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*Picture on the Cover: Gabriela Capurro and comrades of Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina). The comrades played a leading role in an important struggle of teachers and students in Buenos Aires in June 2022.*

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# Defend the Ukrainian People against Putin's Invasion!

## Down with Russian and NATO Imperialism!

*Joint Statement of the Socialist Tendency (Russia) and the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 4 June 2022*

1. The *Socialist Tendency* (Russia) and the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) jointly declare their support for the national liberation struggle of the Ukrainian people against Putin's invasion. At the same time, we announce our intransigent opposition against all imperialist powers – Russia, the U.S., Western Europe, China and Japan. Our position is based on the following analysis of the current developments.
2. We acknowledge the fact that the Ukraine War and the escalating tensions between the imperialist Great Powers constitute a *key element of the current world situation*. These developments will have long-lasting consequences as the contradictions expressed in this conflict are of global relevance and can not be suppressed or resolved in the foreseeable future.
3. ST and RCIT recognize the *dual character* of the present situation. The Ukraine War is the result of an invasion by Russia – an imperialist power – against a semi-colonial capitalist country. The Kremlin has, historically and politically, always tried to subordinate Ukraine to its interests. Hence, the resistance of the Ukrainian people against Russia has the character of a *just war of national defense*. We therefore take the position of *revolutionary defensism*, i.e. the unconditionally support for the struggle of the oppressed people. We call international workers and popular organizations to support this just war of defense against Russian imperialism. We call for material aid for the Ukrainian people (including weapons). While we oppose imperialist sanctions (like economic and financial sanctions imposed by governments of the Great Powers against their rival), we support “*workers sanctions*”, i.e. international solidarity actions of workers. Examples for the latter are boycott actions of dockers in various countries against Russian ships or by Belarus railway workers against Russian military supply.
4. At the same time, the Ukraine War is the pretext for the acceleration of the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – first and foremost of the U.S. and Western Europe against Russia. In this conflict, the RCIT advocates a *revolutionary defeatist* position, opposing *both camps* – Russia as well as NATO. We therefore reject any support for the diplomatic and economic warfare of one imperialist power against the other (like e.g. economic and financial sanctions).
5. We can summarize our position in the following slogans:
  - \* *Defend the Ukraine! Defeat Russian imperialism! International popular solidarity with the Ukrainian national resistance – independent of any imperialist influence!*
  - \* *Down with all imperialist powers – NATO and EU as well as Russia! In all conflicts between these powers, revolutionaries oppose both camps!*
6. Our support for the Ukrainian war of defence is combined with fundamental opposition against the neo-liberal comprador government of the Ukraine. The Zelensky government has a thoroughly capitalist and pro-NATO character and must be considered as an enemy of the workers and popular masses. It should be replaced by a workers' government. We call for the cancellation of all foreign debts of the Ukraine. Open Europe's borders for all refugees from the Ukraine – irrespective of their passport and their skin color! We stand for an independent, free and socialist Ukraine with the right of national self-determination for all ethnic minorities. We support efforts of socialists in the Ukraine to build an independent Workers Party based on such a program.
7. We denounce the false allegation of the Putin regime that its military intervention would serve the “*defense of the Russian-speaking population*” in Donbass. This has been nothing but a pretext by Russian imperial-



Medina Gunic addresses the Lviv Conference on May Day 2022

ism for its military intervention in Donbass since 2014. Of course, socialists in the Ukraine support equal rights of all ethnic and language groups, oppose oppression based on nationality, language or culture in Ukraine. And it is also true that the Euro-Maidan uprising in 2014 was not a progressive movement which socialists could support. However, it is equally true that the so-called uprising in the Donbass region was manipulated and directed from the very beginning by monarchist-chauvinist figures like Igor Strelkov, red-brown figures like Aleksey Mozgovoy and the oligarchs like Konstantin Malofeev. Soon after its beginning, in summer 2014, the Russia army fully intervened in the civil war. Since then, the slogan of “self-determination of Donbass” effectively means “self-determination of the Russian imperialism”. It is therefore an utter reactionary slogan and the fact that many (semi-)Stalinist parties parrot Putin’s propaganda demonstrates their social-imperialist nature.

8. Our practical activities since 24 February have been based on such a position. Comrades of the ST as well as the RCIT participated in protest activities against Putin’s war both in Russia as well as internationally. Activists of the *Socialist Tendency* intervened at anti-war demonstrations in Moscow and Nizhny Novgorod which were organized by liberal forces. In their agitation, the ST comrades combined a revolutionary defeatist position against Russian imperialism with a principled critique of the pro-Western politics of the liberal organizers. The RCIT has initiated the *International Workers Aid* campaign which brings material aid to the Ukrainian people – the “*Sunflower Convoy*” – in collaboration with socialists in the Ukraine as well as an organization of the Crimean Tatars. It also participated with delegates at the international solidarity conference in Lviv (Ukraine) on May Day.

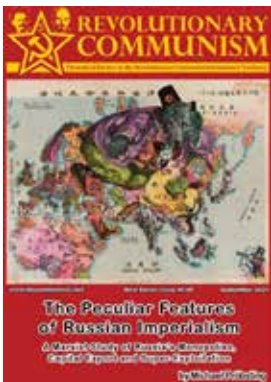
9. ST and RCIT denounce the shameful treachery of the KPRF and other Stalinist parties in Russia which – openly or concealed – support the Kremlin’s war of ag-

gression. They are pro-Russian social-imperialist parties. Unfortunately, there are also a number of international organizations claiming to stand in the tradition of Lenin and Trotsky which fail in their internationalist and anti-imperialist duty. These forces refuse to defend the Ukrainian people and justify their reactionary neutral, abstentionist position by claiming that this war would constitute merely a subordinated element of the inter-imperialist rivalry. Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International once stated in a declaration: “*The struggle against war and its social source, capitalism, presupposes direct, active, unequivocal support to the oppressed colonial peoples in their struggles and wars against imperialism. A ‘neutral’ position is tantamount to support of imperialism.*” (Resolution on the Antiwar Congress of the London Bureau, 1936). These words of condemnation fully apply to many “Trotskyist” internationals today.

10. Another shameful deviation by the opportunist left is the position to consider one or the other Great Power as a “lesser-evil” imperialism (by e.g. supporting sanctions of one side, by concentrating denunciations only on one camp, etc.). Finally, we also strongly refuse the petty-bourgeois propaganda of pacifism as it is currently advocated by numerous Stalinist as well as “Trotskyist” organizations. Pacifism undermines support of the military struggle of the oppressed and aids the position of the aggressor. In summary, we have to state that many “Trotskyist” organizations opportunistically adapt in one way or another to the policy of social-imperialism or social-pacifism.

