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Long Live the International Women's Day!

BUT – We need more! Forward in the Building of an International and Socialist Women's Movement!

Article by Almedina Gunic, International Women's Secretary of the RCIT, 8th March 2019

From Delhi to Seoul, from Lagos to Pretoria, from Caracas to Buenos Aires, from Moscow to Paris – several million women took the streets on International Women's Day 2018 to protest against oppression and sexism. The militants raised slogans for equal wage, full access to education, the end of violence against women, abortion rights and many more. For more than 24 hours women protests left a vivid mark in the public attention and provoked debates. All of this happened exactly one year ago. However, the world has not changed to the better for the working class women and oppressed since then.

In September 2018 a series of rapes – mainly against minors – shocked India. Every 13.5 minutes a woman is raped in that country. Since the movement against rape started in 2013, many women as well as their supporters developed in the field of self-defense. However, the sexual attacks against minors, especially against children, have reached a new high. In addition, the abuse of adult women has not decreased.

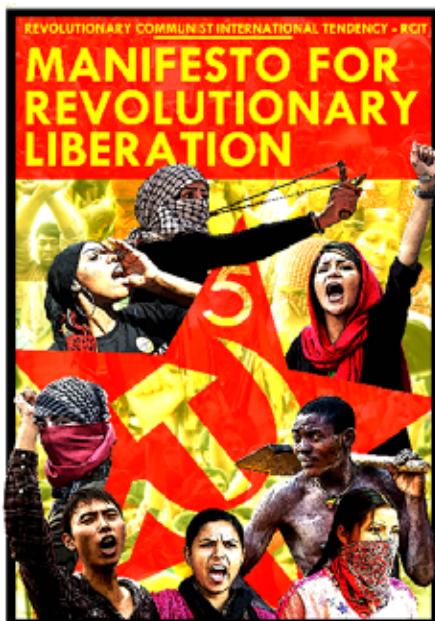
In the year of 2016 we have seen that 14 out of the 25 countries with the highest rate of femicide were located in Latin America. In an Oxford study from 2018 it is stated that 86% of young people aged 15 to 25 in the region of Latin America explained in a survey that they would not intervene if a friend of them would hit his girlfriend.

A number of local initiatives have formed in Ethiopia to protect school girls from child marriage. In the year of 2018, in average two in five young women under the age of 18 were forced to marry and give birth to children. The young women in South Africa protested the racist rules of the schools which regulated the hair styles to standards of Caucasian hair. Until today the schools have not changed their standards in this most wealthy and most developed country in Black Africa.

Black women in the United States suffer from the effects of racism on an incredibly high level. Two studies were published in 2018 saying that a well educated, healthy and wealthy white woman will have a much smaller risk for early death during pregnancy compared to poorer white women. A well educated, healthy and wealthy black woman is not only a rare phenomenon in the U.S. She will still have the highest risk of early death during pregnancy irrespective of her wealthy and well educated background and her good health. The only reason for this is the massive racism that results in less professional help by the health staff *irrespective* of the wealth of the black women.

These are just few examples of so many forms of oppression and exploitation of women worldwide. The International Women's Day is an important symbol of resistance. It mobilizes the women of the working class and the oppressed to take the streets and demand their rights. For this, we honor the 8th March each and every year. But this is not enough. A special day for the cause of women's liberation out of 365 days each year is not enough. Each and every day in this year and each and every day in the years ahead has to be a day of vivid protests for women's rights.

It is time to organize ourselves not only for this one day per year. It is time to build unity and solidarity of working class women internationally and consistently. It is time to make steps forward in the creation of an International and Socialist Women's Movement! We have to educate and organize ourselves in order to fulfill this task. Sisters all around the world, it is time to join the RCIT and to fight with the support of an international, revolutionary organization! It is time to prepare for the future! It is time to prepare for a Socialist Women's Movement that makes each day to an International Women's Day!



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Climatic War: Socialist Green New Deal or Great New Disasters!

A Socialist Outlook on the quest for a World Planned Economy

By Gbenga Oloniran, *Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (Sympathizing RCIT Section in Nigeria)*, 13 March 2019

From world war to civil war, to trade war and to climatic war – the effects of the free market economy have since been greatly felt and remain unending unless challenged, and for what we can tell, they have been disastrous.

Over the years, many of the imperialist nations have treated scientific warnings with levity.

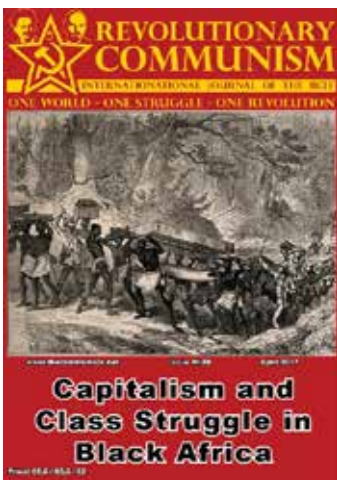
The concerns of the *Annex 1 countries* (these are basically the imperialist states in North America, Western Europe, Japan and Russia as well as a few other) have been more of theoretical analysis than an efficient address to the lingering climatic crisis. In the recent decades, the effects have been very disastrous against humanity and nature. This has however caused a haste revisiting to the question of having a sustainable development and of course a sustainable climate. The damage incurred from natural disasters of the storms surges, tsunamis, flooding, diseases and other weather related problems, have mounted pressures on the world's ruling elite and have driven a more aggressive discussion about addressing climate change.

The 2018 report of the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (IPCC) has confirmed the average global warming to be at 1°C with an increasing rate of about 0.1°C per year. The global warming is moving by the current rate to an estimate of 1.5°C by the year 2030 and if not addressed,

will reach 2°C by 2050 and towards the end of the century, say 2100. At this point, it would be capable of wrecking greatest and unquantifiable disasters that are better imagined than experienced.

Currently, Democrats (notably chaired by Representative Alexandria O. Cortez and Senator Ed Markey) have proposed to the U.S Congress a so-called *Green New Deal* which aims to limit the already unavoidable disaster to an anticipated level as pertaining to the 1.5°C of global warming to be reached by 2030 even in the application of the Green New Deal.

Hypocritically, this sensitive global matter begging for actions has since been reduced to mere debate in the U.S Senate and is even wearing out of discussion. This is not surprising. Despite its reformist limitations, even the Green New Deal is too much for advocates of neoliberalism. This is because the Green New Deal aims, or so it claims, at achieving net zero emissions, food, job and health security for all including better workers benefits, overhauling of the transport system, upgrading of household facilities to suit the green energy revolution, compensation for the masses, and safeguarding the future for the future generations. This, as public-oriented as it sounds, appears to challenge the profits of the private investors, not only that it overhauls their current mode of industrialized productions but also that it aims at breaching the gap



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between the rich and the poor.

Indeed, one cannot be surprised of the negligent gesture of the U.S imperialist President Trump who claimed that there is no climate change, or of the Chinese government that detests admitting to be responsible for climate crisis by their population and emissions from mechanized productions. The duo world powers claim the world benefits from their productions (emissions). But now, the whole world is at risk of looming environmental tragedies.

These gestures are aimed at protecting the profits of private and heavy carbon-dependent producers. Because despite the world powers' hypocritical claims, Germany still possesses considerably clean streets and environments, but pollutes heavily in South Africa where it makes productions.

What is apparent however is that the effects of the climatic problems are getting bigger even in these Great Power nations. The U.S for instance is threatened by flooding in its coastal regions such as Baltimore, Miami, Carolina and Florida. The "Inside Climate News" revealed that more than 20 days of high-tide flooding, due to rising sea level, occurred in Boston, Atlantic City, Texas etc between May 2017 and April 2018.

Summarily, further rise in global warming beyond 1.5°C is a call for drastic wildfires in our forests, rapid flooding, heat stress, great animal species extinctions in their hundreds of thousands, hunger and poverty particularly in Africa and other parts of the world by the reason of a temperature and drought that would no longer be sustainable for agricultural production.

The greatest contributions to global warming are however from the great power regions; the EU, U.S, Asia, Europe etc. Although African countries contribute less significantly to the global warming, but the devastating effects of climate change do not spare any geographical territory or boundary. It is why South Africa has been at greater risks, and why Lagos has experienced many flooding in recent years due to (1) increasing anthropogenic activities and (2) The region's close proximity to the Atlantic ocean and of course, to the effects of rise in sea level.

Basically, the uncontrolled production in free market economy leads to uncontrolled emissions and neglect of climatic warnings. Having to combat this menace is a shift of the discussion to the socialists who advocate a world-wide planned economy regulated by the working majority of the world. There should be no doubt: without such planning, the global challenge of climate change cannot be solved.

While we have no illusion in reformist concepts like the *Green New Deal* advocated by liberal U.S Democrats, we support every single step which helps combating the climate catastrophe. Clearly, any meaningful reform program must be directed against those responsible for the climate disaster – the capitalist corporations and the imperialist Great Powers. It must aim to improve the living conditions of the working masses. The means to achieve any progress must not focus on empty debates in parliaments but on radical pressures and mass mobilizations of the workers and youth. The working class and youth across the globe must fight for a world planned production as against the indiscriminate, excessive production and pollution being done by the world capitalists at the expense of endangered human sustenance and depletion of natural resources. Furthermore a 21st century public education must be funded across the globe to meet up with solving the global challenge.

In support of March 15 Global #CLIMATESTRIKE #FRIDAYSFORTHEFUTURE #SAVETHEPLANET

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Zimbabwe: The Cyclone Idai and the Clueless Government

Report (with Pictures) by Eddy Ziyera, Correspondent of the RCIT in Zimbabwe, 25 March 2019

Disasters are and will always be part and parcel of life. By being domiciled on mother earth means that we accept the phenomenon that disasters are never far away.

This short discussion acknowledges that we cannot prevent natural disasters like cyclones, earthquakes, landslides, hurricanes and droughts from happening.

However, it is the firm belief of this contributor that people through their own agency and also through elected governments or unelected usurpers of power who install and constitute themselves as government through skulduggery can do more to mitigate the effects of such disasters on the people and the environment.

While cyclone Idai was a natural disaster, the heinous consequences that led to deaths and destruction coupled with human suffering was also "man made" manifested through brazen dereliction of duty, incompetence, impotence, cruelty and leadership failure. The blood and tears of the people is on them.

With all the early warnings of an impending cyclone two weeks before, the government failed dismally to plan and take mitigatory steps.

On Friday the 15th of March 2019, Zimbabwe was hit by an angry devastating cyclone named Idai. The cyclone struck with deadly force previously unseen or experienced.

The cyclone had its origins in the Mozambican channel and engulfed the port city of Beira, which is Zimbabwe, Malawi, DRC, and Zambia gateway to the sea.

Beira, a city of more than half a million residents at one time, was 100% under flood waters cutting off power and all essential services. The death toll in Mozambique is expected to hit the 1000 mark.

In Zimbabwe, the eastern part which include Mutare (provincial capital of Manicaland province), Chimanimani and Chipinge were knocked the hardest. Up to 300 have been confirmed dead while hundreds more are missing in Chimanimani.

