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Revolutionary New Year Greetings for 2022

Revolutionaries should join forces to aid the mass struggles against the global counterrevolutionary offensive of the ruling class

An Open Letter from the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 28.12.2021

Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! We are entering a new year in those parts of the world dominated by the Gregorian calendar. On this occasion, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) sends its warmest greetings to all those fighting for a future in which humanity can live without exploitation and oppression!

However, we are not only approaching a new year, but we will also enter soon Year Three of the age of the *COVID Counterrevolution*. This period is characterized by an unprecedented reactionary offensive of the ruling class which utilizes the pandemic as a pretext for a gigantic expansion of the police and surveillance state. Likewise, this offensive serves as an opportunity to increase the corporate profits in several key sectors (e.g. pharma, IT, security).

Many people (including among the left) did hope that the pandemic is only a temporary phenomenon which would soon disappear – and with it all the emergency measures of the capitalist state. This is – and has always been – a gross illusion! The RCIT has emphasized since spring 2020 that the policy of the *COVID Counterrevolution* is not driven by concern of public health but rather by political and economic interests of the ruling class. These interests of the monopoly bourgeoisie are determined by the decay of capitalism characterized by economic depression, global political instability and mass unrest. In such a period the ruling class can only keep its power by engineering a shift towards a permanent state of emergency resulting in the successive replacement of bourgeois democracy by chauvinist state bonapartism.

Such a policy of the ruling class will last for years as it can only be ended if the system of class exploitation is smashed by a socialist revolution of the workers and oppressed.

Hence, revolutionaries must have no illusions in facing the reality of the period ahead: the current state of emergency regime of the ruling class is not a temporary shift but a strategic transformation from the current form of bourgeois order towards a regime of *capitalist totalitarian tyranny*. By this we do not mean necessarily that the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be the key issue for many years. At some point the ruling class might declare “victory” over the virus. But then the next virus will come. And in any case – the ruling elite will claim – one needs measures for protection against pandemics, against all other possible diseases, etc.

In any case, we are convinced that the issues of state-capitalist health policy (including a massive increase of vaccination policy), comprehensive state control over the society, expansion of the police and surveillance state apparatus (under the pretext of “protecting health”), etc. – all this will remain a central issue of the global class struggle in the coming period.

For all these reasons the RCIT has emphasized repeatedly the historic significance of the *COVID Counterrevolution* – a turning point no less important than World War I.

Like in 1914, the opportunist left has dramatically failed this historic test and capitulated to the policy of *COVID Counterrevolution*. These reformist and centrist forces basically agree with the bourgeois concepts of Lockdown against the whole population, comprehensive control of the health status and the movement of people (via the so-called “Health Pass”) as well as vaccination of the whole population with Big Pharma vaccines which are under-tested and which loose effectiveness (if such exist) after a few months. The Lockdown Left either implement this policy itself (in countries where it is part of the government like in Spain, South Africa, or Italy), support it as opposition parties or agrees with its principles while having this or that detailed criticism.

Such support for a historic counterrevolutionary offensive puts these Lockdown Left forces on the other side of the barricade – into the camp of the class enemy!

It is telling that such historical betrayal takes place in a period full of mass protests and popular uprisings. Already in autumn 2019, mass struggles all over the world – from Hong Kong to Chile, from Iraq to France – shook the capitalist order. After the first shock of the *COVID Counterrevolution* in spring 2020, the cycle of class struggles resumed with the Black Live Matters uprising, followed by many other colossal insurrections of the workers and oppressed (in India, Afghanistan, Colombia, Sudan, Tunisia, South Africa, France, Italy, etc.)

The forces of the opportunist left – social democrats, Stalinists, Bolivarians and pseudo-Trotskyists – are incapable to provide any perspective for these struggles. In many cases, they even denounce and oppose them outrightly!

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! Never before has the crisis of leadership been felt so painfully! The masses are taking the streets and rising up, but they do so mostly spontaneously, without or even against the opportunist “left”.

The most important task in the current period is to overcome such a crisis of leadership! Revolutionaries have the responsibility to aid the vanguard of the workers and oppressed in finding a correct orientation and organization. In order to advance this task, revolutionaries need to join forces.

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! The RCIT calls you to join us in the struggle to build a *Revolutionary World Party* with sections in each country! Such a party should be based on a program of struggle for the period ahead, a program which combines each and every struggle with the strategic goal – the socialist world revolution! We have no time to lose! Let us jointly tackle the great tasks of the year 2022! Let us join forces and march forward!

Unity – Struggle – Victory!

International Bureau of the RCIT

Neither NATO nor Russia! Down with all Imperialist Warmongers!

No support for either imperialist camp or its proxies in the Ukraine and Donbass!

Unite the workers and oppressed for an independent struggle for liberation!

Statement of the RCIT Russia and the International Bureau of the RCIT, 25 January 2022

1. The tensions between Russia and NATO accelerate day by day. Russia has amassed more than 100,000 troops and weaponry on the border to the Ukraine and stationed troops in Belarus. The Putin regime de facto threatens to invade Ukraine (resp. parts of it) in one form or another and to support its allies in the so-called *Donetsk resp. Luhansk People's Republic*.

2. NATO has already stationed a substantial number of troops in neighboring countries of Russia. There are currently about 4,000 U.S. troops and 1,000 other NATO troops stationed in Poland. There are also about 4,000 NATO troops in the Baltic States. Furthermore, there are more than 150 U.S. "military advisers" deployed in Ukraine. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken threatened in a recent interview "NATO itself will continue to be reinforced in a significant way if Russia commits renewed acts of aggression. All of that is on the table. (...) We're going to actually increase troop presence in Poland, in Romania, et cetera, if in fact he [Putin, Ed.] moves."

3. The objective background of this escalation is the acceleration of the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers (U.S., China, EU, Russia and Japan) in the current period of capitalist decay. Since the 1990s, NATO has pushed back Russia step by step and expanded its influence in Eastern Europe. However, with the rise of China as a Great Power and the rapid decline of Western imperialism (reflected in the historic defeat of the U.S. in Afghanistan or its impotence in face of the popular uprising in Kazakhstan), the Putin regime senses that it has now an opportunity to reverse this development and to push NATO back. As part of this process, it hopes to bring the Ukraine either under its control or, at least, to transform it into a neutral "puffer state". In addition, Moscow hopes to drive a wedge between the U.S. and its European allies. Negotiations between representatives of Russia and the U.S. – including a meeting between Blinken and his Russian counterpart, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on 21 January – produced no results. The State Department has now ordered the families of all American personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine to leave the country amid heightened fears of a Russian invasion.

4. It seems to us that neither side was looking for war initially. Both sides viewed their maneuvers and military threats as tactical means to advance their interests in the diplomatic field. Initially, the Western governments were not interested in an escalation since the U.S. focus-

es its global strategy on containing its Chinese rival and Western Europe alone has no means to wage a war with Russia. Furthermore, the European Union is interested to keep stable relations with Russia given its dependence on the latter oil and gas.

5. However, the failure to achieve any compromise has raised the stakes and it becomes increasingly difficult for either side to retreat without a huge loss of face. Such a public humiliation could result in massive domestic crisis of governments concerned. Hence, the risk of a "little war" – in order to avoid such a political defeat – have substantially increased. However, such a "little war" could easily result in a big war given the military arsenal of the Great Powers involved.

6. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its comrades in Russia strongly denounce the reactionary warmongering on both sides. For socialists, there is no progressive side to choose. Both NATO as well as Russia represent imperialist Great Powers which compete against each other in order to increase their spheres of influence at the cost of their rivals. Socialists operating in both camps have to work towards denouncing the chauvinist campaigns and the warmongering of their respective governments. They must wage a struggle against imperialist ideologies – like the supposed superiority of "liberal democracy" or the myth of the "Russkij Mir" ("Russian World"). Furthermore, the RCIT calls for the dissolution of all imperialist military alliances like NATO as well as the Russia-dominated *Collective Security Treaty Organization* (CSTO). Socialists need to take an independent and internationalist stance against all imperialist Great Powers, i.e. opposing war without lending support to either imperialist camp!

7. Neither the bourgeois government of the Ukraine – a semi-colonial capitalist country – nor the leaderships of the Donbass "Republics" represent an independent force. Since the civil war in 2014, one is a proxy of Western imperialism, the other of Russian imperialism. Hence, a war between the Ukraine armed forces and Russia resp. its Donbass proxies would have also a reactionary character on both sides.

8. Socialists need to *combine* their intransigent opposition against all imperialist camps with *support for the struggles of oppressed people* fighting against one or the other of these Great Powers. Therefore the RCIT has always supported the heroic liberation struggle of Chechen people

Revolutionary Struggle for Women's Liberation

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against their oppression by Russia. We have also supported the recent uprising of the workers and poor in Kazakhstan which was brutally crushed by the regime's security forces with the help of Russian/CSTO troops. Likewise, we support the right of national self-determination both of the Ukrainian people as well as of the Russophile parts of the population in the East of this country. However, we do not give any support for forces which hope to utilize Russian or Western forces for own benefits but, objectively, serve the imperialist goals of these powers. Leon Trotsky, the leader of the Fourth International, pointed out in the 1930s that Hitler was exploiting the situation of German minorities living in other countries (after the humiliating Versailles Treaty in 1919) as a pretext to pursue the imperialist goals of Nazi Germany. Putin, the Gendarme of Eurasia, deploys similar demagoguery by presenting himself as the savior of Russians in post-Soviet states. In fact, *Russkij Mir* is just a pretext for Moscow to get a better deal with the West and to divert and pacify domestic opposition.

9. Based on such an internationalist and anti-imperialist approach, the RCIT has also supported the struggle of the *Black Lives Matter* movement in the U.S., of the Afghan people against the NATO occupiers (until August 2021) or of the Catalan people against the Spanish State. Socialists argue that activists of national liberation movements must not ally themselves with one of the Great Powers. The only way forward is the independent liberation struggle and the unity of workers and oppressed of all countries!

