



PEACE NOW!



STOP THE WAR IN UKRAINE

- No to the Russian Invasion
- No NATO Expansion
- No Nuclear War

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the War:



The war in Ukraine is at a bloody impasse with no end in sight and huge casualties on both sides. The need for a ceasefire and peace talks has never been greater.

The threat of global conflict is now greater than at any time since the Second World War. There is also the growing threat of war between major powers involving nuclear weapons.

The war is between neighbouring states but is also a proxy war between Russia and NATO. We oppose the Russian invasion but also NATO expansion and increased military aggression.

This proxy war is partly the result of 30 years of failed western policies, including NATO expansion and US hegemony. This expansion has continued across eastern Europe and wider, despite assurances to the contrary, which has led to conflict with Russia.

The British and US governments are sending record levels of arms to Ukraine. The US alone has committed over \$45 billion to military and arms spending. Our government is not attempting to call for peace and is helping to stoke the war. It is committed to doubling spending on the military by 2030 to £100 billion a year.

While there is always money for war and for major increases in military spending, our public services are being slashed to the bone, privatised and underfunded. We demand that this situation is reversed and that the wages and conditions of public sector workers are maintained and improved.

The recent wars of aggression conducted by the US, Britain and other NATO powers in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and elsewhere have made the world a much more dangerous place. They have continually undermined international law, caused greater global instability and led to an arms race between major powers.

There is growing conflict with China in the Pacific region, where again the UK government is playing an aggressive role. There is a danger of war on two fronts with frightening consequences for billions of people.

The hypocrisy of the Tories in their racist treatment of refugees has been exposed by this war. Britain must be a welcoming home to all those fleeing war. Instead, refugees are scapegoated and denied humane treatment for vile political purposes.

The war has led to greater repression and denial of free speech. A Ukrainian pacifist and a Russian peace campaigner both face charges from their respective governments for opposing the war. We send our solidarity to them and all those campaigning in Russia and Ukraine for an end to the war in extremely difficult circumstances. We can best support them by demanding a change in Britain's own policies.