

NO TO U.S. INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR!

**Victory to the National Liberation War
of the People of El Salvador!**

**No to the British Government's Backing
of the Fascist Junta in El Salvador!**

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THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR are fighting a heroic national liberation war for the overthrow of the bloodthirsty regime in power. They are fighting too for the ending of the plunder and aggression by the backers of the regime, the US imperialists.

Their struggle is against a bloody fascist dictatorship whose death squads carry out all manner of barbaric atrocities against men, women and children. Successive US-backed and instigated military dictatorships have been responsible for killing 70,000 people. All this is carried out to maintain the rule of the small handful of families who own and control the majority of the land and resources of El Salvador. It is carried out to maintain the profits the US multinationals derive from El Salvador and to maintain the strategic, economic and political positions of US imperialism in Central America.

For this purpose the US imperialists provide massive and constantly increasing military and economic aid for the blood-stained criminals in power in El Salvador. US "advisers" direct the efforts of the armed forces of El Salvador, just as was the case in Vietnam. Some 2,000 Salvadorean troops are at present receiving military training in the United States. The US imperialists are coordinating military operations throughout all Central America and are making ever more apparent preparations for direct, open military intervention in El Salvador, either with US troops or those of the various puppet and client regimes of the United States in Latin America.

All this is done under the pretext of "Soviet and Cuban subversion", for the "proof" of which the US generals and politicians have gone to great lengths to manufacture evidence, but without succeeding in convincing even the American press. The truth is that, like the people of Vietnam, the people of El Salvador have risen up against the intolerable oppression of the local reactionaries and the bloody aggression of the US imperialists and are waging a national liberation war for freedom and national salvation. The heroic patriots of El Salvador have liberated one third of the country. It is not the Soviet Union of Brezhnev and company which fights for people's liberation – as proved in Afghanistan – it is the peoples themselves, arms in hand, who must rise up and through their heroic struggle and self sacrifice defeat the fascist regimes and their imperialist backers, as was done by the Nicaraguan people in 1979 and as the people of El Salvador and other countries of Central America are doing today.

Both superpowers are enemies of the national liberation struggle, and the peoples must resolutely oppose the attempts of all imperialist and social-imperialist powers to suppress, bring under their control and turn to their purposes, through whatever means, the struggles for national liberation and socialism.

In an attempt to prettify their support for the regime of butchers in San Salvador, Reagan and company have prevailed on the latter to hold "free and democratic elections" on March 28. The outcome of such "elections" is hardly in doubt in a country where even the mildest critics of the regime are slaughtered out of hand by the death squads, and where the patriots too are free to participate – provided they lay down their arms!

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The patriots are intensifying their armed struggle throughout the countryside and in the cities too. Through following the path of uniting the popular forces and waging armed struggle they will definitely succeed in overthrowing the fascist dictatorship and freeing their country from the stranglehold of the Americans. For this very reason various forces are coming forward to call on the Salvadorean people to engage in "negotiations" with the regime. This is a fraud to get the people to call off their armed struggle, and to undermine the massive support which the Salvadorean patriots enjoy internationally. Through this means the regime and its imperialist backers can gain a respite, regroup their forces and counter-attack and suppress the popular struggle. It is, once again, not negotiation, but armed national liberation struggle which provides the sure road to the Salvadorean people's national and social emancipation.

The British imperialists are the closest allies and supporters of the US policy. They have openly supported the US military policy and are themselves the second largest providers of financial aid for the fascist regime. The Thatcher government is sending "observers" to verify the "free and fair elections" this weekend, despite the fact that even the European parliament declared that these "cannot be regarded as free". In June the government is to fete Reagan, the assassin of the Salvadorean people, at Westminster and in Windsor Castle. By these and other actions the Thatcher government is following, still more openly, the reactionary policy of the previous Wilson and Heath governments, which supported barbarous war of the American imperialists against the peoples of Indochina.

The Salvadorean people, fighting for their liberation in the US imperialists' own "backyard", are the close allies of the British working class and all progressive people. Their heroic, self-sacrificing struggle inspires all the forces throughout the world fighting for national and social emancipation against imperialism, social imperialism and reaction. It is the honourable duty of the workers and all democratically-minded people in Britain to resolutely support their struggle, and vigorously fight against the barbarous policies of US imperialism and the British governments.

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