

Condemn the Murder of Qassem Soleimani and US imperialist attempts to unleash war on Iran

With its drone missile assassination of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and seven others at Baghdad's international airport, the Trump administration has carried out a criminal act of state terrorism that has stunned the world. The president of the United States ordered and then publicly claimed responsibility for the killing of a senior Iranian government official who was legally and openly visiting Washington's cold-blooded murder of Soleimani, the leader of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps's Quds Force, who played a pivotal role in defeating the forces of Al Qaeda and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), is unquestionably both a war crime and a direct act of war against Iran.

Soleimani was a longtime butcher for the reactionary Iranian regime, which itself has committed real crimes against the people. The people of Iran deal with these reactionaries by their political action as well as with US imperialist act of interference and aggression. But the butchery carried out by America in that region alone is 1,000 times greater than anything the likes of Soleimani could dream of!

Trump is telling that the purpose of this was to "save American lives." Millions of people in the Middle East region are paying with their lives for the last two decades to save the American lives supposed to be in danger.

The purpose of all the U.S. imperialist military presence in the Middle East is this: to dominate a strategically vital part of the world that has oil and energy resources. The U.S. aims not only to plunder these resources, but even more to gain leverage over other rival and allied powers like Europe, Japan and China that need these resources. To do this, the U.S. has directly invaded Iraq and Afghanistan, sponsored wars and coups by puppets and proxies in many more countries, and carried out drone assassinations all over the region. In the past three decades alone, millions of ordinary people have died in that region.

The Central Committee of the CPI (ML) strongly condemns the assassination of Qassem Soleimani and the attempts of US imperialism to escalate war against Iran. We call upon the people and democratic forces in India to stand in solidarity with the people of Iran and demand the withdrawal of US from the Middle East.

***U.S. Imperialism out of the Middle East!
Stand in Solidarity with Revolutionary People of Iran!***

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