

**Fight against the terrorist attacks of
the U.S. and Israel against Iran!
Murderer U.S., take your hands off
Iran! Get out of West Asia!
The imperialist attack on Iran must be
crushed! Time to mobilize!**

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On the morning of February 28, the Zionist entity and American imperialism launched a coordinated attack against Iran. It was already known that the U.S. was using the negotiation process as a cover to build up forces around Iran in preparation for a long-term assault. In his first statement after initiating the attacks, Donald Trump announced that they had embarked on “major combat operations” and openly declared that their goal was regime change in Iran.

Imperialism and Zionism have once again attacked the peoples and states of our region. So there is no room for neutrality as Iran wages a war of national defense against imperialist aggression. As revolutionaries of Turkey and West Asia (the Middle East), in this war, we stand with Iran against the terrorist attacks of the U.S. and Israel. The only progressive solution that serves the interests of our working class is the crushing of imperialist and Zionist banditry by force. Iran’s national defense, and every action it undertakes within that defense, is entirely legitimate. We never forget the legitimate struggle of the Iranian people for bread and freedom, and we will continue to stand with that struggle. However, whoever exploits that struggle as a pretext to endorse the aggression against Iran, or calls for neutrality, is

an enemy of the people of Iran and of West Asia.

A significant majority of the states in our region, fearing Iran's retaliation, had timidly expressed that they did not want an attack on Iran and declared that they would not allow their territories to be used for this attack. Some, such as Jordan, however, have committed the treachery by opening their territories to preparations for imperialist aggression.

All the states of West Asia have the obligation to unhesitatingly support Iran against imperialist and Zionist aggression. It must not be forgotten that this aggression is also part of an operation to disarm the Palestinian resistance and subdue Palestine. To remain neutral in this war means implicitly siding with Zionism against Palestine. Those who aid and abet imperialist aggression, or who watch the attack from the sidelines, will bear the shame of betraying the Arab, Persian, Turkish, and Kurdish people of our region! The only response to this is for the revolutionary waves that had shaken our region twice in the past 15 years to rise once more and, in order to rescue West Asia from this disgrace, overthrow the complicit governments.

The Turkish government has preferred to watch that imperialist banditry from the sidelines. Its preparations for the war have been not intended to assist Iran against American imperialism and Israeli Zionism, but to prevent people who might be forced to flee Iran from crossing the border. This brings a great shame upon the working people of Turkey. While Iran defends its dignity against imperialism, our working people must see the true face of those who, invoking sectarian differences and listing geopolitical justifications, say that we should remain neutral—thus serving imperialism and Zionism! The working people of this land, who have experienced the national liberation struggle, who know imperialist occupation and armed resistance against it very well, today have no greater interest than the defeat of imperialism and the victory of Iran. A West Asia that drives out the imperialists and Zionists will be one that imperialism and its collaborators cannot be able to intervene with the same ease. Iran's national defense must prevail! The government in Turkey must immediately shut down the İncirlik and Kürecik bases, and erase this black stain from the nation's honor.

As seen in Rojava, U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism are not friends of the Kurdish people. For years, the U.S. has changed sides when the decisive moments arrived in Syria, and turned its back on the Kurdish people. It is highly likely that imperialism may pursue a similar course in Iran. Kurdish people and their organizations must not allow imperialism to sow seeds of hostility between them, Iran, and the other peoples of the region. Imperialism has not been an ally, but an obstacle to the Kurdish people's quest for freedom, including their right to self-determination.

To present imperialist aggression as if it were support for the Iranian people's struggle for bread and freedom is the greatest of betrayals. As a result of imperialist

aggression, the bread of Iran's working people will shrink and their lives will be insecure. Moreover, imperialism, which aims at "regime change" in Iran, will seek to trigger a collapse within the country, driving the Iranian people into migration as in Syria. In other words, not only will the bread of the Iranian people shrink or their freedoms further diminish. But they, who have always walked with their heads held high, will also be subjected to national humiliation. No true friend of the Iranian people could desire this. The defeat of imperialism is not against, but in favor of, the Iranian people's struggle for bread and freedom.

In Turkey, in West Asia, and across the world, the task that falls to the working peoples is to rise up for the defeat of imperialism and Zionism and for the victory of Iran. As revolutionaries of the region, we are unhesitatingly determined to take sides against imperialist aggression and call on all anti-imperialist forces to join this struggle.

Down with American imperialism!

**Down with Israeli Zionism! Destroy the Zionist State of Israel!
Long live Iran's national defense!**

**Turkey must immediately withdraw from NATO! Abandon
NATO, demolish NATO!**

The Incirlik and Kürecik bases must be closed immediately!

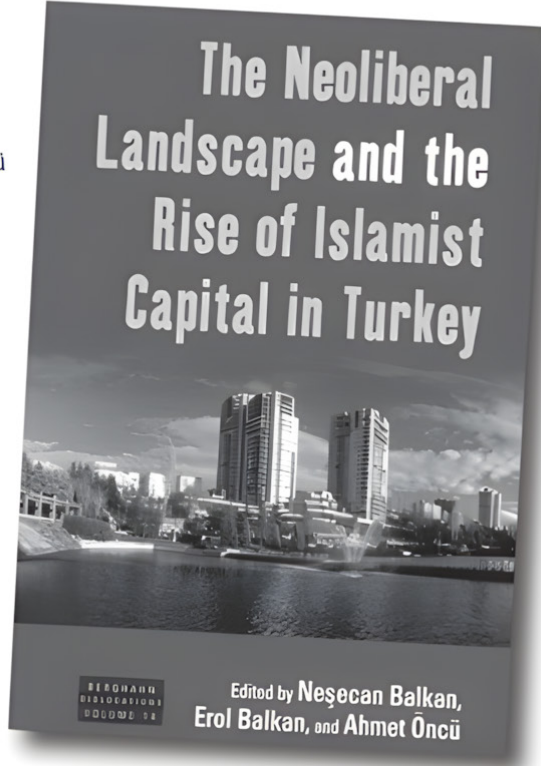
**Seize American financial assets in Turkey! American properties
and investments must be expropriated without compensation
under workers' control!**

The Neoliberal Landscape and the Rise of Islamist Capital in Turkey

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Turkey and the party he leads, the AKP, have been analyzed in many different ways. What was lacking was a materialist analysis using the methodology of Marxism. This is what this book does: it provides the reader the complex class dynamics that lie behind the rise and resilience of this leader and his party.

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