

Greetings from your Ukrainian comrades!

I represent the Operation Solidarity organisation. We are a network of volunteers, created by and for antiauthoritarian activists. We are sending you our antifascist and revolutionary greetings, and we want you to know that Ukraine has antiauthoritarian forces who, with weapons in their hands, are battling imperialism; who are organising structures of mutual aid and solidarity; who are actively helping war victims and refugees; who are dreaming and building a new world, a world without poverty, subjugation, violence and war. Who are creating a world, where there's space for equity, dignity, respect, freedom, solidarity, and camaraderie. And in order to create this world, we need your support and assistance. Today, right at this very moment, it's important to remind ourselves that the danger of fascism hasn't dissipated, that it is real and tangible. It is in bombs that fall upon civilians, it is in raped women and children, it is in the bullets of occupying forces, it is in the commands of crazed politicians. It stems from the people, who accept and endorse these commands. It is in the horrors of war and the nightmares of authoritarian powers.

"Never again!" were the words spoken by yours and our ancestors.

"Never again!" we screamed as we walked through the streets of our cities.

"Never again!" was the cry of those who understood first-hand what fascism was. It was the cry of antifascists, leftists, antiauthoritarians, anarchists.

"We can repeat it again!" replies Putin and the Russian invading forces. Lukashenko echoes them.

Erdogan joins in, sending his murderers to exterminate the proud and dauntless Kurdish people. "We can repeat it again!" — repressions, terror, torture, genocide, forced assimilation, mass destruction — is the response of other imperialist leaders. Because fascism, as history has shown us, goes hand-in-hand with imperialism: in Russia, Belarussia, Turkey, Syria, China and other states.

Today more than ever it is crucial to understand that you cannot call yourself an antifascist if you extend your support to Putin and Lukashenko, Russia and Belarussia. This isn't an endorsement of Zelenskyy, the United States or NATO, as there are active fighters for liberation in Ukraine. And if you are an antifascist as you claim to be, you must stand with our revolutionary forces. If you are a leftist, you must join your comrades and offer us aid in whichever way is most accessible to you: digitally, financially, personally. We are conducting a defensive war. We are defending ourselves, our families, our friends, our communities, our personal dignity, our future and our very existence. We are fighting for our people and for the preservation of our history.

For us, being an antifascist, leftist, antiauthoritarian, or anarchist means opposing authoritarianism, opposing both dictatorial regimes and the neoliberal order, opposing repressions and state-sanctioned violence, opposing the depletion of natural resources. Being an antifascist means opposing the escalation of Putin's warmongering. Being an antifascist means standing with us and supporting Ukrainian comrades!

I want you to realise that the frontlines of this battlefield don't end on Ukrainian soil. They extend to every country, every city, every street. It has been this way forever. And if your comrades have assumed a pacifist — or, worse yet, a pro-russian — stance, it means that the time has come to reevaluate their philosophical, political and ethical foundations, to rethink where they've strayed from their path and try to redirect their course. Because if Russia wins its war against Ukraine, you'll be next in line. The entirety of Europe will be next in line.

A revolutionary and antifascist greeting from your Ukrainian comrades. With hope, joy, and righteous rage in our hearts!