10. We strongly denounce those self-proclaimed "socialist" parties which – openly or concealed – support one or the other imperialist camp. Deputies of the Stalinist KPRF in Russia, for example, have brought forward a parliamentary proposal to formally recognise the independence of Donbass "Republics". One of the supporters of this

bill, Alexander Borodai – a former Donetsk political leader who is now a lawmaker for the ruling, pro-Putin *United Russia* party – said that the separatists would look to Russia to help them wrest control of parts of the territory that are now held by Ukrainian forces. "*In the event of (the republics) being recognised, a war will become a direct necessity.*" Likewise, many Stalinist parties in East and West have expressed their support for Russian and Chinese imperialism for long. On the other hand, the so-called "left" in the U.S. inside and around the Democratic Party (e.g. Senator Bernie Sanders, the so-called "Squad" in the House of Representatives, forces in the DSA) have supported the U.S. Administration despite its imperialist policy. Likewise, there are "socialist" parties in Western Europe which serve in government of NATO countries (e.g. like Podemos, IU and the PCE in Spain, SYRIZA in Greece until 2019). Furthermore, several left-wing groups in the Ukraine fail to take a clear, anti-imperialist stance – some even try to play on pro-Russian or on pro-Western interest by using one Great Power against the other.

11. We call socialists to join the RCIT in the struggle against all Great Powers, in solidarity with the liberation struggles of the working class and the oppressed people and for international socialism. Such a struggle requires the creation of a new *Revolutionary World Party*. Join us in building such a party!

* *Down with the Warmongering of Russian and NATO imperialism!*

* *In case of military conflicts: no support for any imperialist camp – neither Russia nor Ukraine/NATO!*

* *For the dissolution of both NATO and the CSTO!*

* *No to any Imperialist Sanctions!*

* *Workers and Oppressed – Unite against the Great Powers in East and West!*

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.

Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

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Sudan: Popular Uprising Continues after Resignation of Hamdok

**Prepare for general strike and insurrection to bring down the military regime!
For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!**

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 05.01.2022

1. On 2 January, Abdalla Hamdok resigned as Sudan's Prime Minister. In his resignation speech Hamdok said that he had tried to prevent the country "from sliding toward disaster" but that it was now at a "dangerous crossroads threatening its very survival". As a matter of fact, Hamdok acted as a civilian figurehead for the military regime of General Burhan which had carried out a coup on 25 October. Sudan has been "sliding toward disaster" because the army command brutally rules the country and because Hamdok aided this regime by betraying the revolutionary masses who had hoped that he would seriously challenge the military's domination.

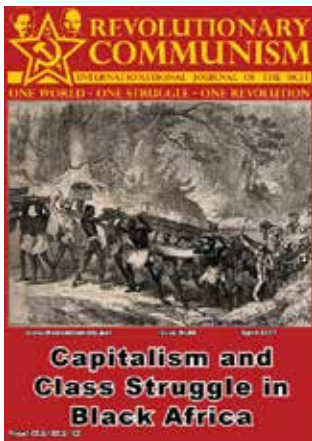
2. The objective reason for Hamdok resignation is that he is no longer of use for anyone. The revolutionary masses don't need him because he did not oppose the military. General Burhan has no use for Hamdok anymore because the latter failed to pacify the masses. And for the same reason, the Great Powers also have no reason to continue lending support to the former Prime Minister.

3. The most important factor which has caused this development is the dramatic surge of mass protests in recent weeks. Tens of thousands have demonstrated repeatedly across Sudan, including in Khartoum and its twin city of Omdurman, in Port Sudan, Medani, Atbara, Bahri, in the South Darfur capital of Nyala, etc. These protests

are organized by the *Sudanese Professional Association* and, most importantly, a broad network of so-called *Resistance Committees*. Militant groups within these committees – like the *Kings of Clashes* and *The Angry* – have organized to deploy new tactics in fighting against the repression apparatus of the regime. The masses have made big sacrifices since the coup in late October with at least 57 activists killed and hundreds wounded. At least 13 women have been raped in this period.

4. Against the background of such unbroken mass struggle, secret negotiations are currently taking place between the military regime and the treacherous reformist forces among the opposition, with the involvement of the imperialist Great Powers. According to media reports, they try to pacify the masses by finding "an independent figure" to lead a technocratic cabinet through elections. Among the names floated was that of former Finance Minister Ibrahim Elbadawi. (Al Jazeera, 4 January 2022) Elbadawi, a former World Bank economist, is a darling of Wall Street and the imperialist Great Powers who can't wait to rob Sudan's wealth.

5. However, large sectors of the *Resistance Committees* reject another treacherous deal like the one of 21 November. The militant spirit of many activists is well captured in a statement of Ali Nasser, a representative of



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these committees, who reacted to Hamdok's resignation by saying that this made no difference on the ground. "We have nothing to do with this resignation, as Hamdok has already legitimised the coup through his deal with the army on 21 November. So we are against the entire regime of the coup and we will continue resisting it. I see that our efforts to defeat the coup are going well, beginning with Hamdok, and we will end this path by ousting Burhan and Hemeti soon."

6. The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) sends its warmest greeting to the fighting masses in Sudan! Particularly, we state our unconditional solidarity with the numerous militants of the Resistance Committees including those active in groups like the Kings of Clashes and The Angry. We warn that the imperialist powers – including its puppet institutions like the United Nations –, the military and the Hamdok-type of traitors within the so-called opposition are planning another conspiracy against the fighting masses. They try to delay elections as long as possible because they want such elections to happen only when "the situation has stabilized". This is nothing but a code word for pacifying the masses so that they can not offer resistance against massive attacks on their social and democratic rights. The ruling class does not want a democracy where the masses intervene in the decision making and impose their will. They can only allow "democracy" with deathly hush where the Lords of Power and Money can dominate at a whim.

7. We call the masses to not accept any other "negotiated solution" or another unelected "transitional government". We repeat: *No trust in any bourgeois parties! The workers and poor peasants must only trust their own combat power and their own mass organizations!* The central task now is to bring down the military regime. In our opinion, it is crucial that the Resistance Committees and the trade unions organize real mass assemblies of the workers and poor peasants in order to build *direct-democratic councils of action* as well as *regional and national coordination bodies of delegates*. They should organize a *general strike* resulting in a popular insurrection to bring down the regime. It is also

crucial to build *self-defense committees* to defend the masses against the regime's thugs. Furthermore, activists should develop *agitation among the soldiers* in order to split the army.

8. Against the never-ending maneuvers of the generals, bourgeois politicians and imperialist powers, revolutionaries should fight for a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly*. Such a body should discuss and elaborate a new constitution. Its deputies should be elected by local popular assemblies, being recallable by their constituents. In order to avoid corruption, these deputies should receive the salary of a skilled worker. Such a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly* must not be under any threat by the bourgeois repression apparatus. Hence, the assembly must be convened and controlled by the fighting masses organized in councils of action and armed militias.

9. Revolutionaries advocate the smashing of the repression apparatus and the abolition of all ruling class institutions. The goal should be to establish a *workers and poor peasants' government, based on popular councils and militias*. Only such a government can implement the will of the popular masses. Only such a government is free of influence of the corrupted generals, the wealthy elite and the imperialist Great Powers.

10. Furthermore, the RCIT considers it as crucial to link the popular struggle in Sudan with those in other countries in Africa and the Middle East – from the resistance against foreign occupation in Somalia and Yemen to the struggle against military dictatorship like in Syria, Egypt and Iraq. Such international solidarity should be linked to the perspective of creating a *voluntary socialist federation of workers and poor peasants' republics*. Fighting for such a socialist perspective requires the unification of authentic revolutionaries in a single party – in Sudan as well as internationally. Without such a revolutionary party, any struggle will lack a clear perspective and direction. Join the RCIT in building a *Revolutionary World Party!*

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RCIT AFRICA PROGRAM

Manifesto for the Revolutionary Liberation of Black Africa

Adopted at the 2nd World Congress of the RCIT in November 2017

Introduction * Foreign Exploiters – Out of Africa! * The Wealth to Those Who Create It! Economic Freedom Now! * Down with the Capitalist Dictatorships and Corrupt Pseudo-Democracies! * Organize the Workers and Oppressed for the Mass Struggle! * For a Government of Workers and Poor Peasants! For a Socialist Revolution! * For Pan-African Unity! For the United Socialist States of Africa! * For a United Front of Struggle! Overcome the Crisis of Leadership – Build a Revolutionary Party Nationally and Internationally! * Appendix

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Kazakhstan: Popular Uprising Rocks the Authoritarian “Sistema”

Statement by the RCIT Russia and the International Bureau of the RCIT, 5 January 2022

1. Kazakhstan – the politically and economically dominant country of Central Asia – experiences a spontaneous insurrection by the popular masses. Thousands of people have stormed governmental buildings in several cities and some were set on fire. Videos are circulating where protestors disarm and arrest soldiers. Other videos show that parts of the security forces are joining the insurrectional people. This is a revolutionary situation by any standards!

2. The uprising was started by industrial workers in the town of Zhanaozen on 2 January. Soon, the insurrection spread to other cities in the oil-rich western Mangystau region. Zhanaozen has a long tradition as an industrial hub with strong labor unions. This town was also the center of the famous workers insurrection in 2011 which was violently cracked down by the regime, killing dozens of protestors after months of standoff including socialist activists from a Trotskyist organization affiliated with the CWI at that time. In the following days, protests have also started in the largest city (Almaty) as well as the nation’s capital (Nur-Sultan).

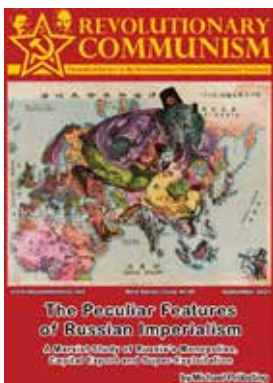
3. The protests were triggered by the governments’ decision to lift price caps on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). As a result, prices have more than doubled in the past days. This has dramatic consequences for people since many cars run on LPG. It should be noted that Kazakhstan natural gas reserves are the third largest in CIS-commonwealth and its gas production increased from 11,6 bcm in 2002 to 55,2 bcm in 2020. Nevertheless, Kazakhstan infrastructure and gas supply remains underdeveloped with barely above 40% population has accesses to gas in 2015. Moreover, as an economy integrated in global market its prices depend on global market ones. Thus, even with increased production these can rise due Kazakhstan’s integration in global trade.

