

No Australian troops for Trump's war on Iran

This branch of the Australian Labor Party strongly condemns the US and Israeli war on Iran as an illegal act of aggression against a sovereign nation.

We note the following objective facts:

1. The war was launched unilaterally by the US and Israel and involves massive bombardment of both military and civilian targets across Iran, including residential areas, schools and hospitals, causing hundreds of civilian deaths.
2. According to Education International the US and Israel bombed two schools — the Shajare Tayyiba elementary school for girls in the town of Minab and a school in Tehran. The attack on the girls' school in Minab killed at least 150 people, mainly schoolchildren, and injured around 100 others.
3. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has stated that the U.S. and Israeli airstrikes violate international law, including the U.N. Charter.
4. The decision by Trump and Netanyahu to launch the war is in the context of ongoing occupation, land annexation and genocide in Palestine and has led to a wider conflict across the Middle East.
5. The Australian Government has publicly supported the war on Iran and has deployed 85 Australian Defence Force troops, an aircraft and missiles to the United Arab Emirates.
6. Three Australian ADF members were serving on the US nuclear submarine that torpedoed and sunk the Iranian frigate *Dena* near Sri Lanka, as part of the AUKUS training program.

It is the view of this branch that the decision by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to support the war is a grave mistake that breaches the fundamental principles and policies of the Australian Labor Party as stated in the ALP Constitution and National Platform.

This decision stands in contrast to the principled position taken by the Australian Labor Party to oppose the illegal war on Iraq in 2003, which was also based on false claims about weapons of mass destruction.

The decision is further evidence that the AUKUS military pact locks Australia into supporting dangerous US military strategy and war plans in Asia.

Considering the facts above, this ALP branch resolves to take the following actions:

1. Publicly condemn the US and Israeli war on Iran as an illegal act of aggression against a sovereign nation.
2. Call on the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to withdraw support for the war on Iran, including all ADF troops and materiel deployed to the Middle East.
3. Directly call on our elected MPs and Senators to speak against this illegal war in all forums including Caucus and to demand that the Government withdraw support.
4. Advocate for immediate withdrawal from the AUKUS pact, and the closure of US military intelligence bases, that are being used to support the attack on Iran.
5. Publicly support and contribute to labour and social movement organisation and mobilisation to oppose the war on Iran and for withdrawal from AUKUS.

This motion to be communicated in writing to:

- Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
- Foreign Minister Penny Wong
- Electorate Labor MP and/or State or Territory Labor Senators
- Labor Against War