

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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Global Days of Action to END THE WAR IN UKRAINE October 1-8, 2023

Peace Now!

The Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network (CWPJN) urges people in Canada to join us in the global mobilization (October 1st to 8th) for an end to the war in Ukraine. This conflict has caused loss of life and suffering for the Ukrainian people and their civilian infrastructure, going back to 2014 when the conflict began in Ukraine's Donbas region. Since February 2022, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian and Russian soldiers have been killed and wounded, along with Ukrainian and Russian civilians. Now that the USA and UK have transferred prohibited cluster bombs and depleted uranium ordnance to Ukraine, NATO's proxy war has become an illegal war which will adversely affect Ukrainians for generations to come. It's past time for this war to end!

Negotiation Not Escalation!

We condemn the Trudeau government for not taking any action to achieve peace, including flatly refusing to talk to its Russian counterpart, and has instead continuously refuelled the rapidly-escalating conflict in Ukraine, which has the potential to expand into a wider European war or even a nuclear confrontation. The CWPJN calls for the Trudeau government to use all of its diplomatic resources

to seek a political solution to the conflict and a return to peace and neutrality in Ukraine.

#NoToWar #NoToNato

For years, NATO has been provoking conflict with Russia. NATO's expansion to Russia's borders, its training and arming of Ukrainian military, and support for Ukraine's war against its eastern Donbas region since 2014 have been the principal causes for the hostilities and the devastating war in Ukraine. The CWPJN is opposed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) because it is an aggressive, US-led, military alliance of 30 Euro-Atlantic countries that has launched deadly and destructive military interventions in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq and Syria. These NATO wars have caused profound misery and a massive refugee crisis, now swelled by millions more Ukrainian refugees.

Fund Peace Not War!

The war in Ukraine has prompted an explosion in military spending in Canada. The Trudeau government has so far delivered \$8.5 billion in arms and funding to the Zelensky regime which will prevent Canada

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- CANADA OUT OF NATO
- NEGOTIATIONS, NOT ESCALATION
- WATER BOMBERS NOT FIGHTER JETS
- YES TO CLIMATE JUSTICE & PEACE, NO TO NATO

Vancouver Action:
Monday October 2
700 Hamilton Street **3pm**
Outside of CBC Vancouver

Organized in Vancouver by:
Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO)
www.mawovancouver.org

Endorsed by:
 Victoria Peace Coalition, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom - Canada, Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice

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END SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELA!
U.S./CANADA: HANDS OFF VENEZUELA!

FREE ALEX SAAB MOVEMENT

MONTHLY ONLINE PICKET
★ TUESDAY OCTOBER 24 ★
4PM VANCOUVER | 7PM TORONTO/CARACAS

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Find actions in Canada at:
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Self-Determination for Palestine! United Front Against Israeli Occupation of Palestine!



By Janine Solanki

Vancouver Rally for Palestine organized by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network on July 22, 2023.

For over 74 years, the Palestinian people have been fighting for their right to self-determination and the right to return to their homes, which were brutally taken away by the Zionist Israeli regime. Decades over decades, the Palestinian people have faced forced expulsion from their cities and villages to refugee camps, which are some of the most densely populated settlements in the world. Ethnic cleansing and massacres, routine airstrikes on homes and infrastructure, deadly military assaults, home demolitions, checkpoints and blockades, arbitrary detentions, and lack of access to food, water and basic necessities are part of the ongoing Israeli racist regime's brutality and insults against Palestinians.

Jenin Refugee Camp

2023 has already become the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since the United Nations began recording in 2005, with over 200 Palestinians killed at the hands of Israeli military forces and racist Zionist settlers. Jenin refugee camp has long been the site of brutal Israeli attacks and massacres, and so far, in 2023 has been devastated by two Israeli assaults. On January 26, Israeli military forces killed 10 Palestinians, including two children, in Jenin.

On July 3, Israeli forces invaded Jenin again and, for two days, terrorized Palestinians in Jenin with deadly airstrikes, hundreds of soldiers, helicopter gunships, rockets and armoured vehicles. Around 4,000 Palestinians fled the Jenin refugee camp during the assault and returned to find hundreds of homes destroyed and uninhabitable, the local water network destroyed, cutting off sewage and water access for a vast number of homes, and the destruction of roads and other infrastructure. The human cost of this criminal attack was 12 Palestinians killed, including four children, and 143 Palestinians injured. Around the world, this savage Israeli assault was condemned and protested. In Vancouver on July 5, an emergency action "We Stand With Jenin" banner drop was held at a busy overpass, called by the Samidoun, Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network (Samidoun.net), and with the support and participation of Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) and Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice.

