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# We will not allow Putin's unjust attacks on the ICC as he continues his invasion of Ukraine.

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Recently, on the 19th, our association issued a statement saying, "Let's stand in solidarity with Nobel Peace Prize winner Piray against Trump's despicable attacks against the Akane ICC director."

However, alongside Trump, Russia's Putin has also attacked the ICC through unjust sanctions against senior staff, including Director Akane.

The brutal war of aggression against Ukraine by Russia, which began in February 2022, continues to this day, resulting in immense destruction and sacrifice.
Immediately after the unjust outbreak of war, our association issued a protest statement saying, "As global citizens striving for peace through nonviolence, let us jointly protest President Putin's invasion of Ukraine and strongly demand the immediate cessation of armed attacks, withdrawal of troops, and a peaceful resolution of the issue" (March 5, 2022).

In March 2023, the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Putin on charges of war crimes for abducting children from occupied territories in Ukraine. However, in December 2025, Putin's Russia held a trial in absentia against several ICC judges, including Director Akane, and handed down prison sentences. Furthermore, in October of this year, they demanded extradition from several countries, including the Netherlands.

In August, the Trump administration in the United States added Director Akane and others to its sanctions list, and this month, it also designated the ICC itself as a target, intensifying unreasonable pressure including its dismantling.

After two catastrophic world wars, we must not allow the path toward 'making war illegal' and the rule of law in the international community be recklessly overturned by the collusion of dictators Trump and Putin, who have both fallen into hardship.

As global citizens aiming for peace through nonviolence, let us once again raise our deep ideals, protest together, and raise our voices!

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