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## ***Ángeles Maestro: "This weekend there was a "summit for peace" to whitewash the Spanish government, and a counter-summit "No to NATO, Bases Out"***

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Ángeles Maestro is a doctor, an active anti-capitalist fighter within the Spanish State, and at the same time an internationalist militant who has embraced the causes of Cuba and Venezuela, those of the Middle East, with Palestine as a fundamental reference, and those of the Saharawi people in their struggle against the Moroccan occupation. She, as it should be, was one of the referents of the counter-summit "NATO No, Bases out" that this weekend deliberated in Madrid and won the streets against the meeting that the

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multinational war corporation will hold there. These are his opinions that help to clarify and form what that lethal alliance means that today continues to put the world on the edge of the abyss.

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**Viernes 24 - 18:00**  
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Call: NATO Counter-Summit No, Bases out. Madrid, 24 and 25 June

-Ángeles tells us a little about what happened this weekend in Madrid around the counter-summit held to denounce NATO, since we understand that there were two meetings instead of one.

-What has happened is that there has been a summit "For peace" that is the one that has occupied the space in the media, carried out by the political and union forces that support the government. That is, Unidas Podemos with Izquierda Unida inside, Comisiones Obreras, UGT, and satellite entities of these. I say that it has occupied the media space

because obviously these people have very important institutional subsidies, and media support and for the system it was absolutely essential that they be the voice "against" NATO. In fact, in the propaganda they made, the "No to NATO" was tiny, while in large letters appeared "For peace", so that it was a controlled message. That is, it happened as we have seen so many times, when in the meetings in which the peoples have tried to confront the crimes that these multinational organizations perpetrate, they have chosen to finance their own "position".

"How's that?"

-That is to say, that there are a series of NGOs, of political forces, trade unions, that make opposition with a small mouth, cover the supposed space of confrontation, which is not such, and contribute decisively to hide those who, from the greatest modesty of the lack of financing of all kinds, of subsidies, etc., we do have a discourse that directly confronts these criminal international institutions. So, there has been with all the spotlights on the scene a summit "for peace", at the headquarters of Comisiones Obreras in Madrid and then another counter-summit, which is effectively the only one that deserved such a name, which we have had to do in a working-class parish of Vallecas because we have been denied any type of installation related to the government, either municipal, which in Madrid governs the PP or state of the PSOE-Unidas Podemos.

-How did you do in this decision?

There modestly, but I think with a strength and coherence, which augur, I believe, solid bases to develop what is indispensable and what the Spanish state needs, revolutionary organizations, or coherently confronted with capitalism and develop a movement against imperialism and against NATO. There we have met, it has been important because in this movement practically all the platforms against NATO that have been created in the different towns of the Spanish state have converged. And when I say villages I mean, autonomous communities, small cities, in short, all except, Catalonia and Valencia in which the hegemony was held by these institutions that support the government. Therefore they have attended the summit "for peace" and in Sunday's demonstration they have swelled the ranks of those who were covering a space to whitewash support for the government and the NATO summit. We have converged, as I said, platforms from all the states, and also political organizations, some union, neighborhood organizations of Madrid, in short a plural conglomerate but with firm and shared ideological bases that

have been expressed in the communiqués and in this call to form the anti-imperialist movement and against NATO that represent an arc that we intend to be long-term.



### **Ante la cumbre de la OTAN** *Comunicado de la Plataforma Anti-OTAN de Zaragoza*

En los días 28 y 30 de junio tendrá lugar la cumbre de la OTAN en España, la primera desde hace 26 años en nuestro país. La Organización del Tratado del Atlántico Norte (OTAN) nació hace más de 70 años como una alianza militar imperialista para garantizar los intereses políticos y económicos de la clase dominante de Estados Unidos y de Europa, atacando desde entonces a los países que no se sometieron a los dictados de sus organismos financieros internacionales (FMI, Banco Mundial, etc.).

España entró en la OTAN de la mano del PSOE en 1982 para el refuerzo militar del pueblo a todo lo que supusiera un compromiso de España en los planes agresivos del imperialismo. Numerosas bases militares estadounidenses y de la OTAN han existido y existen a lo largo y ancho del territorio. En Zaragoza destaca el Centro de Adiestramiento Militar San Gregorio, la Base Aérea de Zaragoza y la Misión de apoyo Instalado SA.