11. We are aware that the struggle for a revolutionary perspective in the Ukraine War must be integrated into the international struggle of the workers and oppressed to overcome the system of capitalist exploitation via a socialist revolution. We call all those who share such a program to unite and to jointly build with us a revolutionary party in Russia as well as internationally!

New Website of International Workers Aid: [www.workers-aid.net](http://www.workers-aid.net)



## Publications of the RCIT

# 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

Introduction \* Another Denial of Russia’s Imperialist Character \* The Methodological Failure of our Critics \* Russia’s Economy: Dominated by Domestic, not Foreign, Monopolies \* Capital Export and the Problem of “Round-Tripping” Foreign Direct Investments \* “Phantom FDI”: No Russian Peculiarity but a Global Phenomenon \* Russia’s Leading Multinational Corporations and their Foreign Investments \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Capital Export \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Migration \* Conclusions \* Footnotes

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## Russia: Brief Report about the Current Situation

Report by Denis Sokolov, *Socialist Tendency (Russia)*, 14 June 2022

### Preface of the Editorial Board

Below we publish an interesting report written by comrade Denis Sokolov from *Социалистической Тенденцией (Socialist Tendency)* in Russia. The RCIT has recently established fraternal relations with these comrades (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/declaration-of-fraternal-relations-between-ct-russia-and-rcit/>).

The report of the comrade reflects the current contradictory situation in Russia. On the surface, there exists a graveyard silence in the country. The masses passively accept the war and the consequences of the Great Power rivalry as a fait accompli. A certain mood of demoralization is spreading among the working class and the lower middle class and, in particular, the oppositional sectors which reject the invasion of the Ukraine. But, at the same time, it is evident that the political and social contradictions are accelerating below the surface. Sooner or later, these contradictions will explode and open a massive political crisis.

Under such conditions, the task of revolutionaries is to consolidate their ranks, to patiently work among the masses, to educate the political vanguard, and to prepare for future crisis and struggles. A particular crucial aspect of this work is to draw the political lessons of the imperialist war and the Great Power rivalry and to denounce those "left-wing" organizations which have proven to be traitors of the liberation struggle, or which opportunistically vacillate in face of this great task. (See on this e.g. the joint statement of CT and RCIT: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/joint-statement-with-ct-russia-on-ukraine-war-4-6-2022/>)

The most important task in the current situation is the building of a steeled Marxist organization of authentic revolutionaries which is able to withstand the enormous pressure of Great Russian chauvinism and which can politically fight the influence of opportunist forces among the "left-wing" forces which adapt to this social-imperialist pressure.

We have no doubt that the comrades of *Socialist Tendency* will play a crucial role in this process and the RCIT is prepared to contribute to this process to the highest possible extent!

\* \* \* \* \*

Russia's military aggression against the sovereign Ukrainian state has been going on for more than 100 days. In this connection, the current situation inside Russia, which directly resonates with the topic under consideration, is also interesting.

1. Not so long ago, the leadership of the *Communist Party of the Russian Federation* announced the beginning of inner-party purges. They began to officially expel members from the party who publicly criticized the so-called "*Special Military Operation*" ("CBO"). This purge included depriving acting deputies who expressed such criticism of their mandates. But this is only the official explanation. In fact, the purges began at the very beginning of the CBO. For example, grassroots party activists in Moscow who oppose the Russian invasion of Ukraine were subjected to "repressions" by the local leadership long before the "witch hunt" was announced.

2. Individual acts of desperation continue - about once a week news appears in media about arson attacks against military enlistment offices, recruiting offices, sabotage of railway lines, damage to personal property of open supporters of the "special operation". One of the latest cases was the arson of the car of a woman engaged in volunteer activities in favor of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. Many of those who commit such acts manage to hide from law enforcement officers and thereby avoid criminal prosecution.

3. All in all, there is an "addiction" to the ongoing war in the society. For most Russians, news about events in Ukraine becomes "routine of daily life". The decline in protest activity is already obvious, there are absolutely no mass anti-war demonstrations, rallies. The population remains and becomes more and more passive and indifferent.

# The Ukraine War and the NATO-Russia Conflict

**See all relevant RCIT documents on our website:**

**[www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict](https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict)**

# Northern Ireland: Sinn Fein Scores a Momentous Electoral Victory

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 28.5.2022

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Sinn Fein – a petty-bourgeois nationalist party – won a momentous victory in Northern Ireland, winning all the first preference votes and becoming the largest party. The Northern Ireland election is run under proportional representation under the single transferable vote system. The Unionists have always been the dominant political voice in the North of Ireland since partition in 1922.

*“Sinn Féin will be the largest party in the Northern Ireland Assembly for the first time, pushing the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) into second place. Sinn Féin has 27 seats, compared to the DUP’s 25. The result means Michelle O’Neill will be entitled to become first minister - unprecedented for a nationalist. Earlier, Ms O’Neill said it had been an election of “real change” and a “defining moment for our politics and for our people”. “Today ushers in a new era which I believe presents us all with an opportunity to reimagine relationships in this society on the basis of fairness, on the basis of equality and on the basis of social justice,” she continued.” [1]*

A few years after the defeat of the Easter Uprising in Dublin in 1916, a bitter civil war took place between the two wings of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). The War was between the Pro-Treaty IRA and the Anti-Treaty IRA. The Free State was formed in 1922 under the Leadership of Eamon DeValera. The North of Ireland – or Ulster – became a statelet occupied by British imperialism. Protestants or extreme Loyalists argued that the North of Ireland was part of Britain and not Ireland. The IRA later split in the *Official IRA* and the *Provisional IRA*. The latter engaged in a number of bombings on the British Mainland and inside Ulster itself. The *Official IRA* heavily influenced by the *Communist Party* – a pro-Moscow Stalinist force which later became the *Workers Party of Ireland*. This period was referred to as the *Troubles* by bourgeois commentators.

The IRA was always a nationalist movement and fought the British state tooth and nail to establish a United Irish Republic using individual terror. The Unionist majority allied to the British state used Loyalist paramilitaries with their fascist outlook to carry out terrorist activity against the Catholic Minority. These Loyalist gangs had close connections with the fascist movement in Britain

## The Good Friday Agreement and Power Sharing

In 1998 under the Tony Blair Labour Government after a number of meetings between Sinn Fein – the political movement of the Provisional IRA – an agreement was struck to end the fighting between the Provisional IRA and the Loyalists in the North of Ireland. The leadership of the IRA under Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness made their peace with British imperialism and agreed to participate in a devolved system of government. Sinn Fein never advocated a Socialist United Ireland and used either the bullet or the parliamentary system. During the period of the Hunger Strikers when Bobby Sands became an important icon for many Catholics there was never a proper perspective on how to achieve liberation and a truly United Socialist Ireland. There were also governments in Scotland and Wales each with certain powers to rule

their own devolved administrations. The Good Friday Agreement was different from the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales because of its political historical background with a nationalist movement which had led an armed struggle to free Ireland from the domination of British Imperialism.

