

Global people's protest forces US-Israel to call ceasefire of unprovoked war



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Anti-war peace-loving people round the world including the citizens of America and Israel have been vociferous against Pentagon rulers for being assaultive against first Palestine and then Iran using Zionist Israel as spring-board. Demonstrators held up signs such as “hands off Iran” in almost all main cities of US. Also, peace-loving citizens of Israel have taken out rallies in capital Tel Aviv denouncing Prime Minister's unprovoked war on Iran. Netanyahu's subterfuge that Iran was poised to attack Israel and so was his decision of military strike has virtually no taker. They were chanting the slogan— “*We are sorry Iranian brothers*” expressing their solidarity with Iranian people. Demonstrators took to the streets in New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Toronto (Canada) in protest with banners reading “Hands off Iran” and “No US-Israel war on Iran.” Footage shared on X showed protesters chanting anti-war slogans and urging the Trump administration to stop backing Israel and withdraw from the escalating conflict. Outside the White House, demonstrators waved Iranian flags and carried the signs. “*Trump has bombed Iran three times. This is an outright war crime,*” said one protest speaker. “*We are anti-war. We support the Iranian people. We want to prevent more deaths, more destruction,*” observed another protester. One lady who joined the protest after learning that the US used “bunker buster” bombs in the attack, said to the media: “*This is absolutely insane. It's totally unconstitutional. This guy needs to be given the boot. In a big way.*” In New Orleans, protesting populace held that “*the billionaire capitalists at the head of the military industries, oil and gas, hi-tech and the banks in US are trying to dominate, occupy and conquer Iran for profit. These are the powers that really control the US government. These are the powers behind endless wars that are murdering and starving people around the world. These are the*

powers looting US federal and state treasuries while claiming there's no money for health care, food or housing... U.S. intervention only brings misery and starvation to the people of the world. U.S. wars, sanctions and interventions are for the purpose of stealing resources from the world, controlling the people and driving down wages everywhere. Such has been the fuming reaction of the peace-loving US citizens. The Communist Party of Israel (MAKI) and the left coalition of Hadash (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), the Communist Party of USA and Workers World Party condemned the actions of the of US and Israel for dragging the region into a broad and dangerous escalation of war and affirmed their full fraternity with the Iranian people.

Massive protests have surged round the globe

People gathered in cities around the world over the weekend to protest Donald Trump's decision to strike Iranian nuclear facilities and Israel's aggression on Iran. In Europe, tens of thousands have taken to the streets in cities like The Hague, London, Paris, Berlin and Brussels, condemning the genocide in Gaza and opposing their governments' support for US-Israeli policies. Hundreds marched in Melbourne condemning the aggression on Iran and calling for an end to the escalating war. Large protests have also been reported in Morocco, South Africa, Somalia, and Portugal. These demonstrations call for a ceasefire and criticized imperialism and foreign intervention. Besides asking the US to step back, the protesters condemned Israel for initiating the conflict with Iran as well as their war of destruction in Gaza. This happened even within the Republican Party to which Trump belongs.

US involvement in military strike against Iran

But it seems after initiating missile attack on Iran, neither Israel nor its mentor US seems to have been able to estimate the retaliatory power of Iran. Missile barrages fired from Iran overnight caused considerable damage to Israel breaching its defence infrastructure. And on 22 June, seeing that Israel is a bit on the backfoot because of retaliatory military action by Iran, President Trump removed all veil of so called non-involvement and confirmed that the US military had carried out airstrikes on three of Iran's most critical nuclear installations using B-2 stealth bombers. Though Trump hailed the attack as a "spectacular" success, claiming that Iran's nuclear sites were "obliterated", but then CNN, US-based media giant, citing a US intelligence assessment, has reported that US air strikes on Iran's nuclear sites "did not destroy the core components" of the country's nuclear programme.

Victory for peace-loving people of the world

This aggravated further the wrath of global people, particularly of the people of US and the anti-war demonstrations intensified further. . Forced under the pressure of these massive people's movements coupled with brave Iranian people's firm determination to protect sovereignty of their motherland, the US brigands and their Zionist Israeli felons, President Trump within 48 hours of associating US directly in the unprovoked military aggression of Israel on Iran, announced that both Israel and Iran have agreed to an armistice. After few hours, first the aggressor Israel and then the defender Iran consented to the ceasefire. While US and Israel launched a war against humanity, victory of the anti-war peace-loving people of the world has been achieved.

Changed plot

But then the plot changed dramatically. Iran was not cowed at all. It, on 23 June, with powerful missiles struck the headquarters of the US Air Force Command in Qatar, known as Al-Udeid, located far from urban facilities and residential areas in Qatar. Iran reassured Qatar that its target was the US military base and "*did not pose any threat to its friendly and brotherly country and its noble people.*" Evidently, both US and Israel were startled by seeing Iran's capacity to counter-attack. Also, pressure of people's vehement protest, both in and outside the country, was weighing significantly on them. Hence, US had to beat retreat and declare ceasefire.

Why is this hostility of US-Israel duo against Iran?