La pertenencia a la OTAN supone la renuncia a la soberanía del país mediante más allá del ámbito militar, además de la renuncia al establecimiento de relaciones internacionales pacíficas. Bajo la dirección de EEUU, la OTAN ha dejado un rastro de sangre y destrucción por donde se pasa; agresiones imperialistas que han costado millones de muertos, heridos y desplazados, países completamente destruidos, hambrientos y desolados. En su caso, los imperialistas destruyeron y destruyeron Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libia, Afganistán, Siria, Siria, muchos pueblos del pantano de una guerra y devastadora guerra mundial.

Como ejemplo de esta política de soberanía que mencionamos, destacan los recientes acontecimientos relacionados con el Sudeste de España como una segunda intromisión imperialista y esta vez sobre el territorio y los recursos estratégicos de los Estados Unidos.

La cumbre que tendrá lugar en Madrid servirá para adoptar una nueva estrategia militar en el marco del nuevo escenario mundial en el que China, Rusia y otros países emergentes suponen un desafío para los grandes intereses económicos de los imperialistas. Por ello, esta cumbre servirá para la base de bases con grandes planes de expansión y dominación. Si los imperialistas, mediante recursos de la guerra, ante mundo se les obliga a quedar quiétopos. No reconocen otro camino a la vida que los países que emprendieron la guerra, simplemente para ello se multiplican medidas primarias para atacar y atacar a una multitud de países contra otros para que nos matemos.

El Estado español como buen estado, no ha dudado la más mínima en colaborar a los países de los imperialistas y mostrar su agresividad hacia Rusia. Si lo que progredían los imperialistas "no se de guerra en caliente" también tenemos armamento y destinados a la actividad militar. El número de bases, correspondientes a un ejército militar.

Mientras el alto cargo de la OJ, Xosha Bermejo, anunciaba que "habrá un guerra", Pedro Sánchez dice que los recursos que se han a tomar "son un estado y una el agua en el ejército". En resumen, que seremos los multiplicados quienes pagamos más caro la nueva aventura de destrucción y dolor que la OTAN ha planificado y promovido. Al nivel económico ya lo empezamos a notar por los precios de los productos básicos y la inflación por los costos. Desde el Gobierno de PSOE y UP se nos lleva a la guerra "para hacer frente a una guerra fría", es decir, "caliente" para mostrar ante mundo, donde los imperialistas atacaron y poder los recursos militares. Ellos se enfrentan todos.

Es por ello que diversas organizaciones sociales y políticas y decenas de actividades en apoyo hemos decidido mostrar nuestro rechazo a las políticas imperialistas. A los multiplicados no se nos ha permitido nada en esta ni en otras tantas guerras promovidas por la OTAN. No nos dejamos emboscar. No queremos ser cómplices de la política de alijer y resaca, de agresiones y guerras imperialistas, y hemos de rechazar de forma rotunda la participación en sus guerras.

Por lo tanto, nos oponemos firmemente a la celebración de la cumbre de esta organización criminal en nuestro país. Los multiplicados hemos de apostar por la salida inmediata de la OTAN, el desmantelamiento de las bases militares militares y por el principio de coexistencia pacífica entre pueblos.

**¡No a la guerra imperialista, la cumbre de la OTAN y sus agresiones!**

-Does this rupture come from before or did it arise in the trajectory of the same meeting convened by those sectors that you point out as related to the government?

-First of all, it must be said that there was never the slightest temptation or willingness of ours to go to this "summit for peace", that was very clear from the first moment. However, the rupture occurred late. Not so much in relation to the summit, as it was clear from the beginning that that summit was the government's summit, but in all the preparations for the demonstration. In such a way that we began to hold the meetings in the month of November and the break with the decision to form a bloc clearly that said "NATO NO – Bases Out" and denouncing the complicity of the government in the preparation of the summit, did not occur until the first half of May, that is, very late. That I think was one of our mistakes, because when you have few resources, the main resource is time. The time to get to many places, to be able to debate, to be able to bring together, to be able to organize. That I think was one of our mistakes, which was inevitable because there were organizations that bet from the first moment on "unity, unity", an impossible unity, because we wondered how we are going to go together with those who are with a government that is organizing, financing, buying Tasers to attack the protesters who dared to confront the NATO summit, and on the other hand those who oppose it. But the spark that triggered the rupture was something incredible: while the American bases, that is, the power of the United States on Spanish soil, are only strengthening and expanding – in fact the bilateral agreement between the Spanish government and that of the United States has been renewed at the end of May – there were satellite organizations of those who are supporting the government who pretended that the fight against the bases was already outdated, that it was an antique and that we were out of reality. It was something very shocking, because let's say that in NATO you can infer that there are many governments, but in a bilateral treaty with the United States it is this government directly involved and the one that has made the decisions, there is no broader collective there, it is directly the Spanish government. Then, there the rupture precipitated. For many organizations that are in this long-term battle, the fact of having consummated that rupture is the guarantee of credibility in the future. If we had gone in a procession, in a procession behind ministers, behind organizations that are having the most aggressively imperialist positions for decades, then of course, we would have little credibility to make that call for the formation of a long-term movement. Especially when right now, not only the front against Russia in Eastern Europe is opened, but something that directly concerns Spain, the Spanish state