At one school called Dzingire primary school, 39 learn-

ers and four teachers were swept away and remain on the missing list.

Meteological data from the met office show that on the 15th to the 16th of March, Chipinge and Chimanimani had received up 600mm of rain.

The result was total desolation. It's a disaster of cataclysmic proportion. The cyclone driven by a vengeful wind travelling at 150km, massive rain of 600mm per square meter in two days was accompanied by the devil himself, massive stones that crushed lives and homes and mudslides that buried the victims.

The government of Zimbabwe led by Mr Mnangagwa is funny and brazenly vapid. Apart from pick pocketing power from old Robert Mugabe, this government has never shown its commitment as a government of the people and for the people. Its policies are neo-liberal and have been at odds with the poor, organized labour and other social groups.

The cyclone made its land fall on the 15th of March leaving a trail of destruction. Up to 4,000 families lost their livelihoods, homes and family members in Chimanimani.

Kopa, a service centre of more than 100 government houses and residents, was wiped off. Only boulders no one knows where they came from occupy the place now.

The cardinal rule that the "first 48 hours" are the most important whenever disaster strikes is a missing page in the governments' rule book of disaster management.

It's saddening to note that the first initial relief to reach Chimanimani got there Monday through efforts of private citizens who hired a helicopter to bring in medicines while the government issued excuse after excuse why they were failing to act in order to save lives. Meanwhile the poor people had been involved in search and rescue operations since the day of the cyclone. Using basic tools, they dug out and retrieved the injured and the dead as the government went to sleep.

The fact that Chimanimani had been rendered inaccessible by road doesn't mean there were no other alternatives like army helicopters. A whole army battalion could have

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been deployed for search and rescue operations.

It is funny that the government has a penchant for spending resources on some junkets and trips that serve their egos and not the people.

The government's lacks adequate forward assessment, no planning, and no mitigation. As always, our rulers are depending on donors and the international community to come to our rescue and so national resources are best allocated to the lavish welfare of the blood sucking ruling elites.

The governments' claims it has put up \$50 million (\$US 20 million) towards disaster alleviation is an amount far too insignificant. Remember, the president alone in 2019 has spent almost \$400 million dollars (\$US) hiring expensive private jets travelling across the globe. In January he hired a Swiss jet to Russia for two weeks at a staggering cost of \$US 74,000 per hour (\$25 million for the whole period). On the eve of the cyclone disaster, he left for the united Arab Emirates aboard another hired plane costing \$12,500 per hour (\$300,000 per day) yet his government has the temerity to say it is short of resources assist those struck by the cyclone. If he can spend hundreds of millions Dollars on private jets for foreign travels, why can't he deploy the same resources towards the disaster?!

In Rusitu, the epicentre of the disaster where a whole township was swept away, government officials only got there Saturday 23 March, exactly a week after the disaster whipped the area. This is irresponsible!

The governments' response was lackadaisical and unacceptable. The President absconded to the UAE a day before the cyclone pounced. He only visited the area on Wednesday, 5 days after, only to abscond again Saturday the 24 March to Angola to attend a useless meeting instead of the disaster.

As days pass by, the severity of the plunder caused by cyclone Idai is slowly coming out. Places that were once homesteads lay desolate. Death is all around. The survivors mourn and groan.

However life will triumph over death and destruction. The people despite the pain and grief are slowly assuming agency again and will turn it around. As the political elites in their viscose underwear abscond in hired expensive aeroplanes, the poor are left to fret, perspire and expire. Idai is not the only disaster the people have to contend with. The much bigger disaster is capitalism, and its vestiges represented here by the government of Zimbabwe. It is time for revolution!

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We would like to draw the reader's attention to a number of statements and articles which the RCIT has published on Zimbabwe in the last period:

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Pictures from the devastations in Zimbabwe after the Cyclone Idai

The Terrorist Attack on New Zealand Mosques and Imperialist Hypocrisy

Defend our Muslim brothers and sisters against racism!

Organize to fight all racist, fascist and white supremacist gangs!

Support the global struggle against imperialist aggression and dictatorships!

Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 16 March 2019

1. The cold-blooded attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, by a fascist gunman has sent shockwaves around the world. Within a few minutes, the terrorist slaughtered 49 Muslims – men, women and children – who had no chance to escape. According to current information, 39 wounded people are being treated in hospitals, 11 in critical condition including a four-year-old girl.

2. We send our deep condolence to the families of the victims and to the whole Muslim ummah! Your pain is our pain. We call the workers and popular organizations around the world to show their solidarity and respect with the brothers and sisters!

3. While we don't know at this moment if the gunman was part of an organization or not, it is evident that this terrorist attack was not an isolated act. It was the inevitable result of a wave of Islamophobic chauvinism and racism which has been spread throughout the imperialist world. It is not by chance that the killer praised the US president as "a symbol of renewed white identity". Donald Dumb Trump, the German AfD, Italian's Salvini, the brutal oppression of Muslim peoples in China's East Turkestan, in Chechnya or in Kashmir – this is the environment of Anti-Muslim bigotry.

4. Do you remember the terrorist attack against the racist French magazine *Charlie Hebdo* – a racist magazine which spread hate-mongering against Muslim minorities? At that time, 17 people were killed. In reaction, the leaders of nearly all capitalist states around the world immediately travelled to Paris and marched hand in hand to show their

support for this racist magazine. They launched a global campaign "Je Suis Charlie" (I am Charlie) and organized solidarity demonstrations all over the world. Today, when a fascist kills 49 innocent Muslim migrants, what are these "world leaders" doing?! Will they come to Christchurch? Will they launch a global campaign "I am a Muslim"? We already know the answer!

5. We can best revenge the victims of this fascist mass murder by organizing a mass fight back against Islamophobia and racism. The workers and popular organizations must join forces in order to fight against all forms of discrimination and hate-mongering against migrants and, in particular, Muslim migrants! Identify racist and fascist groups and fight them! Don't trust the capitalist state but organize self-defense!

6. Furthermore we need active international solidarity with the resistance of the oppressed people against imperialist aggression and dictatorships! Defend the Syrian people fighting against the criminal regime of Assad and its Russian master; support the Chechen people suffering from the yoke of Russian imperialism and the butcher Kadyrov; defend the Uyghurs thrown by imperialist China into cynically called "reeducation camps"; support the Kashmiri people brutally suppressed by the Indian state; and defend the Afghan and Somali people resisting against U.S. imperialism and their local lackeys. Long live international solidarity! Long live the struggle for a free, socialist world!

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Algeria: Bouteflika Retreats! Now Let Us Defeat His System! Organize Committees of Action! For a General Strike and Popular Insurrection to bring down the regime! For a Workers and Poor Peasants Government!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 12 March 2019

1. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) welcomes the first victory secured by the revolutionary masses in Algeria! On 11 March the 82-year-old president, long-time dictator, Abdelaziz Bouteflika announced that he will not seek a fifth term. This is a first concession to the demands of the people who have been on the streets since 22 February.

2. However, no one should be fooled: while making this concession, the ruling elite tries to keep the system – based on the trinity of political authorities, army, and the oil corporation, Sonatrach, in power. While not running for a fifth term, Bouteflika has also postponed the country's presidential elections (originally scheduled for 18 April) to an unknown date. Instead, he intends to convene a national conference to discuss political reforms and a new constitution for the country. The conference “*will work to complete its mandate before the end of 2019*”. That means that Bouteflika will effectively stay on as president at least until the end of the year! The ruling elite wants to win time to manipulate a pseudo-transition process under its control!

3. The RCIT warns: this is an attempt of the ruling elite to keep their capitalist dictatorship in power. They might change the face at the top but not its essence! The task before revolutionary workers and students in Algeria is to *continue and deepen* the struggle with the opposite goal of bringing down the whole system! Workers, students, and poor peasants must organize themselves in *committees of action at work places, neighborhoods, universities and villages*. The people should overthrow the whole ruling elite by staging a *nation-wide, indefinite, general strike* leading to a popular insurrection. The goal must be the creation of a *workers and poor peasants government* based on popular committees of action. The insurgent masses should convene a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly*.

4. We repeat, it is crucial to replace not only a senile dictator but to smash the entire ruling elite – i.e. the capitalist army command that is closely interwoven with the wealthiest sectors of the bourgeoisie. We must learn the lesson of Egypt: if the military remains in power, the will

smash any popular and democratic resistance with an iron fist and drown it in blood!

5. No one should have any illusions in the imperialist Great Powers, including France and other European governments. The corporations from the U.S, Europe, Russia and China are focused on the exploitation of Algeria's huge oil and gas reserves. The European governments seek to bolster the capitalist regimes in North Africa (including the bloody dictatorship of General Sisi in Egypt) in order to stop migrants fleeing hunger and wars. The Great Powers, the army generals and the corporate bosses – they all work hand-in-hand against the insurgent people!

6. The RCIT calls on workers and popular movements internationally to rally in solidarity with the Algerian revolutionary masses! Let us unite this popular uprising with the ongoing liberation struggles in Syria, Palestine, Tunisia, Jordan, Iran, Yemen and other countries and work towards spreading the revolution to the entire Arab world and throughout the rest of Africa. Work towards connecting the insurgent masses of Algeria with the Yellow Vests in France!

7. The RCIT calls on activists to unite in a revolutionary party – in Algeria as well as internationally – based on a program of socialist liberation and solidarity with the struggles of workers and the oppressed in other countries. Join the RCIT in tackling this great task!

** Build committees of action at work places, neighborhoods, universities and villages!*

** Create self-defense committees!*

** Organize a general strike! Victory to the popular insurrection!*

** For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!*

** For a workers and poor peasants government!*

** Forward to the second wave of the Arab Revolution! Long live the socialist world revolution!*

** For a revolutionary party as part of a revolutionary world party!*

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Publications of the RCIT

The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

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Organize Committees of Action! For a General Strike and Popular Insurrection to bring down the regime! For a Workers and Poor Peasants Government!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 9 March 2019

1 We are witnessing the beginning of the Algerian Revolution. Since 22 February, tens of thousands of people have demonstrated every day against President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's bid for a fifth term. Mass demonstrations – including a student strike – have taken place in Algiers (where protests have been banned since 2001), Oran, and Constantine, as well as other towns and cities. The people are chanting slogans like “Hey Bouteflika, there won't be a fifth term”, “Al-shaab yureed isqat al-nidham!” (“The people want the downfall of the regime” – a slogan chanted many, many times since the beginning of the Arab Revolution 8 years ago!), “This is a republic, not a monarchy”, and “The people refuse Bouteflika and [his brother and adviser] Said”. Even the prestigious *National Organization of Mujahideen* – veterans who fought alongside Bouteflika in the 1954-1962 war of independence against France – has called on people to join the protests.