Many believe, the main reason that Israel, with full backing of US, chose this moment to launch a war with Iran was to make Gaza fade from view: to make people forget his failure to eliminate Hamas; to forget

the hostages that are still in captivity; to forget the mounting international outrage over the horrific images emanating from the Strip; to forget the growing domestic frustration with the war; and to forget that the monstrous plan to push Palestinians into southern Gaza in preparation for expulsion has stalled, accomplishing little beyond shooting at starving civilians waiting in line for food.

This, no doubt, is one of the reasons. But, there are other reasons as well. Among the Arab countries of the Middle East, Iran enjoys a leading position. It has the 2nd largest oil reserves in the Middle East (after Saudi Arabia) and 4th largest in the world, the second largest natural gas reserves in the world, as well as considerable reserves of other natural resources like coal, sulphur and a host of metallic minerals. Besides this richness in natural resources, Iran commands a superior military power among the Arab countries and has a strategic geographic location. Destabilizing Iran would allow the US rulers not only to capture its vast natural resources but also help them consolidating their domination in the entire region. At the same time, it would benefit them by way of causing moral setback to the anti-US resistance movements crystallizing among the people of West Asia. And Iran repeatedly refused to genuflect before US dictates. Hence, US rulers had long branded Iran as a 'rogue state' and a constituent of the 'axis of evils' of three 'hostile' groups, alongwith the UN Security Council's five permanent members —China, France, Russia, the UK and the US— and Germany, reached in July 2015 a landmark agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The deal drastically limited the Iranian nuclear programme along with assurance of not developing nuclear weapons in return for relief from sanctions. Iran also accepted extensive monitoring by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has verified 10 times since the agreement that Tehran has complied with its terms. In return, all nuclear-related sanctions were lifted in January 2016, reconnecting Iran to global markets.

The vulture was keenly observing the developments from afar waiting for its chance to pry open the hitherto impenetrable country on its ready-made plea of human rights violation. Once the first Donald Trump regime had commenced, the Pentagon unilaterally broke out of the Treaty. Trump, obviously in subservience to the class interest of the ruling US monopolists, announced that US would re-impose sanctions against Iran. Finally, in 2018, Trump unilaterally pulled out of the deal in his first term accusing JCPOA of failing to protect America's national security interest and slapped Iran with further sweeping sanctions. The US rulers were determined not to allow Iran to be enriched in uranium, key material for building nuclear power and wanted to strangle Iran's energy resources sector and bring about a 'regime change' in that country on the lines of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Every country has a right to defend itself

Reopening the Iran chapter, the IAEA, now turned a stooge of US imperialism and its cohorts, passed a resolution on 12-06-25 to censure Iran over its advancing nuclear programme for violating non-proliferation obligations. Iran bristled at the statement, vowing to open a new enrichment site and upgrade centrifuges at its Fordow nuclear facility. This defiance of Iran has been too much for US imperialism to tolerate and so Israel was given a free hand to put into action its long-standing plan of militarily attacking Iran.

Point of utmost importance is that every country has a right to defend its sovereignty. So, if any country is threatened of being attacked with nuclear armaments, its preparation for building suitable defence mechanism is fully justified. Also no one from outside can force any country to stay away from developing nuclear power as a source of energy for peaceful purpose like generation of electricity and engage in the nuclear fuel cycle. Non-proliferation Treaty even allows all member countries to develop uranium enrichment facilities, provided they are properly safeguarded.

US rulers including Trump have "great" track record of telling white lies

The US imperialist rulers before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, repeatedly asserted that Iraq possessed Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) including nuclear weapons, and that Saddam Hussein's regime posed an imminent threat to global peace. On this pretext, they conducted various inspections in Iraq then under President Saddam Hussein and virtually played all tricks to not only stop any further progress in Iraq's nuclear programme, but making all their nuclear projects defunct. Once it was ensured that Saddam has lost any capability to launch nuclear attacks, US imperialists launched war of occupation on Iraq, killed

over 5 lakhs of Iraqi citizens, subverted sovereignty of that country and planted a puppet regime there. With this, US killed two birds with one stone. First it diffused a possible nuclear retaliation of a country not amiable to it. Secondly, it could establish its control on the vast oil reserves of Iraq. And then shamelessly, George Bush, the then US President, publicly acknowledged that the pre-war intelligence regarding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), including nuclear weapons, was flawed and the US and its allies did not find stockpiles of WMDs after the invasion of Iraq, and subsequent reports indicated that the intelligence used to justify the invasion was unreliable. But neither did US withdraw its illegal occupation of Iraq, nor did it regret its savage military operation killing so many common citizens including women and children. This is the fiendish face of corrupt, inhuman and utterly felonious imperialism today. Almost the same strategy has been used for taming the country with IAEA inspection as a camouflage.

It bears recall that after taking the oath of office for his second term in January last, Trump said he would push to "stop all wars" and leave a legacy of a "peacemaker and unifier". Of late, he claimed to have brokered ceasefire between India and Pakistan and also making efforts to stop Russia-Ukraine war. He even expects to be conferred with Nobel Peace prize for his "spectacular" achievements. But, now with launch of direct military aggression by US against Iran, Trump's manoeuvre of projecting himself as peacemaker has proved to be a fiasco.

