

MCU Condemns the U.S. and Israel's Reckless Attack on Iran!

A Statement by Maoist Communist Union

The Maoist Communist Union condemns in the strongest possible terms the unhinged and reckless attack launched by the United States and Israel against Iran. This attack is not only reactionary in the extreme, with the Zionists setting the tone by beginning their assault with the slaughter of over a hundred children, but also contains within it the possible seed of a much larger regional or even global war. In this situation it is imperative that all anti-war and anti-imperialist forces in the U.S. unite to oppose this war of aggression the by U.S. empire and their Zionist creation.

The U.S. and Israeli attack is wholly reactionary and totally unjustified. At the heart of the official *causis* is the notion that Iran has no right to possess a nuclear weapon. This is an arrogant imperialist premise maintained by those countries, like the U.S. and Israel, already in the “nuclear club” who seek to maintain the monopoly and threaten the world with nuclear holocaust and destruction, even as their militaries lose war after war.

Leaving aside the fact that Iran has, on a religious basis, proclaimed since the 1990s that it has no intention to develop a nuclear weapon, it is clear that the Zionists are seizing on the pretext of an Iranian nuke in order to realize their long-held dream of liquidating one of their main regional rivals and the sponsor of organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas, and Ansar Allah. Further, the Zionists are one of only two states with an undeclared and unobserved nuclear arsenal, so a sincere commitment to opposing the “irresponsible” proliferation of nuclear weapons would rather require them to turn their attention to themselves (*de te fabula narratur*). For half a century, the Israeli government has used “the Samson Option” to threaten the world with nuclear annihilation if they are threatened in a war.¹

The U.S. and Israeli attack, true to the character of an empire in an advanced stage of decline, is also arrogant in the extreme and therefore clumsy and amateurish. Within the first hours of the war, Iran rapidly destroyed numerous U.S. and Israeli radar and missile defense assets in the region and struck military and intelligence sites in Haifa and Tel Aviv. This demonstrates first, that Iran was well prepared to respond to this attack, and second, that although the Israeli-U.S. attempt to catch Iranian leadership off guard by means of the Geneva talks did lead to the assassination of top leaders, including Ayatollah Khamenei, the Iranian state clearly remains more than capable of waging war and prepared to not only defend itself but to decimate the U.S. empire's capabilities in the Middle East.

By contrast, the U.S. seems to have been the one to be caught flat-footed, with videos of successful Iranian attacks on U.S. bases flooding social media showing Iranian Shahed drones reaching their targets, seemingly unopposed by any U.S. defenses. As these strikes decimate the U.S. radar installations, the Lilypad system², and the U.S. military logistics more broadly, the operational capabilities of the U.S. military are being rapidly degraded.

U.S. troops in the region have, apparently, been billeted in high-rise hotels off-base which Iranian drones have also been able to strike with impunity—supposedly hitting high level officers and CIA

1 c.f. Seymour Hersh's seminal work on the topic, *The Samson Option*.

2 For brief overview of the Lilypad system, see this article: <https://truthout.org/articles/the-lily-pad-strategy-how-the-pentagon-is-quietly-transforming-its-overseas-base-empire-and-creating-a-dangerous-new-way-of-war/>

headquarters alike—and notoriously-vulnerable U.S. carriers are based in the region with essentially no protection, with it now reported that the USS Abraham Lincoln has fled the region after being targeted by Iranian missiles. U.S. munitions remain depleted by support for Ukraine and Israel, and the U.S. is still years away from reconfiguring domestic production to churn out munitions at the rate needed for a sustained regional war with Iran, let alone a World War. Trump reportedly even asked for a truce less than 24 hours after commencing the attack (which the Iranian leadership promptly refused), demonstrating the extent to which this decision to launch this war of aggression was made in ignorance. And while arrogant ignorance is something of a *modus operandi* for the U.S. imperialists, their stupidity has clearly reached hitherto unseen levels.

In 2004 Karl Rove boasted that “[w]e’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality” but that wasn’t true then, as the U.S. was ramping up the wars it would eventually lose in Iraq and Afghanistan, nor is it true now. Although there were some attempts by those in the military and the CIA who better understood the balance of forces to raise the alarm on the U.S.’ lack of preparation before the attack³, ultimately Iran has proved that it is more than a match for what the Israelis and the U.S. can throw at it right now.

This, combined with the lack of a diplomatic route for de-escalation and the frenzied Zionist obsession with destroying Iran, means that this war will almost certainly continue to escalate. This is very dangerous, because when the existence of their ethno-supremacist settler house of horrors is truly threatened the craven and genocidal Zionists will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons and commit other mass atrocities, which could well turn this war into World War III.