2. The 82-year old Bouteflika is an ailing dictator who took power in 1999. He suffered a stroke in 2013 and has not spoken in public since then. He spends most of his time in hospitals in France and Switzerland. Algeria has been a capitalist, military dictatorship since 1991 when the army command cancelled an election that an Islamist party was poised to win. A decade of barbarian repression followed in which an estimated 200,000 people were killed as the security forces crushed the insurgency. Today Bouteflika is a senile puppet for his brother, Said, and a handful of powerful generals.

3. The protests have been triggered – like all the other instances of the Arab Revolution – by the combination of rising poverty and inequality, as well as, an agonizingly corrupt dictatorship. Half of the population is under 30 but more than a quarter of those are unemployed. The country remains a capitalist semi-colony dependent on the imperialist world market. Oil, gas, and related products make up about 30% of Algeria's gross domestic product, while accounting for approximately 95% of the country's exports. When mass protests erupted in 2011 – as part of the Arab Revolution – the regime was able to pacify them through a program of state social policies. This included subsidizing basic food items, wage increases, and the creation of employment opportunities within the public sector. However, with the price of oil steadily declining since 2014, the regime's room for such maneuvers has become significantly more limited.

4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly welcomes the beginning of the Algerian Revolution and sends its warmest greetings to the heroic workers and students! We say: Victory to the Popular Insurrection! Forward to the second wave of the Arab Revolution! The events in Algeria confirm the RCIT's assessment that – combined with the ongoing liberation struggle in Syria; the mass protests in Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq, Jordan, Iran and Lebanon – we are witnessing a renewed upswing of the revolutionary process in the Middle East.

5. The RCIT states that the crucial, immediate task is that workers, students, and poor peasants must organize

themselves in *committees of action at work places, neighborhoods, universities and villages*. Such committees need to discuss and decide on the next steps of struggle and on the demands of the movement. They should elect delegates who should meet for a *national congress*. The movement should take a forward step and launch a *nation-wide, indefinite, general strike*. It should appeal to the soldiers and police *not to shoot at the people* but rather to turn their weapons around against the generals. It should call upon the trade union federation, UGTA, to fully support the movement. Likewise, it should call for a boycott of the sham elections scheduled for 18 April. Furthermore, it is urgent to create self-defense committees in order to fight back against any repression.

6. Such a nation-wide general strike and regular mass demonstrations should result in a popular insurrection and the overthrow of Bouteflika and the whole ruling elite. It is crucial to replace not only a senile dictator but to smash the entire ruling elite – i.e. the capitalist army command that is closely interwoven with the wealthiest sectors of the bourgeoisie.

7. The RCIT calls for the creation of a *workers and poor peasants government* based on popular committees of action. The insurgent people should convoke a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly*. Such an assembly, controlled by the popular councils and guarded by popular militias, should discuss the political future of the country. A *workers and poor peasants government* should expropriate the rich and the multinational corporations and plan the economy on a socialist basis. It should also grant full national and cultural rights to the Berber people. Likewise, it must oppose all of the imperialist Great Powers including the U.S., France, China or Russia. It must additionally support the popular liberation struggles in Syria, Palestine, Tunisia, Jordan, Iran, Yemen and other countries and work towards spreading the revolution to the entire Arab world and throughout the rest of Africa.

8. The RCIT sends its warmest greetings to the courageous activists of new organizational initiatives like *Tous Contre le cinquième mandat* or *Mouwatana*. However, we urge activists to unite in a revolutionary party – in Algeria as well as internationally – based on a program of socialist liberation and solidarity with the struggles of workers and oppressed in other countries. Join the RCIT in tackling this great task!

* *Build committees of action at work places, neighborhoods, universities and villages! Elect delegates for a national congress!*

* *Create self-defense committees!*

* *Organize a general strike! Victory to the popular insurrection!*

* *Boycott the elections!*

* *For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!*

* *For a workers and poor peasants government!*

* *Forward to the second wave of the Arab Revolution! Long live the socialist world revolution!*

* *For a revolutionary party as part of a revolutionary world party!*

Israeli-occupied Golan: Another Provocation by Trump!

Unite against the imperialist robbers at the top of the U.S. and Israel!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 23 March 2019

1. U.S. President Trump has once again demonstrated his desire to trample on the most basic democratic rights in order to serve the imperialist interests of Israel and the United States. He announced on 21 March that Washington should “fully recognize Israel’s Sovereignty over the Golan Heights”. The Golan Heights occupied by Israel in 1967 has always been Syrian territory. Since then Israel has built settlements and moved settlers there in contravention of international law. In 1981, Israel declared the territory formally annexed to Israel. However, no other state in the world has ever recognized this blatant robbery. Quite the opposite, the Golan is recognized as part of Syria by the United Nations. UN Resolution 242 calls for Israel to withdraw from Golan and other territories it occupied in 1967, including Gaza and the West Bank.

2. Trump’s announcement is intended to boost the re-election chances of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It also serves to stabilize Trump’s own fragile and scandal-ridden presidency by strengthening his support among the pro-Israel lobby (like AIPAC), the Christian Evangelists, and Zionists.

3. However, at the same time, Trump’s announcement has provoked a global outcry – not only in Syria and the Arab world, but by nearly everyone except the most reactionary and pro-Zionist hate-mongers. It might help Trump’s close ally, Netanyahu, to save his government (Netanyahu himself might soon face indictment for bribery and corruption). However, at the same time, this provocation undermines, even more, the U.S. position in the Arab world (which is already at a historic low since the White House moved the embassy to Jerusalem).

4. Naturally, the outrage against the unashamed robbery of U.S. and Israeli imperialism must not lead anyone to sympathize with Assad, the butcher of the Syrian people, or with Russian imperialism (which has built closer ties with the Zionist apartheid state in recent years). While these powers formally reject Israel’s annexation of

the Golan, they have collaborated with the Zionist state for a long time. Israel always preferred the Assad dictatorship as a “stabilizing force” when faced with the Syrian Revolution since 2011. Netanyahu clearly stated the Zionist states’ appreciation of the Assad regime when he said: “We haven’t had a problem with the Assad regime, for 40 years not a single bullet was fired on the Golan Heights.” (Haaretz, 12 July 2018)

5. While Turkey’s Erdoğan and Iran’s Rouhani verbally denounce Trump’s latest provocation, their foreign policy rather serves the interests of imperialism and Zionism. Iran has been a key player in the counter-revolutionary suppression of the Syrian Revolution since the beginning. And Turkey increasingly collaborates with Russian imperialism and plays a crucial role in the reactionary Astana/Sochi process which only serves selling-out and pacifying the Syrian Revolution. In fact both of them are failing to play the role of “protectors of Islam” or “axis of resistance” but are rather adapting to Russian, Chinese, EU or U.S. imperialism.

6. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) calls on workers and the oppressed in Palestine, Syria, the Arab world, and globally to intensify the struggle against the Zionist state (an illegitimate settler state on historic Palestinian land) and against U.S. imperialism! *For an international workers and popular boycott campaign against Israel!*

7. Such a struggle should be linked with the popular liberation struggles against pro-imperialist dictatorships in Syria, Algeria, Sudan, Tunisia, Jordan, and Iran! The RCIT calls on revolutionary organizations and activists around the world to unite in a revolutionary world party based on a socialist program of liberation and solidarity with the struggles of workers and the oppressed in other countries. Join the RCIT in tackling this great task!

International Bureau



Publications of the RCIT

The Meaning, Consequences and Lessons of Trump’s Victory

By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

Introduction * I. The Election Outcome * II. Where is the Trump Administration Heading? * III. Global Consequences: The Beginning of a New Era * IV. Lessons and Perspectives for the Struggle * V. Summary Theses * Footnotes

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Down with the Israeli Attack on Gaza!

A Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 27.03.2019

An early morning rocket fired from the Gaza Strip, struck a house in central Israel on Monday, wounding seven people and forcing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to cut short a trip to Washington.

This may lead to a major confrontation between the Israeli army and Hamas shortly before Israel's upcoming elections. Israel blames Hamas for the rocket, but Hamas is not taking responsibility for it. Netanyahu, locked in a tight race for re-election, came under heavy criticism from his rival "Blue and White" party, led by three former generals and he is facing heavy pressure to strike harder at Hamas.

It has been clear for months that a major confrontation with Hamas is only a matter of time. Such a confrontation, leading to death and destruction, mostly in Gaza, may serve the interests of the government and lead to nationalist unity behind Netanyahu.

The Israeli military says it has begun striking Hamas targets throughout Gaza. Past experience has shown that the victims of Israel are mostly civilians, both directly as well as through the destruction of any infrastructure left in Gaza such as hospitals, TV stations, electric facilities, etc.

As revolutionary socialists we stand with the people of

Gaza against the Israeli military machine. Israel will not end the siege of Gaza and will not allow the Palestinian refugees to return to their lands they were pushed out of in 1947-8, short of a major military defeat.

Clearly, the Israeli settlements near Gaza are suffering as well. To them we say - your nightmare can and must end. The only way to end it is by breaking with Zionist ideology and help form a single democratic state for all - Palestinians and Israelis.

We, as socialists, support the creation of one Red Democratic Palestine from the river to the sea, where Palestinians and Israelis will live as equals socially and politically.

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See some of our positions as a section of the RCIT:

[Down with the Blockade of Gaza!](#) (Statement of Internationalist Socialist League - RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine)

[Israeli-occupied Golan: Another Provocation by Trump!](#) (Statement of the RCIT)

[Our Position on the Elections in Israel](#) (Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League - RCIT Section in Occupied Palestine)

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.

A Critique of the Left's Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting analyses the accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, EU, Russia, and Japan. He shows that the diplomatic rows, sanctions, trade wars, and military tensions between these Great Powers are not accidental or caused by a mad man in the White House. They are rather rooted in the fundamental contradictions of the capitalist system. This rivalry is a key feature of the current historic period and could, ultimately, result in major wars between these Great Powers.

Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is crucial for assessing the character of the current inter-imperialist rivalry.

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

strates that most of these organizations fail to understand the nature of the Great Power rivalry and, consequently, are not able to take an internationalist and revolutionary stance.

The author elaborates the approach of leading Marxist figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Luxemburg to the problems of Great Power rivalry and imperialist aggression against oppressed peoples. He outlines a Marxist program for the current period which is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future.

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

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Down with the Blockade of Gaza!

Support the right of return of the Palestinians!

Break the Israel-PA collaboration and Hamas repression in Gaza!

A Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 18.03.2019

The situation of the majority of the people living in Gaza under Israeli siege is unbearable. 2 million people live in an enclave 41km long and 10km wide blockaded by Israel on one side and Sisi's Egypt on the other side while its western shores are controlled by Israel as well.

Israel captured Gaza in 1956 but had to return it to Egypt that occupied it during the 1948 war under Soviet and American pressures. Israel occupied it again in the 1967 war. At the beginning Israel planned to annex Gaza and around 7,000 Zionist settlers were encouraged to colonize it. Then, Sharon as Prime Minister decided that it would be better for Israel to rather evict those settlers for demographic reasons of maintaining a state with a Jewish majority.