and is what they call the NATO of North Africa, which at the moment is carrying out military maneuvers with Israel. For the first time, the state of Israel, openly, forms military maneuvers with Morocco and other countries, I do not know if Egypt finally accepted, because it is very serious that an Arab country is participating with Israel in NATO maneuvers. That is directly related to the infamy that the Spanish government has made a little more than a month ago, to recognize the sovereignty of Morocco over the Sahara, which has opened not only military maneuvers, but as always happens, military coverage is the guarantee of the action of Israeli, Spanish and Moroccan multinationals that are making oil extractions in Saharawi waters to get hold of the resources not only of North Africa but also of the Sahel and directly involving the Canary Islands.



Family photo of the allies at the NATO summit in Madrid. Photo Luis Sevillano



From left to right, Pedro Sánchez, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Boris Johnson, Joe Biden and Jens Stoltenberg, listen from Madrid to the intervention by videoconference of the Ukrainian president, Volodímir Zelenski. Europa Press. Photo source: [El País Internacional](#)

-We would like you to explain how Podemos acted in this instance, we have read statements that they, although they claimed to be against NATO, at the same time do not want to ruin the assembly that Pedro Sánchez has prepared to receive NATO in these days Effectively. I believe that just as they did with the Spanish transition, which they sold in Latin America as the democratic way out of the dictatorships of Argentina, Chile, Brazil and other countries, effectively what it served is to perpetuate all the structures of power, and above all the state apparatuses were in the hands of the same sectors as in the Franco regime. Something similar has happened with Podemos. At this point I think it is almost impossible to deny the role of Podemos at one point, Podemos arises with the crisis of 2009 – 2011 with the great mass mobilizations, with the terrible tensions in Greece, where Syriza also emerges trying to confront the austerity policies of the European Union. However, the dangerous thing for power is that people were on the street, millions were on the street. It was first the 15M, then the Marches of Dignity demanding the non-payment of the debt, and in that contact of street struggle and popular rebellion, a bet of electoral channeling of all that social unrest arises. That is, we are going to vote for this, but look how nice, they will be able to get us a ballot box, we put the vote and thus all the problems are solved. Indeed, as the CP demonstrated in the transition, now Podemos at a faster rate and with more decomposition, has shown what the supposed left is for in governments or by supporting political processes. What these people are selling is the popular demobilization and confusion of the working class and the people regarding their own goals. That is the silver platter that these political forces provide to power, which serve to whitewash the policies of repression in the labor field, in the field of freedoms and now, of the militarization of society. For example, in Spain and in the rest of the European Union, a national security law is in process in which the president of the government can declare a kind of *covert state of exception* that allows the requisition of goods, of course of the poor, since they will not requisition assets of multinationals or large banks, compulsory personal benefits without the right to compensation. They also propose the persecution of all news, which does not have to be false, which according to them contributes to national impeachment. You have already made a *Ministry of Truth*, that is already created.





A ministry of Truth? What is it about?

It is an institution designed to persecute any news and anyone they consider to be a danger to national stability, without the need to declare it false. And at the head of that they have put a general, General Ballesteros, and that is already in force in the Spanish state. Of this barbarity, Podemos, Izquierda Unida, or anyone has not been heard to say anything. That's why I alert people of good faith who tend to look for easy ways. I understand that voting is very simple, but it is a mirage, it is a very dangerous illusion that all it does is delay and weaken the tasks that are absolutely unpostponable and inescapable of the working class and the peoples, which is to confront the most savage capitalism and the most criminal imperialism that those of us who are alive have seen. Right now, what is underway and we are going to see very soon, not because they are moral issues, not that they are more criminal than the others, but capitalism is in much sharper decline, and therefore, the risk to capital of a popular uprising taking place is stronger than ever. That is why, at this moment, when inflation is soaring, when food prices make life impossible, when the Davos International Forum itself has declared that 40% of the world's productive fabric must be destroyed, that means millions and millions of workers without work and without any hope of finding it. The militarization of the society that is underway, that is the panorama that awaits us, and these people, these so-called progressives, are collaborating decisively, on the one hand silent before the measures, and on the other hand contributing to people taking longer than necessary to analyze reality and make decisions.