*“The Good Friday Agreement (GFA), or Belfast Agreement, is a pair of agreements signed on 10 April 1998 that ended most of the violence of the Troubles, a political conflict in Northern Ireland that had ensued since the late 1960s. It was a major development in the Northern Ireland peace process of the 1990s. It is made up of the Multi-Party Agreement between most of Northern Ireland’s political parties, and the British–Irish Agreement between the British and Irish governments. Northern Ireland’s present devolved system of government is based on the agreement.*

*Issues relating to sovereignty, governance, discrimination military and paramilitary groups, justice and policing were central to the agreement. It restored self-government to Northern Ireland on the basis of “power-sharing” and it included acceptance of the principle of consent commitment to civil and political rights, cultural parity of esteem, police reform paramilitary disarmament and early release of paramilitary prisoners, followed by demilitarisation The agreement also created a number of institutions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (“North–South”), and between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom (“East–West”). [2]*

Power sharing is crucial to the Good Friday Agreement. For power sharing to work the Democratic Unionist Leader Sir Jeffrey Donaldson has to agree to work under Michelle O’Neill as First Minister and Donaldson as deputy First Minister. This is something the pro-imperialist Unionists will never do. The situation is complicated by the so-called Brexit Protocol agreement between Britain and European Community.

## Brexit and the Protocol Agreement

The main plank of the Tory Governments Election Manifesto was Brexit when they won the 2019 General Election. The problem they encountered in relation to Northern Ireland was the so-called Protocol agreement which fixes tariffs and checks for produce crossing the Irish Sea and entering Eire. An Agreement – the *Protocol agreement* – was put in place where certain special arrangements were made. The DUP is opposed to the Protocol agreement as it now stands. These are some of the reasons why the DUP will not engage in the power sharing agreement and join Sinn Fein to ensure smooth running of the province. This of course is a smokescreen erected by the Unionists to prevent Sinn Fein ruling in the North of Ireland.

Sinn Fein has now replaced the Social Democratic Labour Party as the main Party who have delivered minimal reformist demands like Housing for all, campaigning on the water bill, defending the NHS and when they were in joint power with the DUP attempted to provide relief against high energy costs and inflation. It has continued to win support in Eire as the main opposition to the two bourgeois parties of *Fianna Gael* and *Fianna Fail* former combatants in the Irish Civil War.

Boris Johnson and his Foreign Secretary have recently made statements that to ensure a smooth pathway to power sharing in Northern Ireland the Protocol agreement should be amended or even scrapped.

*“British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday the government needed an “insurance” option to unilaterally scrap post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland, raising the risk of a trade war with the European Union. Johnson says the EU must make concessions on the rules - known as the Northern Ireland protocol - to win over the province’s unionist community loyal to the United Kingdom, and has threatened action that the bloc says could start a trade war”.* [3]

*“Liz Truss has set the scene for a furious Brexit spat with Europe, over the Northern Ireland protocol unless the EU backs down. The foreign secretary’s warning in a phone call with European Commission vice-president Maroš Šefčovič is expected to be followed within days by the publication of emergency legislation to override key elements of the protocol, negotiated by Boris Johnson in 2019 to avoid a hard border between the Republic and the North after Brexit. Speaking after the call, Mr Šefčovič voiced “serious concern” over the impasse, warning it would be “unacceptable” for the UK to take unilateral action by walking away from the international treaty signed by Johnson”.* [4]

The scene is now set for a conflict between Britain and Europe over the Protocol agreement. Of course, all this proves is that Brexit is in tatters over its approach to the North of Ireland which has never been part of Britain but is part of Ireland as Mary Lou McDonald and other republican have correctly argued. The leadership has now passed from the old guard of committed IRA Loyalists to Mary Lou McDonald and Michelle O’Neill respectively, President and Vice President of Sinn Fein.

*“Sinn Fein leader Mary Lou McDonald on Wednesday said Britain’s proposals to override some post-Brexit trade rules in Northern Ireland were “astonishing” and yet another move by London that only serves to boost the Irish nationalist party’s quest for a united Ireland. The move further inflamed relations with the EU, including neighbouring Ireland, which said the path chosen by London was of great concern. Sinn Fein, which became the largest party in British-run Northern Ireland for the first time at elections this month, added its disapproval on Wednesday.*

*“My first reaction is one of dismay, again, because this is just*

*a repeat performance of the kind of bad faith, bad will approach of the British government,” McDonald told Reuters in an interview in her office in the Irish parliament, where Sinn Fein is the main opposition party”.* [5]

### RCIT programme for a United Ireland

The RCIT has seen in the past months the crisis of imperialism reflected in the second slump of 2019 coupled with the continuing inter-imperialist rivalry in the Ukraine and other parts of the world. This has provoked social protests in Brazil, Sri Lanka and other parts of the world including the Middle East in Palestine, Iraq, Syria where the masses are opposing imperialism and its agents. In Ireland and in Britain, the capitalist ruling class is in a terminal crisis together with its agents in the trade union bureaucracy and the Labour party who are just social-imperialist agents of the bourgeoisie.

The RCIT in Britain puts forward the following programme for the struggle to overthrow imperialism in Ireland.