Ehud Olmert a former Prime Minister who was Sharon's deputy explained: *"There is no doubt in my mind that very soon the government of Israel is going to have to address the demographic issue with the utmost seriousness and resolve. This issue above all others will dictate the solution that we must adopt. In the absence of a negotiated agreement - and I do not believe in the realistic prospect of an agreement - we need to implement a unilateral alternative... More and more Palestinians are uninterested in a negotiated, two-state solution, because they want to change the essence of the conflict from an Algerian paradigm to a South African one. From a struggle against 'occupation,' in their parlance, to a struggle for one-man-one-vote. That is, of course, a much cleaner struggle, a much more popular struggle - and ultimately a much more powerful one. For us, it would mean the end of the Jewish state... the parameters of a unilateral solution are: To maximize the number of Jews; to minimize the number of Palestinians; not to withdraw to the 1967 border and not to divide Jerusalem... Twenty-three years ago, Moshe Dayan proposed unilateral autonomy. On the same wavelength, we may have to espouse unilateral separation... [it] would inevitably preclude a dialogue with the Palestinians for at least 25 years."* [1]

Israel evicted the settlers in 2005. In 2006 Hamas won the Palestinian legislative elections because most Palestinians have realized the so called two state solution allows Israel to continue the colonization and build more settlements, while the PA armed forces collaborate with Israel against them.

Gaza: The biggest Ghetto in history

Israel's reaction to Hamas electoral victory has been to blockade Gaza. The result is that Gaza is the biggest Ghetto in history. Most agricultural land is located in places declared closed military areas ("no go" zones) or have been destroyed during military attacks. Access to traditional fishing grounds is restricted by the Israeli navy. Development of the natural gas reserves is forbidden by the Israeli government. All of this while the movement of people into and out of Gaza is severely restricted and both the import of goods and the export of products from Gaza is strictly

limited.

Military attacks over the last 12 years have resulted in the near complete destruction of Gaza's business and manufacturing base. As a result, the unemployment rate stands at 40 percent, with few prospects for the young. More than 80 percent of the population is now dependent on international assistance for survival. Most Gazans cannot afford a generator during lengthy power cuts. In July 2014 Israeli missile fire destroyed Shifa Medical Hospital, the largest hospital in Gaza City.

While Israel is the main reason for the suffering of the Palestinians, Egypt, under the butcher Sisi, in collaboration with Israel, has closed the Rafah crossing to Egypt and acts as a partner in crime.

In addition the Palestinian Authority has imposed its own sanctions on Gaza in an attempt to bring down Hamas' government. Already in June 2018 Hundreds of Palestinians took to the streets to demand an end to the sanctions imposed by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and showed solidarity with the besieged residents of Gaza. The demonstration was organized by the *Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine*, and civil society activists. The banners said *"No for the slow death policies"*, and *"The longest technical mistake in history"*, indicated to Abbas statement at the end of the PNC meeting in Ramallah in early May, when he attributed the delay of Gaza employees' salaries payment to technical error. Other banners carried slogans like *"from 12-20 hours daily with no electricity, lift sanctions"*, and *"Gaza resists"*, as well as *"the injured at the fence, how do you prevent their medical treatment?"*

Since March 2018, almost one year ago, the people of Gaza have been demonstrating for the right to return to the lands Israel robbed from their families in 1947-1948. The last thing the Zionists will accept is the return of the refugees. Israel removed them to create a state with a Jewish majority and the return of the refugees will put the Zionist program of Jewish majority at risk. The price Palestinian and Israeli Jews will pay in blood does not seem to matter to those who cling to Zionism.

Since March 2018 Israel killed 254 and injured tens of thousands. In the Gaza Strip according to *B'Tselem*, Israel's human rights organization:

"In 2018, Israeli security forces killed 290 Palestinians, including 55 minors. Of the casualties, 254 were killed in the Gaza Strip, 34 in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and two within Israel. These incidents are a direct result of Israel's reckless open-fire policy, authorized by the government and the top military command, and backed by the judicial system. As long as Israel adheres to this policy, despite its predictable outcomes, the casualties will continue to amass."

Israel killed young children, journalists and paramedical staff. WHO - the World Health Organization - reported:

"On 2 June 2018, United Nations officials and agencies have expressed their outrage in the face of yesterday's killing of Razan An Najjar, a 21-year-old female volunteering as a first responder, while carrying out her humanitarian duties with the Pales-

tinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS). Razan was hit by live ammunition fired by Israeli forces while trying, with other first responders, to reach those injured during the 'Great March of Return' demonstrations close to Israel's perimeter fence around 18:30. She was taken immediately to a trauma stabilization point, and then to the European Gaza Hospital, where she died just after 19:00. Three others in her team were also injured." [4]

The UN inquiry commission issued its report on February 2019. According to this report Israeli security forces "killed and maimed demonstrators who did not pose an imminent threat of death or serious injury to others...nor were they directly participating in hostilities." [5]

Israel's hypocrisy

Israel's position regarding Gaza is that first of all, Israel has no responsibility for Gaza since it withdrew from Gaza in 2005. It simply secures its own borders from terrorists who want to kill Jews.

There are four problems with this flimsy argument. The first one is that most people who live in Gaza are refugees who have the right to return to their lands stolen from them during the ethnic cleansing of 1947-1948.

Secondly, Israel has not withdrawn from Gaza but has imposed a siege on it.

Thirdly, Israel has destroyed the conditions for normal life in Gaza. In addition, by killing people who were not even close to the fence among them reporters and medics, Israel has committed war crimes.

Finally, while it is true that Hamas has used terrorist actions against Israeli unarmed civilians that only serve Israel, Israel has been using a much wider scale of state-terrorism against Palestinian civilians.

To make thing worse, in the past few days, Hamas security officers have used force to disperse hundreds of protesters in different parts of the Gaza Strip. According to Palestinian journalists, dozens of protesters have been beaten and arrested by Hamas policemen and militiamen.

The protesters are demanding that Hamas rescind its decision to impose new taxes, the high rate of unemployment and the continued shortage of electricity supply. Most of the protests are taking place in Jabalya, Deir al-Balah, Khan Yunis, Nuseirat and Al-Bureij.

The protests, held under the banner "We Want to Live!" are organized by youth movements and several Palestinian groups opposed to Hamas's rule over Gaza Strip. The widespread protests are seen as a major challenge to Hamas.

A statement purporting to be from the organizers said the protests were non-political and against the rising cost of living and taxes in the Strip. The *Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network*, which includes more than 100 charities, said in a statement it "strongly condemned the campaign of arrests and aggression that the security forces launched in Jabaliya in northern Gaza against the right of dozens of citizens." It said the protesters were "gathering peacefully to demand an improvement in the life quality in the Gaza Strip." [6]

According to a report by Khaled Abu Toameh, several Palestinian factions on Saturday called on Hamas to withdraw its security forces from the streets and main squares and to release Palestinians who were arrested for protesting high prices and taxes in the Gaza Strip. [7]

The factions that attended the meeting are: Fatah, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Palestinian National Initiative, People's Party, Arab Liberation Front, Palestinian Liberation Front, Arab-Palestinian Front, Popular Struggle Front and Popular Front – General Command.

The faction representatives said after the meeting that they were categorically opposed to "all forms of repression and assaults on freedoms, including arrests and the use of force."

On Saturday, Hamas supporters took to the streets to protest against Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. The protesters said that Abbas was responsible for the economic crisis because of the sanctions he imposed in 2017 against the Gaza Strip, which include cutting salaries to thousands of Palestinian employees and poor families. A Hamas spokesman said that Abbas's sanctions constituted a "political, national and moral crime" against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The ISL as a working class revolutionary organization and a section of the RCIT has a long history of standing with the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza against Israel. A history in which we have taken the position that in military clashes between the Palestinians and Israel the interest of the international working class is to see the revolutionary military defeat of Israel regardless of the nature of the existing leadership of the Palestinians.

At the same time we have said that we do not have any political support either for the PA or Hamas. Thus, while we are condemning Israel's oppression of the Palestinians and see it as the main force responsible for the terrible inhuman conditions in Gaza, we condemn as well Sisi's government and the Palestinian Authority that collaborates with Israel and imposes sanctions on Gaza.

At the same time we condemn Hamas' violence against the demonstrators. The workers, the Fellahins, the unemployed, women and youth have all the reasons not to trust politically the PA or Hamas. They have no program nor strategy or tactic to win the important demand of a one democratic state of all the Palestinians and the Israeli Jews who live in the country.

The struggle for one democratic state in Palestine from the river to the sea is part of the Arab revolution. To win this struggle it is necessary to return to the popular uprising of the first Intifada that was interrupted by the Oslo agreement. For this, a united front of all the organizations that fight the oppression of the Palestinians is needed. For this, a truly revolutionary internationalist party is needed.

DOWN WITH THE SIEGE ON GAZA!

FOR THE RIGHT OF RETURN OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES!

FOR ACTION COMMITTEES IN EACH VILLAGE EACH REFUGEE CAMP AND EVERY CITY IN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK!

FOR A RED DEMOCRATIC PALESTINE FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA!

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Our Position on the Elections in Israel

A Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 10.03.2019

The *Internationalist Socialist League (ISL)*, as a revolutionary Marxist organization and the section of the RCIT, is calling to vote for Balad in the coming elections. While the “Blue and white” new list is not known for corruption, of the little we can understand of its politics is not much different from the right wing Likud party. Unfortunately, the Joint List split and the one who initiated the split was Ahmad Tibi. In January Tibi announced his Arab Movement for Renewal party has severed ties with the Joint List. Hadash joined him for the coming elections. Both of these parties recognize the right of the self

determination of the Zionist settler colonialists and the phony “solution” of two states which is nothing but a pie in the sky.

Israel is gradually becoming an open and unabashed apartheid state from the river to the sea. Thus, the only way forward is to struggle for one democratic state. Such a state cannot be realized nor maintained unless through socialism. Balad does not support in principle the self-determination of the Zionists and for this reason we call to vote Balad-Ra’am!

Obituary: The Tragic Death of Lorenzo Orsetti

An Announcement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 20 March 2019

On 18 March, the TKP/ML – a Mao-Stalinist organization in Turkey – announced the death of the Italian Lorenzo Orsetti. He died near Baghouz fighting in the ranks of the SDF/YPG forces against Daesh (also known as ISIS).

Lorenzo Orsetti was a 33-years old worker (a waiter) from Florence. His last notes reveal that he was an anti-fascist with high idealist motive. He was prepared to sacrifice his life in order to help building a better world.

His death is tragic not only because it is a severe loss for his family and his friends. It is also tragic because his death was the result of a fundamental political misdirection. He wanted to commit his life to the struggle for a better world. But unfortunately his high idealism was misused for opposite goals by the Stalinist and petty-bourgeois nationalist leaders of the TKP/ML and SDF/YPG.

