



# DOWN WITH THE KAZAKH DICTATORSHIP

Russian autocrat Vladimir Putin has sent troops into Kazakhstan to prop up a corrupt dictatorship facing a popular uprising.

Russia is one of the world's most heavily armed imperialist superpowers. It has close economic and strategic links with Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan is prime real-estate. It is a major producer of oil, gas, and minerals. It lies astride China's planned Belt-and-Road initiative. It has attracted \$330 billion of direct foreign investment since 1991.

But it is run by a corrupt oligarchic dictatorship. Neoliberal economic policies have hoovered wealth to the top. Former dictator Nursultan Nazarbayev and his family have accumulated vast wealth from banking, construction, gas, and other industries.

The protests began in response to rising energy prices, but have quickly expanded into a general uprising against corruption, cronyism, inequality, and poverty. Government buildings have been attacked, police vehicles torched, and statues torn down.

Dozens have been killed in clashes with troops. Thousands are now in detention.

The Russian-backed regime has made token concessions – a sign of weakness – but is determined to smash the popular movement with brute force. But some police and troops have joined the uprising.

The struggle has been spearheaded by oil, gas, and mine workers. Networks of local popular councils are emerging to coordinate the resistance. Kazakh socialists are demanding an end to state repression, full political freedom, and nationalisation of large-scale industry under workers' control.

They have also called for international solidarity. The Kazakh Solidarity Campaign is determined to respond to that call. Join us.

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