4. In addition to calling for the restoration of the

price cap, protestors have also added other, political demands. The most important one is the demand to remove the whole “sistema” – as the people call the regime. Kazakhstan has been ruled by its former Stalinist boss Nursultan Nazarbayev since it became independent in 1991. He restored capitalism at that time and ruled the country by authoritarian means until he formally handed the presidency over to his hand-picked successor, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, in 2019. Hence, the protestors in Zhanaozen demand that nobody from the regime must be in a new government or any leadership position. In the neighbouring cities of Aktau and Aktobe protestors also demand the right to elect their local governors (they have been appointed by the regime since 1991). Furthermore, protestors also demonstrate for democracy, popular representation, against compulsory vaccination, demanding that vaccination must be voluntary. This last demand shows that people understand the connection between the reactionary regime and restrictions associated with the COVID mandatory politics and lockdowns which helps for “sistema” to justify restriction of free movement and restrict protests!

5. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly welcomes the popular uprising of the Kazakh workers and popular masses! The people are right to rebel and to call for the downfall of the capitalist-authoritarian “sistema”! This is another element in the chain of popular uprisings which started in 2011 with the Arab Revolution and which has spread since 2019 to Hong Kong, India, Chile, Colombia, Sudan, South Africa, Catalunya, France, the U.S. and many other countries. One year ago, neighboring Kyrgyzstan experienced a similar event – the so-called “October Revolution”.

6. We call for the creation of councils elected in workplaces and neighbourhoods. Likewise, it is urgent to build popular militias in order to defend the protests



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The Peculiar Features of Russian Imperialism

A Study of Russia’s Monopolies, Capital Export and Super-Exploitation in the Light of Marxist Theory

By Michael Pröbsting, August 2021

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against police and paid thugs. Such independent forms of direct-democratic organization are crucial to avoid that the protests are hijacked by bourgeois demagogues who want to replace the current “sistema” by just another version of authoritarian regime. Another danger are various “opposition” forces which are striving for control in order to make concessions to Russia or other imperialist powers.

7. Socialists should advocate the creation of a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly* which would be under the control of the armed and organized popular masses. They only way forward is the overthrow of the ruling class and the creation of a workers and popular government. Such a government should *expropriate the key sectors of industry, service and finance under workers control and expropriate the capitalists without any compensation!* It should organize a *public employment program* under control of the workers and popular organizations in order to abolish unemployment and poverty and to combat inflation.

8. The Kazakh “sistema” has always collaborated closely with imperialist Great Powers. While it was strongly orientated to U.S. imperialism in the period after 1991, this has changed in the last decade. With the decline of Western imperialism and the rise of its Russian and Chinese rivals, the Nazarbayev regime has become closely allied with Moscow and Beijing. Right now, some of the state’s officials demand for CSTO (the Russian-lead organization of regional security) members to intervene and Kyrgyzstan’s regime states its support for suppressing protests. Thus, its urgent to create a workers’ republic of

Kazakhstan which would end domination by any imperialist Great Powers or its allied forces! Such an anti-imperialist orientation should be combined with the slogan for international cooperation in form of global socialist federation!

9. The so-called left plays a rather pathetic role. *Krasnaya Yurta* – a Stalinist organization in Kazakhstan – formally shows sympathy for the protests. However, at the same time, they state that “they cannot come to the protest itself as an organization” since they “do not have broad support from the masses”. Hence, they would “most likely become a plaything in the hands of nationalists and pro-Western oppositionists.” (https://vk.com/red_yurt?w=wall-195469004_41873)

As a result, they stay at home and act objectively as a plaything in the hands of the regime (as well as its masters in Moscow and Beijing)! Other Stalinist forces – in Russia and other countries – also find it impossible to openly support the popular uprising. They are fundamentally guided by the logic: “Putin’s friend is also my friend” or supporting the supposedly “lesser evil against USA”. Such shameful stance demonstrates once more that Stalinism acts as social-imperialist servant to one or the other Great Power!

10. It is of utmost importance that authentic socialists join forces and fight for a revolutionary, anti-imperialist and internationalist program. They should work towards the creation of a *revolutionary party* as part of a new *Revolutionary World Party!* The RCIT calls socialist activists to join us in this struggle!

Rally on the 11th Anniversary of the Egypt Revolution 2011

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 23 January 2022, Austrian Section of the RCIT

The Egyptian migrant community in Vienna organized a rally on 23rd January to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the Egypt Revolution. After 18 days of mass demonstrations, strikes, and street battles, the Egyptian popular masses brought down the regime of the dictator Mubarak. This revolution was an important victory as it secured important democratic rights. It also encouraged the revolutionary wave in the whole Arab world.

However, two and a half years, on 3rd July 2013, General Sisi launched a bloody military coup and destroyed the democratic achievements. Since then, the regime has

killed thousands of people and threw more than 60.000 people into prison.

The rally was addressed by Ibrahim Ali, the leader of the Egyptian migrant community in Austria.

Activists of the Austrian section of the RCIT attended the rally. Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, delivered a speech in which he stressed the solidarity of the RCIT with the resistance of the Egypt people against the military dictatorship.

See photos and a video clip of Michael Pröbsting’s speech here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rally-on-11th-anniversary-of-egypt-revolution/>



Pictures from the rally on the 11th anniversary of the Egypt Revolution 2011 (Vienna, 23.01.2022)

Kazakhstan: Tokayev and Putin Are Killers!

Smash the “sistema”! Organize and arm the popular masses! Kick out all Russian/CSTO troops! Against Russian imperialism – the Gendarme of Eurasia!

Emergency Statement by the RCIT Russia and the International Bureau of the RCIT, 6 January 2022

1. In the last hours, dozens of demonstrators have been killed by the security forces of the regime. According to Saltanet Azirbek, spokeswoman for the Kazakh police, they were “eliminated” overnight when they tried to storm administrative buildings as well as police departments in the country’s largest city, Almaty. There is no doubt that the tyrannical capitalist regime of Kassym-Jomart Tokayev tries to drown the popular uprising in blood.

2. This reactionary turn of events goes hand in hand with the close coordination of the regime – the “sistema” as the Kazakh people call it resentfully – with its imperialist master in Moscow. Late on Wednesday, Tokayev appealed for help from the *Collective Security Treaty Organization* (CSTO), an alliance of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Only hours later, the current chair of CSTO, announced that the organization had agreed. “In light of the threats to national security and sovereignty to the Republic of Kazakhstan, including from external interference,” the CSTO agreed to send the “peace-keeping forces” to Kazakhstan “for a limited period of time with the aim of stabilizing and normalizing the situation.” According to Russian media, an aviation regiment in the city of Orenburg, close to the Kazakhstan border, was “on alert to be deployed to Kazakhstan.” (<https://twitter.com/EchoMsk-News/status/1478851755307945987>) The composition of the CSTO troops reflect the domination by Moscow: Russia - 3000, Belarussia - 500, Tajikistan – 200 and Armenia – 70. It should also be noted that Kyrgyzstan resisted until now to send troops, reflecting the unpopularity of CSTO operation among the popular masses in various countries. There is no doubt, the Tokayev regime knows that its days are numbered without the military intervention of Russian troops.

3. The regimes of the CSTO alliance are determined to liquidate the popular uprising by any means necessary not only because they want to help on its member states. They are also strongly motivated to send troops since they fear that a successful overthrow of the capitalist authoritarian regime in Kazakhstan – which has been in power since 1991 – could instigate similar mass protests in their own countries. This is also true for Russia – the dominating imperialist power within the CSTO alliance. While the

Putin regime exists for 22 years, popular dissatisfaction has never been as big as it is now.

4. In the light of these latest events, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its Russian section reiterate their full and unconditional support for the heroic uprising of the Kazakh people! Their struggle for social and democratic reforms and for the downfall of the regime is a just cause and deserves international solidarity by all progressive forces!

5. As we outlined in our statement yesterday, it is crucial to organize the resistance in *popular assemblies* and *self-defence units*. Such organs can lead the insurrection towards the overthrow of the “sistema” and its replacement by a *workers and popular government*. In addition, it is urgent to develop *agitation among the soldiers* in order to split the security forces.

6. The looming military intervention of Russian CSTO forces shows that the popular uprising has not only a *social and anti-dictatorial dimension* but also a *national and anti-imperialist character*. The Nazarbayev/Tokayev regime have transformed Kazakhstan into a semi-colony dominated by imperialist Great Powers. While the regime served U.S. imperialism in the 1990s, it has become a puppet of Russian and Chinese imperialism more recently.

7. It shall be noted that the CSTO’s popularity is declining and criticism against Russian imperialism is rising. The people of Armenia and Kyrgyzstan clearly oppose that their troops are utilized as foot soldiers for Russian imperialism - “*the Gendarme of Eurasia*”. It is evident that the modern Russian state is an imperialist reactionary force which can be defended only by social-imperialists!

8. The RCIT calls socialist activists all over the world to support the revolutionary uprising of the Kazakh workers and popular masses! In particular we appeal to socialists and democrats in Russia and Central Asian countries: Help the heroic activists of the Kazakh revolution! Do not allow Putin and the other tyrants to drown the just uprising in blood!

* *Build popular assemblies and militias!*

* *Smash the “sistema”! For a workers and popular government!*

* *No military intervention of imperialist Russian/CSTO troops!*



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The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism

Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism

Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution:

Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

For a democratic and socialist Kazakhstan! Stop the intervention, release the detainees!

Joint Statement of Socialist Organizations in Russia

Note of the Editorial Board: The following joint statement has been issued by a number of socialist organizations in Russia (including the comrades of the RCIT). It reflects a principled declaration of solidarity with the Kazakh uprising as well as of anti-imperialist opposition against Russia's military intervention.

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Mass protests have been going on in Kazakhstan for several days. The detonator of the uprising was the rise in prices for liquefied gas, but it is obvious that the contradictions, which eventually led to a social explosion, accumulated in Kazakhstan for years.

At the moment, the protesters are forming their own self-governing bodies, in some cities administrative buildings and offices of law enforcement agencies have been taken by storm.

Despite the fact that the country's nominal president, Kossym-Zharmat Tokayev, tried to calm the people down by freezing gas prices and the resignation of the government, the protests only intensified and entered a new phase, which speaks of deep-rooted discontent with authoritarian-bureaucratic capitalism in Kazakhstan.

