

We condemn preparations for war – we express solidarity with Turkish trade unionists

The Trade Union Association of Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia unequivocally condemns the war preparations of the North Atlantic Alliance and the upcoming 36th NATO summit convened for July 7 and 8, 2026 in Ankara, Turkey. We condemn the authoritarian measures of the Turkish government and express deep solidarity with the trade unions of Turkey and other anti-imperialist forces in Turkey fighting against the holding of the NATO summit.

We disagree and unequivocally condemn the pleasant but insignificant step of the Czech government, which on the one hand says that it does not want to increase direct military spending for Ukraine for the war with the Russian Federation and on the other hand, it is servilely giving in to NATO and accepting a commitment to increase military spending to 2% of GDP and subsequently to increase it further, although it is trying to cover this up with the “claim” that this spending will go to the defense of the Czech Republic.

We condemn the repeated statements of the President of the Czech Republic calling for ever greater direct military support for Ukraine, efforts for greater involvement of the Czech Republic in the war in Ukraine and the war-making imperialist activities of NATO. The President of the Czech Republic should represent the Czech Republic and defend its interests, not the interests of the European Union, NATO and other imperialist powers.

We condemn the ridiculous theater of speculation about who will lead the Czech Republic's delegation to the 36th NATO summit. Because the point is, in fact, how the issues of the real interests of the Czech Republic and peace will be defended, not preparations for further military aggression. The imperialist intention to spend \$70 billion to support the war in Ukraine is not in the interests of the citizens of our country, nor in the interests of the inhabitants of other European countries, but is in the interests of arms conglomerates and world powers.

The previous conservative right-wing government actively and publicly supported the war effort of NATO, the European Union and world powers. The current liberal right-wing government supports these activities covertly and in other forms. There is no substantive difference between the intentions of these governments.

OS ČMS reminds that the military budget, military obligations of the Czech Republic must be paid by citizens without distinction. However, a state that prioritizes armaments is not able

to adequately secure the social, health and pension system in the long term, return the guarantee of guaranteed wages in the non-public sphere, limit inflation.

Therefore, we reject preparations for war, strengthening military budgets and aggressive plans of NATO, the European Union and the USA! Therefore, we reject increasing military spending in the Czech Republic!

Only workers with other workers are able to establish lasting peace - not armaments!

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