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U.S. Patriot Missile Deployed on Jordanian Soil

According to the Pentagon, the U.S. military has for the first time transferred a Patriot missile battery into Jordan.

After at least one of the U.S. missiles had arrived in Jordan for use in joint military training exercises, Pentagon spokesman George Little announced that Patriot missiles will be permanently stationed in Jordan. On June 15 Little said that U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel "has approved a request from the Kingdom of Jordan for a detachment of F-16s and Patriot Missiles to remain in Jordan following the conclusion of the Eager Lion Exercise next week."

The U.S. Central Command is coordinating the participation of the military partners involved in the June 9th – June 20th "Eager Lion" drills involving 8,000 troops. Eight of the participating states are full members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Poland, Turkey, the U.K., and the U.S.) and eight more participate in NATO "partnership" organizations (Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Pakistan.) Saudi Arabia is already being con-

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U.S.-Israeli Aggressors Talk Peace While Waging War

In order to protect U.S. imperialism's reliable military outpost in the strategic Middle East, Secretary of State John Kerry is trying to represent the U.S. as a "neutral arbiter" in the conflict in the Middle East.

Earlier this month, long after learning that Israel had recently accelerated its settlement activity, Kerry called for a revival of "peace talks." In other words, he called on Palestinians to delay the struggle for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian nation and instead to enter into a new round of negotiations with Israel.

Clearly, for U.S. imperialism and its creature, Israeli zionism, the right to self-determination, independence and liberation are not

inherent rights that belong to the Palestinian people by virtue of their humanity, but privileges to be "bestowed or denied" on the whims of U.S. imperialism.

The truth is that an end to Israeli expansionism will only come to Palestine when the U.S. government is forced to withdraw all its support for Israeli zionism, when the aggressors withdraw completely from all the occupied territories, when all the Palestinian people are guaranteed the right to return to homes and when a genuinely sovereign and independent Palestinian state comes into being.

Today, even while calling for renewed

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sidered by NATO for membership in NATO's 'Istanbul Cooperation Initiative.'

The goal of the large-scale military exercises is to increase the ability of U.S. Central Command to mobilize its own and partner countries' weapons and troops in the event of a 'contingency' judged to require military intervention. According to U.S. Central Command's director of exercises and training, Army Major General Robert G. Catalanotti, "All of this combined training, led by the Jordanian armed forces, will come together over the next two weeks, strengthening the partnership between the 19 countries and increasing the ability of participating nations to operate together during any contingency."

"Forward military deployment" and aggressive military pacts such as NATO are key components of U.S. imperialism's strategy for world domination. On an international scale, U.S. imperialism is trying to assert itself as the sole superpower by relying on its military power and imposing the doctrine that "Might Makes Right" on the peoples of the whole world.

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"peace talks," the U.S. government is dramatically stepping up its military financing of Israel. In April, Obama signed into law a bill which allocates \$40 billion to Israel over a ten year period, raising aid levels from \$8 million a day to \$11 million a day. The U.S. has also promised Israel hundreds of millions more funding over the next two years for joint U.S.-Israeli research and development of a missile system.

The continued occupation of the West Bank and the expansion of Israeli settlements again reveal the true meaning of the U.S.-sponsored Middle East "peace" process. It is a means to consolidate the position of U.S. imperialism while trampling on the rights of the Arab peoples. The only "peace" which the U.S. government seeks is a "peace" which makes the Middle East secure for the big U.S. oil monopolies and for U.S. domination and exploitation of the peoples. For the Palestinian people, the "peace process" is designed to keep them under the political domination and military rule of Israeli zionism, and to deny them their inviolable national rights, including the right to their own independent state in their historic homeland.

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