

# Down with Abe with his war legislation! August 6 Hiroshima Grand Action 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of A-bombing



August 6, 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hiroshima Grand Action morning rally in front of the Atomic Dome

The following appeal was issued at the August 6 morning rally in front of the Atomic Dome:

## Hiroshima Appeal on August 6, 2015

Everybody gathering here in front of the Atomic Dome and people all over the world!

Today, August 6, 2015, we are commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing on Hiroshima, in the midst of a decisive battle over the security law. Just at this moment, the Prime Minister Abe, promotor of this war legislation, is present at the memorial ceremony here. How could we keep praying calmly and quietly in this serious situation? Now is the time to raise the voice to overthrow the Abe administration here in Hiroshima, responding to the mounting angry voices against his war drive in front of the Diet and nationwide.

Let us reflect back to what atrocities took place here 70 years ago today. Only for the profit of the capitalists, the 1%, 20 million of the Asian people were slaughtered; 2.3 million of the Japanese youth were sent to the battle fields to die; brutal air raids on the Japanese cities were repeated and the Battle of Okinawa was carried out in a most cruel way. And finally the drop of the atom bomb committed unprecedented massacre. In all 800 thousand people were killed at home.

Now with the same words and the same logic as the war criminals who waged this war, the capitalists, together with Abe and his advisers, Yoshiko Sakurai (a reactionary journalist) and the chairman of Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central) Yoshiyuki Kasai in the forefront, are desperately driving for war and intending to repeat Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Fukushima, suffering under the accident of the nuclear power plant, that is atomic bomb on the earth.

We pledge to overthrow the war mongers definitely on the occasion of August 6th, the 70th anniversary of atomic bombing. We will make the sorrow and anger of the atomic-bomb survivors our own and cry out at the top of

our voices, "No Wars! Down with Abe!". Abe and his surrounding tools like Yoshiko Sakurai shall know how deep the anger of Hiroshima against those who aims to repeat the war is.

The decisive and effective way to prevent war and nuclear war is neither governmental counter-measures like war bill and imperialists' military alliance nor nuclear deterrence and nuclear armament. Only the struggle of workers and people united against "1%", namely capitalists, can crush war. In face of the final stage of capitalism and the catastrophic bankruptcy of neoliberalism, workers are rising up for their lives in the world, headed by Greek, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese workers.



August 6, morning March

We are here together with our comrades of the KCTU (Korean Confederation of Trade Unions) who are standing for repeated general strikes at this very moment.

As Abe plans implementation of the security law or war legislation for the preparation of imperialist war in the Korean Peninsula, China, and East Asia, Japanese and Korean workers are forging unity and are vigorously organizing general strike together.

We are issuing an urgent appeal for establishing strong international solidarity to stop impending imperialist war and nuclear war from Hiroshima, a historical place where World War II, an imperialist war, caused the most gruesome disaster ever on its final stage.

Doro Mito (National Railway Motive Power Union of Mito) has begun a strike to protest against continuous exposure to radiation of union members, passengers, residents and nuclear plant workers. It is here that the prospects to prevent the road to another Hiroshima and Nagasaki and war lie. It is here that there is hope.

Let's refuse radiation exposed-working and prevent the next world war and nuclear war! The power is in international solidarity of workers and worldwide general strikes.

We declare here in Hiroshima on August 6th, the 70th anniversary of atomic bombing to launch historical grand action to stop war legislation and restart of NPP and to overthrow Abe.

## August 9 Nagasaki 70<sup>th</sup> A-Bomb Anniversary



Mr. Sumiteru Taniguchi (86), the chair of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council, spoke at the official Memorial Ceremony on August 9th of Nagasaki City where the Prime Minister Abe was present and received by A-bombs survivors' angry voices despite all the government efforts to repress them.

At the last year's Nagasaki ceremony, the representative of A-bomb survivors, Ms [Miyako Jodai](#) made harsh condemnation of Abe's destruction of the Constitution and war mongering policy. She was excluded this year from the preparation meetings of the ceremony; she spoke at the Hiroshima Grand Action on August 6 and Nagasaki NAZEN (No Nukes Zenkoku Network) Rally on August 9.



#### **Sumiteru Taniguchi's speech (excerpt)**

Today 70 years ago, an atomic bombing here killed in an instant more than 70,000 people. This city turned into a hell on earth. Everywhere dead bodies lay scorched black; people with exposed inner organs were wandering; voices came from under the wrecks for help in vain; this scene did not end even after the night came in hellfire.

The hell continued long and serious injury occurred deep under the skins of survivors, often causing cruel deaths.

When the bomb exploded, I was 16 years` old mailman. As I was running by bicycle, a violent storm suddenly blew me down on the street at 1.8 kilometer from the ground zero. My skin was burned off and my back became all naked. Curiously enough, without pain or bloodshed, I started loitering.

It was only after I slept two nights in the mountain when the rescue team came. I spent three years and seven months in the hospital, half of which period I was obliged to lie on my stomach because of heavily injured back. By the pressure in the bed for a long time, my bones got rotten and my chest has been disfigured till today.

All the survivors including myself were totally abandoned for 12 years without any effective remedy and support from the state and were forced to strive to keep subsistence by ourselves.

Finally in 1956, the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council was set up, encouraged by the start and development of the Anti-Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs Movement which had been motivated by the Bikini disaster by the US hydrogen bomb experiment on the Pacific Ocean.

After the war, the Constitution was enacted in which Japan promised to the world that it would never wage war or take up weapons again.

However, there is now an attempt to return to the wartime era by forcing through approval of the right to collective self-defense and an amendment to the constitution.

The security bills which the government is trying to push through would jeopardize our long-time movement for nuclear abolition and hopes of Hibakusha. We cannot accept this.

Nuclear weapon is in its essence atrocious and anti-human. The majority of the world inhabitants are raising their voices to demand its abolition.

I pledge here to succeed the will of my numerous friends and colleagues who were fallen in these 70 years and to keep telling to the whole world what really happened in the past days as a survived witness as long as I live. It is my word to all the peace-loving people.

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## **Restart of Sendai Nuclear Power Plant in the most active volcanic and seismic area**

The wrecked Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is still in very dangerous situation. No one knows whereabouts of the melted down nuclear rods. The Tepco (Tokyo Electric Power Company) is still dumping huge amount of contaminated water and gases. Even a recriticality accident cannot be excluded.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority raised the nuclear workers' limit of radiation exposure from 20 mSv/y to 100 mSv/y after the Fukushima Daiichi explosions and meltdowns in 2011 and recently from 100 mSv/y to 250 mSv/y. The situation in Fukushima Daiichi NPP is so critical that workers' exposure have already reached 100 mSv limit.

In Fukushima Prefecture, 127 child thyroid cancer cases (including suspected cases) were found.

Despite all this outrageous situation, the government and the Kyushu Electric Power Company dared to restart Sendai NPP on August 11.

The Sendai Nuclear Power Plant is located in southern part of Kyushu Island where the most active volcanos and seismic fields are concentrated. In fact, on August 15, the eruption of Sakurajima Volcano—50km (31 mile) from the Sendai NPP—reached “level 4”; people living near the volcano began to evacuate.



Sakurajima Volcano eruption, August 17, 2015



Stop restart of Sendai NPP! Rally in front of the Sendai NPP on August 10, 2015



The secretary of Doro-Mito, sister union of Doro-Chiba, spoke from the podium against the nuclear industry that inherently requires workers exposed to radiation on the job. He called the nuclear power plant workers in Sendai to wage a strike and to stop its restart.