The vanguard of the protest is the working class, and we are convinced that only it will be able to carry through to the end the democratic transformations, without which the struggle for freedom, democracy and socialism is impossible. Only the working people and all the progressive forces of Kazakhstan will be able to bring the revolution to its goal, without looking back at the lulling speeches of the government and not handing over the fate of the protest into the hands of "democratic" opposition politicians.

We stand in solidarity with the insurgent people of Kazakhstan, demanding:

* Immediately release all detained protesters and political prisoners.

* Stop the military intervention of the CSTO member states.

We call on the Kazakh left to participate in the protests and defense of Kazakhstan against military incursion. Introduce a socialist agenda into the program of the insurgent people of Kazakhstan and build their own independent political organization.

The statement was signed by:

1. Russian Socialist Movement RCD.
2. Executive Committee of the movement "Labor Russia"
3. Editorial Board of the Altleft website | Alternative Left
4. Interregional Coalition of Left Forces "Left Bloc"
5. Marxist Tendency
6. Socialist Tendency
7. Student Union "Community"
8. Online magazine "Rabkor"
9. Revolutionary Marxist Bloc
10. Re-media
11. Revolutionary Alternative RA
12. Buri Originals Journal
13. Online edition "Left wing"
14. Libertarian Socialist Movement
15. Union of Proletarian Liberation | CPO
16. Young Guards of the Bolshevik-Leninists
17. Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (<https://www.thecommunists.net>)
18. Russian Maoist Party
19. Internet Media "Left News"
20. Internet Media "Anarcho News"
21. Union of Democratic Socialists SDS
22. People's Socialist Movement of Russia
23. Democratic Anti-Capitalism
24. DemSoc | Democratic Socialism

The Rise of Russia as an Imperialist Great Power

*** Russia as a Great Imperialist Power. The formation of Russian Monopoly Capital and its Empire**

*** Lenin's Theory of Imperialism and Russia's Rise as a Great Power**

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Three Pamphlets by Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

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Cambodia: Police Arrest Trade Union Activists

Important strike at the NagaWorld Casino Complex

By Laurence Humphries, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 14 January 2022

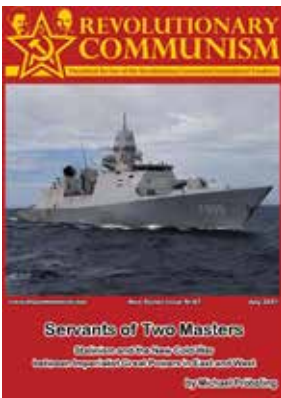
After 19 days on strike against layoffs and mass sackings the Cambodian police have arrested scores of striking workers in defence of their jobs and livelihoods at the Naga World Casino complex in Phnom Penh. The leader of the union of Khmer employees, Chhim Sithar, who visited the complex was roughly bundled into a car by undercover Police with her arms twisted behind her backs. This aggressive behaviour is typical of how the police attack and arrest anyone in Cambodia. Workers have rights but the Hun Sen regime arrests and locks up anyone in prison. Democratic rights are absent in Cambodia dominated by an authoritarian capitalist regime of an ex-Stalinist party. All opposition is ruthlessly suppressed. "Sacked twice from her casino job and arrested this week on charges of endangering public security, union leader Chhim Sithar is the latest in a long line of activists to take on the challenge of campaigning for labour rights in Cambodia. Chhim Sithar, 34, has been at the forefront of a strike at the country's biggest casino, facing off against scores of riot police at protests in Phnom Penh. Since December, employees of NagaWorld casino run by Hong Kong-listed Nagacorp Ltd.'s (3918.HK) have been protesting against the layoff of 365 workers in the wake of disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic." [1]

"Cambodian police have detained more than two dozen current and former employees of the country's largest casino, run by a Hong Kong firm, amid the workers' 19-day strike to protest against mass lay-offs and alleged labour law violations last year. On Tuesday, union leader Chhim Sithar, who was among the 1,329 people laid off last year, was detained by police. A video posted on Twitter showed what appeared to be undercover police pouncing on her and forcefully dragging her towards a white se-

dan. Hundreds of workers at NagaWorld, a casino that is part of the sprawling leisure complex in the Cambodian capital owned by NagaCorp Ltd, have been on strike since December 18. They are calling for the reinstatement of 365 employees who were laid off last April and May. NagaCorp management laid off 1,329 of its more than 8,000 employees in May, claiming financial troubles during the Covid-19 pandemic. The complex was forced to close early last year due to government-mandated lockdowns. NagaCorp reported its first losses in its listed history in its half-year report in 2021. The police first detained 10 people on New Year's Eve, but with workers continuing to return to the grassy strip of park in front of the company's Naga 1 building or nearby to strike, after negotiations between the union, company management and authorities stalled, police detained another 17 people on Monday. Nine people, including several detained on New Year's Eve, were charged on Monday for incitement to endanger social Security." [2]

No basic democratic rights in Cambodia

There has been a history of Bonapartist attacks on workers' rights in Cambodia under the authoritarian bourgeois government of Hun Sen. This latest example is a demonstration of the state's high handed and anti-democratic behaviour of dealing with major social unrest. They have been using the COVID 19 virus as an excuse to lock down people, force them to have vaccinations and restrict their movements from one region to another. This dispute is a reaction against the Hong Based Corporate employer who just wants to sack and lay off his staff to maximise his profits without having to pay for an enlarged workforce.



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Servants of Two Masters

*Stalinism and the New Cold War
between Imperialist Great Powers in East and West*

by Michael Pröbsting

A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A4 Format

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The union under Chhim Sithar fought back in defence of their jobs. NagaWorld admits that its illegal profits have increased and there is no reason why they should threaten 365 workers with the sack.

“On Monday, at least 15 strikers, including a pregnant woman, were detained by military police who surrounded the site in large numbers, according to monitors at the scene and the union. The industrial action started on Dec. 18. The local gambling giant, whose parent company is listed in Hong Kong, terminated more than 1,300 employees last year as several COVID-related disruptions hit revenue. The union goes by the name Labor Rights Supported Union of Khmer Employees of NagaWorld. It has called for the reinstatement of 365 workers who refused to take the compensation offered in the termination package. It has also issued several demands related to severance, wages and contracts. Despite authorities’ pressure, daily demonstrations have at times swelled to more than 1,000 people. The union and rights groups have accused authorities of siding with one of Cambodia’s most powerful companies rather than protecting the rights of workers. NagaWorld, which has a monopoly license in Phnom Penh, was among the world’s most profitable casinos in 2018, according to an analysis that year by Gambling Compliance. Malaysian CEO Chen Lip Keong, who majority owns the company, is worth \$2.9 billion, according to Forbes.” [3]

As bourgeois reports have shown this is a major international corporation with enormous surplus of profits and without the workforce would be unable to make these enormous profits of millions of dollars.

The Hun Sen bonapartist regime

Basic democratic rights do not exist in Cambodia under the Hun Sen regime. Hun Sen is an ageing ex-Stalinist and bourgeois capitalist who has ruled Cambodia for over 40 years. First, he served as a Stalinist state leader and now – with the continuing inter-imperialist rivalry of the U.S., China, Russia, Japan and Europe – as a Bourgeois capitalist. He is a bonapartist dictator who stamps out all opposition forces – banning political opposition bourgeois parties, imprisoning their leaders or, if they are lucky, they will find exile abroad. He is treating this dispute with the same dictatorial methods. Cambodia is a police state in all but name as the RCIT has stated previously.

“Many activists campaigning for democratic rights have been arrested and are languishing in Cambodian jails. It is the policy of Hun Sen to deal with all his opponents in this way. He ensured in the 2018 General election that opposition pro-democracy parties were banned and their leaders either jailed or escaped into exile. Hun Sen’s Cambodian People’s Party won all 125 seats. The result speaks for itself. In 2020 Hun Sen had a leader of a bourgeois-democratic party arrested and jailed. Trade union and labour leaders are constantly under attack for defending the rights of workers and poor peasants and establishing basic democratic rights.” [4]

Free all political prisoners!

The RCIT calls for the immediate release of union leader Chhim Sithar and all the workers arrested at Naga Corp Casino complex in Phnom Penh. They must be reinstated in employment at Naga Corp Casino complex together with Rong Chhun – another union leader imprisoned on the orders of the Hun Sen regime. The leadership of the Cambodia National Rescue Party, the main opposition bourgeois party dissolved and banned, must be reinstated as a legitimate party able to fight and contest elections.

The ILO has written to Hun Sen requesting that all the Naga Corp workers jailed by the regime be released. *“The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has urged Prime Minister Hun Sen to use his powers to ensure the immediate release of NagaWorld trade union activists following their arrest on “conspiracy” charges – a matter officials said must be resolved through the courts. ILO director-general Guy Ryder made the call in a letter to Hun Sen on January 7, stating the fundamental importance of respect for freedom of association as one of the primary safeguards of peace and social justice which he said is fully recognised by Cambodia’s laws and Constitution. Ryder called for the release of all detained workers and the dropping of all criminal charges related to their trade union activity. “I expressed deep concern over the recent arrests of workers and union activists following the peaceful strike called by the Labour Rights Supported Union of Khmer Employees of Naga World (LRSU),” Ryder said in a subsequent press statement. Nine union leaders and activists have been indicted by the court thus far with eight of them placed in pre-trial detention on charges of “inciting serious social unrest” after more than 1,000 workers of the integrated resort went on strike to protest the lay-off of 365 fellow employees who they say were targeted for union organising. [5]*

The RCIT puts forward the following demands.
Free all political Prisoners including Chhim Sithar and the workers at Naga Corp and reinstate back into employment!
No to the ban of the Cambodia National Rescue Party!
No to Lockdowns over the Covid! Defend basic democratic rights!
Nationalise all corporations and international cartels like Naga Corp under workers control!
For a workers and peasants government!
Join the RCIT!

Footnotes

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Cuba must not be a Pawn of Russian imperialism

Note of the Editorial Board: Our Argentinean section has reproduced an interesting statement of dissident communists in Cuba in which they protest against plans of Russia to install military bases on the island. Indeed, such plans reflect the aggressive and arrogant attitude of Russian imperialism. This development is part of the global rivalry between imperialist great Powers (U.S., China, EU, Russia and Japan).