These organizations have exploited the hatred against the counter-revolutionary Daesh/ISIS in order to help American imperialism occupying parts of Syria. Under the pretext of “fighting against ISIS”, U.S. imperialism – with the

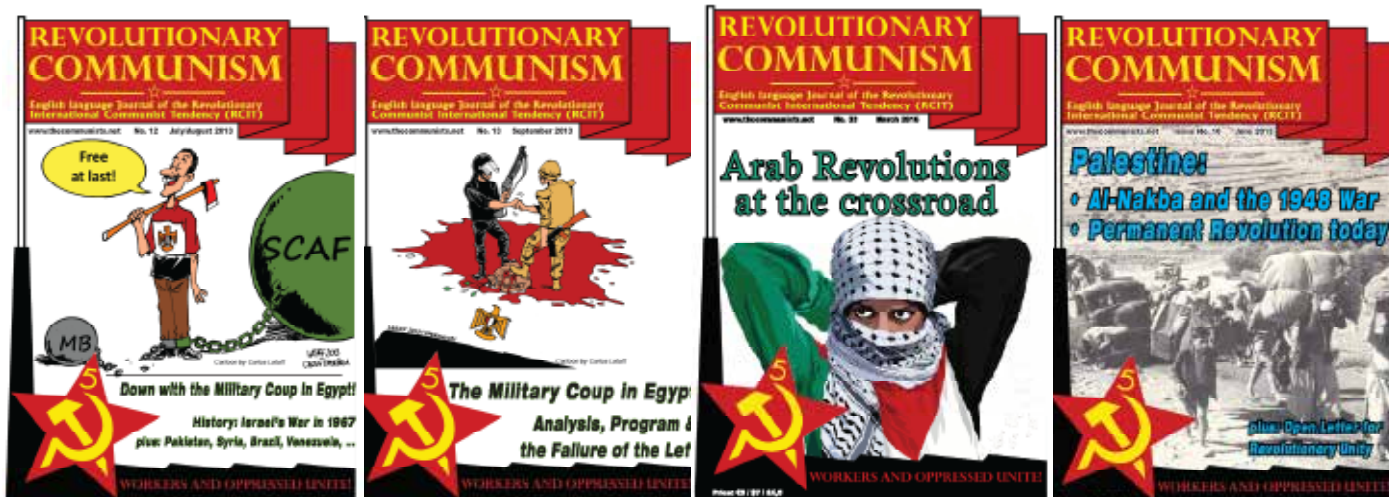
aid of SDF/YPG – has destroyed large parts of Raqqa, Deir ez-Zor and other districts and suppressed the Arab population there. In the last days, more and more photographic evidence is becoming available about the ongoing massacre which the U.S. and SDF/YPG forces are committing in Baghouz resulting in the killing of hundreds if not thousands of men, women and children (see below).

Currently, the SDF/YPG leadership is negotiating to reach a deal with the barbaric Assad regime and imperialist Russia – both responsible for the killing of hundreds of thousands of Syrians since 2011. So, after years of serving U.S. imperialism, the SDF/YPG leadership might soon work for another counter-revolutionary master.

Lorenzo’s death is a tragedy. It is a tragedy because he was misused for goals which contradict his idealist motive. We can only commit ourselves to the struggle for a better world if we consistently oppose all imperialist Great Powers and reactionary dictatorships!

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Syria: Hail the Insurgent People Fighting for Freedom!

International Solidarity with the Liberation Struggle against the Assad and Russia!

Greetings on the 8th anniversary of the Syrian Revolution from the RCIT, 15 March 2019

Brothers and Sisters in Syria, in the Refugee Camps abroad and in the Diaspora!

The RCIT sends you its warmest greetings in this difficult hour! You are heroically revolting against the criminal regime of Bashar al-Assad since eight years! You have given hundreds of thousands of martyrs and myriads of scarifies for the cause of liberation from the tyranny!

We send our greetings to the steadfast men and women in the Greater Idlib area, to the courageous youth in Dar'a demonstrating again on the streets and to the heroic mujahideen in the ribat!

Today, your resilience is tested again by the renewed attacks of the Assadist and Russian killing machinery which is merciless bombing civilian areas in Idlib city, Saraqib, Kafr Zeita, Khan Sheikhon, and other towns.

The RCIT – like all authentic socialists and democrats, all righteous men and women – has supported the Syrian Revolution since the very first hour in March 2011. Our solidarity continues irrespective of our political opposition to the dominating forces in the liberated areas in the North. And our solidarity will continue because the cause of liberation remains a just one!

Only traitors have left the battle field in the past years and dropped the legitimate liberation struggle! We denounce the Stalinist and Bolivarian forces which drag the name of “socialism” through the mire by supporting the criminal

regime of Assad!

We repeat our warning against the Astana and Sochi conspiracy by the regimes of Russia, Iran and Turkey. The recent installation of a “joint coordination centre” of Russia and Turkey represents a massive danger for the Syrian Revolution! Make no mistake: Erdoğan is preparing to sell out the Syrian people in order to receive some favor from Putin!

The RCIT emphasizes that the liberation struggle must be based on democratically-elected workers and popular councils and militias. It must not rely on any Great Power (like U.S., European or Russian imperialism) nor on any regional power. It must seek the revitalization of the liberation struggle in the territories occupied by the Assad forces. And it must strive to internationally link the Syrian Revolution with the popular struggles of the heroic people fighting against foreign occupiers and dictatorships in Palestine, Algeria, Sudan, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Tunisia, etc.!

Victory to the popular liberation struggle against the criminal regime and its imperialist masters!

For an international solidarity movement with the ongoing Syrian Revolution!

For a free Syria, a socialist Syria – a Syria which respects the national and religious rights of all people!



Publications of the RCIT

Is the Syrian Revolution at its End? Is Third Camp Abstentionism Justified?

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2017

An essay on the organs of popular power in the liberated area of Syria, on the character of the different sectors of the Syrian rebels, and on the failure of those leftists who deserted the Syrian Revolution

Introduction * The Nature of the Local Coordination Councils in Syria * The Contradictory Nature of the Petty-Bourgeois Rebel Factions * A note on the adjectival juxtaposition of “progressive” to liberal democrats versus “reactionary” to Islamists * Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham and Other Islamist Militias * The Role of Religion in Democratic and National Liberation Struggles * Some Arguments on the Ongoing Progressive Character of the Syrian Revolution * Have the Rebels Become Agents of US Imperialism and Regional Powers? * On Foreign Powers’ Support for Liberation Movements p* Lenin and Trotsky on Liberation Struggles and Imperialist Interference * What Did Lenin and Trotsky Say about Getting Support from Imperialists? * Imagining Two Different Scenarios of the Revolution’s Success & Failure * A Period of Defeats and Retreats: What Are the Reasons? * Some Thoughts on the Future Prospects of the Arab Revolution * The Urgent Need for a Revolutionary Party * Footnotes

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Rally at the 8th Anniversary of the Syrian Revolution

Report (with Pictures and Video) from a Rally in Vienna on 17 March 2019, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 200 Syrian migrants as well as a number of solidarity activists assembled in the centre of Vienna at the 8th anniversary of the Syrian Revolution. They expressed their unbroken support for the ongoing liberation struggle against the criminal regime of Assad and its Russian imperialist master in lively chants and songs.

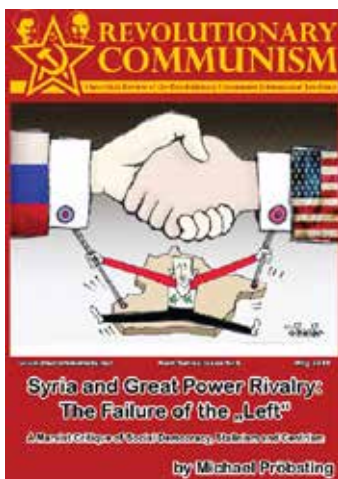
The rally was addressed by speakers from the Syrian, Egypt and Sudanese community, as well as by our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the

RCIT. He condemned the slaughter of the Syrian people by the Assad tyranny as well as Russian imperialism. He emphasized the solidarity of the RCIT with the ongoing Syrian Revolution and stressed the necessity to link the liberation struggle in Syria with other struggles like those in Algeria, Sudan, Yemen, Egypt, Iran, etc.

See pictures of the rally and a video clip of Michael Pröbsting's speech here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rally-on-8th-anniversary-of-syrian-revolution/>



Rally at the anniversary of the Syrian Revolution, Vienna 17.03.2019



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Syria and Great Power Rivalry: The Failure of the „Left“

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018

The bleeding Syrian Revolution and the recent Escalation of Inter-Imperialist Rivalry between the US and Russia – A Marxist Critique of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Centrism

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Brazil: For a General Strike against Bolsonaro's Pension Reform!

Statement of the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária-CCR (Brazilian section of the RCIT), 5 March 2019

On February 20 of this year President *Jair Bolsonaro* and his economic staff led by the Chicago boy *Paulo Guedes* personally handed over to the National Congress the draft amendment to the constitution that intends to change the social security of almost all Brazilians (Armed Forces not included). In a speech in the office of the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Bolsonaro said that *"I have made a mistake in the past (against the changes in social security) and we have this unique opportunity to really guarantee for future generations a pension where everyone can be paid."*

The importance given to this event shows that the government's bet is to approve this massive destruction of social security as quickly as possible. Therefore, Bolsonaro is looking for an agreement with the Congress as the government faces an internal crisis that puts the president and his sons against the wall after successive corruption scandals involving Bolsonaro's family and its schemes of false candidates (In Brazilian slang *orange candidates*) that marked the presidential campaign of the president and his PSL and that culminated in the forced resignation of a minister of state, Gustavo Bebbiano.

This project should begin being discussed by the *Commission of Constitution Justice and Citizenship* of the Chamber of Deputies after the end of the Carnival festivities. According to the parliamentary ritual, any change in the constitution must be approved in two rounds both in the Chamber of Deputies and in the *Federal Senate*. This does not take less than three months.

The bosses and the government are already making intense propaganda in the media to convince the population of the idea that the intended social security reform attacks supposed privileges of those who earn better wages, reinforcing once again the distorted discourse by blaming mainly public service workers and the supposed privileges of both the public and private sectors.

However, a simple analysis of the proposal, elaborated by *Paulo Guedes* and his economic team composed of ultra-reactionaries, verifies that in fact this is a deep attack on the social security rights of workers. The sole intention of the government is to shift immense public financial resources to the big capital by implementing the *social security capitalization regime*, which main model is Chile. Such a Chilean model, which was implemented there by blood and iron, required a bloodthirsty dictatorship that killed more than 40,000 people.

Among the various points of proposed changes in pen-

sions we will present the main points against workers the rights to retirement:

The minimum retirement age will be 65 for men and 62 for women, which does not even guarantee full retirement because it must be obligatorily combined with 40 years of contribution.

This BPC system guarantees a monthly minimum wage (US\$ 266) for the disabled person and for the elderly 65 years old or more who are in a situation of extreme social vulnerability (income per family member less than ¼ of minimum wage). If the change is approved, elders will only be entitled to receive the benefit of a minimum wage at the age of 70, receiving a small palliative of US\$ 106 from the age of 60 onwards, that is, less than half of the minimum wage.

