

Resolution of the WPC Secretariat on the imperialist aggression in the Middle East Prague 10th May, 2026

Over the course of more than two and a half years since the 7th of October 2023, imperialist aggression by the USA and its allies has aggravated in the Middle East.

After decades of massacres of the Palestinian people and occupation of Palestinian land, Israel's genocidal policies have intensified in this time period. Despite a ceasefire, these policies are continuing in Gaza and the West Bank. The WPC reaffirms its position and demand for an independent State of Palestine, within the borders of pre-4th June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital and the right to return of all refugees according to the UN resolution 194.

The latest target of imperialism has been Iran. Although the intensity of the war launched by the United States and Israel on February 28 has decreased, major uncertainties persist, and it remains possible for the clashes to reignite at any moment. In the attacks so far, in which thousands of Iranians have lost their lives and thousands more have been injured, the country's economy and infrastructure, cultural assets, and educational institutions have suffered severe damage.

Taking advantage of the chaos created by the war against Iran, the genocidal Israeli government has once again intensified its attacks on Lebanon and Palestine. Despite the ceasefire that was reached, Israel's attacks have not stopped, and many Lebanese continue to lose their lives.

Imperialism is putting into action its preparations to reshape the Middle East in line with its own interests. As part of the imperialist system, Israel occupies a leading role as the main actor implementing these policies in the region.

The primary aim of imperialism is to ensure that the states in the region no longer act independently, and do not take positions contrary to imperialist interests. Of course, they are also eager to exploit the region's resources and infrastructure. To achieve this, they seek to weaken the states in the region, erode their state structures, and blur their borders. They want to overthrow the governments that do not act in line with imperialist plans and neutralize all opposing forces; as in Syria, they aim to install reactionary governments, loyal to themselves. By provoking ethnic and religious differences within countries, they seek to divide societies. In the Palestinian Gaza, under the so-called "peace plan," they are attempting to implement the first of these measures—aiming to establish a kind of free zone where intense labour exploitation can be carried out.

However, it has become clear in the recent imperialist war on Iran that imperialism will face great difficulties in achieving its goals and will not easily succeed. The Iranian people united in the face of imperialist attacks and demonstrated strong patriotism, defying the enemy. They made it clear that they will not allow a violent regime change or intervention imposed from outside their own will. The Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, who have resisted for decades, are now being joined by the Iranian people.

As long as imperialist intervention continues, it will not be possible to achieve peace in the region. Imperialism does not seek stability or peace; what it wants is to deepen conflicts and keep them at a level it can control. The path to real and lasting peace lies in stopping imperialist aggression, the withdrawal of all foreign military forces by ensuring that the peoples of the region are left in peace. The enemies of peace may appear almighty, but the organized popular movements can stop them.

The WPC condemns the imperialist aggression in the Middle East and calls for all organised peace movement and peace-loving forces to take action against it.