This statement also reflects a process of differentiation and polarization within the labor movement. The acceleration of the Great Power rivalry increasingly pushes some forces coming from a Stalinist tradition into opposition against Russian (or Chinese) imperialism. In contrast, others are becoming even more willfully servants of the Eastern Great Powers. (See on this e.g. <https://www.the-communists.net/worldwide/asia/kazakhstan-and-putin-s-patriotic-communists/> and <https://www.the-communists.net/worldwide/asia/kazakh-uprising-and-stalinism-marital-row-or-serious-divisions/>).

Below we reproduce the statement of the Cuban dissident communists as well as the brief introduction of our Argentinean comrades which points to the weaknesses in the Cuban's statement. The translation is ours.

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We reproduce a statement issued by dissident Cuban sectors of the left. Although we do not agree one hundred percent with the communique, for example in characterizing the island as "socialist", we share their repudiation of any interference by Russian imperialism, whose spokesmen stated their decision to use Cuba as part of the inter-imperialist conflict with the United States.

Che Guevara's homeland must stay out of these confrontations, between capitalist powers, raising an independent policy, whose objective is to face a true national and social liberation, carrying out a new revolution, which gives rise to the construction of a socialist society supported in the democratic decision-making bodies of its workers. Such a situation does not exist in that country today as it has become a capitalist semi-colony.

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Communiqué of Communists before the declarations of the Russian Vice Chancellor

Editorial Committee of the Communist Magazine of Cuba, 14 January 2022, <https://www.comunistascuba.org/2022/01/comunicado-de-comunistas-ante-las.html?m=1>

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Serguei Riabkov declared this Thursday that if the escalation of tensions between his country and the United States increases, Russia could deploy "military infrastructure" in Cuba. Currently, Cuba is not involved in any armed conflict. With his statements, Riabkov tries to involve Cuba in an escalation of military tension in which our country is not a part.

The possible deployment of Russian "military infrastructure" only suits the Russian government. The Cuban work-

ing class knows how to resist after decades of economic blockade and it is not afraid to confront imperialism in case it invades to destroy Cuban socialism. Nor is it afraid in any circumstance that the United States intervenes in Cuba. But this time, the tightening of the blockade and a military aggression would only be caused because Russia tried to pressure the United States.

Russia is just a few kilometers from Alaska. Why doesn't Russia point its missiles at Alaska and pretend to expose us as cannon fodder? Be consistent and place your missiles in the Bering Strait!

In 1914, the Bolsheviks, Trotsky and Rosa Luxemburg, based on Marxism and internationalism, said that the European working class had nothing to gain from the First World War and therefore condemned the participation of their respective countries in that war. Today, communists once again positions itself alongside the interests of the Cuban working class, against the warmongering pretensions of the Russian bourgeois government. At the same time, we call on the Cuban government not to accept involvement in a conflict to which it is not a part. Communists consider it necessary for the Cuban Foreign Ministry to express itself against on Riabkov's statements.

Do not confuse the Missile Crisis with this current scenario. In October 1962 Cuba was under a real threat of US invasion. Today, the deployment of Russian troops in Cuba only responds to Russia's political-military interests. It is not internationalism: it is interventionism. At the end of the Missile Crisis, given the intention that UN troops would be deployed in Cuba to observe the disarmament of Soviet strategic weapons, Fidel Castro – referring to the UN intervention in that African country – warned that "Cuba is not the Congo". Now we say that Cuba is not Crimea.

In summary:

Communists condemns the interventionist statements of the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, Serguei Riabkov, and respectfully requests the Cuban government to make a statement on the matter. This is even more important as the United States has already spoken out. The Cuban government cannot remain silent when two major capitalist powers discuss whether or not to place "military infrastructure" in Cuba. We are nobody's pawn. War is only justified if it is a revolutionary war. In this case it is a war for the interests of bourgeois states.

We are willing to defend socialism against a possible US invasion, but we are not willing to get involved in a war that only responds to imperialist interests!

* Long live proletarian internationalism!

* Down with imperialism!

* Long live the Cuban working class!

* Socialism and Freedom

* Country or Death!

* Socialism or death!

* We will win!

The Zionists are losing the propaganda war

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL the RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 16.01.2022

The more the Zionists are accusing the left and the liberals, who support the Palestinians of Anti-Semitism, and at the same time forge close relations with the real Anti-Semites, the more this weapon of propaganda is losing its power. There was a time and not so remote when the accusation of Anti-Semitism was a powerful weapon in the hands of the Zionists and their supporters. A clear example was the witch hunt and the purging of Jeremy Corbyn and the left of the British labor party.

"Another clear example is the legislation that Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) recently championed that would help states ban contracts with people or organizations who advocate boycotting Israel. Rubio claimed opponents of the bill were "anti-Israel" and that boycotts are "discriminatory" against it. Republicans weren't the only supporters of the measure, either; Democrats voted for it in large numbers, too. And their leaders — such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.), who pushed Omar to apologize, (for saying that the ADL uses money to buy politicians) or Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (N.Y.) — have adopted the Israeli talking point that BDS is anti-Semitic." [i]

However, these days we see that growing number of people among them actors, film directors and screen writers are not afraid anymore from calling Israel an apartheid state.

Last week Emma Watson the star of the new Harry Potter movie playing Hermione Granger was accused by the Zionists of Anti-Semitism because she posted an image of a pro-Palestinian protest with the banner 'solidarity is a verb'.

Danny Danon, who held the posts of science minister in Benjamin Netanyahu's government and the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations. Said: *"10 points from Gryffindor (one of the four Houses of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the movie) for being an anti-Semite."* Israel's current ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan wrote: *"Fiction may work in Harry Potter but it does not work in reality. If it did, the magic used in the warding world could eliminate the evils of Hamas (which oppresses women and seeks the annihilation of Israel) and the PA (which supports terror). I would be in*

favor of that!" [ii]

But these Zionists were answered by more than 40 known artists who defended Emma Watson in a letter organized by Artists for Palestine UK, a cultural network standing together for Palestinian rights. These 40 include Susan Sarandon, Mark Ruffalo, Gael García Bernal, Jim Jarmusch, Peter Capaldi, Maxine Peake, Viggo Mortensen, Steve Coogan, Charles Dance and Harriet. Other are multi award-winning screenwriter and producer James Schamus (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*), Oscar-nominated directors Asif Kapadia (*Amy*), Mira Nair (*Salaam Bombay*) and writer/producer Oren Moverman (*The Messenger*) double Palme d'Or winner Ken Loach (*I, Daniel Blake*), actors Michael Malarkey (*The Vampire Diaries*) and Matt McGorry (*Orange Is the New Black, How to Get Away with Murder*), and Emmy-winning production designer Gemma Jackson (*Games of Thrones*), Wolf Hall director Peter Kosminsky, and actors Liam Cunningham and Khalid Abdalla.

The letter says:

"We join Emma Watson in support of the simple statement that 'solidarity is a verb', including meaningful solidarity with Palestinians struggling for their human rights under international law. We oppose injustice anywhere in the world and stand with all those seeking an end to oppression.

We stand against ongoing Israeli attempts to forcibly displace Palestinian families from their homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhoods of Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan and elsewhere in the occupied Palestinian territory.

We recognize the underlying power imbalance between Israel, the occupying power, and the Palestinians, the people under a system of military occupation and apartheid, as described by Human Rights Watch, B'Tselem, Israel's leading human rights organization, and by Palestinian and international human rights experts.

We condemn all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Opposition to a political system or policy is distinct from bigotry, hatred and discrimination targeting any group of humans based on their identity. We see the former as a

Venezuela: Free Jean Mendoza!

Maduro's Police arrested a labor leader and socialist activist

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 18 January 2022

Jean Mendoza, a labor leader and member of *Marea Socialista* in Venezuela, has been arrested by the police on 15 January 2022. The arrest took place during a meeting of comrade Mendoza with workers from his company, the Chilean multinational Masisa, who are waging a struggle for their rights.

Marea Socialista is affiliated with the *International Socialist League* (ISL) whose largest section is the MST in Argentina. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly condemns the arrest of comrade Jean Mendoza! This scandal demonstrates, once more, the bourgeois and

pro-capitalist character of the Maduro regime in Venezuela. This is not a "socialist" government as myriads of Bolivarians and Stalinist claim. This is regime which first and foremost serves the bosses and its imperialist masters in Beijing and Moscow!

The RCIT calls for the immediate and unconditional release of comrade Mendoza! *Marea Socialista* has launched a campaign on Twitter with the hashtag [#LibertadParaJeanMendoza](#) which the RCIT calls to support.

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legitimate and necessary form of political and ethical expression and the latter as racism – pure and simple.

The late Desmond Tutu once said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." Heeding Tutu's moral appeal, we stand on the side of justice, freedom, and equal rights for all. This is the least we can do". [iii]

In Australia, this Thursday the chair of the Sydney Festival was compelled to offer a public apology to the artists participating in the event upended by calls for a boycott due to Israeli government funding. He said:

"We are very sorry for the fact that we put artists in a situation where they felt compromised," said festival chair David Kirk, adding that many artists found themselves either "in a position where they've felt the need to withdraw their work or continue with their work [and] have been subjected to pretty serious social media pressure to withdraw" [iv]

Thus, the realization that the Zionist state is an apartheid state is growing like a snow ball rolling down a hill collecting more and more material as it happened with the South African Apartheid where the boycott movement began in the 1950s. The UN general assembly passes many resolutions against the racist regime but they were toothless as the western imperialists in the security council vetoed any economic sanction or military action against the SA apartheid state for economic and political reasons till the last stage of the Apartheid regime.

The racists in South Africa could not use the propaganda of allegedly fighting Anti-Semitism. Instead they used the propaganda of fighting terror and communism.

In 1950, the National Party passed the Suppression of Communism Act, No. 44 that not only illegalized the South African Community Party (SACP) but also gave the Governor-General the right to declare any political party or organization unlawful at any time if they were found to be pursuing 'communitistic' goals.

The Criminal Law Amendment Act, No. 8 prescribed the punishment for those protesting the government or any of its laws, for inciting or encouraging another person to protest, or for receiving or soliciting any assistance in organizing a protest. The Criminal Procedure and Evidence Amendment Act, No. 29 of 1955 as well as the Criminal Procedure Act, No. 56 of 1955 further increased the power of the government over dissidents. These Acts endowed judges and police with increased measures of autonomy and independence with regard to warrants and arrests.

