

MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY OF AMISTAD Philippine Cuba Friendship Association.

Cuba and the Philippines share a common history of US Imperialist domination. We share a common enemy and a common struggle.

US Imperialist Domination.

It started during the Spanish American War, on April 20, 1898 . Note the “ Remember the Maine” slogan of the USA when the , USS Battleship Maine was bombed in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898 by US black ops agents as a pretext to war.

On 1898 May 1 Admiral Dewey launched the Mock Battle of Manila Bay/ On June 1, 1898 General Theodore Roosevelt’s Rough Riders invaded Cuba. Start of the war between the USA and the people of Cuba and of the Philippines.

The US Imperialist control and neo-colonial dominance over Cuba however, ended with the overthrow of the US Fascist Puppet dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista by the Cuban People on January 1, 1959 led by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara.

On the other hand, the US imperialist control in the Philippines persists, in the form of a proxy dominance using the local puppet from the Big Bourgeois Comprador and Big Landlord classes, in the same mold as the dictator Fulgencio Batista. US Control was heightened in the past few years with the willful and flagrant puppetry of president Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the son of the ousted dictator Marcos.

PRESENT DAY Parallelisms: Cuba is now under the direct threat of US Imperialist war of aggression after a long period of economic and financial blockade. Serious transgressions on Cuba’s sovereignty from failed efforts to foment unrest among the population, to the personal assault on the integrity of Comrade Raul Castro by Donald Trump intensified, with a threat of armed invasion tweeted by Donald Trump himself.

In our part of the world, The US with the help of the Marcos Jr government, has transformed the Philippines as a geopolitical frontline state in the Asia Pacific region, to enhance US military hegemony. While the Cuban people and state valiantly fight to get rid of the US occupation of Guantanamo, the Philippine government willfully hosts 9 US EDCA bases, and offers to give 4,000 acres of the former US Clark Air Base for the US under the so called Pax Silica. This Economic Security Zone is part of a broader

strategy to surge production for inputs vital to US supply chains, it is another extraterritorial US base.

While the Cuban people and state are preparing to RESIST US war of aggression, the Philippine state has just conducted the biggest ever US Military Exercise, with 10,000 US Troops, called the Balikatan Exercise on April 20, 2026 which lasted for 19 days. They used live ammunition with a US BrahMos Type 88 Cruise Missile fired to sink a WW II Mine Sweeper. This was held at the South China Sea near Taiwan.

The Philippine state also has a Visiting Forces Agreement with the USA aside from the 75 year old Mutual Defense Treaty to drag the Philippines in Americas hegemonic war. The United States also supply and support the fascist attacks and massacres perpetrated by the Marcos Jr state against the peoples' lawful resistance, with air support, ammunitions, drones, intelligence support and US military advisors.

A COMMON STRUGGLE: The Cuban people and the Filipino people share a common struggle to rid our lands of the plague of US Imperialist dominance. Our organization AMISTAD, the Philippine Cuba Friendship Association is part of a broad network of peoples grassroots organizations struggling for national freedom from US Imperialist Control and for genuine democracy. We extend our support and solidarity with the Cuban people in your fight to resist US Imperialist blockade and the imminent war of aggression. We add our voice to the growing global opposition to the US aggression on Cuba and offer our help in your struggle. We join the global movement to support the peoples resistance in Palestine, Gaza, Iran, Venezuela and Cuba!

We consider that our most relevant solidarity assistance to your struggle in Cuba and in the global anti-imperialist movement, is our earnest effort to fight and defeat our common enemy, US Imperialism and its puppet government and ruling system in our part of the world. Together with the Filipino workers, peasants, women, youth, migrant workers and professionals who are fighting against US Imperialism and for national freedom and democracy, we all rise with you in resistance and demand:

Stop the US Blockade on Cuba!

Stop Donald Trumps warmongering and attack on Cuba!

Together with the oppressed peoples of the world, we shall resist, fight and defeat US Imperialism!