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No War With Iran CBTU Stands Against Any Military Action Towards Iran

On Saturday, June 21, the United States attacked three sites in Iran. This was done exclusively by the Executive Office, without any sanctioning or endorsement by the US Congress – the only legislative body that has the ability to declare war. This was an act of aggression that is going to drown this country in an unnecessary war where millions of civilians will die and suffer for no reason. CBTU stands against this government's actions towards Iran.

For decades we have heard about Iran's ability to develop nuclear weapons. Under the Obama administration there was a deal struck that would prohibit Iran from building nuclear arms with international oversight. Trump destroyed that deal and instead goaded Iran with continuous threats. Iran did begin to develop nuclear energy, something very different than a nuclear bomb. They were only able to do this because the US removed any oversight or guard rails to prevent this. Nonetheless, the actions of Iran did not warrant military aggression or intervention. Instead, it was Israel that decided it was time to wage war, and this government, being led by the nose, has unnecessarily joined the conflict.

CBTU does not support Iran gaining nuclear weapons. As an organization we oppose all nuclear proliferation as it is a death sentence for humanity worldwide. CBTU also does not support senseless wars that will cause the suffering of millions and the destruction of billions of dollars of infrastructure. The attacks on Iran will inflame their war hawks and drive the US into another endless and dangerous war in the Middle East. Have we not learned the lessons of Iraq and Afghanistan?

There are millions of innocent Iranians who are now living in a war zone due to the actions of both Israel and US. There was no tangible reason for any direct military action or engagement. Israel started a battle with Iran and successfully dragged this country into their conflict. CBTU cannot be quiet in the face of human suffering and oppression. CBTU opposes this conflict, opposes this president who continues to violate the constitution, and opposes the actions of the Netanyahu government for starting and expanding the conflict in Iran. CBTU is for peace, justice, and equity – not war, conquest, and oppression. CBTU encourages all chapters, members, and allies, to call their elected officials and tell them to stand in opposition to this war and actions by the Executive Office.