

Organizations Globally Condemn the Fascism of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM)

Launch Annual Month of Action to Shut Down AFRICOM

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October 1, 2024, marks the start of the 4th International Month of Action Against AFRICOM (U.S. Africa Command), organized by the Black Alliance for Peace (BAP). Every year, hundreds of organizations around the world endorse and participate in this Month of Action, standing united against the presence of the United States' ongoing military presence in African nations across the continent.

International Month of Action Against AFRICOM will kick off with an <u>international</u> <u>webinar</u> (<u>click to register</u>) featuring voices from the African continent and diaspora expressing the need for the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops and a complete end to the combatant command.

Following the webinar individuals and organizations will engage in a month of autonomous and semi-autonomous actions and events designed to elevate this issue in the public consciousness around the world and encourage the continuation of the resistance against U.S. imperialism.



AFRICOM is the brainchild of the Heritage Foundation. The plan was incubated twenty-one years ago, with an eye towards low-priced natural resources and control over African security affairs under the guise of the "Global War on Terror."

Launched by the George W. Bush administration and brought to full operation by the Barack Obama administration, AFRICOM is most known for the destruction of Libya resulting in tens of thousands dead, and millions displaced. The U.S. continues to refine and expand the tactics employed in Libya across the continent.

This year's Month of Action Against AFRICOM comes at a pivotal geopolitical moment for Africa.

The continent is experiencing widespread anti-neocolonialist movements including:

- (1) the successful expelling of AFRICOM from Niger,
- (2) admission and evidence that U.S. ally Ukraine has supported terrorism in Mali, and
- (3) popular mass mobilizations against governments propped up by the U.S. that are facing state repression, ie. Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda.

The Month of Action Against AFRICOM does not represent the full extent of BAP's work against the neocolonial occupation of Africa. BAP <u>continues to call</u> for the dismantling of NATO, AFRICOM and all imperialist structures. Africa and the rest of the world cannot be free until all Peoples can exercise their sovereignty and the right to live free of domination.

BAP's Demands include:

- The complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Africa;
- The demilitarization of the African Continent;
- The closure of U.S. bases throughout the world;

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) oppose the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and conduct hearings on AFRICOM's impact on the African continent, with the full participation of members of U.S. and African civil society.

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