To achieve full retirement pension, employees will have to contribute at least 40 years. If they have only 20 years of contribution they would get only 60% of the benefit. This in a reality for more than 40% of the Brazilian workers, that is almost 40 million people, as they are employed in the informal sector.

Currently, the calculation of the benefit value considers the average of 80% of the largest contributions, that is, 20% of them (the smallest) are discarded. With the proposal of change the calculation of the retirement to be received by the workers will consider the average of 100% of the contributions made *throughout all the life*. Such a measure will greatly reduce the amount of the pension received.

In relation to the retirement of the rural workers, the current rule is an age of 55 years for women and 60 years for men. Now with this project, the minimum age for the rural worker will be raised to 60 years; in addition, currently the worker only has to prove 15 years of rural activity, even if he/she has never contributed. But with the changes he/she would have the obligation to contribute for 20 years.

Today, 25 years of contributions are required for women and 30 years for men. With the changes it will be necessary, for both, to have 30 years of contribution exclusively exercising a teaching function, ten years of effective public service in which the retirement is granted. In addition, they will need to have a minimum age of 60 for men and women.

Public workers will be one of the most affected sectors. The social security contribution must increase from the 11% of the salary today to 14%, and can reach 22% of the salary. The mayor of the city of São Paulo has already anticipated this issue. Resisting against this project, there has

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been resistance by more than 80,000 workers of the city hall of São Paulo. Most of them are educators. They have been on strike for one month. The planned pension reform is therefore a veritable wage confiscation against public sector workers.

Just as it happened in Chile, the military of the Armed Forces, the Military Police and Military Firefighters are excluded from the reform of the pension.

In Chile there are six private pension administrators operating in the individual capitalization system. People had to give 10% of their wages to the speculative market, without any contribution from the state or from the employers themselves. To make matters worse, a retiree in Chile receives between 40% and 60% of the minimum wage. This same system has massively increased the misery of many of the elderly. The rate of suicide among the elderly is the highest in Latin America.

An intense propaganda to convince the population

The government's talk to convince the public about pension reform is to emphasize a blatantly lie that the project will reduce inequalities. However, the reform does nothing more than drastically reduce the benefits of the poorest, hinder and restrict access to retirement to such an extent that in the future public pensions will be extinguished. Congressional leaders, financial market economists and the big monopolized media say 24 hours a day that the reform will combat privileges in the public and private sector, a real *brainwashing* for an uninformed part of the population.

In addition, all of them affirm that *"without reform the country will not be able to grow, new jobs won't be generated*

and the income of the worker will not increase", besides that *"the country will break because it will not be able to finance its expenses"*.

The social security system was a historic achievement of the working class, achieved by many struggles through mobilizations and strikes since the beginning of the twentieth century. It has become an institutional expression of class solidarity and mutual aid. This achievement is seriously threatened.

This destruction of social security by the Bolsonaro government is undoubtedly one of the greatest attacks on the working class and the oppressed, since it attacks the minimum conditions of existence of the poorest, removes rights and deepens the inequalities between men and women.

In order to make this project unfeasible, a historical struggle of the workers will be necessary. The first step was taken when on February 20 leaders of eight trade union centrals, CUT, CSB, CTB, Força Sindical, Nova Central, Conlutas, Intersindical and CGTB reaffirmed their position against any proposed reform that would weaken, dismantle or reduce the role of public social security.

Above all, the general strike must be organized in order to defeat once and for all not only welfare reform but also other neoliberal economic measures such as labor reform, outsourcing, privatization projects, educational reform, etc.

** Down with the Bolsonaro pension reform and all the other neoliberal reforms!*

** Form a united front against pension reform!*

** Build the political general strike to overthrow these attacks on the working class!*

** Call popular assemblies in unions, workplaces and neighborhoods!*

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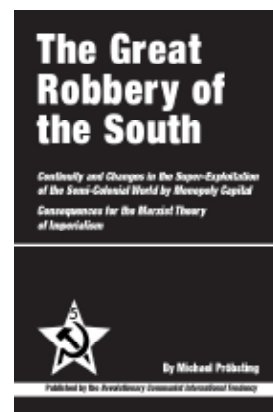
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a book called *THE GREAT ROBBERY OF THE SOUTH*. The book's subtitle is: *Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism*. The book is in English-language. It has 15 chapters, 448 pages and includes 139 Tables and Figures. The author of the book is *Michael Pröbsting* who is the International Secretary of the RCIT.

In *The Great Robbery of the South* Michael Pröbsting analyses the super-exploitation and oppression of the semi-colonial world (often referred to as the "Third World") by the imperialist powers and monopolies. He shows that the relationship between the small minority of rich capitalist countries and the huge majority of mankind living in the semi-colonial world forms one of the most important elements of the imperialist world system we are living in. The Great Robbery of the South shows that the past decades have been a complete confirmation of the validity of Lenin's theory of imperialism and its programmatic conclusions. *The Great Robbery of the South* demonstrates the important changes in the relationship between the imperialist and the semi-colonial countries. Using comprehensive material (including 139 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that never before

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Protests in Ingushetia: Down with the Yevkurov Government!

For national self-determination of the Ingushes! No to Russian Imperialism!

By Petr Sedov, Supporter of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) in Russia, 29 March 2019

1. Another round of protests has started in Ingushetia since 26 March. There has been already a first wave of demonstrations in October 2018 against the administrative changes of territories. Now the protests are against new law on referendum which clearly served the interest of the regime in Chechnya. According to GIS specialists, the consequences of the deal in October was that Ingushetia has gotten 1,000 hectares from the Chechen Republic while the latter has gotten approximately 26,000 hectares from Ingushetia. [1] The reason behind this land "exchange" is simply favoritism in the interest of the Kadyrov administration which is clearly playing the role of the promoter of Russian state interests in the North Caucasus region. Such favoritism can be also observed from fact that the Constitutional Court of Ingushetia declared that the deal must be approved by referendum, while the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation recognized the deal as legitimate. The Ingush masses are demanding free and direct elections and the resignation of the corrupt Yevkurov government! Moreover, they are fighting against the anti-democratic law on referendum promoted by Yevkurov, which states that the Ingush masses have no right to decide on the borders and on national-self-determination!

2. The protests were answered by the regime with police violence. There is also information about police brutality against protestors (which was absent in 2018). Furthermore, there seems to have been attempts to block the internet traffic by major internet and mobile phone operators. The Russian supporters of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) are condemning any police and state repression against the protestors. The real violence is the systematic oppression of the masses and of

their desire to express themselves! For freedom of public assembly and demonstrations!

3. The border between Chechnya and Ingushetia is a long-standing issue. It is rooted in the colonial policies of the Russian Empire in the XIX and XX century, the reactionary policies of the Stalinist USSR as well as the neo-colonial policies of Putin's state. In 1840 Russian Empire expelled the local Ingush population from the Sunzhensky District and settled instead Cossack settlers. Later, after the great October Revolution in 1917, the question of national self-determination has been raised and the "Mountain ASSR" were formed. In this republic, this district was a separate part of the autonomous region. However, in 1929 the Stalinist regime gave this district to the Chechen republic, and later in the 1930s, the Chechen-Ingush ASSR was formed. After the collapse of USSR in 1991, the national question was raised after the Chechen struggle for independence. The border was not de jure defined, and the pro-Russian administration in Chechnya had an apparent desire to get districts in their possession. However, there is no historical justification for these claims except the Stalinist policies in the region. [2] Today the question is combined with neo-colonial Russian policy which strives to keep people of Caucasus divided and subordinated by selecting favorite republican leaders in the federation. Thus, it is essential to support the desire of Ingushes, as an oppressed nation, to realize their right of national self-determination.

4. Ingushetia is one of the poorest regions in Russia. According to statistics, unemployment was about 27% in 2017 while the average in Russia was about 5%. Moreover, Ingushetia is one of the most impoverished republics in

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Russia. Approximately 32% of the population has an income lower than the living wage. Ingushes, like other Caucasian nations, are subjected to Great Russian chauvinism. Some bloggers observed that media are explicitly calling out the ethnic background of criminals. It is also combined with religious prejudice against Muslims, which state propaganda is promoting by systematic misrepresentation and chauvinistic oppression covered in the fight against so-called "terrorism". [4]

5. Many of the Russian "left" are not only ignoring such issues but are clearly supporting Russian chauvinism and specific forms of Orientalism. According to *Vestnik Buri*, to take on example, the question of borders in the Caucasus is connected with "ancient, feudal traditions". Likewise, the question of Kyril islands (a land disputed between Russia and Japan) is supposedly the question of the land "belonging to people". Such shameful chauvinism of so-called "Marxists" demonstrates once more that the necessity of fighting for consistent working class internationalism. The highest form of such internationalism is joining – together with comrades in other countries – the struggle of building a Revolutionary World Party. Otherwise, national isolation will put any sincere revolutionary under strong pressure of Great Russian chauvinism.

6. As a revolutionary organization we are calling for:

* *Down with the Yevkurov government! Free Ingushetia from pro-Russian and anti-working class politicians!*

* *For the right to recall any elected representative of masses! For the formation of soviets of the toilers!*

* *No to chauvinism against Ingush or Chechen people! Fight against neo-colonial regimes, not people! For unconditional but critical support of national-liberation struggles in the region!*

* *An immediate increase in wages for Ingush workers! For a pro-*

gram of public works under workers control to fight against high unemployment! For scaling wages without reduction of salaries!

* *Down with Islamophobia and chauvinistic hatred against the Muslim masses! Down with privileges to the Russian Orthodox Church from the state! Only people with religious beliefs must decide the fate of religion! Down with Orientalist propaganda, which portrays Caucasus people as "feudal" barbarians!*

* *Join the RCIT in fighting for national liberation against imperialism and neo-colonialism on the world scale!*

Footnotes

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See also: "Secondly, it is important that the Kuriles have long been part of our country. The country, in reality, belongs to its people. So, any attempt to give part of its territory to someone is a robbery of the population, and we do not want to hear about utopian benefits and games of diplomats. The promises made during the past years have not been fulfilled. Hence, we cannot be bribed by the new ones, and the last diplomatic games have brought only sanctions and role of savages (Putin, vodka, mafia, "bloody morons")." (https://vk.com/wall-73211733_67629)

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Michael Pröbsting: Building the Revolutionary Party in Theory and Practice

Looking Back and Ahead after 25 Years of Organized Struggle for Bolshevism

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The following paragraphs are the back cover text of the book which give an overview of its content.

A few months ago, our movement commemorated its 25th anniversary. In the summer of 1989 our predecessor organization, the League for a Revolutionary Communist International (LRCI) was founded as a democratic-centralist international tendency based on an elaborated program. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) continues the revolutionary tradition of the LRCI. Below we give an overview of our history, an evaluation of its achievements as well as mistakes, and a summary of the lessons for the struggles ahead. This book summarizes our theoretical and practical experience of the past

25 years.

