

# War in Ukraine

It is hard to imagine what people are going through in Ukraine. Millions of people are on the run. Entire cities lie in ruins. People have lost their belongings, their family and friends – their future. Many are forced to fight against those who could be their brothers and sisters. Thousands have died. Their suffering is unjustifiable and we must stand by their side.

But also elsewhere, we, the wage laborers, the unemployed . . . will bear the burden of this war. Taking a stand cannot mean taking the side of either one of the power blocs. Of course, we are not on the side of Putin and the Russian oligarchy – however, the anger against them must not be directed against Russian people in general. We do not take the side of the „West“ or NATO, since their members also conduct war operations in violation of international law in order to expand their reach of power and enforce imperial interests. Their interventions in Afghanistan or Syria, for instance, have not led to peace. Taking a stand means siding with those affected on all sides. We must stand together and cannot allow ourselves to be pit against each other.

The signs of the German government are clear: it is using the situation as a pretext for massive armament. The 100 billion euros that the German military is to receive will not end the war in Ukraine. Moreover, where was that money during the pandemic, e.g. for hospitals and schools? The German military is not a friendly, democratic institution defending our „values“. It was founded by Nazi generals and still has clear right-wing extremist tendencies as the constant headlines about right-wing chat groups and militant fascist „Bürgerwehren“ demonstrate.

Military conflicts lead to war crimes, atrocities and deaths on all sides. Even if the roots of the conflict lie, among other things, in decade-long arms races between NATO and Russia; even if the accompanying eastward expansion of the NATO and its maneuvers on Russia's border call Russia's security policy into question. That Putin is responding to this with a military escalation in Ukraine is inexcusable.

Nevertheless, this history of arms race and its dynamics show that further military escalation, obviously, cannot be a solution.

## How can the war be ended?

The only long-term solution against any war lies in a fundamental change of our societies on an international level. A system in which individuals own almost everything and, thus, have the power to decide about the fate of the vast majority and live at their expense will never allow a peaceful coexistence on this planet. We need a future of global social justice, in which efforts for an ever larger reach of influence of states or power blocs no longer determines our lives.

We want to fight for this together with people from all over the world. With those who block roads and stand in the way of tanks in Ukraine. With the deserting soldiers. With the people in Russia and Belarus who, despite the massive state repression, continue to protest in the streets against the war and their dictatorial government. Their resistance is our greatest hope!

The mutual aid and solidarity in the last weeks gives us strength. Humanitarian aid at the borders, various forms of support for refugees and all those

offering shelter show that no one is alone and that we do not depend on governments to be there for each other. At the same time, we seek to extend this solidarity to all refugees worldwide and strongly condemn the structural racism that is currently surfacing.

We can only oppose this and all the other wars worldwide by means of an anti-capitalist peace movement that unites our interests as working people and those affected by oppression.

Therefore, support refugees, no matter why or where they are fleeing from. Join the anti-militarist forces of the peace movement. Support the resistance in Russia and Belarus, financially, materially or by spreading their contents.

Start self-organizing, everywhere!



## What we could do with 100 billion euros:

- Support self-organized mutual aid initiatives in Ukraine (e.g. Operation Solidarity).
- Support peace movement in Russia and Belarus, e.g. by paying repression costs.
- Support people on the run: Travel costs, places to sleep, living expenses.
- Better payment of nurses and other hospital staff, in the long term development of self-organized hospitals that put the welfare of the people before profit.
- Enforce socialization of large housing companies.
- Promote ecological change (expansion of renewable energies, energy-efficient renovation of housing without additional costs for tenants).

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## Want to donate or provide practical help?

- **Operation Solidarity:** Anarchist network of mutual aid in Ukraine, helps people fleeing and self-organized initiatives there, among other things.
  - [www.operation-solidarity.org](https://www.operation-solidarity.org)
- **ABC Moscow:** Supports political prisoners in Russia, e.g. people resisting the war.
  - [www.avtonom.org/en](https://www.avtonom.org/en)
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- **EOTO Black Youth:** Organizes support for BIPOC refugees from Ukraine in Berlin, it can be supported in different ways.
  - @ [@eoto\\_blackyouth](https://twitter.com/eoto_blackyouth)
  - ✉ [help@tubman.network](mailto:help@tubman.network) (mediation of accommodation)
- **Sleepingplaceorga:** Mediation of accommodations with private persons in Berlin.
  - [sleepingplaceberlin.wordpress.com](https://sleepingplaceberlin.wordpress.com)
- **Info collection** for people affected by war
  - [www.nowar.help](https://www.nowar.help)

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## Against War and Armament



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