The 1967 Terrorism Act was used by the police to pursue and prosecute various organizations and individuals who

resisted state terrorism. Enforcement of the Act allowed for almost unchecked control by security forces over detainees, and many of those detained under the Terrorism Act reported abuse by police forces. Others died in detention.

The Zionist state was the best friend of its sister twin in SA. Both had close economic and military cooperation. On 22 September 1979 in the South Atlantic a secret 4 Kiloton test explosion of a South African nuclear bomb.

"There was circumstantial evidence that the test was a joint Israeli-South African project. Just after 22 September 1977 the Israeli Defense Minister and Colonel Amos Horey (a nuclear scientist with the Israeli armed forces) visited South Africa to meet Dr Abraham Rouse, head of South Africa's Atomic Energy Board. The Israelis reacted to stories about their nuclear links with South Africa by withdrawing the press-credentials of a CBS-TV reporter and banning a book by two Israeli journalists" [v]

Israel today is where its twin sister was in the 1980s. Growing number of trade unions, student organizations, left wing and liberal have realized what is its class and political nature. This by itself and the economic boycott while important will not finish the apartheid state. Its end will come with the victorious Arab revolution that will establish the socialist federation of the Middle East where Palestine will be red and free from the river to the sea. In the meanwhile, the Palestinians struggling against the Zionist cruel and brutal regime are not alone as the solidarity campaign is getting momentum and another round of the Arab revolution is on the way.

For a Palestine red and Free from the river to the sea!

For a socialist federation of the Middle East part of the world revolution!

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The rebellion of the Bedouins in the Negev

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL the RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 13.01.2021

When Ra'am the conservative Islamic party (Southern branch) in Israel entered the government of Bennet we denounced it as a betrayal of the Palestinian people. Ra'am claimed that participating in this right-wing government will improve the condition of its social base, the Bedouins living in the south of Israel. This was a pie in the sky.

The Bedouins are estimated at around 200,000-230,000 people or 3.5 percent of the country's total population, the Bedouin community in the southern Negev Desert is part of the Palestinian people citizens of Israel. The community is split between those living in recognized villages (known as townships) and those living in the "unrecognized villages" that the Zionist state deems illegal. This is because of the state's policy of marginalization and non-recognition that denies the existence of the unrecognized villages where more than 100,000 Bedouin lives. Since the establishment of the Zionist state in 1948, they have largely been denied access to basic services like running water, electricity, medical care, education, and housing. They are the poorest, most marginalized, and most discriminated population in Israel. In these villages, there are no hospitals or health clinics, while access to high schools and health services in nearby towns is limited. The fate of the Palestinian Bedouin tribes of the Naqab (Negev) has been no different from that of the rest of the Palestinian people. Along with other Palestinians, the Bedouin of the Naqab suffered expulsion and displacement during and after the Nakba of 1948. This policy has changed very little since 1948.

The Negev is a desert in an area exceeding 12,000 sq. km (7,456 sq. miles), which is 60% of the total land area of Israel before 1967. Bedouin were formerly nomadic shepherds and they are composed of many tribes. Most of the Bedouin tribes in the Negev arrived from Hejaz, a region in the north of the Arabian Peninsula. The expansion of Islam starting in the 7th century A.D. brought Bedouin from the Arabian Peninsula to Palestine. During the Ottoman rule, and under the British Mandate, the life of Bedouin in the Negev remained generally unaltered. They were, for the most part, allowed to live their lives without major interruption from, or interference by, the authorities. They were permitted to move freely about, and migrate according to need, in search of water or pasture for their flocks. Their grazing and water rights, as well as their periodic movements, were recognized. Before the establishment of the Zionist state, the Bedouin of Palestine reached the semi-nomadic stage. Nevertheless, tribal migration was still the overwhelming practice as the Bedouin wandered in the dry season in search of water and pasture for their flocks. In 1948 seventy-five percent of the Bedouin sub-tribes of the district of Beersheba were expelled.

"Some of the El-Azazmeh sub-tribes were expelled as late as 1953-1954 after a murderous massacre of their women and children carried out by the notorious 'Unit 101' of the Israeli army led by Sharon. In 1959 Bedouin were expelled to Egypt and Jordan. Bedouin was subject to expulsion at any time because they were not issued identity cards. Not until mid-1952 were Bedouin issued identity cards, by which time large numbers of Bedouin had been expelled. A report of the United Nations in

1953 stated that 7,000 Bedouin had been expelled[i]. The total number of Bedouin in the Negev was only about 10,000 after the 1948 war. The Negev was placed under Israeli military administration. Many of the remaining Bedouin were removed from the western Negev to a reserve northeastern corner of the desert where they were confined."

Their former area becomes a new home for Zionist agricultural settlements and development hamlets. For example, the Israeli town of Arad was built on 11,250 acres of expropriated Bedouin land. The nomads were restricted to 10 percent of the area previously utilized by them and limited to 5.5 percent of the land under the Zionist state's control. Land ownership disputes between the Bedouin and the Jewish state are due to the Turkish Tabu Law of 1858. This law obliged Bedouin, as well as other landowners, to register their properties by paying land taxes. As with many peasants in Palestine, the Bedouin, too, in many instances, either evaded payment of these tariffs altogether or minimized the amount paid by deflating ownership figures. Although the Bedouins knew the land had been utilized by them for centuries, they could not produce legal documents as evidence later when land titles or records of tax payment became recognized as the only valid landholding papers. After the establishment of the Zionist state, it claimed most of the Negev land. Lands in the Western Negev from which the Bedouins had been expelled were declared "abandoned" and subsequently expropriated by Israel under the land acquisition law. By 1959 the Negev Bedouin had lost at least 22 62,500 acres due to expropriation. However, in 1972, an additional 187,500 acres were reported to be in dispute between the Bedouin and the Zionist state. Some land that they considered their own was offered to Bedouin under a lease contract.

"Master plans for the northern Negev, prepared in accordance with the 1965 Planning and Building Law, entirely ignored the existence of the Bedouin villages and their residents' land rights. In the master plan, Bedouin lands were designated as agricultural land, or under other such headings as industrial, military, infrastructure, etc., all with the same result – that residential construction in these areas was prohibited. Bedouin villagers were placed in the impossible situation that continues to this day whereby they cannot legally obtain any building permits, and the homes in which they were born and raised are considered illegal by the state. These homes are perpetually under the threat of demolition and of incurring fines. It should be obvious that any construction without permits in the unrecognized villages is performed not out of a desire to break or flout the law, but out of necessity – a necessity created by the state policy which refuses to recognize the Bedouin rights to their land. At the same time, the state continues to establish new rural Jewish settlements in the Negev. More than one hundred Jewish settlements exist today in the Be'er Sheva district, with an average population of only 300 residents" [ii]

In 2002 Oren Yiftachel, from Ben Gurion University in his article "Bedouin-Arabs and the Israeli Settler State: Land Policies and Indigenous Resistance" [iii]. He wrote that Israel was among the "'Pure' settler states, such as the U.S., Canada, Australia, Israel, South Africa, and New Zealand", and like they are characterized by the ongoing expansion of white settlement and the 'frontier ethos' that accompanied that

settlement. In his *"Towards Recognizing Indigenous Rights? Beer Sheva Metropolitan Planning after the Goldberg Commission"*, he wrote that Israel is an ethnocratic settler state. [iv] *"In 2004, Adalah published Kedar's article entitled "Land Settlement in the Negev in International Law Perspective"[v]. He wrote that the "Arab Bedouin" of the Negev should be given "the rights of indigenous people". He argued that the relevant international law applying to Israel was International Labor Organization Convention 169 (adopted 1989, enacted 1991) on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. He also said that the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial discrimination applied. He referenced the 1994 U.N. draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Kedar wrote: "To sum up, Israeli law has the tools to apply the relevant international norms to the case of the Arab Bedouin. Employing principles such as human dignity, equality, and distributive justice, it is possible to interpret and create rules of law that will strengthen the Arab Bedouins' status relating to the land they possess" [vi]*

On 11 September 2011, the cabinet of Netanyahu decided to implement the controversial 'Praver plan' which was supposed to provide infrastructure and facilities to the unrecognized Bedouin villages. The plan was drawn up without any consultation with Bedouins and would extinguish Bedouin land claims without adequate compensation Bedouin who lives in these villages not recognized by the Zionist authorities have faced frequent home demolitions. Hundreds of families have to watch as Zionist armed forces come with bulldozers and flatten their homes. Demolitions were expected to rise dramatically under the proposed government plans. The demonstrations of the Bedouins and some liberal Jews forced the government to retreat from this plan.

The JNF (Jewish National Fund) workers concluded forestation work on the disputed lands in the Negev on Wednesday after three days of planting that infuriated

local Bedouin communities who viewed the operation as part of a government effort to expel them from their unrecognized hamlets. The planting led to clashes with the police that caused a crisis of the shaky coalition, government when the Islamist Ra'am party vowed to boycott plenum votes as long as Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael-Jewish National Fund's (KKL-JNF) work continued in the Negev.

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The planting and the violent clashes with police that it sparked turned into the latest crisis that threatened to topple Israel's nascent, motley coalition, with the Islamist Ra'am party vowing to boycott plenum votes as long as Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael-Jewish National Fund's (KKL-JNF) work continued in the Negev, where they enjoy the largest bloc of support.

Meanwhile, MKs from the right-wing Yamina and New Hope parties, who campaigned on clamping down on alleged Bedouin lawlessness in the Negev, pressed for the forestation work to continue, viewing it as part of a nationalistic effort to entrench Jewish presence in the area. Authorities deem the land as belonging to the state and have contracted KKL-JNF to plant there.

The cessation of KKL-JNF's work on Wednesday was attacked by right-wing critics as a "surrender to terror," while the forestation was only scheduled to last three days in this stage.

"Some protesters on Tuesday evening hurled stones at vehicles on a highway near Beersheba, blocked the railway line, and torched a vehicle. Police said two officers were wounded in the violence and local media reported at least 18 people arrested" [vii]

Welfare Minister Meir Cohen, the government-appointed

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.

A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis. *Palestine and Zionism* shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the "Nakba" in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland.

