

Joint Statement

The National Resistance against the Imperialist Occupiers Grows!

The unconditional withdrawal of all imperialist forces is the demand of the Iraqi people and the people of the world.

1. One year is passed from the anti-human and barbaric aggression against Iraqi people by the US imperialists and their reactionary allies. The US goal for the occupation of Iraq is to achieve strategic and economic superiority in the world. Using the pretext of a fight against terrorism, of a threat to world peace by Saddam, of human rights and freedom, and of the rights of nations to self determination, the US imperialists have violently occupied Iraq with the goal of dominating the energy resources of the region, opening new markets, removing barriers to the complete domination by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization, and searching for new markets for their military products. To overcome their economic difficulties, the US imperialists have occupied Iraq and have waged a war of aggression in the Middle East.

2. In order to justify their aggression against Iraq and to turn the country into a colony of US in the region and by fabricating documents and spreading lies, the US imperialists and their reactionary allies violated all the international laws, norms, and treaties on the right of nations to self determination. The imperialist criminals accused Iraq of having atomic bombs and threatening the world peace. It is clear now (it was clear to the communists from the beginning) that Iraq did not have atomic bombs and Saddam was not a threat to world peace. The US imperialists are the biggest state terrorists and threat to the world peace. They accused the regime of Saddam of having weapons of mass destruction and relation with Bin Laden and Al Qaeda terrorists. It is clear today that these were lies too. The goal of US invasion of Iraq is becoming clearer for the masses of the world with every passing day. The policy of the US imperialists on the Middle East and the pretext of possessing weapons of mass destruction have continuously been exposed by the communists and the revolutionary forces of the world. The US imperialists' and Israeli Zionists' "war on terror" are for the continuation and intensification of the oppression against the Palestinians, Iraqis, Afghanis, and the people of the region.

3. The US imperialists thought that the Iraqi people would welcome with flowers the occupying forces and that the Bush and company's colonialist-imperialist plan would be implemented peacefully and with minimum loss. But the heroic struggle of the Iraqi people frustrated the imperialists' sinister plots, and the spread of the armed struggle has frightened the occupiers.

The struggle of the Iraqi people, which has adopted the form of mass and popular resistance, is the harbinger of victory for the Iraqi people and shameful defeat for the imperialist occupiers. The growing popular opposition to the occupation of Iraq in the US, UK, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, etc has caused tremendous difficulties for the reactionary imperialist powers in the implementation of their oppressive policies. A strong anti-imperialist international movement will force the imperialists and pro occupation powers to retreat and will have a significant effect on the struggle of the people of the Middle East for liberation and independence.

The Yankee imperialists are sinking into a quagmire of defeat every day. The US and its allies will resort to every conspiracy and crime in order to impose their reactionary rule on Iraq. The Bush and Blair attempts to involve the UN and NATO in the war and to legitimize and perpetuate the occupation of Iraq are in vain and will undoubtedly be defeated. The US imperialists are trying to shift the burden of the occupation away from their shoulders and to release themselves from the responsibilities of the crimes they have committed against the Iraqi people. The occupation of Iraq is illegitimate with or without the involvement of the UN in the war. The continuation of the occupation of Iraq serves only the interests of

the Iraqi people. The occupation of Iraq is illegitimate with or without the involvement of the UN in the war. The continuation of the occupation of Iraq serves only the interests of the imperialist powers. The people of Iraq and the region must have the right to decide about their own destiny.

The masses of Iraq are fighting against the occupying forces in every possible way and their demand is the unconditional withdrawal of all imperialist forces from their homeland. The struggle of the Iraqi people, likewise the struggle of Palestinian people, against occupation is legitimate and just. We support these legitimate struggles. We condemn the US attempts to split the Iraqi people, and we stress the unity of all anti-imperialist, anti-occupation, and revolutionary patriotic forces in Iraq. Regardless of its reasons and justifications, every force that collaborates with the occupiers and their puppet Council is in the service of imperialism and reaction, and the people of Iraq will not forgive such a sell out force.

4. The expulsion of the imperialist occupiers from Iraq is the first prerequisite for resolving the other social contradictions within Iraq. The people of Iraq are fighting for their independence. The establishment of socialism in Iraq is impossible with the presence of the military forces of the US and other imperialist countries. In Iraq, the national struggle and the revolutionary struggle for independence surpass the other questions. It is only through the active participation in this national and anti-imperialist struggle that the Marxist-Leninists can gain the trust of the masses, organize the working class and labourers, seize the leadership of the movement, lead the liberation movement to a higher level, and establish socialism in Iraq. Otherwise, the ground will be prepared for the Islamic and fundamentalist forces to gain strength and to mislead the anti-imperialist struggle of the Iraqi masses and to cause an irreparable damage to the movement of the working class. The participation of the so called Communist Party of Iraq in the US- installed Governing Council is another betrayal of the revisionists and has boosted the Islamists. The reactionary policy of imperialism and the war of occupation have created an environment that allows the reactionary Islamic forces to gain influence. The imperialists prefer to boost the Islamists than to directly confront the genuine opposition of the people to the occupation. It is through active presence in the liberation movement of the masses that the Marxist-Leninist communists and revolutionary secular forces will strengthen their bases and will overcome the impediments erected against the movement of the working class of Iraq.

**Victory to the Struggle of the Iraqi People for Liberation and Independence!
Withdraw all Imperialist Forces from Iraq Unconditionally!
Pay Extensive Reparation to the People of Iraq!**

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