The U.S. empire is a mighty and powerful enemy, of the people of this country and of many countries around the world, but it is also, as Lenin put it, a “giant with feet of clay.” The decay and rot of this empire is currently on full display to the people of the whole world, and the self-inflicted wounds wrought by imperial arrogance and hubris will soon be even more obvious and undeniable. Already, people around the world are protesting U.S. consulates and even storming them. We hail the courage of the masses of the people in these protests and stand in solidarity with them. In the coming weeks and months, if not sooner, we believe that the whole world will see the undeniable weaknesses of the U.S. empire, its clay feet, and take inspiration in the struggle to topple this giant.

The U.S. imperialists are now staring down the barrel of a defeat the likes of which they have never before experienced. Their defeat in this war cannot be measured just by lives lost or equipment destroyed, or even in the potential collapse of Israel. The impact of such a resounding U.S. defeat will send shockwaves around the world. A realignment of the whole Middle East is starting to take shape, and the rapid loss of U.S. influence in the region is now a distinct possibility.

Domestically, the implications of this war are not yet well understood. Many, sheltered for years in the heart of the U.S. empire, mistakenly believe that this war on Iran is roughly analogous to past U.S. military misadventures abroad. Right now, the widespread assumption is that while there will be war crimes, wasted money, slaughter of people abroad, and so on, the U.S. will nonetheless remain stable and largely the same. The reality is that the resounding defeat of an imperialist power in a war, even if the fighting barely touches the home front, reverberates dramatically at all levels of the society.

3 “Trump’s top general warns of Iran strike risks” <https://www.axios.com/2026/02/23/iran-strike-trump-gen-dan-caine-vance-rubio>, officially denied by Trump <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/116121997925438698> <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/prior-iran-attacks-cia-assessed-khamenei-would-be-replaced-by-hardline-irgc-2026-02-28/>

One need only look at the defeat of the Russian Empire in their 1905 war with Japan, an event which catalyzed the 1905 Russian Revolution. The situation in the U.S. is different today, but such a resounding defeat for the Empire will significantly shake things up in the U.S. With the illusion of the omnipotence of the U.S. ruling class shattered, new openings will exist to rally the masses to revolutionary politics. After decadent decades of slumber in a pornified consumer society, the people of this country, and the working class in particular, have been waking up to the horrifying reality of the class dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, especially with the recent partial release of the Epstein files. In this rapidly developing situation, it is of the utmost necessity for Marxists to clarify to the masses—by means of agitation, propaganda, and theory—current events so as to lead the mass struggles against this war, and other outrages, which will inevitably intensify as the U.S. empire’s decline accelerates.

Right now, the U.S. ruling class is panicking and worried about domestic unrest. They have put various agencies, including the FBI, on “high alert” for “Iranian terrorist sleeper cells” and it seems already some false-flag operations are being rolled out. These can, and likely will, be used to justify further domestic repression, as the capitalists work to build their fully automated AI surveillance system. It is no coincidence that, right before the start of this war, the Pentagon had an open spat with Anthropic over their extremely minimal restrictions on the use of their AI system for domestic surveillance and autonomous killings. People should recall that deranged Zionist billionaire Larry Ellison recently stated that AI surveillance will keep citizens “on their best behavior”⁴ and that literal vampire Peter Thiel has, for years, called for changes “far outside the Overton Window” because “democracy is exhausted.”⁵ In short, the ruling class could well use this war as justification for a significant increase in domestic repression, using the cover of false-flags to whip the population into supporting this.

The decline of U.S. imperialism should be welcomed by people around the world, but it nonetheless presents real dangers which must be mobilized against. It is imperative that progressive and anti-imperialist forces here in the U.S. mobilize to oppose the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, and especially to oppose further escalation as the genocidal Zionist regime and its U.S. backer suffer body blows. It is of critical importance that militants in the trade unions take up this struggle, including by organizing strikes and other labor actions to halt production in order to oppose the outrageous U.S. assault on Iran and to stop escalation towards nuclear war. The subjective forces in the U.S. are weak and scattered, but nonetheless we must do everything we can in this situation to oppose escalation and imperialist slaughter.

Down with U.S. imperialism and Zionism!

For the defeat of the U.S. empire!

For an end to Zionism and for a free Palestine!

4 <https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/larry-ellison-vetted-marco-rubio-israel-hacked-emails-ron-prosor>

5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfbndRTlsg4>