

collective Neither war nor state of war founding statement

France was at war long before the attacks on November 13. However those attacks have greatly served as a pretext to intensify military operations. Since the beginning of the 21st century, wars of plunder for control of resources have not been lacking: Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, the Central African Republic to name a few. These conflicts have to be labelled for what they are, wars of imperialist intervention. France has no "positive role" in these interventions despite claims drawn from a colonial past.

These military interventions by the French state go largely unreported in the media. The little that is mentioned imposes a rationality based on security, with or without humanitarian packaging. The hawkish language is intended to anaesthetise or paralyse the population. Yet how is it possible not to recall the disasters that war creates, the millions of dead, wounded and displaced, the misery and despair that force populations to flee while those profiting from war, the multinational arms dealers, get ever richer? France is the fourth most important arms manufacturer in the world. The colossal cost of war diverts public money from vital social, cultural and ecological needs. Furthermore, the state, which carries out these wars like a pyromaniac fireman, drags us into a monstrous spiral of ever more hatred leading to ever more attacks. Rafale aircraft kill civilians just as innocent as those at Bataclan. These bombings are time bombs.

War has become a means to govern and to govern by fear. Declaring that a state of war exists justifies further losses of freedom and leads to other measures taken directly from the extreme right such as the withdrawal of nationality. Although the situation is extremely serious, it is presented as matter of course by the dominant political opinion, as if to trivialize war and have us grow accustomed to a militarized security state. Because the state of emergency seeks to stifle anger and protest, this war is also a social war.

We are opposed to wars of intervention and plunder and therefore to all forms of imperialism. However we are in France and it is here that we can begin fighting against our own imperialism. We can do this concretely without any form of abstraction or proclamation because the geopolitical issues that are being played out thousands of kilometres away have strong repercussions here in our own neighbourhoods. For these reasons, our collective's struggle is the struggle against all forms of racism, particularly anti-Muslim racism, the struggle against inequality and discrimination, the support of migrants and undocumented immigrants. We oppose the special restrictions and general population controls that target mainly Muslims or those assumed to be and of working class neighbourhoods and social movements.

We have to organise and fight back with a force equal to what we are subjected to, equal to the wars being waged against populations, against us and in our name. We have decided to found a collective against war

- to demand an immediate end to French military intervention, the withdrawal of military bases and an end to treaties and alliances (NATO, etc.);
- to denounce the arms market, which supplies arms to the worst dictators;
- to fight the militarization of society, the surveillance of territories and minds by the military-security complex;
- to support the right of people to self-determination and to extend our solidarity to resistance and liberation movements.

We would like all organisations and individuals who recognize themselves in this struggle to joins us.

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