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## U.S. Military Command in Afghanistan Alarmed into Policy Shift

Forced to acknowledge yet another wave of military defeats, the U.S. military command in Afghanistan has reacted by implementing a new policy which requires all personnel in Afghanistan to always carry a loaded magazine in their weapon. The new policy also requires that a coalition soldier stand guard against Afghans at gatherings involving both U.S.-NATO military personnel and Afghan security forces.

The new policy was announced after an emergency meeting of at least 40 military commanders was called last week to address the escalating number of attacks by "rogue" Afghan officers and soldiers against U.S.-led coalition forces.

On August 17, the day the policy was announced, two U.S. Special Forces service members were killed by Afghan security forces in the middle of a ceremony in Kinisk organized to hand out weapons to new Afghan recruits. According to Col. Hagen Messer, spokesman for the International Joint Command in the country, "Officials are inves-

tigating the incident to determine the facts and as more information becomes available it will be released as appropriate."

That same day, six U.S. marines were killed in similar incidents. Over the span of the previous two weeks, a total of 6 such incidents took place. At least 40 U.S.-led soldiers have been killed in such attacks so far this year.

In addition, seven U.S. troops and 4 Afghan security personnel were killed when a Black Hawk helicopter was shot down by the Taliban in southern Afghanistan on August 16.

The previous week, seven U.S. troops were killed in Afghanistan.

Imperialism will be and is being defeated in Afghanistan but the U.S. government will go on using our daughters and sons as cannon fodder for their aggressive, imperialist war until forced out of Afghanistan by the struggle of the peoples. We must step up our struggle to demand, U.S. and All Foreign Troops Out of Afghanistan, Now!

## CPP Denounces Docking of Another U.S. Warship

On August 19, the Communist Party of the Philippines issued a statement. The following translation is reprinted from philippinerevolution.net.

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) today condemned the scheduled docking of another US warship in Manila as another "arrogant display of contempt of Philippine sovereignty".

The USS Milius is scheduled to arrive today and dock at Manila Bay for a four-day port call. "The docking of the USS Milius highlights the increasingly frequent arrival of interventionist troops of the US in the Philippines as the imperialist US government aim to further increase its presence and power projection activities in the Asia-Pacific."

"The CPP condemns the Aquino regime for allowing the US government to use the Philippines as a platform for its interventionism in the Asia-Pacific region. Under the Aquino regime, the puppetry and servility of the Philippine reactionary state has reached its highest levels in recent times."

"The display of base subservience by the Aquino regime to the US imperialists is a national disgrace to the Filipino people," said the CPP. "He stains the memory of Apolinario Mabini and the Katipuneros who stood and fought for national independence

and an independent and peace loving foreign policy."

"The docking of the USS Milius further reinforces US control of the Philippines as a military stronghold in its effort to secure its economic and political interests in the region, especially the sea lanes from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific to ensure the flow of US products to the vast Asian market," said the CPP.

"Securing its stronghold over the Philippines is part of the US government's effort to build a network of military outposts in the Asia-Pacific region from Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and Vietnam to serve the fleet of US warships under the US Pacific Command," added the CPP.

"The Filipino people must not be desensitized by the regular and increasingly frequent dockings of US military warships and submarines that bring the American war to Philippine shores, as well as by the constant presence of American troops and intelligence agents that operate with the Philippine government and military around the country," said the CPP. "The Filipino people must not let down their patriotic vigilance for even one moment."