

## The Bombing of Syria

# US Imperialist Design for Aggression

The US President Donald Trump ordered bombing of Syria on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in flagrant violation of the international law, claiming that the UN failed collectively to take action on Syria. The US warships stationed in the Mediterranean Sea immediately pounced Syria with 59 cruise missiles. Though it has been claimed that the missiles were targeted Syrian air base, nine civilians, including four children are killed in the nearby village. It is an act of aggression and attack on the sovereignty of Syria.

The pretext – use of chemical weapons – for this attack has all the features of planned vilification campaign. There are unsubstantiated allegations that the forces loyal to the Government of President Bashar al Assad used chemical weapons against the people in Syria's northwestern Idlib province. Immediately the corporate media in the US demanded military action on Syria. Following this orchestrated campaign, Trump announced the bombing of Syria within 48 hours of reports of use of chemical weapons, even before the basic facts of the alleged incident were known.

In August 2013, the same pretext was used by the US imperialism, accused Assad's government of a major chemical weapons attack on the people of Syria and launched a full scale war on Syria. Later it was revealed as a provocation carried out by the so-called rebels backed by CIA, with the help of Turkish intelligence agency. And it was launched on the same day the UN weapon's inspectors arrived in Damascus, the capital of Syria.

This allegation of the use of poisonous gas by the government of Syria is a blatant lie. In the war against Serbia in 1999, the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 and aggression on Libya in 2011, the US imperialism concocted almost the similar pretext (Weapons of Mass Destruction) to justify its violation of another country's sovereignty.

Even a common man on the street would easily guess who benefits from such a ghastly crime. Clearly not the Assad's regime, which has largely decimated the Islamist "rebels", that were armed trained and financed by the CIA and US's regional allies Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar etc. Assad government now controls 80 per cent of the country with Islamists cornered to rural areas of Idlib province. When the US President Trump openly declared that the removal of Assad is not his priority as vanquishing of ISIS, why has Assad carry out such a provocative attack?

There is no doubt that it is the CIA backed so-called rebels resorted to such provocation as a means of thwarting the consolidation of Assad's rule in Syria. These rebels, particularly Syrian Al Qaeda affiliate, Al Nusra Front, have chemical weapons in their possession. Numerous investigations including the UN's own Chemical Disarmament Agency, have made it clear that the "rebels" have carried out similar attacks using both Chlorine and Sarin gases, which they have received from Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar.

It is clear now that Trump made an abrupt shift in his policy under pressure from the US ruling classes. Only days before the alleged incident in Idlib, the US officials were stating that the Assad rule in Syria was a reality that had to be accepted. Trump repeatedly said that he disagreed with the Obama's of military escalation in the Middle East to strengthen its global hegemony. Trump, like his predecessors, is turning towards war abroad to disguise the intractable economic and political crisis at home. The Democrats who until yesterday bitterly criticized Trump are now rallying to support their "Commander in Chief". All their talk about Trump's hounding down of immigrants, deportation and attacks on democratic rights is on the wane for the sake of unity on waging war.

The war against Syria is being planned behind the backs of American people. The corporate media has not even conducted an opinion poll on this issue, which is its usual ploy to mould the public opinion. Its moral outpourings on the supposed human massacre are nothing but crocodile

tears because it comes from the government which caused more civilian deaths and war crimes larger than the World War Two. Last month the US army slaughtered more than 200 Iraqi civilians in a single US bombing raid in Mosul and hundreds more buried alive by the US bombs and missiles drops on schools, mosques and homes in Syria itself. The death toll in Yemen surpasses all this.

Russia vociferously condemned the air strikes on Syria as a flagrant violation of sovereignty of Syria. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev charged that the US strikes were one step away from clashing with Russia's military.

Through air strikes on Syria, the US imperialism unilaterally abrogated the agreement negotiated with Russia in 2013 which resulted in the stoppage of direct US military intervention in Syria. The US imperialism is pushing for the escalation of war in Syria. And it will not stop at Tomahawk missiles. The conflict in the interests between the US imperialism and its rival Russia will drive the events that are going to unfold in the coming days, no doubt, deepens the danger of war that will engulf the humankind with untold misery and destruction.

It is the urgent necessity of the time to build an anti-war movement on a massive scale against the imperialist drive for world hegemony which is the main source of war, exploitation and oppression of countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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