*\* For a referendum in the whole of Ireland about reunification of the island! Support the end of colonial division of Ireland. For a United Ireland which socialists advocate as a 32 County Workers Republic!*

*\* For mass struggles on both sides of the divide to advance the struggle against colonialism and against capitalist attacks!*

*\* Cancel the National debt!*

*\* For armed defence guards to protect republican communities from the threat of terrorist attacks by Loyalist gangs whose role is to defend the Ulster statelet for British Imperialism!*

*\* Nationalise the core sectors of industry, service sector and banks under workers control!*

### Footnotes

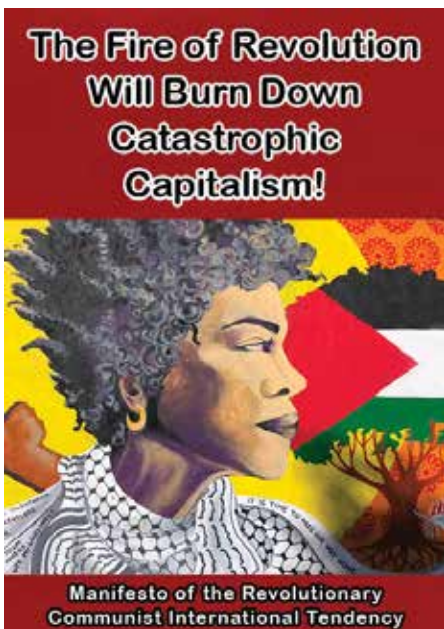
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## New Program of the RCIT

# Manifesto for the Liberation Struggle

Adopted at the III. World Congress of the RCIT in April 2021

**\* Introductory Note**

**\* A New Era of Counterrevolutionary Offensive and Revolutionary Upheavals**

**\* The Capitalist State Monster Attacks Democracy!**

**Defeat Chauvinism and Bonapartism!**

**\* Great Power Rivalry and Imperialist Aggression in the South:**

**Turn the Guns against the Lords of Power and Money!**

**\* Crisis of Revolutionary Leadership: How to Organize and How to Fight?**

*A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A5 Format*

## The Flag March, a Pogrom in Jerusalem

Yossi Schwartz, ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 06.01.2022

**P**ogrom is a Russian term that means “to wreak havoc, and it is associated with attacks on Jews though the word has been extended to the assault of other groups as well. In 1819 anti-Jewish violence had been accompanied by the rallying call “Hep! Hep!” The origins of this phrase are unclear – It is possible that the cry was an acronym for “Hierosolyma est perdita,” a Crusader chant meaning “Jerusalem is lost.”

“The immediate cause of these riots probably lay in the Jewish demands for civil rights. The Jewish representatives who attended the 1815 Congress of Vienna formally demanded emancipation, and German academics and politicians alike responded with vicious opposition. The Jews were portrayed to the public as “upstarts” who were attempting to take control of Europe. The attacks began in Wuerzburg in August of 1819. The attacks on Jews and Jewish property spread from there to the whole of Germany, with particularly vicious attacks in Frankfurt, Leipzig, Dresden, and Darmstadt. Eventually, the rioting reached as far as Denmark and Poland.” [i]

Pogrom against Jews took place in 1881 following the assassination of Czar Alexander II. A known Russian pogrom erupted in 1902, first in Czestochowa when Cossacks attacked a Jewish neighborhood. In 1903, another known pogrom took place in Kishinev during Passover when an anti-Semitic newspaper blamed the deaths of two children on Jews, resulting in 49 deaths and hundreds of homes destroyed.

In 1937 the Nazi party organized a flag march in Nuremberg. It was filmed by an American photographer Julien Bryan. The film shows “Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg and Adolf Hitler greeting the crowd from an open car. Bryan’s footage appeared in the “March of Time” episode *Inside Nazi Germany* (1938), which was one of the few newsreels to directly and critically examine Nazi Germany. In fact, the company released the newsreel with this special announcement: “The issue of *March of Time* you are about to see has caused much controversy. Our policy is to fearlessly present any worthy film released by a recognized American producer. We therefore present uncensored and impartially the following subject.” [ii]

Another famous pogrom occurred on November 9 and 10, 1938 in Germany, Austria and occupied Czechoslovakia known as Kristallnacht. It was incited by the Nazi party after the killing of a German diplomat Ernst vom Rath by Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old German-born Polish Jew living in Paris.

So, what is the relevancy of these pogroms to the Zionist flag march? The flag march or by its official name the day of Jerusalem is marked by Zionist far right nationalists and fascist every year to celebrate the occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967. Every year the fascist’s mob protected by the police pass through the Muslim quarter in the old city shouting “death to the Arabs” and attack any Muslim they see.

“Despite Israeli authorities breathing a sigh of relief that it did not trigger wider confrontations between Israel and the Palestinians, particularly Hamas in Gaza, the reality was a day of violence in which ultra-nationalist Jewish Israelis attacked countless Palestinians, many times under the eyes of Israeli police” [iii]

“At least 81 Palestinians were wounded on Sunday by Israeli forces and far-right Jews in Jerusalem during and after the flag

march, which marked the day Israel illegally occupied and annexed the city’s eastern half in 1967. Most Jewish Israelis view it as the day Jerusalem was “unified” [iv]

“At least 70,000 Israelis participated in the annual march, which has been described as a “racist” and “fascist” rally in and around the Old City of Jerusalem, and specifically passed through the Muslim Quarter, where shops were largely shuttered in preparation. The march included the waving of Israeli flags and the singing of nationalistic songs, as well as the chanting of slogans such as “death to Arabs” and “may your villages burn down,” including in the Old City’s Muslim Quarter. While the march was set to end at approximately 9pm local time (18:00 GMT), attacks persisted late into the evening. Following the rally, large groups of ultra-nationalist Israelis rampaged through Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, and assaulted residents and their property. Videos shared by residents, activists and journalists showed dozens of settlers smashing and vandalizing Palestinian cars, throwing rocks at homes and assaulting residents, including with pepper spray.” [v]

The Zionist government of Bennet-Mretz –Ra’am was well aware that the March of the flags would be a pogrom. Nevertheless, it allowed it to show the Palestinians who is the master race.

The White House asked Israel to re-route the controversial Jerusalem Day Flag March away from the Damascus Gate and Muslim Quarter of the Old City, an Israeli official told The Times of Israel. Ministers Gantz, Lapid were sympathetic to US stance, but haven’t convinced Bennett and Barlev – the Minister of police, who said they already re-routed similar rallies with far-right MK last month, Israeli official tells Times of Israel. So, the Biden administration accepted this decision. After all it is Israel not Russia.

Hundreds of far-right Jewish nationalists have entered Jerusalem’s Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, ahead of a provocative flag march that could reignite confrontations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Itamar Ben-Gvir, the fascist leader of the ultranationalist opposition party in the Zionist parliament, entered the compound early on Sunday, with dozens of supporters.

“Al Jazeera’s correspondent Najwan Simri said that Zionist police occupied the rooftop of the al-Qibli prayer hall in the compound on Sunday morning and besieged the worshippers inside it to enable the passage of settlers to go unhindered. She added that the police have prevented Palestinian journalists and photographers from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque and threatened them with arrest” [vi]

*Down with the Zionist Apartheid state!*

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

### Endnotes:

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## The Zionist Brutality Continues

Yossi Schwartz ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 19.05.2022

Following the cold blood murder of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by the Zionist army the Zionist propaganda was that most likely she was killed by Palestinians' fire or may be by a mistake of a soldier. In addition, the Israeli government said that it will investigate the shooting but it needs the cooperation of the Palestinian Authority. Today we are informed that the Military Police will not open an investigation into the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh.

