

# Position on the UN's 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution and the Coalition Forces' Attack on Libya

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- *The Western power must cease their attack on Libya immediately!*
- *Libya's liberation must be achieved by the Libyan people!*

On 17 March 2011, the UN Security Council quickly adopted Resolution 1973, the second resolution imposing sanctions against Libya. Shortly thereafter, U.S., U.K. and France-dominated coalition forces began a military strike against Libya that has now gone on for several days without stop. The UN Security Councils speaks of the attack in humanitarian terms saying its goal is the protection of civilian life. We are certain, however, that the ultimate goal of the Resolution 1973 and the attack on Libya is to serve the imperialist goals of Western powers.

1. Libya's anti-government forces and even the UN Security Council are not the ones who get to decide whether the attack will be limited to the goal of "protecting civilians" or not. It is the participating Western powers who decide the targets of military operations and the ultimate war aims. Libyan anti-government forces have no say whatsoever concerning the form, means or scope of military operations.
2. The Western powers are currently considering the next steps in their attack, including the possibility of sending in ground troops. It is true that Resolution 1973 does not allow for occupation of Libya. We only have to look a few years back, however, to know that this means little. With Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. said occupation was not the goal, but we all know what the result of the wars perpetrated on these countries were.
3. If the Iraq and Afghanistan experiences are repeated in Libya, then Libya's future is dark regardless of whether it is the anti-government forces or the Western forces who ultimately depose Gaddafi. The Western country's power to make war is overwhelming, but their ability to bring peace, political security and economic prosperity to the countries that are the victims of their wars is sorrowfully weak. In addition, we can be sure that the elites the western governments help to bring to power will be the ones most beneficial to western oil companies, the ones most ready to deliver up Libya's underground resources.
4. Contrary to what some claim, it has already been proven that western intervention is not the best means to prevent civilian casualties. The NATO bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999 was disastrous, only serving to increase animosity and fear. In its wake the most horrible of racial cleansing campaigns occurred in Kosovo.

The ultimate goal of the Western power's military action is to suppress the Arab people's movement against western imperialism. We condemn the western power's hypocritical talk of humanitarianism and call on the United States, the United Kingdom and France to end their attack on Libya

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