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stand together**

Defend Syria against Imperialism

The Syrian people have an outstanding history of fighting for national liberation and independence. The Syrian Arab Republic was born in the battle against French colonialism, and has continued to defy the will of imperialists ever since. It has aided the Palestinian people in their fight against Zionist repression, and it has established an economy based on independent economic development.

The response of the Wall Street Billionaires has been to unleash a campaign of terror against the country. Hundreds of thousands of Syrians have already died, and millions have become refugees. Insurgent terrorists who assassinate, kidnap, bomb, and destroy on a daily basis are being funded and supported by the United States, Britain, France, and other western imperialist powers.

These imperialists now declare that Syria does not have the right to conduct its scheduled Presidential election on June 3rd. The US imperialists lecture Syria about "democracy" while they arm and fund Emirates and Autocrats in Qatar, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. They tell Syria that because of the ongoing fighting, they have no right to hold a Presidential election, even though the much honored US President Abraham Lincoln was re-elected in the context of a massive civil war, 150 years ago.

Working class people in the United States suffer from home foreclosures, mass unemployment, and a rising police state. The funds being spent on militarism and campaigns of terror around the world could be much better spent on human needs in this country. The Wall Street class that attacks working people in the US are the same that fund the terrorist violence against the Syrian Arab Republic. The monopolists that seek to control world markets are the common enemy of all progressive forces, and all of humanity.



FIST marches with Syrian Youth Delegation at World Festival of Youth and Students in Ecuador in December 2013.

We in Fight Imperialism – Stand Together (FIST), a revolutionary anti-imperialist youth group in the United States, stand with the Syrian people. We say they should be free to conduct their election on June 3rd. We say the terrorist insurgents should be defeated and all support for them from the west should immediately cease. We support the Syrian people in maintaining their economic and political independence.

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Syria's Election: ***STOP U.S. INTERVENTION***



The Syrian people are holding a presidential election June 3. What makes this election unique is that it can help protect the sovereignty, even the existence of this country. It can help end the bloody war that has drained the lifeblood of the country. It is seen as an essential step toward national reconciliation.

For the past three years, Syria has been under attack by the U.S., NATO and by U.S.-allied absolute monarchies that govern Saudi Arabia and the Gulf emirates. They are fighting a proxy war with mercenaries and reactionary sectarian forces that Washington itself recognizes are terrorists – when they're not carrying out U.S. plans.

Washington's stated goal is "regime change," that is, to eliminate the government led by Bashir al-Assad. What "regime change" really means is the destruction of Syria. To bring this about, the U.S. and its allies have financed a war that has killed over 150,000 people and displaced one-third of the 23 million Syrians.

Washington claims they want "democracy" in Syria. But U.S. wars have never brought democracy. Just destruction. Think of what U.S. intervention has brought to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and the Balkans. Think of the fascists that U.S. intervention put in positions of power in Ukraine. The worst thing that can happen to the Syrians would be for the U.S.-NATO-Saudi forces to win.

Election observers from the U.S. are expected to join observers from Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, (BRICS) Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Ecuador and other countries representing the overwhelming majority of the people of the world. This election is a national expression that the Syrian people are determined to chart their own future.

U.S. anti-war activists, including from the International Action Center and other anti-war activists are participating as election observers in Syria. They participate knowing that the overwhelming majority of the U.S. population is against another war. Any such war will not only harm the people of Syria, but also the U.S. population. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said in 1967, the bombs that drop on Vietnam – or on Libya or Syria – also drop on the inner cities of the United States. They attack the working people in the U.S.

**Self-determination for the Syrian people!
We need jobs, health care and housing,
not endless war!**

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