

# No one has Right to Play War Game with the Lives of People

By the overambitious and adventurous move to arrange for admission of Ukraine to the NATO as well as the EU by manipulating its close allies in Europe the US imperialists tried to kill two birds at a time. First was to make military presence at the border of Russia; and second was to put a wedge between Russia and two other heavyweights in Europe, Germany and France, who were befriend among themselves. Thanks to the energy and environmental crisis they were coming close. The plot was ready through Euro-maidan movement in 2013, which engineered a "regime change" in Ukraine and brought Zelensky to power. But things went hot and finally through MINSK-II AGREEMENT among France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine brought peace in 2013. But Ukraine was not willing to go by it at the behest of the US. So the crisis continued.

Result was attempt to bring Ukraine to the fold of NATO and arm it to the teeth. Russia opposed and started warning of dire consequences. But armed by the US, Britain and some other European powers Ukraine paid no heed and took a belligerent posture.

Russia wanted to play one up by attacking Ukraine. They also wanted to achieve two goals. One, to stall Ukraine's membership to the NATO and the EU once for all; and two, to solve the problem of recognition of the Donbas region (Donetsk and Luhansk) as autonomous region.

Moreover it had an eye to get full control over Odessa and Mariupol, as warm water ports which Russia need very much.

Ukraine turned out to be a pawn used by both the US and Russia to settle their Plan geostrategic contention of which Europe is an important part. The US wants to use the NATO to cement its sphere of influence in Europe. Contrary to it Russia wants to befriend some of the EU countries through its oil politics.

The US, Britain and some other European powers which are avoiding direct involvement are arming Ukraine with most modern weapons. At the same time they are trying to make Russia bleed white by imposing stern economic sanctions. But in that attempt also, the US is facing difficulties as some of the big countries, like India and China, are not ready to abide by it.

So the war is going on. Zelensky has been urging the leaders of the West for their direct involvement which will lead to another World War. But all others including the US and Russia want to avoid it. But both want to achieve peace on their own terms. Result is the continuation of war. Sufferers are the soldiers of both the sides and thousands and thousands of citizens and residents of Ukraine.

In this situation the CPI (ML) feels that-

**To the people of the world the ongoing war is nothing but senseless butchery. It must be stopped. Henceforth the US and the NATO countries stop meddling in Ukraine. Russia must stop war immediately. Above all Zelensky must go for peace talks without delay, as no one has right to play war game with the lives of people.**

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