

# Condemn Russian Invasion of Ukraine

*Japan Asia Africa Latin America Solidarity Committee (Japan AALA) issued a statement on February 25, 2022, condemning Russian military invasion of Ukraine and calling on an immediate end to military action.*

Ignoring world public opinion calling for a diplomatic solution to the Ukrainian problem, Russia launched a large-scale military invasion of all of Ukraine on February 24. This armed action is a flagrant violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and a clear violation of the UN Charter and international law, which requires all states refrain from "the threat or use of force" in international relations.

No pretext given by President Putin in his invasion can justify this act against law and humanity. The military invasion has reportedly resulted in many casualties, including civilians, Japan AALA strongly condemns Russia's actions and call on the Russian military to immediately cease its military operations and withdraw.

It is inexcusable that President Putin is blackmailing the world by flaunting his nuclear arsenal and even suggesting the first use of nuclear weapons in this crisis.

We believe the international public opinion, both in Russia and around the world will play a crucial role to stop Putin's reckless drive. Let us unite under the banner of "Stop the War", and stand in solidarity with the peoples of the world to isolate Putin administration.

Russia's use of military force will not only hinder the solution to the Ukrainian problems, but will further complicate the situation and deepen the crisis. We call for the following.

- (1) Russia and other countries concerned should continue diplomatic efforts to stop the war.
- (2) Russia and other countries concerned must respect Ukraine's sovereignty

and cease all external intervention; and

(3) The countries concerned should assist the Ukrainian people to restore order in an independent, democratic, and peaceful manner to resolve the problems in the country, including the issue of the ethnic minorities,

Japan AALA Solidarity Committee has supported national liberation movements around the world and promoted solidarity with those who are fighting for sovereignty and independence. From this standpoint, we oppose all forms of hegemony by the major powers and call for the dissolution of the military alliances and blocs that have been the background of the current crisis.

Longing for a peaceful and just world, Japan AALA will work for a non-nuclear, non-aligned, and neutral Japan, free from the yoke of the Japan-U.S. military alliance as soon as possible.

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