U.S., Canada, Israel Hands Off Palestine

Israel's continued occupation of Palestine would not be possible without the military, financial and political backing of the U.S. government and other imperialist countries, including Canada. The government of Canada has supported Israel since it was founded on Palestinian land in 1948, and today Scotiabank, one of Canada's largest banks, is the top foreign investor in

Elbit Systems, an Israeli weapons manufacturer. Elbit Systems produces 85% of Israel's armed drones, which are marketed as "battle-tested," alluding to the fact that they are regularly used to assassinate and injure Palestinians.

On July 22, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network held a protest action in downtown Vancouver in solidarity with Palestine and to demand "Shut Elbit Down!", which activists and supporters from Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) and Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice supported and participated in. After leafleting to passersby, protesters marched to a nearby Scotiabank branch to hear from speakers and to demand Scotiabank divest from Elbit Systems. The action was also part of an International Day of Action in solidarity with six Palestine Action activists, who face imprisonment and court cases in response to their protests in Britain against Elbit Systems. One of the Palestine Action activists, Ronnie Barkan, was in Vancouver for the action and spoke at the rally against

Elbit Systems and against the Zionist Israeli regime. To sign a letter demanding Scotiabank divest from Elbit Systems, you can visit www.actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-scotiabank-to-divest-now-from-elbit-systems

U.S. and Canada Hands Off the Palestinian Rights

Activists

Activists in support of Palestine and in many other social justice struggles are facing increased attacks on their organizing from right-wing forces and imperialist governments. Recently the Alliance for Global Justice (AFGJ) faced attacks from Zionist media that have resulted in the company, which processes credit card donations to block AFGJ and its projects from use of this critical fundraising tool. This attack has impacted Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, as well as over 140 organizations that are fiscally sponsored by AFGJ. Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) has signed on to the Alliance for Global Justice Resistance Campaign and encourages supporters to stand in solidarity and also sign on to the Resistance Campaign at www.afgj.org/resistance-campaign-sign-on

In Canada and around the world, we must continue standing in solidarity with the Palestinian people in a strong united front and demand self-determination for Palestine! Israel, stop brutalizing and killing Palestinians! Free all Palestinian political prisoners! Right of return for all Palestinians!

For upcoming events against imperialist wars and in solidarity with Palestine, visit www.mawovancouver.org or follow on Facebook @MAWOVancouver and Instagram and Twitter @mawovan



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from investing adequately in social housing, public healthcare, education, job creation, and climate solutions. In 2021, Canada spent \$33 billion on the military, which is 15 times more than on environment and climate change. In 2022, Defence Minister Anita Anand announced military spending will increase by another 70% over the next 5 years to buy new fighter jets, warships, and drones, all of which are designed to participate in offensive, US-led, military adventures abroad. NATO's demand that members spend 2% of GDP to buy new inter-operable weapons is leading to a costly arms race.

Water Bombers Not Fighter Jets!

With wildfires tearing through Canada's forests and floods inundating Canadian cities, it's clear that successive Canadian governments have had the wrong priorities. The purchase of US F-35 fighter jets, new warships, and drones will not protect Canadians from wildfires and floods. In fact, these carbon-intensive weapons of war are the leading hidden cause of global warming. NATO's proxy war in Ukraine is itself a climate catastrophe in that it resulted in the largest release of methane in human history (from the US sabotage of the Nordstream pipeline), the breaching of the Kherson dam, and an enormous release of depleted uranium dust as the result of the bombing of a warehouse in Khmelnytsky, western Ukraine. Let's stop this war before it results in further catastrophes such as the possible failure of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, the largest in Europe!

#CanadaOutOfNATO!

Because of Canada's NATO membership, we are losing our national sovereignty and are being dragged into every war of the US empire. It's time to for Canada to withdraw from NATO and develop a non-nuclear, independent, peaceful foreign policy, free from arms exports to fuel wars and occupations, and without massive expenditures on weapons for future wars. With humanity facing existential global environmental and health crises, we need international cooperation, nonviolence, and common security for all countries, not war. Peace in Ukraine, and peace with Russia and China begins with negotiations, diplomacy, and an end to NATO.

A Statement by the Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network

For more details on the week of action visit:

www.peaceandjusticenetwork.ca/2023mobilization Join our Canada-wide days of actions from October 1st to October 8th, 2023, in sending a message to the Trudeau government! Peace Now! Stop The War! Stop NATO!

