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To,
All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

We reproduce herein below one of the editorials of the upcoming April 2026 issue of Insurance Worker. This is on the issue of "US Imperialism in yet another Illegal War". The Editorial is being reproduced in advance for the benefit of our members. Please ensure its wide circulation.

With Greetings

Comradely Yours



General Secretary

US IMPERIALISM IN YET ANOTHER ILLEGAL WAR

The war on Iran by US-Israel is a fundamental assault on the international legal order. Iran was attacked at a time when it was seriously negotiating with the US on nuclear issues and there were clear indications of a settlement. The US and Israel pre-empted this situation by launching unprovoked strikes against Iran. This shows that the US was never serious about these negotiations and can never be a trusted negotiating partner. This war was to establish global domination and reshape the world to serve the interests of US imperialism.

The strikes by US and Israel killed the spiritual and political head of Iran Ayatollah Khomeini and a number of senior political and military persons. The US also struck a Girls' School killing around 160 young school children. The war has so far claimed over 2000 civilian lives and destroyed infrastructure that is necessary for everyday life. The war has already entered the third week and there are no clear signs as to when it will end. As the war progresses, it is certain that more human lives will be lost and the ordinary citizens of Iran and all the other countries impacted by this unnecessary war will have to undergo tremendous hardships.

Iran in response to these attacks has struck US military bases in Gulf. It is also engaged in replying to Israel through missile attacks. Iran justifies the attacks on neighbouring Gulf countries as they have allowed the US to use their territories to attack it. By allowing the US to use its bases to attack, they made themselves legitimate targets under international law under which Iran has the right to retaliate and defend itself in this unprovoked war. Iran has also blocked the Strait of Hormuz effectively preventing the transport of oil and other goods. This has raised the price of oil and caused scarcity of LPG impacting a large number of countries. There are fears that the US and Israel would further escalate the war putting to tremendous risk the global economy and imposing huge burdens on the people.

The US and Israel are clearly in violation of the international law. Article 2(4) of the UN Charter prohibits “the threat or use of force against territorial integrity or political independence of any State”. Self defence is allowed only “if an armed attack occurs”. Iran neither attacked the US or Israel nor it posed any immediate threat to them. It has the right to defend itself under the international law. The US has been saying that this war was to bring a regime change and help the Iranian people to regain democracy. Yes, it is true that the Iranian Regime was brutal and its actions were denying the common Iranians freedom and democracy. That is an issue that should be best left to the Iranian citizens and if change is necessary, they will bring it through their internal struggle. It must also be understood that the problem of Iran today is rooted in the actions of imperialism in the past. Was it not the CIA which staged a coup to bring down a democratically elected government headed by Mohammad Mosaddegh? Why was this government overthrown? Not because it curtailed the freedom of Iranian people but for the crime of nationalising Anglo-Iranian Oil Company which is now known as British Petroleum.

Today if the entire Middle East is in turmoil and there are regional conflicts in different parts of the world, the culprit is colonialism and imperialism. The colonial powers redrew the boundaries of the countries to establish their own influence and the US imperialism wants to establish global hegemony to advance the interests of the elite and rich in West. The concern of US imperialism about freedoms and democracy is simply laughable. The Gulf countries today are ruled by autocrats who deny freedoms and democracy to their own people. The US supports and defends these regimes as they shamelessly serve the interests of imperialism.

The unilateral actions of the US Imperialism which considers Israel as its outpost in the Middle East to protect its interests has demolished the sanctity of rule based international order as envisaged by the United Nations. This has the potential to create a total disorder in the international relations. In this war, the US and Israel stand isolated. The European Union has made it clear that it is not their war. The NATO countries have refused to intervene despite repeated approaches by Trump. Trump is threatening to take over every place that he feels important for the interests of US imperialism. His actions in Venezuela and assertions of taking over Cuba and Greenland are nothing new. The US has the dubious record of armed interventions in number of countries and destroying those societies since the end of second world war. It intervened in number of Latin American countries with left leaning governments to overthrow them and Chile is the most profound example. Its intervention in Korea, Vietnam resulted in massive killings of the locals and its own military personnel. It destabilised Afghanistan. It waged a brutal war against Iraq on the false propaganda that it possesses the weapons of mass destruction. In the process it killed millions and displaced many more millions. The greed of imperialism respects no law and values no life.

Unfortunately, India which claims to be a super power has given up its policy of non-alignment and is allied closely to the US imperialism today. Prime Minister Modi is building a very close relationship with Israel. He visited Israel and was extraordinarily lavish in praising Netanyahu against whom an arrest warrant is issued by the International Court of Justice for genocidal crimes. He said that India is solidly with Israel and totally ignored the killing of over 72000 Palestinians by Israel in Gaza. It refused to condemn the attack on Iran while the close allies of US in Europe expressed their disapproval in very

strong words. India has lost its moral standing in the international relations with the actions of the present government. It has become totally submissive to the Trump administration. It did not even think that Iran had remained a strong friend of India and it has civilisational ties for over centuries.

The Impact of the war is already seen in rising prices of oil and scarcity of LPG across the world. The Indian people have been affected very badly. The war has also destroyed significant number of jobs across the world. While the ordinary people suffer across the globe, the arms manufacturers are raking billions in profits. There are protests in a number of countries against the war. In the US itself the people are coming out onto the streets in protest. The overwhelming majority of Americans are against this war. The approval rating of Trump is declining. In Israel protests against this war is taking place. The calculation that Iranian people are alienated from the regime and they will come to the streets to take over the country has gone awry. This war has helped Iranian nationalism and people are coming out in the streets to protest against the American and Israeli attacks. There are a large number of Indians who are against this war. The global working class including the Indian trade unions must make efforts to build a strong global alliance against war and US imperialism. Peace cannot be established without confronting Imperialism. The global working class must challenge US imperialism and its time is now.
