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Imperialism prepares military intervention against revolutionary Libyan masses

There are some of the capitalist leaders, currently vying for leadership of the Libyan workers revolution, and a small section of masses, who are calling for imperialism to set up a 'no-fly zone' over Libya. This is a big **mistake**. The US imperialist military has made it clear that they will first have to bomb all the military installations across Libya, that is both in Tripoli as well as in Benghazi and other liberated areas. The effect of this would be to leave the revolutionary masses weakened and vulnerable to military invasion by all the imperialist and pro-imperialist forces (whether from India or elsewhere) currently massing off the shorelines of Libya. The Libyan revolutionary masses should demand of their class brothers and sisters in the imperialist centres and semi-colonies to send them anti-aircraft weapons, including the latest heat-seeking guided missiles to defend themselves against the murderous Gaddafi regime. Imperialism cannot give weapons to the revolutionary masses as imperialism wants control of the oil resources.

Imperialism will not be happy if the revolutionary masses in Libya defeat Gaddafi militarily, as this sets a precedent for how the masses should deal with their own capitalist regimes, not only in Tunisia and Egypt, but also the entire Arabian peninsula, Algeria, Greece, France and indeed across the world, even in the very USA. The masses have spontaneously gained arms but the delay in arming the working class in Tripoli, with the excuse of building up militias has two effects: first, the longer the delay the more the revolutionary masses in Tripoli are weakened; secondly the armed mass is now having their weapons placed under a central command of reactionary tribal leaders that are pro-capitalist and who are willing to cut deals with imperialism. If reports of US, UK and French military advisers being in the Benghazi region are true, then this policy of disarming the masses, under the guise of building up a 'central command' of pro-capitalist leaders, and of delaying to go to support the masses in Tripoli, is coming from them. In this context, the placing of militias who are under the control of the reactionary tribal leaders, to guard the oil installations, is preparation for a return of imperialism to take over and plunder the oil. If the masses still force their way and militarily defeat Gaddafi, imperialism would either directly intervene to save Gaddafi (through a no-fly zone and other direct military intervention) or they would intervene to attempt to crush the revolution.

Despite the words of Obama and the other imperialist leaders that Gaddafi should go, the practice is of an informal alliance of US and other imperialism with him against the revolutionary masses. The imperialist sharks want control over the oil, even if they have to make a pact with the butcher Gaddafi, or with any tribal leader who is willing to surrender the wealth the imperialism (in the case that they cannot directly defeat the revolution from the outside).

What is needed is for the working class at the oil installations and other industries to organize independently, setting up their own committees, with the central demand of expropriating all imperialist assets, placing them under workers control, contesting for their positions as part of the revolutionary movement. Armed workers militias should be centralized under the control of the councils of workers delegates. Now more than ever is needed armed, international worker brigades to go to assist the Libyan masses fight imperialist intervention and to defeat the imperialist lackey regime of Gaddafi. We call for mass demonstrations against the pending imperialist invasion of Libya. [see our full position in our previous leaflets on Libya on our website] 5.3.2011