*"The unsourced Haaretz report said military prosecutors do not consider Abu Akleh's death one in which there is suspicion of criminality. But the newspaper pointed to another possible reason for the decision not to open a Military Police probe: Such an investigation would necessitate interrogating troops that participated in the battle under caution, which would likely ignite a storm of controversy within Israeli society" [1]*

Indeed, most Israelis do not think that killing Palestinians is a crime this was reflected in the Zionist parliament when Joint List Ahmad Tibi called Yesh Atid MK Merav Ben-Ari "scum" from the rostrum of the Knesset plenum on Wednesday. *"Tibi said he was outraged at Ben-Ari, because she had said on Channel 12's Meet the Press program on Saturday night that she was not upset about the death of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in Jenin. Ben-Ari said she made the comment because she believed Abu Akleh's reports made Israel look bad around the world" [2]*

Yesh Atid is considered in Israel a party of the center not a party of the right. In the Zionist parliament 75% of the MKs belong to right wing parties. Thus, we are not surprised by the fact that the military police does not intend to investigate the murder.

The police and the right-wing MK are acting now to remove Tibi and Kasif of the Joint list from the Zionist parliament because they do not act according to the Zionists rules of kissing the hands of the Zionist master race.

The Police asked a permission from the ombudsman to open a criminal investigation against Tibi and Kasif: *"Following the events of the last few days and according to the instructions of Commissioner Ranim Kobi Shabtai, the Investigations and Intelligence Division of the Israel Police collected materials regarding the recent incidents in which MKs Ahmad Tibi and Ofer Kasif were documented in front of police officers in the Jerusalem and SJ districts. Attached is a letter from the police with a request to approve the opening of an investigation for assaulting police officers, failing a police officer in the performance of his duties, threats, and interfering with a police officer in the performance of his duties. The request to the ombudsman was previously examined by the police investigation division, which found that there was room to open an investigation against them in light of the materials collected" [3]*

If the brutal attack of the Zionist police on the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh in Jerusalem was not bad enough, this attack has continued after the funeral. A pallbearer beaten by police during the funeral of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh last week has been arrested, according to his lawyer. Khaldoon Nijm said his client Amro Abu Khdeir was arrested on Monday, and has not been told what he is being charged with. [4]

In addition, *"Police reportedly assaulted relatives of a Palestinian man hospitalized in serious condition when they arrived at a Jerusalem hospital to arrest him on Tuesday. Eyewitnesses and hospital officials told Haaretz that officers beat the man's*

# Books of the RCIT

## Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

### The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.

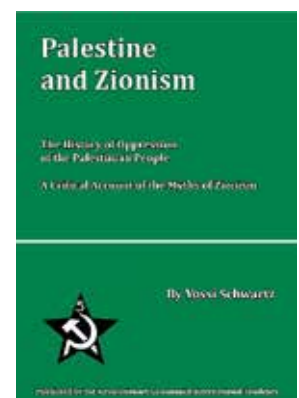
### A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

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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relatives with batons. One of the men lost consciousness and required medical treatment. Nader a-Sharif, 50, was hospitalized at Shaare Zedek Medical Center after he was shot in the head with a sponge-tipped bullet during fierce clashes on Monday in East Jerusalem between police and mourners at the funeral of one of his relatives, a Palestinian man who died after being critically wounded during clashes on the Temple Mount last month. Witnesses said Nader a-Sharif was hit moments after he finished helping to fill in the grave, and was not involved in any stone-throwing. He was hit in the head by the sponge-tipped bullet. The report said he suffered severe eye damage and there were concerns he could also have brain damage" [5]

The brutality of the Zionist armed forces is weakening the support for Israel around the world. While in London alone more than 50,000 marched on Nakba day in support of free Palestine from the river to the sea, in New York city organizers for the Pro Israel March hope that 40,000 Zionists will participate in the event. "Some 40,000 marchers are expected at the parade, which has been called the world's largest expression of solidarity with the Jewish state outside of Israel and has been held since 1965" [6]

This growing isolation of the Zionist state was reflected in the statement of Matt Duss Bernie Sander adviser: "Israel rejecting Palestinian 'right of return' is great replacement theory – Sander's adviser "In the Israeli-Palestinian context, 'Great Replacement Theory' is expressed as opposition to the Palestinian right of return," said Bernie Sanders' foreign policy adviser Matt Duss. Israeli rejection of the Palestinian "right of return" is the same as the "Great Replacement Theory" – the conspiracy theory that drove the Saturday night Buffalo shooter – US Senator Bernie Sanders' foreign policy adviser Matt Duss and several American commentators claimed on Monday.

"In the Israeli-Palestinian context, 'Great Replacement Theory' is expressed as opposition to the Palestinian right of return, which treats Palestinians as a 'demographic threat,'" said Duss. "US leaders condemn the former while constantly declaring support for the latter"

"It's fine and appropriate to discuss the historical context for Israel's restrictive immigration policies, which is different from the US," Duss continued, saying that proponents of Israel's position "should understand, though, that treating a disfavored minority as a 'demographic threat' is an approach shared by ethnonationalist movements." [7]

Sanders is a soft pro Zionist and coming with such a statement just shows the growing change toward the Zionist apartheid state in the public opinion in the USA. This change in the public opinion does not change the support of the White House for Israel. Israel has just finished a military drill stimulating an attack on Iran and American planes participated in the drill fueling the Israeli plans and this is not surprising also as the USA supported the South African apartheid until the late 1980s.

When the American imperialists that rule the USA will impose sanctions on Israel it will be only as a move to contain the Arab revolution.

*Hands off the joint List!*

*Support the right of return of the Palestinian refugees!*

*Down with all the imperialists!*

*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-

tion of Palestine. He also discusses the strength and weakness of his successors in dealing with the Zionist state and the Arab liberation struggle against it.

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## Do You Know the latest Joke? The EU and Egypt's General Sisi jointly fight against ... "Terrorism"!

By Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 26.1.2022

According to a recently published report by *Middle East Eye*, the European Union plans to deepen its strategic cooperation with Egypt's dictatorship led by General Sisi. "The European Union is planning a joint bid with Egypt for the leadership of an influential international organisation shaping global counter-terrorism policies. Officials in Brussels last week approved the EU-Egypt bid to co-chair the Global Counterterrorism Forum, despite widely documented evidence of human rights abuses and the use of counter-terrorism powers in the country since President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi seized power in 2013. The bid was proposed by France, which currently heads the EU Council's rotating presidency, on 11 January."<sup>1</sup>

The Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) was established in New York in September 2011. As MEE writes, "it has played an influential role in shaping the direction and development of counter-terrorism and counter-extremism strategies around the world over the past decade. (...) It works closely with the UN to promote the global body's own counter-terrorism strategy." Its 30 members also include, among others, such authoritarian regimes or outright dictatorships like Russia, China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

### A mockery by any meaningful standards

The joint bid of the EU and General Sisi's regime is a mockery by any meaningful standards. Since the military coup in July 2013, Egypt has become one of the worst dictatorships in the Arab world. It has killed thousands of oppositional activists – most famously the Rabaa massacre on the 14 August when up to 2,600 people were slaughtered on a single day.<sup>2</sup> It currently keeps more than 70,000 people in prison for political reasons – including for such "crimes" as putting a critical comment against the regime on Facebook!<sup>3</sup>

Just two months ago, the French investigative website *Disclose* published a report which revealed – based on the evidence of hundreds of classified documents – the close cooperation between the French and the Egypt military in a covert mission codenamed *Operation Sirli*. In the context of this operation, General Sisi's troops killed about 60,000 people (so-called "terrorists", in fact mostly civilians) with the aid of French intelligence in Egypt's western desert region since February 2016.<sup>4</sup>

It is telling that the Sisi regime considers each and every opposition as "terrorist" – among these forces like the *Muslim Brotherhood* – which played an instrumental role in the "Freedom and Justice Party", a bourgeois Islamist party which won the first and only democratic elections after the victory of the revolution in January in 2011. Mohamed Morsi, the party's leader and democratically elected President of Egypt until the military coup, was arrested under the charge of – you got it – "terrorism". He died in prison in June 2019 after years of torture.

In other words, Sisi is the leader of a terrorist state – a criminal giant who makes Osama bin Laden look like an innocent schoolboy! Putting this man at the head of an institution "to fight terrorism" is like putting a drug dealer

in charge of a school.

Ahmed Mefreh, an Egyptian human rights lawyer and director of the Geneva-based *Committee for Justice*, rightly pointed out that the proposed bid is an attempt by the EU "to help the Sisi regime in beautifying its image. (...) Nominating Egypt as a chair of any international counter-terrorism forum is a mockery of the human rights violations in Egypt committed under the guise of the war on terrorism."

It is worth noting that all kind of political criminals and mercenaries supported the bloody military coup of General Sisi in 2013. The long list of his backers begins with U.S. imperialism, Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. It also includes the "Islamists" of the treacherous *al-Nour Party*. And, last but not least, a number of so-called "Marxists" organizations did also hail the military coup as a "Second Revolution" – among them the "Communist" Party of Egypt and self-proclaimed "Trotskyists" like Alan Woods' IMT or the LIT-CI.<sup>5</sup>

### "European Values" – well, whose "values"?

It is particularly revealing that the EU justifies its cynical joint bid with Sisi in an internal memorandum by referring to the so-called "European values". MEE reports: "According to an EU Council memo dated 11 January and published by *Statewatch*, the proposed joint bid was first raised by members of the EU's diplomatic service, the European External Action Service (EEAS), at meetings of an EU working party on terrorism in October and November. "As co-chair of the GCTF, the EU can help shape the agenda of international counter-terrorism policy and practice and promote EU values in the field of counter-terrorism," the memo said. It said Egypt had expressed interest in a joint bid and was "a long-time partner of the EU and co-chair of the GCTF working group on capacity building in East Africa"."

Mark these words that this joint bid with General Sisi can "promote EU values in the field of counter-terrorism". What is this? A joke? Or a mockery of public opinion?

True, some people in Europe as well as globally still have the illusion that the European Union would be something like a last "oasis of democracy". However, as the RCIT has explained many times, this is a myth which the EU leaders like to tell the public. In fact, the EU is an imperialist alliance of states which have become rich and wealthy by super-exploiting the countries of the so-called Third World. It allows itself some democratic liberties within its fortification wall but combines this with:

- super-exploiting a large pariah layer of migrants working as cheap labor force,
- keeping millions of poor people outside of its walls,
- and collaborating closely with dictators all over the world. Sisi is just one of the EU's hangmen.

We shall add that these "European values" also include – as France's President Emmanuel Macron as well as Austria's conservative-led government have pointed out repeatedly – the "war on political Islam". This "war" is, in effect, a policy of oppression of the Muslim migrant minority in Europe, including the banning of many Muslim associa-

tions, the closure of many mosques, the advocacy of the racist Islamophobic cartoons of Charlie Hebdo, etc.<sup>6</sup>

In other words, the EU is like a mafia boss who can be charming and never kills someone himself but leaves the dirty work to his mobsters. The misnamed “European values” are, in fact, hypocritical values of European imperialism – and not the values of authentic defenders of freedom and justice!

As a matter of fact, the joint bid of the EU and General Sisi’s regime to lead the *Global Counterterrorism Forum* is just the latest example of the close collaboration of European imperialism with Egypt’s military dictatorship. Make no mistake, this is an alliance of robbers and killers! Some years ago, we pointed out:

*“This alliance of the EU and Egypt’s dictator is based on substantial joint interests. The Great Powers feared the Arab Revolution from the first days of its beginning in January 2011. They need “stability” in the region in order to exploit its abundantly resources as well as to control key strategic transport routes for capitalist world trade (like the Suez Canal in the case of Egypt). Furthermore, the European imperialists need the Arab dictatorships in order to stop African and Arab migrants from fleeing their countries which are suffering from wars and misery. Before 2011, the imperialists didn’t have to worry. Gaddafi, Mubarak, Assad and others made sure that very few migrants were able to reach Europe. For their service, these dictators were, of course, rewarded with substantial payments from European governments (as they are planning now to do again). However, this system collapsed when the people began to bring down these dictatorships by their revolutionary uprisings. In return, the Arab dictators receive substantial financial assistance, foreign investments, weapons, etc. In short, the European corporations and governments as well as the Arab dictators need each other and support each other. It is an alliance of robbers and killers!”<sup>7</sup>*

These words are even more true today!

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## South Korea: Solidarity with the Cargo Workers’ Strike!

*Summary of the Statement of the Workers’ Revolutionary Party (Preparatory Group), RCIT Section in South Korea, 14.6.2022*

**O**n the 8th day of the general strike of the Korea Cargo Workers Union, the struggle of cargo workers for the right to survive and basic labor rights, including the extension and expansion of the safe fare system, has stopped logistics, paralyzing the capitalist state of Korea....

