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Evidence of Unrelenting Assaults on Operation Resolute Support Forces

At his 2015 State of the Union address, Obama declared that armed combat between U.S. and rival forces in Afghanistan was now over for the first time since 2001.

Convincing realities on the battlefield before and after Obama's statement are distinctly at odds with the president's remarkable announcement.

Interestingly enough, combat missions of more than one type have been ordered since the beginning of

the month.

Considering drone assaults alone, a minimum of seven from launch and recover bases in Creech, Nevada and elsewhere have been ordered. Over 33 fatalities were counted after these long-distance reinforcement operations concluded.

Likewise, none of the Operation Resolute Support troops stationed in Afghanistan have been disarmed and all 13,000 plus are under orders

to return fire.

Moreover, when coalition forces were ordered to try to fight back an enemy offensive at Paktika on January 2, at least 20 people died. Later in the month, other combat operations involving coalition forces killed at least 30 people in Helmand, Kandahar, Kapisa and Kunduz.

So too, Marine Special Forces, Navy SEAL and other elite forces are

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The UN "Mandate" System in Haiti is a Racist System Imposed Through Force of Arms

On January 9, the U.S. court system protected the United Nations from a Haitian compensation claim regarding the massive cholera outbreak precipitated by the UN occupation. U.S. federal Judge J. Paul Oetken sided with the U.S. Justice Department and declared the U.S.-hosted agency "immune" from the class-action lawsuit.

The Obama administration and the United Nations deny the right of Haitians to make the claim even though the cholera epidemic occurred under UN trusteeship.

The cholera epidemic began in Haiti in 2010 after a catastrophic earthquake. Prior to 2010 cholera had been eradicated in Haiti for nearly a century.

The UN took over Haiti after the February 29, 2004 invasion by U.S. marines, which replaced the democratically elected constitutional government of

Jean Bertrand Aristide with a U.S. colonial regime backed by a UN "peace-keeping" mission. According to the UN "mandate" authorizing the colonial occupation, the Haitian people are not yet ready for independence and self-determination and need to be "mentored" and "civilized" by the imperialist powers.

The U.S. marines invaded Haiti in order to crush the popular movement which, prior to the U.S. invasion, initiated a program of democratic reforms including doubling the minimum wage and investing in schools and hospitals. During his tenure, Aristide also resisted privatization of state-owned resources.

For several years leading up to the invasion, the U.S. government worked to destabilize Haiti and overthrow the constitutional government headed by President Aristide. The U.S. applied economic pressure, blocking various

international agencies from providing credits, loans and aid to Haiti. At the same time, the CIA, the National Endowment for Democracy and other U.S. government agencies encouraged, financed and organized criminal, paramilitary death squads inside the country.

Within weeks of the U.S. invasion, these gangs took control of various areas in the north of the country, attacking hospitals, schools, government offices and food warehouses to create panic amongst the population. But in the capital of Port-au-Prince, the Haitian people were organizing to defend themselves and their elected President from any attacks by these fascist gangs. Hundreds of thousands of Haitians came out in political demonstrations and popular organizations began building street

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The One-Sided Agenda of U.S. Talks with Cuba

The following article is reprinted from the Anti-Imperialist News Service, January 19, 2015.

U.S. initiated talks with Cuba are set to begin on January 21. According to Obama, the talks will lead to normal relations between Cuba and the U.S. despite his refusal to commit to a diplomatic agenda of talking solely for the purpose of ending the blockade. Obama does not even deny that the purpose of the talks is to gain concessions from Cuba even while the blockade continues.

The Obama administration is calling for negotiations with Cuba at this time in order to achieve at the bargaining table what couldn't be achieved with the blockade alone. By holding out the false hope that Obama may one day commit to end the blockade, Obama wants to take steps towards the express aim of changing the political and economic system of Cuba and returning the country to the status of a U.S. colony or neo-colony.

Just a short time after Obama called for negotiations on U.S. terms his administration is already making imperious demands and refusing to respect the sovereignty of Cuba. For example, the U.S. Treasury Department has al-

ready taken the liberty of calling on Cuba to make concessions to U.S. banking and telecommunications interests.

Today, precisely because it is opposed by the masses of people everywhere, U.S. imperialism is relying on the counter-revolutionary tactic of imperialist pacifism – of talking about “negotiation and compromise” while imposing its dictate.

The entire policy of imperialist pacifism attempts to 1) cover over the depth of the contradictions between imperialism and the peoples and 2) separate the problems of war and colonialism from their root causes in the

imperialist system.

Imperialist pacifism turns truth on its head and tries to portray the imperialist warmakers as advocates of peace while slandering the peoples who resist colonialism and fight for their rights as the source of conflict.

Furthermore, the real content of the peace plans and negotiations sponsored by imperialism is to try to get the peoples to give up at the bargaining table what imperialism cannot win on the battlefield – to get people to give up their freedom and independence and accept neo-colonial arrangements which guarantee the interests of the U.S. monopolies.

Haiti

barricades and other defenses against a possible armed attack.

In this situation, the U.S. government, unable to bring its handpicked fascist gangs into the capital, decided to invade the country and remove Aristide. In other words, U.S. imperialism, as it has done elsewhere, played the double game of creating chaos and violence and then presenting itself as a “peacekeeper” in order to invade a sovereign country and impose its dictate.

Nor were these events the first in which U.S. imperialism tried to suppress the popular resistance of the Haitian people and imposed laws to facilitate U.S. economic domination, including laws legalizing foreign ownership of the land.

In 1957 U.S. imperialism and the Haitian elite brought the Duvalier family to power in order to crush the rising democratic and social movements of the masses. Then, after 1986, when the mass struggles of the Haitian people brought down the Duvalier dictatorship, the U.S. supported a succession of military regimes including, from 1991-1994, a junta headed by General Cedras.

From 1915-1934 the U.S. ma-

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rines occupied and directly ruled Haiti. Before leaving, the marines installed a puppet government financed and armed by U.S. imperialism.

Previously, after stepping up its economic and military penetration of Haiti and Latin America generally, in 1905 the U.S. forcibly took over Haiti's Customs Office and began dictating Haiti's trade and financial policy.

Today, a mere five years after the devastating earthquake, the Haitian people are stepping up their struggle and are increasingly coming out in large-scale demonstrations and other actions to demand an end to the UN “mandate,” the withdrawal of all foreign troops, and the restoration of the constitutional government of the country.

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routinely ordered to keep their operations secret and, as with Iraq, have never officially been relieved of their assignments.

In addition, after U.S. officials advertised the withdrawal of the last regular marine, military commanders decided to train more marines in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for a new deployment to Afghanistan.

Plainly, the crooked and heavy-handed lies of Obama are not meant to empower citizens to be the political decision-makers and masters of the society.

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