACE AND JUSTICE NETWORK

Across Canada, the U.S. and around the world, peace activists will be on the streets from October 15th to 23th, demanding an end to imperialist wars, occupations, sanctions and military interventions. This call to action was initiated by the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) in the U.S. and has been taken up by the Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network, a coalition of 45 peace groups across Canada.

No to imperialist wars

For over 30 years, we have witnessed the acceleration of brutal imperial wars by the U.S. and their allies, including Canada, against the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Haiti, and other countries. These wars have killed millions, turned tens of millions into refugees, laid waste to infrastructure, impoverished citizens through sanctions, and overthrown governments. With the full support of the governments of the U.S. and Canada, the Zionist Israeli regime has continued to occupy Palestine, brutally kill and imprison Palestinian people,

including children and journalists, demolish Palestinian homes and routinely bomb Gaza.

When fleeing homelands that have become war zones, refugees are subjected to harrowing and dangerous journeys and met with racism and discrimination in the very countries responsible for the destruction of the refugees' original homes.

From October 15th-23rd, activists will be saying NO to imperialist wars, occupations, economic sanctions, and military interventions, and YES to self-determination!

Stop arming Saudi Arabia

Today, the United Nations deems Yemen the world's worst humanitarian crisis, after seven years of Saudi-led, U.S.-backed and Canadian-armed war. This war has killed over a quarter of a million people, and has displaced an additional four million people. The Saudi-led coalition has bombed Yemeni markets, hospitals, and civilians, and yet Canada has exported over \$8 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia

since 2015, the year the Saudi-led military intervention in Yemen began. The Trudeau Government continues to profit from its controversial \$15 billion arms deal for armoured vehicles-killing machines which have been used against people in Yemen and in Saudi Arabia.

From October 15 to 23rd, activists will be calling for an end to the Saudi-led war on Yemen and demanding that Canada Stop Arming Saudi Arabia!

Fund human needs, not destruction

While Canada is gaining ill-repute as an arms dealer to the world's most despicable war-mongering governments, the Trudeau Government is also bolstering its own arsenal. Since 2014, Canadian military spending has increased by 70%. Last year, the Canadian government spent \$33 billion on the military, which is 15 times more than it spent on environment and climate change. Defence Minister Anand announced military spending will increase by another 70% over the next five years on big-ticket items such as F-35 fighter jets, (lifetime cost: \$77 billion), warships (lifetime cost: \$350 billion), and armed drones (lifetime cost: \$5 billion).

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Canada out of NATO

The Canada-wide Peace and Justice Network opposes the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a U.S.- led military alliance of 30 countries, which undermines global peace and human security and is responsible for the deadly and destructive interventions in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Libya. For years, NATO has

been provoking conflict with Russia. NATO's expansion to Russia's border and its training and arming of Ukrainian security forces have contributed to growing tensions in the region. NATO's demand that allies buy new interoperable weapons is leading to a costly arms race. Carbon-intensive weapons systems like fighter jets, tanks, drones, and warships are exacerbating the climate crisis. Canada is complicit in U.S. wars and is pursuing an imperialist agenda.

From October 15 to 23rd, activists will be demanding that Canada adopt an independent foreign policy free of all military alliances, including NATO.

Stop Provoking China

NATO's provocative war exercises and extension into the Asia-Pacific region are raising tensions with China and destabilizing the region. As if that weren't bad enough, the

governments of the U.S. and Canada are further inflaming diplomatic relations with China. For example, Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, recently visited Taiwan, soon to be followed by a Canadian delegation led by MP Judy Sgro. These belligerent moves contradict the U.S. and Canada's previous respectful and neutral stance regarding the Chinese position that Taiwan is an integral part of China.

From October 15 to 23rd, activists will be demanding that Washington and Ottawa stop provoking war with Russia and China, and asking that MP Judy Sgro cancel her planned trip to Taiwan!

Canada, US and UN Hands off Haiti!

Canadian and U.S. warplanes have landed in Haiti in the midst of widespread protests for access to food, fuel, and basic necessities and against the country's imperialist-backed government. Imperialists are planning to occupy Haiti under the auspice of the United Nations. The U.S. has drafted a United Nations Security Council resolution for the "deployment of a



rapid action force to Haiti immediately". This is a very dangerous move by Canada, the U.S., and their allies and will have devastating results for the people of Haiti. As anti-war and peace activists in Canada, we must strongly stand against military intervention in Haiti.

As we take the streets across the country this week for our #FundPeaceNotWar actions, we must stand up against military intervention in Haiti and Canada's complicity against the people of Haiti. Canada, US and UN out of Haiti! No to New Occupation of Haiti!

Take action!

The Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network encourages peace-loving people across Canada to join demonstrations and activities across Canada for the Week of Action from October 15-23 or to organize your own actions.

To view actions in the U.S. and around the world visit www.unacpeace.org.

Together, let's end imperialist wars and build a loving and peaceful world!

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