Capitalists are also nervous in the face of the huge power of the strike, saying that the strike “damages 1.6 trillion won a week.”

Petrochemical complexes, steel mills, power plants, and ports have stopped operating, and factories in the automobile, construction, home appliances, shipbuilding, and machinery industries are also facing shutdowns.

All of this was brought on by you capitalists. Capitalists and their state power are eager to pass on all the pain of the capitalist panic and war, the collapse of the global supply chain-logging crisis, soaring raw material prices, and

soaring prices to workers...

The *Korean Confederation of Trade Unions* (KCTU) should actively engage in organizing a general strike instead of calling for dialogue with the government. The government is not a mediator in resolving the situation, but a party responsible for the situation, which should be brought down by the struggle of labor. Substantial solidarity must be formed so that the capitalists and the Yun Seok-yeol government are forced to declare surrender....

Abolish the safe freight system sunset system and expand it to all sectors! The general strike of the Korea Cargo Workers’ Union is a struggle not only to guarantee the right to survive but also to protect the right to survive for all workers against passing on the pain of economic collapse.

*Unity – Struggle – Victory*

## Victory in Buenos Aires: Successful Demonstrations after Armed Attack in School

### Argentinian Revolutionaries cannot be intimidated by bullets, proofs Gabriela Capurro and her comrades from *Convergencia Socialista* and the Instituto del Profesorado 103 de Villa Urbana

*Report (with Pictures) by a Correspondent, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 June 2022*

In the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, a group of armed people entered the educational center named *Instituto del Profesorado 103* in Villa Urbana, near the famous La Noria bridge in the South of Buenos Aires. The armed attackers not only pointed their weapons at the teachers and students in the building. They would have even killed our comrade Gabriela Capurro, a leading member of both *Convergencia Socialista* (the Argentinian section of the RCIT) as well as the teachers and student collective of the institute and the feminist self-defense organization *Defensorías de Géneros*. Only the combination of her fast reactions, a result of all of her experiences in revolutionary work, and the collective force of the students driving the armed intruders out of the building, saved her life.

Our comrades have already organized several protests in the area, including the educational center itself, even in the recent past. Just days before the attack activists from the educational center marched to the chief official of the district to demand the stabilization of the electricity supply and – ironically enough – for a solution of the safety crisis in the district.

Neither comrade Gabriela nor the other comrades in her collectives have been intimidated by the violent attack. The opposite was the case and our comrades have organized marches in protest of the situation every day since the attack. Thousands of activists from the institute and people from the working class and poor neighborhood took the street, fighting for safety and – as it was shown by the armed attack – literally fighting for their lives.

Shamefully, the police answered with violent attacks against the protestors, injuring several militants with tear gas and rubber bullets, including our comrade Juan Carlos Beica – another teacher and delegate in this region.

Given such attacks of the police and the looming danger of yet another armed attack by gang members, the people at the protest marches held a vote to decide if they still want to continue the demonstration. An overwhelming majority agreed to keep the fight alive. This brave decision proved to be a key moment in winning the fight. Martín Insaurralde and other figures from the provincial and district authorities agreed to fulfill all demands of the protestors.

We want to thank the militants of all other forces who marched in solidarity with our comrades, joining forces to serve the needs of the neighborhood. Special thanks to the comrades of the Maxi Pack paper factory for stepping up to join the protests in solidarity. We also want to thank the comrades from the trade union CTA CGT - regionales Lomas de Zamora, as well as the comrades from *Corriente Clasista y Combativa*, *Movimiento La Dignidad*, *nuevo MAS*, *Izquierda Socialista*, *MST*, *Izquierda Latinoamericana*, *MTR-CUBA*, *Frente Darío Santillán*, *Partido Obrero*, *liste Verde y Roja de ATE sur* and many others.

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* salutes the bravery and revolutionary morale of Gabriela Capurro, Juan Carlos Beica and the whole collective of *Convergencia Socialista*. Unity – Struggle – Victory!



Teachers and students at the Institute 103: unity in struggle and socialist leadership made victory possible!

# Argentina: Socialists organize Protest Rally in Education Sector in Buenos Aires

Report (with Picture) by a Correspondent from Convergencia Socialista (Argentinean Section of the RCIT), 14.6.2022

The Institute of Teachers 103 of Lomas de Zamora – in the South of Buenos Aires – mobilized yesterday, from the headquarters, located a few blocks from Puente La Noria, to the collector of Camino Negro, agitating within the neighborhood that surrounds it for support of their demands. In this way, dozens of students expressed their anger about the ongoing cuts in education. In addition, with the Student Center in the lead, they demanded from the municipal and provincial authorities the immediate implementation of the tertiary ticket, the repair of the electrical network and other claims. The mobiliza-

tion was accompanied by teachers from the institution, delegates from Secondary School 56 and ATE Sur (state union) and the internal commission of the Maxi Pack paper of Avellaneda. The student center of this institute – which plays a vanguard role in the struggle in the southern zone of Greater Buenos Aires where hundreds of thousands of workers live – is led by comrades from the Red List, which includes militants of Convergencia Socialista, the RCIT section of Argentina.



The teachers' and students' struggle at the Institute 103. Gabriela Capurro gives interviews to national TV channels (left)

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# Brazil: Punish the Killers of Bruno Pereira and Dom Philips!

## Down with Bolsonaro's policy of destruction of the Amazon!

Report by *Corrente Comunista Revolucionária (RCIT Section in Brazil)*, 15 June 2022

After ten days of searching for indigenist and Amazon jungle expert Bruno Pereira and *The Guardian* journalist, the British Dom Philips, one of the main suspects in the disappearance, Amarildo Oliveira da Costa, confessed to have participated in their murder. The information was passed on by Federal Police sources to the press on this Wednesday, May 15.

The website CNN Brasil gives a report that Amarildo confessed to police officers that another person was responsible for shooting Pereira and Phillips. The suspect also said that his participation was only at the time he helped bury the two. Amarildo also told the officers that the bodies were quartered and incinerated.

Also on Wednesday, a key witness in the case had already told the Federal Police that the journalist and the indigenous man had been killed. In a statement during the early hours of the morning, this same witness described to the police where the bodies had been left.

On Tuesday, 14, the Federal Police arrested Oseney da Costa Oliveira, for allegedly being involved in the case. He is Amarildo da Costa de Oliveira's brother.

This act of barbarism is yet another crime perpetrated by the government of President Bolsonaro. It is a government committed to the destruction of the Amazon, the extermination of native peoples and the advance of large agribusiness owners, logging and mining companies over the forest and indigenous reserves. In a few years in office, Bolsonaro has spared no effort to dismantle and scrap any environmental or indigenous protection agency, and to persecute anyone who opposes this policy. Bruno Pereira himself was summarily dismissed from his government

position as *General Coordinator of Isolated Indigenous Peoples* after leading a successful action against illegal mining.