Who has been worst offender of war crimes?

It is not that Iran is a saint country. It is also a theocratic bourgeoisie state which has been oppressing and exploiting its own people and often faces wrath from the masses. But has Iran ever occupied any other country militarily? Has it been involved in any game of orchestrating regime change in any country by organizing *coup d'état*? Does it have any military base in any foreign land? But US has a history of not only engineering regime change in various countries, occupying foreign lands like Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, but having created as many as 128 military bases in 55 countries and territories as of February 2025. Then who is a threat to world peace? Iran or US?

Protests in US and Israel against war

Meanwhile protest demonstrations have taken place in multiple cities across the United States over the past few days urging the Trump administration not to join Israel in military action against Iran. Demonstrators held up signs such as "hands off Iran." Also, peace-loving citizens of Israel has taken out rallies protesting war on Iran.

As Trump publicly threatens to join Israel in attacking Iran, an unlikely coalition of lawmakers has moved to prevent him from involving US forces in the conflict. Republican Senator Rand Paul wrote in a social media post. "*I urge President Trump to stay the course, keep putting America first, and to not join in any war between other countries.*". Tulsi Gabbard, the US Director of National Intelligence testified in March this year contradicted Trump's claim by saying that "*the intelligence community continues to assess that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon.*"

Indian government is tight-lipped

But reaction of the Indian government has really been weird. On 12 June 2025, India abstained from voting a United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for an "*immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire by all parties*" in Gaza. Two days later, India distanced itself from a Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) that "strongly condemned" Israel's military strikes on military bases, missile facilities, and nuclear installations in Iran. As for the SCO statement on the Israel-Iran war, India's decision to distance itself made it not only the only outlier in the regional organization but also one that did not stand in support of a co-member of the group. The Indian foreign affairs minister simply informed that he had telephonic discussions with both Israel and Iran. What a farce! India cannot go against either US or Israel as both are its formidable partners in arms trade. On the other hand, Iran was the third-largest source of crude oil supplier for India till 2018-19 and Chabahar port of Iran is being developed and operated by India through a long-term contract with Iran. So, Indian government simply issued a benign statement on 13 June which stated: "*India was deeply concerned at the recent developments between Iran and*

Israel...and urging both sides to avoid any escalatory steps.” Such is the nature of binding of Indian ruling class and its pliant governments to side with US imperialism.

Crucial aspect of militarization of economy

A very crucial aspect which many either miss or overlook is the connection between dying capitalist economy and war machination of imperialists. 63 years back, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary of the SUCI(C) and an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, had shown that with aggravation of insolvable market crisis endemic of capitalist system, “...*the capitalists in the advanced capitalist countries—and even in backward countries which are being reconstructed on the capitalist lines—...are dovetailing the whole economy with the military economy. In other words, since a market boom cannot be sustained due to crisis, attempts are being made to stimulate it artificially. This means that the government itself turns up in the market as the buyer with the money from the government budget funded by the people’s money. ... if ...they do not get a market to release these, it will not be possible for them to maintain the artificial boom in the market even through militarization of industries.*” (SW Vol IV) By orchestrating war at various places, US imperialism, the chieftain of global imperialism, and its associates, are trying to fuel their militarized economy. Initiation of war against Ukraine by Russia, which is also now a formidable imperialist power after counter-revolution, is also, among other reasons, compelled by the need of nourishing militarized economy. Donald Trump had said in September 2020 that “...*The top people in the Pentagon ...want to do nothing but fight wars so that all of those wonderful companies that make the bombs and make the planes & make everything else stay happy.*”

Imperialist War efforts must be foiled

Great Lenin had said more than a century ago that “*imperialism generates war*”. He showed with impeccable argument that the nature of imperialism, characterized by the dominance of monopolies and the export of capital, inherently leads to war. He connected the drive for profit and expansion in capitalist economies to the inevitability of conflict between imperialist powers for control of resources and markets. Situation today is that imperialism cannot exist without war. So long imperialism would exist, possibility of war would also exist. This war of US-Israel duo against Iran is not just another diabolic show in the series of armed assaults against Iraq, Palestine, Syria or Lebanon, it portends, as we have said earlier, a grave danger to the entire humanity. Emboldened by the absence of mighty socialist bloc, which once existed as a bulwark against imperialist war machination, US imperialism, in particular, is now unbridled in operationalization of their scheme of launching one after another war to boost its militarized economy and fulfil its hegemonic aspirations. They have also been daring to pursue such brigandage because of absence of a worldwide well-coordinated powerful anti-imperialist militant peace movement which alone can work as the deterrent against such a wanton crime on humanity. Not just development but intensification of that movement against this fiendishly criminal attack by the imperialist sharks like US is the crying need of the day to save mankind and civilization. It is the people who pronounce the last word and not the despots as proved by the retreat of the US-Israel duo wagging tails.