Statement of Mount Diablo Peace & Justice Center

War on Iran violates international law and U.S. public interest

The United Nations Charter says, "All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means" and "shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force." It is clear the US/Israeli attacks on Iran violate the UN Charter and are war crimes.

President Trump's claim that the U.S. attacks were "preemptive" is a lie. There is zero evidence that Iran would attack the US or Israel unless it was attacked first.

On the contrary, Iran was participating in diplomatic negotiations with progress toward resolving differences. It is now evident that Israel and the U.S. used the diplomatic negotiations as a mask to launch the surprise military attack on February 28. The USA has followed Israel down the path of diplomatic deceit and deception. What country can trust the U.S. now?

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has been indicted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against civilians in Gaza. Now President Trump has joined him as an international criminal by starting a totally unjustified war against Iran. There are no red lines for these men. They killed 140 young Iranian schoolgirls. They killed a major religious leader. This is not only immoral; it is stupid. They have inflamed and given cause for revenge to tens of millions of devout Shia Muslims.

This war is extremely dangerous and will surely result in many dead Israelis and Americans as well as Iranians. There is a very serious risk of it expanding. Trump and Netanyahu are responsible.

President Trump did not get the constitutionally required approval from Congress for this war. Even with immense media propaganda, only 27% of Americans approve his launching this war. On top of that, this action is 100% contrary to what Trump promised when he was campaigning to be president.

Iran has a legitimate right to defend its sovereignty. As supporters of peace and justice, we hope for a speedy end to this war and punishment for those who have perpetrated and enabled it.

Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center denounces the US/Israeli war crimes. We urge our supporters to express maximum opposition to this war of choice based on lies.

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