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STATEMENT ON THE U.S. - ISRAELI AGGRESSION ON IRAN

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) insists that in spite of inability of the U.S. and Iran to reach an agreement on ending the war of aggression on Iran, hostilities must not resume and peace efforts must continue until durable peace is established.

In our view, too many lives have been needlessly lost and vital infrastructure destroyed in the senseless war of aggression unleashed by the United States of America and Israel in pursuit of the imperialist ambition of taking control of the energy resources of the Gulf and West Asia.

The SMG condemns in the strongest possible terms the ongoing war of aggression launched by the United States and Israel against the Islamic Republic of Iran. On 28 February 2026, the United States and Israel initiated a coordinated campaign of airstrikes against Iran, targeting military installations, government facilities, civilian infrastructure, and Iran's leadership, in a brazen violation of the United Nations Charter and the most fundamental norms of international law. These strikes were launched while negotiations between Washington and Tehran were still underway, a gross act of betrayal that reveals the contempt with which imperialist powers treat diplomacy and international norms.

The human cost of this aggression has been catastrophic. Over 2,000 Iranians have been killed by US-Israeli strikes since the war began. Universities, hospitals, petrochemical plants, airports, bridges, historical monuments, and residential areas have been deliberately targeted. In one particularly chilling episode, six children under the age of ten were killed overnight in a residential district of Tehran. More than 30 universities have been struck. Iran's parliament building, its state broadcaster, and its heavy water nuclear facility have all been bombed. Analysts have described the destruction of civilian infrastructure as constituting war crimes under international humanitarian law. The Iranian government itself estimates damage to its economy at between \$300 billion and \$1 trillion.

The stated objectives of this war have shifted repeatedly from regime change to destroying Iran's missile capabilities, to preventing nuclear weapons development, to seizing oil resources. This incoherence exposes what the SMG has always maintained: imperialist wars are not fought in the interests of peace or security, but in the service of dominance, resources, and the perpetuation of a global order that subordinates the peoples of the Global South to the dictates of Washington and its allies.

In spite of the announcement of a two-week ceasefire, Israel has continued its devastating assault on Lebanon killing more than 1,497 Lebanese civilians and conducting ground operations in the south of the country. On a single night, on April 8, Israel carried out 100 strikes across Lebanon in just ten minutes, killing at least 254 people. These are not acts of self-defence. They are acts of mass murder.

The ceasefire on Iran itself remains extremely precarious. The United States military has stated that it “remains ready” to resume attacks the moment it is ordered to do so. US



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President Donald Trump has threatened the “complete demolition” of Iran’s power plants and bridges. Talks scheduled in Islamabad face a deeply hostile environment. The Omani foreign minister, who was mediating prior talks, had reported significant progress before Trump declared he was “not thrilled” with the process and chose war instead. The apparent failure of peace talks cannot become a justification for resuming the carnage.

OUR DEMANDS:

1. Permanent End to the War

The SMG insists on the continuation and consolidation of the ceasefire, however fragile and however disappointing the prospects for lasting peace may currently appear. The two-week pause must not be allowed to lapse back into war. We call on all parties, including mediating nations, to work urgently and without preconditions to transform this pause into a permanent end to hostilities. The apparent failure of negotiations is not a reason to resume killing, it is precisely the reason to redouble diplomatic efforts.

2. End the War on Lebanon

We demand an end to Israel’s war on Lebanon and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory. There is no legal, moral, or strategic justification for these wars. They are acts of aggression, and they must stop.

3. Full Respect for International Law

The SMG calls upon all states to respect and uphold the United Nations Charter, the Geneva Conventions, international humanitarian law, and the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court. The deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure, universities, hospitals, petrochemical facilities, power plants, and residential buildings, constitutes war crimes. Those who plan, order, and execute such attacks must be held accountable, regardless of their nationality or the political alliances.

4. A World Free of Nuclear Weapons

The SMG appeals urgently to every nation on earth to commit, fully and without reservation, to the total elimination of nuclear weapons; their production, stockpiling, proliferation, and use. The spectre of nuclear catastrophe, already made more vivid by the targeting of Iran’s nuclear facilities during this conflict, must galvanise the international community into action, not paralysis. We call on all nuclear-armed states to honour their obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to accede to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We note with deep concern that threats against Iran’s nuclear programme have been used as a pretext for a war that has itself brought the region closer to nuclear danger, not further from it. A world armed with nuclear weapons is a world one miscalculation away from annihilation. The SMG stands uncompromisingly for a nuclear-free world.



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5. Turn Military Budgets Into Human Development

The SMG calls for a fundamental transformation of global priorities. The vast resources currently devoted to the production and stockpiling of weapons of mass destruction are resources that could transform the living conditions of billions of human beings. They must be redirected to the common good. We call on all governments to redirect military expenditure to universal access to quality healthcare, free and equitable public education, adequate and dignified housing, and sustainable agriculture and food security. The United States has already spent an estimated \$18 billion on its war against Iran in just five weeks, with the Pentagon requesting a further \$200 billion. These resources belong to the working people of the world, not to the war machine.

The Socialist Movement of Ghana stands in full solidarity with the peoples of Iran and Lebanon, and with all peoples who resist imperialist aggression. We stand with every force in the world working for peace, international law, and the dignity of human life. We call on progressive organizations, trade unions, civil society, and governments across Africa and the Global South to speak clearly: these wars must end, and the world must be rebuilt on justice, not domination.

No to imperialist war! Yes to peace, international law, and human development!

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