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IPA STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN NIGER

The International Peoples' Assembly (IPA) manifests its solidarity with the people of Niger in their struggle to defend their national sovereignty and to resist military intervention by ECOWAS, NATO, France, and the United States of America.

Two days ago, the ultimatum ECOWAS leaders gave to launch a war against Niger expired. In the absence of an official declaration renouncing this option, the people of Niger are compelled to defend themselves against this imperialist offensive.

The proud people of Niger gathered in the thousands at the Seyni Kountché stadium in Niamey to say no to this aggression and to defend with their bodies the sovereignty and dignity of their country. The governments of Mali and Burkina Faso, and Guinea have said no to this colonial operation orchestrated by NATO, with the collusion of ECOWAS leaders as its instruments. We join them and the people's movements in West Africa in asserting that military intervention would only foster chaos and violence in the region.

Niger and various countries in Africa have been contending for years with the effects of the 2011 NATO-led intervention in Libya which created regional instability and the spread of terrorist organizations throughout West Africa. Military interventions organized with the alleged goal of guaranteeing peace and democracy have only resulted in protracted military conflict and significant loss of life.

The overthrow of President Mohamed Bazoum in Niger follows the popularly supported ousters of the governments of Guinea, Mali, and Burkina Faso. In all cases, the people have manifested their outrage against conditions that are the direct result of the continued stranglehold of French neocolonialism and the military presence of France in the region.

ECOWAS was intended to strengthen regional economic, social, and cultural integration within the framework of a larger Pan-Africanism. In the last few years, West Africa's leaders have betrayed their people and abandoned this historic cause. The use of organizations like ECOWAS and NATO to defend the interests of imperialist powers and support governments, which are widely rejected by the people, goes against all principles of democracy, peace, and prosperity. The level of political mobilization against neocolonial rule since the ECOWAS' declaration of war against Niger must be understood accordingly.

The people of Niger have a right to pursue peace and economic development to satisfy their material and social needs. Sanctions and military intervention will only sabotage the chance of development and lead to the country's further loss of human life.

As such, the International Peoples' Assembly is united with the people of Niger in demanding:

1. The cessation of all attempts at military intervention by ECOWAS, NATO, or France.
2. An end to all sanctions targeting Niger.
3. The immediate removal of foreign military bases from Niger and other African countries.

We are all Nigeriens!

#FranceDégage

#NATODégage

Signed by:

- Abahlali baseMjondolo
- ANSWER Coalition
- CODEPINK
- Communist Party of Jordan

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- Communist Party of Kenya (CPK)
 - Confédération Libre des Travailleurs de la Mauritanie
 - Federation of Workers Councils and Unions
 - FERNENT
 - Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA)
 - National Union of Metal and Allied Industries of Zimbabwe (NUMAIZ)
 - National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa
 - Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals
 - ORDN
 - Palestinian People Party
 - Parti Communiste Révolutionnaire de Côte d'Ivoire
 - Parti Comuniste de Benin
 - Partido Africano para Independência de Guinee e Cabo Verde

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- Party for Socialism and Liberation

 - Party of Popular Socialist Coalition

 - Socialist Movement of Ghana

 - Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party

 - The Collective of Saharawi Human

 - Rights Defenders in Western Sahara

 - The Peoples' Forum

 - Tunisian Workers Party

 - Union of Iraqi Trade Unions

 - United Food and Allied Workers' Union of Zimbabwe (UFAWUZ)

 - We Can Movement

 - Womens' Concern Centre – Kisumu, Kenya

 - Workers Democratic Way

 - Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers' Forum (Zimsoff)

More statements from WAPO and IPA members

[A Declaration from the West Africa Peoples Organisation \(WAPO\): on ECOWAS war in Niger](#)

[A Statement from the Socialist Movement of Ghana: Stop ECOWAS' aggression against Niger](#)

[A Declaration from the Communist Party of Benin: Formal warning to Patrice Talon against our country's participation in any military intervention against Niger](#)

Reading materials & sources

[Tricontinental Institute: Defending Our Sovereignty: US Military Bases in Africa and the Future of African Unity](#)

[Peoples Dispatch: Thousands rally in support of Niger's coup leaders as Western-backed ECOWAS threatens military intervention](#)

Peoples Dispatch: [Is Russia really the reason why Mali continues to push France away?](#)

Tricontinental Institute: [Africa, the Collateral Victim of a Distant Conflict: The Twenty-Second Newsletter \(2022\)](#)

Tricontinental: [When Will the Stars Shine Again in Burkina Faso?: The Forty-First Newsletter \(2022\)](#)

Peoples Dispatch: [People's movements oppose West-backed military intervention by ECOWAS in Niger](#)

Peoples Dispatch: [Unity and resistance to imperialism drive the West African People's Conference](#)

Peoples Dispatch: [Kyeretwie Opoku: 'We must unite our continent'](#)

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