In Chapter I we outline a summary of the Bolshevik-Communists' theoretical conception of the role of the revolutionary party and its relation to the working class. In Chapter II we elaborate on the essential characteristics of revolutionary party respective of the pre-party organization. In Chapter III we deal with the history of our movement – the RCIT and its predecessor organization. Finally, in Chapter IV we outline the main lessons of our 25 years of organized struggle for building a Bolshevik party and their meaning for our future work.

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Building the Revolutionary Party in Theory and Practice

Looking Back and Ahead after 25 Years of organized Struggle for Bolshevism



By Michael Pröbsting

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UK: Defend Williamson & Others Against Zionist Witch-Hunt!

Deselect all pro-Zionist witch-hunters and Blairite MP's!

Proscribe organisations like "Labour Friends of Israel" in the Labour Party!

By Joseph Adams, RED LIBERATION, 7 March 2018

Chris Williamson, the Labour MP for Derby North, has been suspended from the Labour Party by the NEC for making purported anti-Semitic remarks at a Momentum meeting in Sheffield.

"Labour's deep divisions over antisemitism were exposed afresh on Wednesday, after the party's top official, Jennie Formby, succumbed to intense pressure and suspended the MP Chris Williamson. The announcement reversed decision hours earlier to allow Williamson to continue to remain a Labour MP, while a "pattern of behavior" was investigated – which had sparked a furious backlash from senior MPs, including the deputy leader, Tom Watson. The Derby North MP is an enthusiastic supporter of Corbyn, who served as shadow fire minister, before being removed from the post after departing from the Labour line on taxation. The Labour leader told Williamson's local paper, the Derby Telegraph, in January: "Chris Williamson is a very good, very effective Labour MP. He's a very strong anti-racist campaigner. He is not anti-Semitic in any way." [1].

Tom Watson: Spearhead for the attack on Socialists in the Labour Party

The aim of the Zionists and Blairites is to use antisemitism as a weapon to drive out all pro-Corbyn supporters and socialists in the Labour party and turn the Labour party once more into a pro-capitalist and pro-austerity party tied to British imperialism. Tom Watson, the deputy leader of the party, certainly wants this and is leading the pack in his support of Zionists like Luciana Berger, Margaret Hodge and Ruth Smeeth. He has accused members of Liverpool Wavertree CLP of racism. The CLP attempted to pass a vote of no confidence in Berger as the MP who has since departed and joined the pro-Tory Independent group. The CLP has been threatened with disciplinary action by Watson.

"Tom Watson has said he will take personal charge of antisemitism and bullying complaints made by MPs to bring them to the attention of the Labour leadership, telling colleagues he will hold the party's management of the complaints to account. Watson said in his email, seen by the Guardian: "Over recent weeks a number of colleagues have shared their frustration that incidents of anti-Semitic, racist abuse and bullying have not been dealt with in an adequate and timely manner or that colleagues have not been informed of the outcome of party investigations." [2].

Watson, a leading right winger in the party, has subverted Corbyn's role as leader in the party and is deciding issues that are Corbyn's responsibility. Corbyn has said nothing about the suspension of Williamson. Watson is erecting the cases of bullying and harassment to frighten middle class and petit bourgeois elements into thinking that anyone who calls these MP's to account is a bully and the MP must be defended and not expected to explain their actions of supporting the Tory government over Brexit like Flint, Mann and Berger. If anyone criticizes them then they are being bullied. Democratic accountability is thrown out the window. Jennie Formby, the General Secretary, has

now sent a letter to all Labour party members on how to deal with sexual harassment complaints. This is exactly what Blairite MP's have been campaigning for. Most of the complaints have come from Blairite MP's. Yet another example of Corbyn and his allies capitulating to the Blairite right wing. Williamson joins a long line of witch-hunted socialists who have been suspended. Nassem Shah, Ken Livingstone, Tony Greenstein, Marc Wadsworth and Jackie Walker have all been suspended for false allegations of anti-Semitism. These are all Anti Zionists who have been falsely accused of anti-Semitism.

Corbyn and McDonnell capitulate to the witch-hunters

"The weakness of left reformism has shown that when the Blairites and Zionists launch attacks on Corbyn and his supporters, Corbyn fails to support them and buckles under the pressure. A number of left wing activists including Marc Wadsworth and Tony Greenstein have been expelled from the Labour party. Corbyn's supporters continue to be suspended or expelled by the Labour party bureaucratic machine controlled by the Blairites and Zionists. Corbyn with a majority on the National executive committee refuses to use that majority to curb the worst excesses of the right wing and remains a hostage to the pro-imperialists in the Labour party."

"The attack on Livingstone and the expulsions of Marc Wadsworth and Tony Greenstein were all part of the 'anti-Zionism equals anti-Semitism' witch-hunt. It is noticeable that when it came to laying charges the Labour Party avoided for legal reasons accusing people of anti-Semitism. Instead the catch all charge of 'bringing the party into disrepute' was used. Livingstone is the latest victim of a witch-hunt pursued by the pro-Israel lobby and the right-wing in the Labour Party." [3]

Anti-Semitism is a red herring used by the pro-imperialists in the Labour party like Blair, Watson and others to prevent the election of a Corbyn-led anti-austerity government. The Blairites and Zionists have strong connections with Mossad, the secret intelligence service of the Israeli state, and are determined to purge the Labour party of socialists and anyone who criticises Zionism or the state of Israel. The closest allies of Zionism are several Labour MP's including Margaret Hodge, Ruth Smeeth and Luciana Berger. Most fascist groups in Britain, including the English Defence League under Tommy Robinson, are the closest supporters of Zionism and are the most extreme anti-Semites.

On Sunday Jeremy Corbyn was physically attacked while was visiting the Finsbury Park mosque in North London. This shows how right-wing elements are demented and disturbed by Brexit. It shows the growth of right-wing fascism against migrants, refugees and politicians who are not racist.

"Corbyn was visiting the Muslim Welfare Centre in north London during the annual "Visit My Mosque" day, attached to Finsbury Park mosque. John Murphy, 31, was in attendance and approached Corbyn from behind, hitting him on the head with an

egg in his fist. Murphy screamed, "When you vote you get what you vote for." He later made clear this was an attack on Corbyn's acceptance of a possible second referendum on Britain leaving the European Union should Prime Minister Theresa May's proposed Brexit deal or Labour's alternative proposal fail. Alongside Corbyn on Sunday was Shadow Home Secretary Diane Abbott, who wrote on social media, "I was there. He punched Jeremy very hard. He happened to have an egg in his palm. But it could have been a knife. Horrible". [4]

The Zionists aim is to create the climate of fear and their attacks on Corbyn and his supporters give ammunition to fascists who remain agitated by Brexit. Of course, they use fascist violence for their own ends but the real perpetrators are the Zionist and Blairite MP's who mouth these lies about Anti-Semitism in the Labour Party.

The Zionists aim is to conflate anti-Semitism with anti-Zionism; unfortunately both Corbyn and McDonnell have allowed this to happen and fallen into a trap set by the Blairites. The real racists are of course the Zionists. This right-wing Labour MP's never mentioning hate crime against Muslims recently by fascist groups or attacks against refugees or Migrants. This is of no concern to them. They are constantly trying to equate Jews with Zionism and any Labour party member who supports the Palestinians and attacks the state of Israel is of course "Anti-Semitic".

"Unfortunately Corbyn and McDonnell have confused Anti-Semitism and Zionism and are capitulating to the right-wing elements in the Party. Corbyn now says he is going to conduct an inquiry into Anti-Semitism in the Party. Of course the pro Zionist elements in the party – the 'LABOUR FRIENDS OF ISRAEL' – are forcing Corbyn and others to instigate a witchhunt against pro-Palestinian elements in the party". [5]

Israel: An Apartheid and imperialist state

Let us be clear: the state of Israel is a racist, imperialist and apartheid state comparable to the worst excesses practised against the Black population of South Africa by the ruling white racist minority. Its racism has led pogroms, murders and assassinations against Palestinians and Arabs who have been deprived of their homeland and basic democratic rights. Children and women have been murdered by the Zionist state indiscriminately.

We support progressive Palestinians and Jews who op-

pose the Zionist state and who advocate a single, democratic state in the whole of Palestine. [6]

RED LIBERATION puts forward the following demands to unite all socialist forces inside the Labour Party.

* We call on Jeremy Corbyn and Jenny Formby, General Secretary of the Labour Party, to conduct an investigation into the links between Mossad, Israel's secret intelligence service, and Pro-Zionist Labour MP's who are directly working for the Israeli state with unfounded claims of Anti-Semitism in the Labour Party!

* All suspended members of the Labour party who have been falsely accused of anti-Semitism (Chris Williamson, Jackie Walker, Marc Wadsworth, Tony Greenstein) to be immediately reinstated and the NEC to immediately implement the decisions of the Chakrabarti report into democracy! Abolish the "Compliance Unit"!

* Proscribe and expel all Zionists and Blairites who have conducted witch-hunts in the Labour Party! All members of the "Labour Friends of Israel" be expelled as their racist views are incompatible with Labour Party membership!

* For a Free, Democratic, Red Palestine from the River to the Sea!

Footnotes

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Written by Michael Pröbsting
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UK: Large Demonstration against Fascism and Racism

Report (with Pictures) of the RCIT Britain, 16.03.2019

The 'Stand Up To Racism' demonstration numbered over 20,000 people which started from Park Lane and marched to Westminster. The march had an international flavour with delegations from various countries around the world particularly from semi-colonial countries. Many Muslim migrants marched together with contingents from Latin America. The two main centrist groups – the SWP and the Socialist Party – together with other socialist groups were well represented as were individual Labour parties branches from Hackney North Tottenham and the Jewish socialists for Labour. The Trade Union movement mobilised well for the march with big delegations from Unite, Unison, UCU, the national education Union, the FBU, the CWU, TSSA and individual branches of trade unions.

The most interesting was the delegation from Brazil with members from the PT who all carried pictures of Lula the

former President locked up and prevented from standing which resulted in Bolsonaro, the extreme right-wing candidate, winning the Election. There were also representatives from the solidarity movements in Argentina and Colombia.

The march was lively with singing and chanting on the march denouncing Islamophobia racism and of course the recent attack on two mosques in Christchurch New Zealand. The FBU provided a fire engine where speeches were made from a number of organisations. Many of the demands had a very reformist nature and fostered illusions about how to fight racism and Fascism.

The RCIT in Britain sold a number of our bulletin *Revolutionary Liberation* and talked and discussed with people on the march about the policies of the RCIT. Our ideas were well received and appreciated.



Pictures from the demonstration against fascism and racism, London 16.3.2019

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The Struggle for Social Equality in the US and elsewhere

By Robert Gibbs, U.S. Correspondent, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 28 February 2019

Contained in the development of the #MeToo, Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ, and other social protest phenomenon is the practical truth that the mechanisms of bourgeois democracy serve, fundamentally, to promote and defend capitalist property relations and through that the interests of the wealthy and powerful.

