

SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS IN EASTERN GHOUTA

In the seemingly endless tragedy of the civil war in Syria, it is being reported that at least 500 people have been killed by bombings by the Assad regime in recent days with many more injured and homeless.

This adds to the already horrific tolls of death and wounded since the conflict began. Reports vary, but at least 450,000 have been killed, with over 1 million wounded and millions more displaced.

Various organisations estimate the cost of rebuilding the country's shattered infrastructure to be at least \$200 billion.

Events have been stoked by the intervention of rival regional and global powers. These rivalries are playing out - with the harsh cost being the lives of ordinary people living in Syria.

Under the guise of 'fighting terrorism' or the fig leaf of creating 'democracies' the policies of the imperialist countries, with their regional clients, have brought chaos to the Middle East.

As well as Syria, you only have to look at the situation in Iraq - a country in crisis since the US/UK invasion and occupation of 2003.

We can place no faith in the UK government whose own involvement in escalating the conflict was to



intervene to overthrow the Syrian government for their own interests, or international institutions such as the United Nations or the European Union, who have been willing to watch refugees drown in the Mediterranean.

We need to build mass movements of ordinary people both here in the UK, and across the Middle East. These need to provide solidarity to those affected whilst at the same time being armed with a socialist programme for revolutionary change that can cut across national, religious and ethnic divides, to build a society that puts an end to the chaos of capitalism and imperialism.

Come and celebrate

International Women's Day

Organise to end oppression

Fight for socialism

Thursday 8th March, 7.30pm

Methodist Hall, Warwick Lane CV1 2HA

Join the fight for Socialism!

The Socialist Party is active throughout the country campaigning against cuts, racism and capitalism. We are also part of the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI) which is present in 50 countries around the world - against war, imperialism and in support of revolutionary socialist change.

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