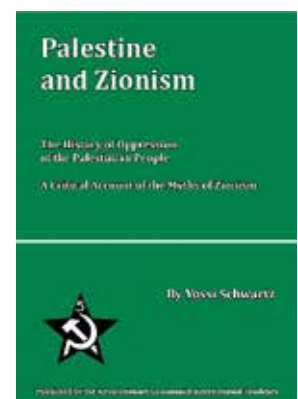
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and outlines

a socialist perspective. He emphasizes that the only solution is the right of millions of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and to replace the Zionist entity with one democratic state from the river to the sea – a *Free Red Palestine* with equal civil rights to the Arabs and the Israeli Jews.

The book contains an introduction and 7 chapters (112 pages) and includes 7 Tables and 3 Maps. The author of the book is Yossi Schwartz, a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine.

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ed man on the legalization of unrecognized Bedouin villages, said Wednesday that he managed to negotiate an agreement between the sides to hold negotiations starting Thursday to reach a compromise on the matter.

“Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said Tuesday that “politicians on both sides need to calm things instead of fanning the flames” and called for the planting to be halted until a solution could be found. Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu issued a combative statement, saying: “No one will stop tree planting in the Land of Israel. I give my backing to the security forces and demand that Bennett immediately condemn the incitement by Ra’am, his senior government partner” [viii]

On Wednesday, the government agreed that future work by JNF in the Negev will be negotiated by coalition partners, in a bid to ease tensions after days of violent clashes over forestation work on the land used for agriculture by local Bedouin. Despite the deal, negotiated between Labor Minister Meir Cohen and United Arab List chairman Mansour Abbas, UAL legislators boycotted the votes in the Knesset Wednesday over the JNF’s tree-planting, during which the opposition passed five different bills in preliminary votes. Protesters gathered Thursday along an inner-city highway near the Bedouin village of Sawa and were dispersed with stun grenades, tear gas, and rubber bullets. At least three were injured, activists said. [ix]

Abbas who a few days ago said that he recognizes Israel as a Jewish state is now between the hammer and the anvil.

Considering the nature of Israel as a colonialist settler state one has to be really stupid or politically blind to believe that the Zionist state will stop its efforts to remove the Bedouins of the Negev to a reservation in the North of the Negev. Already Construction and Housing Minister Ze’ev Elkin from the New Hope party which is a member of the government has vowed to carry on with the tree-planting. *“We will continue with the planting as needed, today is the last day of this round,”* Elkin told Kan News. [x]

If you want to know what is the value of settler colonialists’ promises to native people, ask the native people of North America. The government may stop the forestation work for some time but this government or the one that will replace it, will continue the policy of destroying the unrecognized villages and removing the Bedouins to the reservation.

Mansour Abbas has only two choices; the first one is to bring down this government by resigning from the government and the second one is to expose his betrayal of the Bedouins. *Say no to the collaboration of Mansour Abbas with the Zionists! Down with the Zionist apartheid state!*

For a Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!

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Yossi Schwartz: The Zionist Wars

A History of the Zionist Movement and Imperialist Wars

In *The Zionist Wars* Yossi Schwartz gives an overview about the process of Zionist colonialization of Palestine as well as the resistance of the indigenous Arab population. He deals in detail with the popular struggles of the Palestinians against their expulsion by the Zionists. *The Zionist Wars* elaborates in detail the character of Israel’s military campaigns in 1948 and the following decades which resulted in the expulsion of large parts of the Palestinian population. These wars were also crucial to implement the imperialist subjugation of the Arab countries.

However, as Yossi Schwartz elaborates, the Zionist state has passed its peak already some time ago which has been demonstrated by its failed military campaigns in Lebanon as well as in Gaza.

In *The Zionist Wars* the author also discusses in much detail the program of the communist movement on the Palestinian question. He shows the adaptation and finally capitulation of Stalinism to the Zionist project – culminating in massive arms shipments for the Israeli forces during the War of 1948.

In this book Yossi Schwartz elaborates the analyses and conclusions of Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International for the libera-

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Scotland: Sturgeon Government Imposes more Bonapartist Restrictions on People attending

by Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 03.01.2022

Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister in Scotland, has announced some stricter restrictions which are part of the COVID Counterrevolution. They are Bonapartist in essence attacking democratic rights and the rights of basic assembly. In all the countries of Britain, governments have used the pandemic to lockdown, restrict rights and establish conditions of Bonapartist rule moving towards police state conditions.

"Strict limits on crowd numbers at football matches have been announced for Scotland and Hogmanay events will be cancelled as part of new COVID restrictions from Boxing Day. Making a statement in the Scottish parliament, the first minister Nicola Sturgeon said crowds at outdoor public events will be capped at 500 from 26 December for at least three weeks, while numbers at indoor public events are to be limited to 100 standing or 200 seated". [1]

Comparisons with Wales and Northern Ireland

Comparisons can be made with the situation in Wales and Northern Ireland where there are similar restrictions being imposed. Mark Drakeford, the First Minister in Wales, and the joint Democratic Unionist / Sinn Fein Government in Northern Ireland have always used restrictions for their political goals. Both Drakeford and Sturgeon have imposed restrictions insisting that people take these lateral flow tests which are fundamentally very unreliable. If you test positive you will find yourself under house arrest and

quarantined or under isolation for at least 10 days. While quarantined they will receive no medical attention.

These house arrests show that the governments of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are moving towards a police state with more surveillance using IT and security drones and applications on phones to trace what a person is and where he or she is going. It makes no difference of the political composition. In Wales it is a Labour administration and in Northern Ireland Sinn Fein a bourgeois-nationalist party is part of the government. They are all part of the forces of the COVID Counterrevolution which support Lockdowns and attacks on democratic rights.

Is Omicron a new dangerous variant of the pandemic?

The ruling class have been using the discovery of a new variant called Omicron in Southern Africa to create conditions of fear and hysteria. As the RCIT has previously stated there has been no scientific evidence to prove that Omicron is a dangerous variant, but it is being used to create panic.

"Since a few days, bourgeois governments and their media are full of reports about a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called "Omicron". Without any scientific evidence, media all over the world have quickly started to spread panic. Stock markets fell sharply. Since the South African government was the first to report about the new variant, the media claim that this country is the originator of Omicron. As a result, imperialist

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Michael Pröbsting: The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution

What It Is and How to Fight It. A Marxist analysis and strategy for the revolutionary struggle

In *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* Michael Pröbsting analyses the dramatic events in spring 2020 which have opened a new historic era. A triple crisis has shocked the world. The Third Depression has begun, characterized by a devastating economic slump of the capitalist world economy which is certainly no less dramatic than the crisis which started in 1929.

In addition, there is a wave of anti-democratic attacks of a scale which has not been seen in the imperialist countries since 1945. This has triggered a global turn towards Chauvinist State Bonapartism and the creation of a monstrous Leviathan-like state machinery.

And finally, the world faces COVID-19 – a pandemic which endangers many lives and which is exploited by the ruling classes in order to spread fear, to deflect attention from the capitalist causes of the economic crisis and to justify the turn towards chauvinist state bonapartism.

The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution also shows that large sectors of the reformist workers movement and the

so-called left fail to understand the meaning of this triple crisis. Similar to the situation in 1914 after the beginning of World War I we can observe a gigantic wave of opportunist capitulation by many self-proclaimed socialists as they support or at least do not denounce the global lockdown and the suppression of democratic rights which the ruling classes are imposing in the name of combat against the pandemic. *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* offers a Marxist analysis of this historic crisis and elaborates a revolutionary perspective for the struggles ahead.

The book contains an introduction and 6 chapters plus an appendix (176 pages) and includes 5 figures and a diagram.

**The COVID-19
Global
Counterrevolution**

What It Is and How to Fight It



By Michael Pröbsting

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governments have imposed travel bans and closed the borders for people from Southern Africa.

It is important to point out that such bans are not justified by scientific research as the South African Medical Association reports that the new virus variant, from what we know yet, results in mild disease without prominent syndromes.

Furthermore, there are strong indications that the ruling class is determined to exploit the emergence of Omicron as a pretext for accelerating the authoritarian capitalist pandemic policy which Marxists call the COVID Counterrevolution. The Austrian government announced in late November that it imposes a Lockdown for unvaccinated people and that it will introduce compulsory vaccination for the whole population". [2]

The ruling classes in all countries have used the Omicron variant to impose travel bans and introduce reactionary COVID passports using police and authoritarian measures. In fact, it is in the heavily vaccinated countries of Britain Germany, Austria and the United States where infections are rising. Of course, the bourgeoisie has done nothing to advance the expansion of the public health sector but has continued to use dictatorial and authoritarian measures to clamp down and reduce the population to continual house arrest.

Authoritarian and police state measures

Our comrades in Nigerian RCIT section have shown very effectively the governments' use of authoritarian measures under the pretext of fighting the virus. It has nothing to do with improving the health sector but everything to do with establishing Bonapartist dictatorship.

"Of course, mandating people to get any form of certificate/passport/pass before they can be allowed to work, visit certain places such as bars, pubs or even use public transport as it has been done in Europe is only a textbook method of implementing forced vaccinations. Effectively taking away the opportunity for people to choose what they want coupled with segregation based on certain rules. These are the typical features of apartheid, a COVID apartheid if you will.

All calls and campaigns for mass vaccination bolster this COVID apartheid and are equally dangerous since they will lead to segregation in society. As has been said the APC/PDP government like all other members of the global ruling class mobilize "technocrats"; religious bodies, bourgeois scientists and the media to launch a second wave of the COVID Counterrevolution. The Omicron variant is the booster for this fresh assault against the masses which consists of forced vaccinations; segregation/apartheid; increased surveillance on the population; up to house arrests for the whole population and national chauvinism dubbed as compulsory vaccination; green pass/vaccine certificates; health apps; lockdowns and travel bans respectively.

The major motive of the ruling class stems since the beginning of the pandemic from the shipwreck of the capitalist system which reached its most severe form in 2019. It is the desperation to preserve their position of power and affluence that has prompted this epochal despotism from the ruling class. The economy has failed to recover from the depression rather it has entered a second slump hence the second wave of counter-revolution using COVID as a smoke-screen. Key features of this second slump is the hyperinflation in (Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and energy prices generally the results of which the RCIT has designated as Dark Winter in the imperialist countries". [3].

No to lockdowns, covid passports or forced vaccinations!

