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Condemn the US and Other Imperialists' Threats to Subjugate Iran

The US President Donald Trump announced that US imperialism has withdrawn from the Iran nuclear accord is re-imposing crippling economic sanctions and will soon add further unspecified sanctions. He accused Iran of being “world’s leading state sponsor of state terrorism”. He claimed Iran is on the cusp of threatening the US with “nuclear armed ballistic missiles”.

All these are blatant lies placated to make the people of US and the world to support the aggressive acts going to be unleashed by the US imperialism on Iran.

Who is threatening whom? The accompanying map shows a total of 45 US military bases and camps around Iran which can unleash attacks on Iran within minutes of issuing orders. No one can hide the fact that out of 105 total cruise missiles deployed in April 14 strikes in Syria, 85 were launched by US, 12 by France and 8 by UK. The blast at Hama base due to the missile attack by Israel, which killed 20 people and injured another 60, was so severe that it caused 2.6 magnitude earthquake. The consequent shockwaves were felt as far away as Lebanon and Turkey. It is the US imperialism and its Zionist ally, Israel, are the real threat to not only Iran and Syria but the entire Middle East.

The nuclear threat from Iran is also false. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has subjected Iran nuclear programme to the most humiliating inspection process and all the signatories of Iran nuclear accord categorically, stated that Iran has fulfilled all its obligations under the accord to the letter and has not had any nuclear weapons programme for at least 15 years. In contrast, the US military is keeping an inventory of nearly 7000 nuclear warheads. As of 2017, the Pentagon reported having some 1411 nuclear warheads actually deployed on 673 ICBMs, SLBMs and strategic bombers around the world. The real nuclear threat exists from the US imperialism alone.

The US imperialism in the pursuit of its hegemonic interests created, abetted Islamic terrorism beginning from Afghanistan and Iraq, to Libya, Syria and Yemen. It devastated the societies and lives of people of Middle East countries for the past quarter of a century. It is the US imperialism that sponsored and still sponsoring terrorism of all varieties that caused havoc in the Middle East. The same US imperialism is accusing others particularly those regimes who refuse fall in line with it as sponsors of state terrorism.

While the US media is ranting about the religious rule in Iran and raking up religious hatred against the political leaders of Iran, many of them being Muslim clerics, Donald Trump sang paeans to the deposed head shah of Iran. He said under shah “Iran commanded respect from international community”. It reveals the real intention of US imperialism.

Since 1951, the US is continuously spitting venom on every democratically elected government in Iran. In that year, the government headed by Mohammed Mossadegh nationalised oil resources, and liberated it from the clutches of Anglo-American oil Company. Two years later, Mossadegh was overthrown from the power by a CIA armed coup. The US imperialism installed Shah Reza Pahlavi in power and as he was ordered denationalised the oil sector paving the way for US oil companies. The CIA man who executed this coup and actually rode on a tank into Tehran was Kermit Roosevelt Jr., who later became an executive of Gulf Oil Co. Then came the Iranian revolution of 1979 in which shah Pahlavi fled the country and an Islamic republic of Iran came into existence which again nationalised the oil sector.

It is the desire to have a hegemonic sway over the natural resource, that is oil, of the Middle East that US imperialism withdrew from the Iranian nuclear accord. The Iranian accord, called as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPoA) was jointly signed by the five permanent members of security council (US, France, UK, Russia and China) and Germany and European Union in 2015. The withdrawal of US from the JCPoA has no doubt angered other signatories. China responded stating that having deal is better than no deal; dialogue is better than confrontation. Russia said it will try to keep the deal functioning despite US withdrawal. German chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Theresa May and French President Emmanuel Macron in a joint statement regretted the Trump’s announcement and the European media vehemently condemned it. They said the Iran should comply with IAEA’s inspection while they remain committed to JCPoA. They also pledged to address the “major concerns” raised by Washington by stating “shared concerns about Iran’s ballistic missiles programme and its destabilising regional activities, especially in Syria, Iraq and Yemen”.

Behind the diplomatic jargon, the real demand is that Iran should slavishly comply with the foreign policy of US and EU. And they wanted to extend dismantling of nuclear programme to missiles, depriving Iran one of the defence systems. This is the convergence of interests among the western imperialist powers.

The European imperialist powers are seeking to promote their interests which are no less than those of US imperialism. They wanted to economically exploit Iran. They join hands with US to unleash military (last month's missile attacks on Syria) and political interventions like JCPoA in the Middle East. Here lies the conflict of interests among the US imperialism and European imperialists.

In the article titled "Contracts worth billions up in smoke with US sanctions against Iran", *Le Monde* drew up a list of the contracts major EU corporations stand to lose in Iran. These include a 10 billion Euro contract for Airbus for passenger jets to Iran; French oil major Total's 5 billion Euro contract to exploit the South Pars gas field; Volkswagen's plans to begin selling cars in Iran, as well as operations of auto maker PSA Peugeot-Citroën which holds 39 per cent of Iran car market and Renault-Nissan, which now sells 1,70,000 cars a year in Iran. The European imperialists are not ready to forego this market of Iran. This is the basis for the contention and collusion among the imperialist powers which is always goes against the interests of countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

For the imperialists making and breaking of accords is a matter of expediency that is part of defending its hegemonic exploiting interests. In the recent past, Mohammad Gaddafi of Libya had signed a deal in 2003 to give up weapons of mass destruction programme. But the US shred this agreement without giving any evidence to show that Libya violated the accord and unleashed a war on Libya to change the regime.

We strongly condemn The US imperialism's pressure in the form of sanctions on Iran to subjugate Iran and exploit its natural resource – oil- and to establish its hegemony over the Middle East and call upon the people to stand by the side of Iranian people in their efforts to protect their national interests and independence.
