

NDMLP Statement to the Media
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Stop the Imperialist War against Libya

Comrade E Thambiah, International Organiser of the New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party, issued the following statement on behalf of the Politburo of the Party on the mass uprisings taking place in the Arab countries and imperialist intervention in them.

The New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party strongly denounces the imperialist war waged by imperialism on Libya. The war waged on Libya by the US and its allies, claiming that they are acting against the anti-people, dictatorial suppressive actions of Colonel Gaddafi, cannot be justified on any basis. The motive behind these acts of war concerns imperialist interests and not the interests of the Libyan people. Hence we strongly denounce this imperialist war against Libya. But this denunciation does not in any way award of a certificate of merit to the authoritarian rule of Gaddafi.

The popular upsurge against the dictatorial acts by the leadership of the ruling classes of the Arab countries was inevitable. Since the uprisings lack political guidance and political programme, the imperialists are able to make a number of moves related to them so as to take advantage of them.

The dictators of the Arab countries have the blessings of imperialism either directly or indirectly. When these dictators cannot no longer last amid the people, the US takes steps to remove them from leadership of the state and replace them with ones who could openly be its puppets. When that is not possible, it resorts to military intervention. It is such a military intervention that has occurred in Libya. Neither democracy nor freedom nor peace has been established in countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq through imperialist military intervention. The Palestinian problem is getting aggravated further by imperialist intervention.

Thus, those who respect the sovereignty, independence and democracy of countries cannot in any way endorse the imperialist war against Libya. But it is true that people like Gaddafi invite such interventions and wars through their own stands and actions that are anti-democratic, anti-people and in violation of human rights.

It is necessary for the people of the world to understand this and act in a planned way, nationally and internationally, to save the independence and sovereignty of countries and people from the reactionary local ruling classes and imperialist forces. The ruling classes of the countries of the world go against imperialism only when they face a threat from the people and when imperialism is not favourable to their interests. The truth is that the reactionary ruling classes are on the side of imperialism. Hence their anti-imperialism cannot be trusted.

Likewise, imperialism claims to be speaking up and intervening in support of the independence, rights and freedom of the people merely to secure imperialist interests, and not in the interests of the people. Hence it is dangerous to trust imperialism to be a protector of struggles and uprisings.

It is true that the people, for their liberation, will certainly need to deal with contradictions between imperialism and the local reactionary classes. But to believe that one can be used against the other is unhealthy, and will only invite disaster. Hence the people involved in uprisings in Arab countries including Libya should carry forward their struggles for liberation without giving room for imperialist conspiracies to engulf their interests and carrying forward their struggles with the correct political leadership and appropriate programme.

The position of the Party is that the people of the Arab countries have their legitimate right to rise in struggle against the dictators of their respective countries. At the same time, it is not permissible for imperialism to intervene in a way that snatches that right from them.

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