The RCIT has identified this COVID Counterrevolution as one of the most important events in recent history. We have also shown that a whole variety of leftist organizations have capitulated to this Counterrevolution. The bourgeoisie is effectively using the pandemic as a smoke-screen for its fundamental move from bourgeois democracy towards authoritarian and dictatorial rule increasing the State's control by using high tech surveillance through IT applications. These are desperate attempts to save their rotten corrupt system which is in interminable crisis and which is also shaken by the accelerating inter-imperialist rivalry of the USA, China, Russia, Japan and Europe.

"Many people (including among the left) did hope that the pandemic is only a temporary phenomenon which would soon disappear – and with it all the emergency measures of the capitalist state. This is – and has always been – a gross illusion! The RCIT has emphasized since spring 2020 that the policy of the COVID Counterrevolution is not driven by concern of public health but rather by political and economic interests of the ruling class. These interests of the monopoly bourgeoisie are determined by the decay of capitalism characterized by economic depression, global political instability and mass unrest. In such a period the ruling class can only keep its power by engineering a shift towards a permanent state of emergency resulting in the successive replacement of bourgeois democracy by chauvinist state bonapartism.

Such a policy of the ruling class will last for years as it can only be ended if the system of class exploitation is smashed by a socialist revolution of the workers and oppressed.

Hence, revolutionaries must have no illusions in facing the reality of the period ahead: the current state of emergency regime of the ruling class is not a temporary shift but a strategic transformation from the current form of bourgeois order towards a regime of capitalist totalitarian tyranny".[4]

The RCIT puts forward the following transitional demands to warn and urge the working classes and the exploited masses of the necessity to organize for the Socialist Revolution in Britain and smash the Capitalist system once and for all.

** Expand the health service for more intensive care unit hospitals to be built and the recruitment of more doctors and nurses. Nationalization under workers control of all pharmaceutical companies without compensation.*

** Reject COVID Health Passports and mandatory vaccinations!*

** For mass protests and strike actions against anti-democratic attacks!*

** Call on Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters in the Labour Party to continue opposing attacks under the pretext of the pandemic!*

** For a Workers Government based on popular councils and militias!*

** Join the RCIT!*

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Britain: COVID Passports and Mandatory Vaccinations are now in force

by Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 22.12.2021

On the 14th December Boris Johnson introduced further restrictions including the Green Pass and mandatory vaccinations showing that Britain is following all the imperialist governments in Europe. This move towards Bonapartist dictatorship was opposed by over 98 Tory MP's which is a significant rebellion for the Johnson Government. It was only because of the support of Keir Starmer and the Labour Party that Johnson managed to get the measure passed at all.

"Adults in England must now show a Covid pass to enter night-clubs, big sports matches and other large events - despite 100 Conservative MPs voting against the government's plans. The new rules - which kick in today - require proof of double-vaccination, or a recent negative test, to enter certain venues. MPs approved the measure in Tuesday's vote on England's new Covid rules. Despite the revolt by Tory MPs, the plans passed thanks to Labour support". [1]

"The rebellion on Covid passes was far bigger than many had predicted and by some distance the biggest of Mr Johnson's premiership. It's all the more significant because of the prime minister's efforts to limit the damage. What will worry Downing Street is that the vote brought different wings of the Conservative Party together in opposition to the government's plans. There was the Covid Recovery Group of backbenchers, who had long been sceptical of restrictions and had consistently voted against the government. But there were also centrists like Damian Green - who told BBC Radio 4's World at One that the plans for Covid certification wouldn't work, saying: "It's a gesture. It's doing something for the sake of doing something." [2]

In the by-election on the 16th December the Tories lost to the Liberal Democrats. This had been a safe Tory seat for over 200 years. This is further evidence of the political crisis surrounding the Johnson Government.

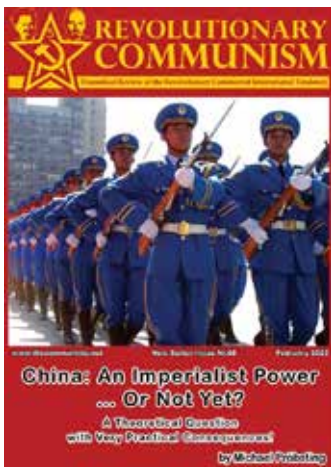
"The Liberal Democrats have won a stunning victory in the North Shropshire by-election, taking what had previously been a safe Conservative seat by a margin of nearly 6,000 votes, and capping a disastrous few weeks for Boris Johnson. Helen Morgan, the Lib Dem candidate, won 17,957 votes, ahead of the Conservatives' Neil Shastri-Hurst, on 12,032, a majority of 5,925. Labour's Ben Wood was third, with 3,686 votes. Turnout was 46.3%. The calamitous collapse in Conservative support - a 34% swing in a seat where they had a near-23,000 majority in 2019 - will prompt significant jitters among many Tory MPs, and is likely to raise questions about Johnson's future". [3]

The global crisis of world imperialism is affecting all the metropolitan capitalist countries including Britain. The bourgeoisie is using the present Omicron virus to spread fear and hysteria. This is even more urgent for the Johnson government as it faces widespread mistrust and hatred among the popular masses. Likewise, the government meets broad popular opposition against its policy of lockdowns and restrictions.

Keir Starmer, the leader of the pro-capitalist Labour party, is proving as all Blairites do that they are faithful servants of the ruling class. He instructed all Labour MP's to vote with the government. Thus, he is proving once again that the reformist parties, the trade union bureaucracy and leftists parties all support the Lockdown and are opposed to this move towards Bonapartist dictatorship.

Jeremy Corbyn votes against mandatory vaccinations and COVID Passes

Jeremy Corbyn who still stands expelled from the parliamentary Labour Party for his opposition to Zionism voted against the COVID Passes and mandatory vaccinations.



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The former Leader continues to rally what socialist support there is in the Labour party against chauvinism and dictatorship. His position is in marked contrast to right-wing Labour MP's and centrist groups who have shamefully denounced the widespread opposition to Lockdowns and mandatory vaccinations in Europe.

"Jeremy Corbyn has voted against the vaccine passport and compulsory jabs for NHS staff, after saying the measures would be 'counterproductive' and 'create division'. The former Labour leader - who is no longer a Labour MP after being stripped of the whip - tweeted ahead of the vote: "Tonight I will oppose both compulsory vaccines for NHS staff, and the introduction of vaccine passports. "Both measures are counterproductive and will create division when we need cooperation and unity." MPs tonight voted to enact the mask-wearing measures, mandatory jabs for NHS staff and Covid vaccine passports. The Covid passport measure passed 369 votes to 126, despite the biggest Tory revolt of Boris Johnson's premiership". [4]

What is the threat of the Omicron variant?

The RCIT has shown in a number of articles that the bourgeoisie continues to create hysteria and fear over this so-called Omicron variant telling half-truths and spreading rumours. It also claims that the economic crisis is down to the SARS-CoV-2 virus which is untrue and a lie. The slump started in autumn 2019 and it is not due to the pandemic but the inner contradictions of capitalism – a failed economic system which is in an interminable crisis.

"Since a few days, bourgeois governments and their media are full of reports about a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called "Omicron". Without any scientific evidence, media all over the world have quickly started to spread panic. Stock markets fell sharply. Since the South African government was the first to report about the new variant, the media claim that this country is the originator of Omicron. As a result, imperialist governments have imposed travel bans and closed the borders for people from Southern Africa. It is important to point out that such bans are not justified by scientific research as the South African Medical Association reports that the new virus variant, from what we know yet, results in mild disease without prominent syndromes. (...)

The RCIT has explained since the very beginning of the pandemic in February 2020 that the monopoly bourgeoisie is massively exaggerating the danger of the virus for the whole population despite the well-known fact that most victims are either above the age of 65 year or have pre-existing diseases. Contrary to the hypocritical phrases of bourgeois media, the historic attack on social and democratic rights, taking place since one and a half years, are not driven by health concerns but rather by political and economic interests of the ruling class. This is why the governments do not expand the public health sector but rather focus on expanding the police and surveillance state and increasing the profits of Big Pharma, Big Finance, Big Tech and Big Data." [5]

The Lockdown Left

Since the beginning of the Lockdown in Britain and the COVID Counterrevolution all pseudo-Trotskyists, the reformist Labour Party, and the trade union bureaucracy have all supported the bourgeoisie in its Bonapartist chauvinist attacks on the masses. Various "leftist" forces in Brit-

ain have advocated Zero COVID campaign which calls for a total Lockdown "until the virus is eradicated". Most of these centrists who profess to be Marxists continue to support their own ruling class. It is a principle of Marxists that the ruling class and their agents must never be supported for whatever reason. These centrists have crossed the barricades and are now a reactionary force.

"It is a key characteristic of the COVID Counterrevolution period that it has exposed the fundamental bourgeois character of most "left-wing" organizations. As soon as capitalist governments around the world implemented the policy of Lockdowns in spring 2020 – in the name of "health" and "solidarity" – most of these supposedly progressive parties jumped the wagon. With only few exceptions, the "left" has been advocating a policy which is characterized by a permanent state of emergency, locking people up at home, restricting or even forbidding larger assemblies, comprehensive control of health status for all workers (the so-called "Green Pass"), closing the borders, discrimination of unvaccinated people and compulsory vaccination for the whole population. (...)

These "left-wing" forces either ignore or accept as a "lesser evil" that, by its very nature, this policy goes hand in hand with a vast expansion of the police and surveillance state as well as a huge increase of the monopolies' profits. In short, the so-called "left" fully supports the principles of a policy which Marxists call chauvinist state bonapartism: the expansion of the repressive state apparatus and the increasingly totalitarian control – digitally and physically – of the population. This is why the RCIT calls such forces as Lockdown Left which advocates the policy of social-bonapartism – "socialism" in words, bonapartism in deeds." [6]

The RCIT in Britain warns the working class and the urban masses about the dangers of the Green Pass and mandatory vaccinations. It is a move towards Bonapartist dictatorship! We puts forward the following demands:

* Expand the health service for more intensive care unit hospitals to be built and the recruitment of more doctors and nurses. Nationalization under workers control of all pharmaceutical companies without compensation.

* Reject COVID Health Passports and mandatory vaccinations!

* For mass protests and strike actions against anti-democratic attacks!

* Call on Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters in the Labour Party to continue opposing attacks under the pretext of the pandemic!

* For a Workers Government based on popular councils and militias!

* Join the RCIT!

Footnotes

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