A ministry of truth to govern them all

-Tell us about everything, what is your vision about what happened recently in Melilla, a border city with Nador, in Morocco, since we understand that there has been a huge m



assacre of migrants.

First, we must remember that there is a link with nato's actions in destroying Libya, which was the most prosperous country in Africa, the country with the greatest human development, which gave work to millions, not only libyans but people who migrated

from other African countries. In the destruction of Libya the Spanish government participated, remember that on that occasion the chief of the Army General Staff, was a military man who is in Podemos, I repeat, Julio Rodríguez, was the head of the Spanish army, who directed the bombings on Libya, that is a military man who is in the ranks and organs of direction of Podemos. I say this because concrete cases are worth a thousand arguments. Another of the phenomena on which US imperialism and the European Union are involved is that of the penetration of brigade members of the Al Nusra Front, Al Qaeda or ISIS, in African countries, in Nigeria, in Burkina Faso, in Mali, provoking massacres, destabilizing, so that later those governments that cannot defend themselves called France, to Britain, to the United States to defend them from terrorists. All this situation of destabilization has been accompanied by the depredation of natural resources, which makes countries that today have their people in misery, today are the richest countries in the world in natural resources, in fishing, in coltan, in lithium, in uranium, in aluminum, those raw materials that are stolen from them by the European and American multinationals. I say this because all this has, for a long time, made thousands and thousands of people, the strongest, the best prepared, cross as they can distances of thousands of kilometers, and try to get work in Europe. That has generated that for a long time in the surroundings of Melilla, in Moroccan territory, tens of thousands of people are camped as they can, waiting for an opportunity to sneak into Spanish territory. What I have explained is very important to understand: if the European and American multinationals did not plunder those countries, and had not destroyed the most important government that served as hope, identity and unity and African development, those people would not come here, those people do not come here to know the world, they come here desperately from their places. I repeat what I have said before, about what recognition has meant, the substantial change in the policy of the Spanish government, represented by the PSOE and Unidas Podemos, with regard to the rights of the Saharawi people and the betrayal that the recognition of Morocco's sovereignty over the Sahara entailed. So, what has happened in these days has been a huge crime that has not only been executed by the Moroccan police, instigated by the government, but the people who were camped in the vicinity of the fence of Melilla, were being instigated to despair, their tents were burned, their food and water were taken away, the Moroccan police were adding fuel to the fire to a situation that had only one way out, and that was the fence of Melilla. They incited to jump there and then when people decide to do so, they go and kill them. That is what has happened, and for that reason, the criminal government of the PSOE and Unidas Podemos

has immediately congratulated the Moroccan government and police for the killing of dozens of migrants. That's what they've done. they are stained with blood, with the blood of people from villages that they themselves plunder, it is as you well know what happens in Latin America. That is the action of imperialism, that is the action of the multinationals, but when there are dead in between we must say very loud and very clear who the criminals are, in this case it is the Spanish government that has used the Moroccan police as henchmen, but let us ask ourselves who is the intellectual author of the crime and who has applauded the crime, and that is none other than the Spanish government. It is very important, it is not the first time it has happened, but in these proportions, with this instigation and with this political framework of which Spain is going to be part of the NATO of North Africa with the state of Israel, Morocco, etc. as I said, to steal by armed hand, never before better said, the riches of the Saharawi people and the rest of the African countries. This is the moment in which all that is clearly visualized, there probably has not been a precedent as transparent as the one that the events of this weekend have allowed us to visualize.



Masacre en Melilla: «ninguna investigación sobre la muerte de los migrantes»

-It's very clear what you're saying. That is NATO, that is capitalism acting and staged by governments like the Spanish, which still have the gall to call themselves "left" and generate more confusion than already exists.

-To finish, two ideas, to reinforce what you are saying. On the one hand, the action of the Spanish power is a clear behavior of lackey before its lords, highlighting how the security of the southern flank of Europe is guaranteed against the human waste that tries to pass the fence, and how effectively just before the NATO meeting those corpses of young workers are put on a platter before the criminals who are going to be in Madrid gathered. Those who are going to dine at the Prado Museum and who are going to be entertained as if they were decent people when in reality they are the waste of humanity and the scum of civilization.

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