

ICOR declaration

Freedom for Cyprus – 50 years of Turkish invasion

On 20 July 1974, the Turkish army invaded Cyprus, which had only freed itself from British colonialism in 1960. Since then, five NATO members have maintained military bases on Cyprus: Turkey, Great Britain, Greece, the USA and France. They justify this with the alleged patronage of the negotiations for a federal two-zone-state, the so-called bi-zonal, bi-communal federal solution (BBF – bi-zonal, bi-communal federation) which aims to turn Cyprus into an apartheid state. Turkish- and Greek-speaking Cypriots would then be ethnically separated.

Due to Cyprus' strategic location, these bases play a key role in the implementation of NATO's imperialist policy in the Near East, Middle East and Africa. Currently, the Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people is being supported and Yemen is being bombed from there.

The militant forces on Cyprus, on the other hand, reject any division of the island on the basis of ethnic origin and demand the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

At a time when a third, possibly nuclear world war is threatening, the liberation of Cyprus and the closure of these military bases can only be achieved by a worldwide anti-imperialist movement.

The ICOR supports this demand and the call by the ICOR member Union of Cypriots to protest worldwide in front of Turkish embassies on 10 October, the anniversary of the declaration adopted at the 2nd Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in 1964, which condemned Turkey's former actions against the Cypriot Republic and called for support for the territorial unity of Cyprus.

Freedom for the Cypriot people!

Strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle for the right to self-determination of the peoples and the transnational union of revolutionaries!

Status of the signatories 26.08.2024. Further signing possible. Current list of signatories at www.icor.info

1. ORC Organisation Révolutionnaire du Congo (Revolutionary Organization of Congo), Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
3. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
4. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia
5. NCP (Mashal) Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)
6. CPA/ML Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist)

7. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
8. PR-ByH Partija Rada - ByH (Party of Labor - Bosnia and Herzegovina)
9. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
10. UPML Union Prolétarienne Marxiste-Léniniste (Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Union), France
11. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
12. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
13. UMLP União Marxista-Leninista Portuguesa (Portuguese Marxist-Leninist Union)
14. RMP Российская маоистская партия (Rossijskaya maoistskaya partiya) (Russian Maoist Party)
15. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
16. KSRD Koordinazionnyj Sowjet Rabotschewo Dvizhenija (Coordination Council of the Workers Class Movement), Ukraine
17. UMU Union of Maoists of the Urals (Union of Maoists of the Urals), Russia
18. UoC Union of Cypriots, Cyprus
19. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
20. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
21. CPPDM Chinese People's Party for the Defense of Mao Zedong