Sections of the pseudo-Trotskyist movement (including the so-called “*International Committee of the Fourth International*” led by David North) rail against the lack of due process for mostly men who have been publicly accused of sexual harassment and/or sexual assault. However, the appeal to due process in most instances is an appeal to the mechanisms of a legal system that, by its very nature, is prejudiced on the side of the rich and powerful and against the poor and powerless.

North’s ICFI ironically closes ranks with right wing elements castigating those who protest racial and other forms of inequality as proponents of “identity politics”. This approach fails to recognize that the act of protest is uniformly the starting point of revolutionary consciousness. Achieving the latter requires the partisan intervention of the revolutionary party when aggrieved populations protest, not its sectarian abstention.

Capitalist justice is neither blind nor available to all. It remains the preserve of those with wealth, influence, and resources. The legacy of patriarchy, racism, homophobia, and xenophobia combined with the privileges of wealth freight bourgeois democracy heavily on the side of the accused in instances of sexual assault, LGBTQ discrimination, and racial and immigrant injustice.

#MeToo is almost uniformly a phenomenon of comparatively powerless women taken advantage of by powerful men in circumstances of he said/she said. Powerful men have naturally pursued an appeal to due process with the self-serving understanding that, in most instances, they are the demanding the proof of the unprovable with the full expectation of acquittal in the absence of the aggrieved accomplishing something that, by definition, is frequently close to impossible.

The socialist movement defends due process as a democratic right but simultaneously understands the inherent limitations of bourgeois justice. The socialist movement must simultaneously support the right of women, racial minorities, the LGBTQ community, immigrants and other victimized populations confronted with these challenges to pursue their defense in an appeal to the court of public opinion via protest. This phenomenon is, again, a tacit recognition of the typically unresponsive mechanisms of bourgeois justice in instances of sexual harassment, assault, and other related forms of social discrimination – both on and off the job.

It is the duty of socialists to bring this class understanding to all sections of the oppressed and aggrieved and win them to the revolutionary party while supporting their right to protest and their related demands for justice without promoting illusions in an alternate perspective of reform. Meaningful social equality can only be achieved through the revolutionary elimination of private property and all forms of derivative class privilege.

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Marxism and the United Front Tactic Today

The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today.

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – MARXISM AND THE UNITED FRONT TACTIC TODAY. The book’s subtitle is: The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today. On the Application of the Marxist United Front Tactic in Semi-Colonial and Imperialist Countries in the Present Period. It contains eight chapters plus an appendix (172 pages) and includes 9 tables and 5 figures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

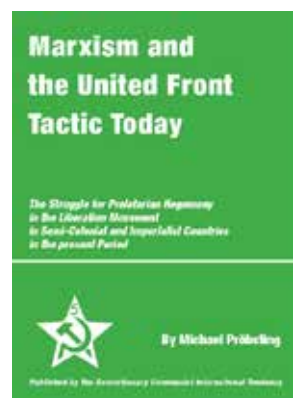
The following paragraphs are the back cover text of the book which give an overview of its content.

The united front tactic is a crucial instrument for revolutionaries under today’s circumstances in which the mass organizations of the working class and the oppressed are dominated by social democratic, Stalinist and petty-bourgeois-populist forces.

The purpose of this document is both to summarize the main ideas of the Marxist united front tactic while at the same time explaining its development and modification which have become necessary due to political changes which have transpired in the

working class liberation movement since the tactic’s original formulation.

In this book we initially summarize the main characteristics of the united front tactic and elaborate the approach of the Marxist classics to this issue. We then outline important social developments in the working class and the popular masses as well as in their political formations in recent decades. From there we will discuss how the united front tactic should be applied in light of a number of new developments (the rise of petty-bourgeois populist parties, the decline of the classic reformist parties, the role of national minorities and migrants in imperialist countries, etc.). The eight chapters of the book are accompanied by nine tables and five figures.



Zambia: We Condemn the Criminal Fraud Against the RCIT!

Some criminals tried to catfish innocent people with the name of the RCIT in Zambia

Announcement by the Zambian Supporters of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 22 February 2019

We have been informed in recent days by various people in Zambia about an ongoing criminal fraud. A number of students in this country have become innocent victim of a disgusting catfishing operation. Some criminals claimed to recruit them to the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* and to organize meetings with its International Secretary, Michael Pröbsting. In reality, the RCIT and its Zambian comrades had no knowledge about this.

The people responsible for this criminal fraud are Matomola Likwanya and Mainda Simataa, leaders of a group called *Economic Liberation Association (ELA)*. They asked innocent students to give them money for educational with the RCIT and promised them a paid employment. Immediately after we get to know about the fraud, we informed all known victims and organized a campaign to stop the fraud. This campaign was successful as Matomola Likwanya is now in police custody.

Mainda Simataa, the ELA's general secretary, published a "Press Release, and Statement of Apology" on 20 February which claims that they did not know about the fraud. This is nonsense, as the official ELA Facebook page was used to announce the fraud several times and Mainda Simataa himself published statements on this page during the very same period. Furthermore, Mainda Simataa was fully aware that his comrade Matomola Likwanya served until recently a six-month sentence in prison for organizing another fraud.

We as RCIT Zambia condemn ELA for this truly dishon-

est and criminal behaviour. We split from the comrades of the ELA in April 2018 because of their political manoeuvre to join the capitalist party UPP. Since then we had no contact with ELA. However, we would not have expected our former comrades to degenerate into a criminal group which robs the poor instead of helping them!

Socialists in Zambia have financial problems as the country is very poor and exploited by imperialism. However, real socialists would never engage in frauds! Real socialists would never steal money from innocent students! The fraud of ELA has not only damaged the ELA as such and its tradition. It discredits the cause of revolutionaries in Zambia as well as the name of communism!

We as RCIT Zambia warn all activists in Zambia and internationally to ever get in contact with the *Economic Liberation Association (ELA)*, respectively Mainda Simataa and Matomola Likwanya who unfortunately have proven to be criminals. Do not trust these people and especially: Do never give any money to them!

We as RCIT Zambia are willing to march forward in building the revolutionary organization that is characterized by always helping and supporting the struggle of the workers and poor! We invite activists who are interested in revolutionary politics to get in contact with the RCIT Zambia, an organization that will never ask Zambians for money but only for honest and determined support of the revolutionary cause!

The International Secretariat of the RCIT supports this statement.

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: World Perspectives 2018 - A World Pregnant With Wars And Popular Uprisings

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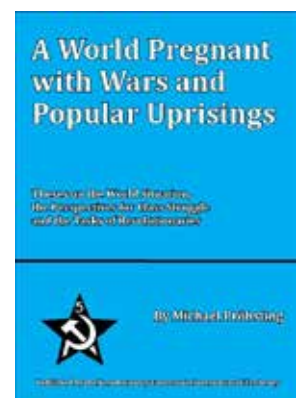
This book is a major contribution of our organization to keep the Marxists' analysis of the world situation and its accelerating contradictions updated. As we emphasize in the document, we consider it as crucial for revolutionaries to understand the nature and the inner dynamics of the current historic period. Without such an understanding it is impossible for socialists, indeed for all liberation fighters, to possess the necessary political compass on which they can base their program, strategy and tactics.

Since several years does the RCIT publish annual studies on the world situation in which it analysis its most important developments and changes. This book updates the Marxist analysis of the state of the world economy, of the relations between the Great Powers, of the struggle between the classes and the tactics of revolutionaries. We also deal in depth with new issues respectively extend our theoretical analysis on several questions. In particular we have deepened in this book,

among others, our understanding of the nature respectively the transitional character of the present world political phase, of the nature of different types of wars and the tactical conclusions arriving from this, of the complex nature of the conflicts in the Middle East, of the capitalist restoration in North Korea and, finally, we have elaborated a new proposal for an international platform for the unification of revolutionary forces in the present phase.

The book contains a preface, introduction and seven eight chapters plus an appendix (118 pages) and includes 23 figures, 9 tables and 2 maps. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-perspectives-2018/>



What the RCIT Stands for

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) is a fighting organisation for the liberation of the working class and all oppressed. It has national sections in various countries. The working class is the class of all those (and their families) who are forced to sell their labour power as wage earners to the capitalists. The RCIT stands on the theory and practice of the revolutionary workers' movement associated with the names of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Capitalism endangers our lives and the future of humanity. Unemployment, war, environmental disasters, hunger, exploitation, are part of everyday life under capitalism as are the national oppression of migrants and nations and the oppression of women, young people and homosexuals. Therefore, we want to eliminate capitalism.

The liberation of the working class and all oppressed is possible only in a classless society without exploitation and oppression. Such a society can only be established internationally.

Therefore, the RCIT is fighting for a socialist revolution at home and around the world.

This revolution must be carried out and led by the working class, for she is the only class that has nothing to lose but their chains.

The revolution can not proceed peacefully because never before has a ruling class voluntarily surrendered their power. The road to liberation includes necessarily the armed rebellion and civil war against the capitalists.

The RCIT is fighting for the establishment of workers' and peasant republics, where the oppressed organize themselves in rank and file meetings in factories, neighbourhoods and schools – in councils. These councils elect and control the government and all other authorities and can always replace them.

Real socialism and communism has nothing to do with the so-called "real existing socialism" in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba or Eastern Europe. In these countries, a bureaucracy dominated and oppressed the proletariat.

The RCIT supports all efforts to improve the living conditions of workers and the oppressed. We combine this with a perspective of the overthrow of capitalism.

We work inside the trade unions and advocate class struggle, socialism and workers' democracy. But trade unions and social democracy are controlled by a bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a layer which is connected with the state and capital via jobs and privileges. It is far from the interests and

living circumstances of the members. This bureaucracy's basis rests mainly on the top, privileged layers of the working class - the workers' aristocracy. The struggle for the liberation of the working class must be based on the broad mass of the proletariat rather than their upper strata.

The RCIT strives for unity in action with other organizations. However, we are aware that the policy of social democracy and the pseudo-revolutionary groups is dangerous and they ultimately represent an obstacle to the emancipation of the working class.

We fight for the expropriation of the big land owners as well as for the nationalisation of the land and its distribution to the poor and landless peasants. We fight for the independent organisation of the rural workers.

We support national liberation movements against oppression. We also support the anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed peoples against the great powers. Within these movements we advocate a revolutionary leadership as an alternative to nationalist or reformist forces.

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be led by the working class. We fight for revolutionary movements of the oppressed (women, youth, migrants etc.) based on the working class. We oppose the leadership of petty-bourgeois forces (feminism, nationalism, Islamism etc.) and strive to replace them by a revolutionary communist leadership.

Only with a revolutionary party fighting as its leadership can the working class win. The construction of such a party and the conduct of a successful revolution as it was demonstrated by the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky in Russia are a model for the revolutionary parties and revolutions also in the 21 Century.

For new, revolutionary workers' parties in all countries! For a 5th Workers International on a revolutionary program! Join the RCIT!

No future without socialism!

No socialism without a revolution!

No revolution without a revolutionary party!

