

THE UKRAINE WAR DRONES ON CONTROLLED BY EUROPE.

The war in Ukraine was never about Ukraine vs Russia but NATO vs Russia (quietly assisted by China). Its purpose together with economic sanctions, as usual, was regime change in Moscow to enable the dismemberment of Russia completing the encirclement of China, the ultimate objective.

A year ago, a division of labour arose with the US withdrawing to focus on the Gulf and China and Europe taking the lead on Ukraine. This represented the fallibility of US imperialism which was to become apparent later in the war with Iran. The purpose of NATO, however, remained unaltered, to tie down Russia in Ukraine for as long as possible regardless of the cost in Ukrainian lives. That way Russia would remain hobbled trapped in Europe.

In May the war aims shifted. As the tide of war on the ground increasingly turned against Ukraine, the emphasis shifted to attacking Russia and Crimea directly, focusing not only on logistical and military targets, but increasingly on economic targets, particularly energy hubs and nodes. The preferred weapon has been drones.

At the beginning of the year Ukraine announced it was relocating its drone factories to Europe to put them out of harm's way. That was deflection. Behind the cover story, it was European, British and North American factories which were gearing up to churn out tens of thousands of drones for the Ukraine as well as for their own armouries. This has allowed Ukraine to launch hundreds of drones daily at Russia and Crimea stretching Russian interceptor resources scoring notable successes.

In addition, the quality of the drones has improved. Many of them are now autonomous using AI terminal targeting. For example, they are pre-programmed to identify petrol tankers. One of those drones is called the Hornet produced by that arch neo-con Eric Schmidt ex Google. In addition, some of the longer ranging drones which strike deeper into Russia are dependent on Musk's Starlink satellites to guide them via operators sitting in bunkers hundreds of kilometres behind enemy lines.

The western media, to distract from the war on the ground is regaling viewers and readers with the success of the drone wars against Russia and the Ukraine. Yes, infrastructure has been damaged and in Crimea petrol rationing is in place as a result. But what Ukraine has not been able to achieve is to overwhelm Russian defences which are the most adaptable and capable in the world. Therefore, whatever victories Ukrainian drones score are tactical rather than strategic.

Less covered by Western Media is Zelensky scrambling for peace talks with Moscow. He is desperate. The rate of Russian advances is accelerating. Kostiantynivka has fallen to Russian troops opening the way to Kramatorsk. Similarly, Lyman has fallen opening the way to Sloviansk. These two towns are the last conurbations held by Ukraine in the Donbass region. There are advances as well in the Kharkiv region and in the Zaporizhzhia region.

Last Saturday saw a massive anti-war conference in London attended by activists from 23 countries and 11 trade unions. It was a much needed and awaited step forward. However, while the [emphasis of the Conference was on the arms race and future wars](#), what needs to be recognised is not that Europe and the US frustrated peace talks but that it has broken the peace, Europe is already at war with Russia using the Ukraine as a base for its offensive actions, not to mention its piracy on the high seas.

A proxy war is the cruellest of wars. A recent Russian hack of Ukrainian military records claimed to reveal 1.7 million Ukrainian casualties. For those who have closely followed the war, that figure is at the top of the range of casualties, not outside of it. It is similar to a study reported earlier this year in the [New York Times](#) which claimed 2 million casualties. This makes this war one of the bloodiest ever in terms of population, certainly the highest pro-rata in Europe including both World Wars (the Red Army not withstanding). This is a war which is not only geographic but demographic.

A proxy war is cruel because the masters of this war do not sit in Kyiv, but in Berlin, Paris, London and Washington where they act with impunity and immunity. They cannot be held to account by the Ukrainians which is why they will force Zelensky and his puppets to fight to the last Ukrainian soldier. And in doing so the true nature of imperialism is exposed.

This war is part of the hegemonic struggle to save the US Empire. Failing empires do not go quietly into the night. They set the night on fire. To prevent this, a dedicated and determined international anti-war movement in the age of El Nino is now needed more than ever. This much was recognised in London last Saturday. We need to urgently build on this initiative.

In this spirit I have proposed a new campaign under the slogan RESILIENCE NOT REARMAMENT. Resilience refers to weather proofing buildings such as care homes, hospitals and schools against the heat. This issue came to the fore in the current heatwave when hospitals could not function and schools had to be closed. Rearmament refers to money being squandered on arms when it should be redirected towards providing safety at home not death abroad. Secondly, this demand is an appeal to workers in the armaments industry to turn their tools away from bombs and bullets towards equipment needed to build resilience, from green power to air conditioners to heat pumps to insulation and so on. It is an appeal for workers control, to take production out of the hands of a ruling class whose greed for profit threatens civilisation and the planet.

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