

The International Declaration of ZENKO Osaka Conference 2016

Stop 'the War on Terror'! Military Aggrandizement can't be a Solution!
Stop Poverty and the Widening Economic Disparity
and Create the World where Human Dignity is Protected!

Terrorism committed by Islamist terrorists such as ISIS is spreading across the world. We strongly denounce it. However, 'the War on Terror' is not a solution, because it aggravates civilian casualties, instigates hatred, and precipitates violence. It must be stopped now!

'Islamist Terrorists' have been nurtured by global capitalist states such as the US and the UK. The economic divide and poverty brought about by the global capitalism and the hatred developed by those victimized by war are the hotbed of terrorism.

Furthermore, global capitalists are propagating xenophobia and boosting military surveillance by exploiting people's anger against terrorism. Using 'anti-terrorist measure' as an excuse, they strengthen surveillance over the civilian population, suppress people's movement, and urge for the use of military power. All of these are for the military industry to gain profits. They are also rallying global capitalists who want to stop the historic upsurge for social transformation that is taking place throughout the world; the North Africa-Middle East democratic revolution, 15-M movement in Spain, Occupy Wall Street protests in the US, etc.

The Abe cabinet, in response to the wishes of global capitalists, participates in the War on Terror, and continues to build up its military. This is unforgivable.

The British Chilcot Report stated that Iraq war was started with unsatisfactory legal bases in terms of international laws. The anti-war peace movements have made this conclusion possible. We must hold the masterminds and accomplices of the war such as Bush, Blair and Koizumi, accountable for their war crimes. This directly leads to breaking the chains of violence.

We declare that we will work hard to stop the global capitalists from waging the war on terror, expanding the military power, and from aggravating poverty and economic divide. In solidarity with the movements in and out of the country, we will create a world where human dignity is protected.

Endorsed by the participants in ZENKO Osaka Conference 2016

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