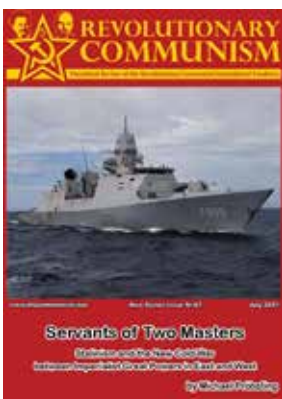
The Bolsonaro government poses as a nationalist politician, but his entire government has been active in encouraging and increasing the privatization of the national patrimony (for example Petrobras and Eletrobras) as well as the Amazon itself to imperialism, as in the recent demonstration of absolute servility by offering the forest to the US billionaire Elon Musk.

Bolsonaro once again showed total disregard for indigenous peoples and those who fight in their defense. Hours after the disappearance of Bruno and Dom, he blamed the victims themselves, saying that the two were on a "dangerous adventure". Demonstrating total harmony with the president's thinking, his vice president, General Hamilton Mourão, also blamed the indigenous leader Pereira and the journalist when he stated to the press that "they entered a dangerous region without effectively informing the competent authorities." However, the National Indian Foundation-FUNAI was already duly informed of the presence of the indigenist in the region.

The Bolsonaro government is directly responsible for this crime. Since the beginning of his government he has been encouraging deforestation and illegal mining in the region, giving certainty of impunity to criminals. The tragedy of the murder of Pereira and Philips is not an isolated case, it is part of his authoritarian project of persecution, torture and extermination of activists and opponents.

*No more destruction of the Amazon rainforest!*

*Exemplary punishment to the murderers of Pereira and Philips!  
Out Bolsonaro and Mourão, now!*



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## Ecuador: From the General Strike to the Popular Uprising!

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On June 13, a general strike began in Ecuador against the increase in gasoline prices, led by the *Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador* (CONAIE) and supported by the *United Workers' Front* (FUT) and the *Labor Parliament*. The Ecuadorian people continue these protests to this day. Faced with this popular uprising, the government headed by the conservative Guillermo Lasso decreed a state of emergency on June 17. This national strike takes place in the context of a great world economic crisis and a climate of growing political polarization in Latin America, aggravated by the accelerated rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers.

The protesters have called for massive mobilizations in several locations to persuade the government to retract the last decree that eliminated the fuel subsidy, which increased its price by 45% since last year, causing a rise in the prices of other goods.<sup>1</sup> Among their demands are also the control of the prices of some agricultural products, the cancelation of privatizations public investment to curb job insecurity.<sup>2</sup> Some of the protests have been carried out with roadblocks, to which the government has responded with repression by the police and military.<sup>3</sup>

So far, the clashes between the police against the demonstrators have caused the death of two people. Given these facts, Lasso called for a dialogue with CONAIE, to which the latter responded by demanding as a condition that the state of emergency be lifted. However, the president refused to do so.<sup>4</sup>

The refusal of the government to cancel these measures that favor the interests of the national and imperialist bourgeoisie at the expense of the poverty of the workers, peasants and indigenous peoples of Ecuador, has caused an increase in the discontent of the population. Until now, official propaganda has condemned the protests, accusing the demonstrators of having foreigners in their ranks and of being a danger to democracy.<sup>5</sup> Some government institutions have joined the attack campaign against the pro-

tests, such as the Ministry of Health, alleging that two people died due to not being able to access a hospital on time during the blockades,<sup>6</sup> while the Minister of Defense has declared his "concern" for "the growth of violence by those who have rejected dialogue".<sup>7</sup> Of course, this minister does not mention anything about the beatings and the effects of the tear gas that his soldiers fire at the people in the streets.

This popular uprising maintains the spirit of the massive protests that took place in the fall of 2019, when the government of Lenin Moreno tried to impose adjustment measures very similar to those of Lasso.<sup>8</sup> Three years ago, the Ecuadorian people managed to force the government to cancel the cuts, however, by then they had already taken over the congress and forced the central government to move its offices from the capital Quito to Guayaquil, in addition to the slogans they had already evolved from canceling the cuts to the complete collapse of the government. The popular insurrection had made a breakthrough and Moreno's fall seemed to be just a matter of time. Upon with this scenario, the CONAIE decided to accept the dialogue with Moreno and rejected the popular demand that asked for the head of the president.

Although CONAIE is an extremely important reference in the organization of the masses in Ecuador, the revolutionaries must not only support the mobilizations that it leads and stay by their side, but also recognize and explain to the Ecuadorian oppressed classes that their leaders have shown their reformist tendency in the past, and that at decisive moments they have given in to the power of the ruling class and slowed down revolutionary processes, as was the case in 2019. At the same time, the opportunism of the Correista tendencies must be fought against, for they seek to divert the popular struggle towards the next elections, to favor Rafael Correa's reformist party *Movimiento Revolución Ciudadana*.

From the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) we support the national strike carried out by the poor people of Ecuador. We call for turning this strike into

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an effective general strike, in which productive processes are stopped and controlled. It is urgent to create self-defense organizations against repression and to generate a situation of dual power in order to establish a government of the workers, indigenous people, peasants and popular sectors that shall be ruled under the control of mass democratic assemblies. At the same time, we call not to trust the reformist leaderships or the opportunist sectors that slow down the revolutionary process of the Ecuadorian people. This will be only possible with the creation of a *revolutionary party* since otherwise the oppressed classes will lack the necessary organization to be able to overcome opportunist tendencies and defeat the ruling class.

*Long live the national strike in Ecuador!*

*Down with Guillermo Lasso and the IMF!*

*For a socialist Ecuador ruled by the workers, indigenous people and poor peasants!*

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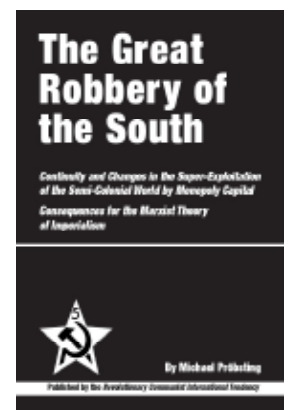
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## Nigeria: June 12 and the National Question

*By Oladipupo Jimoh, Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 11th June, 2022*

June 12 is dubbed Democracy Day in Nigeria. The meaning of democracy and its nexus with the events that led to the designation of June 12 as Democracy Day goes deeper than just the “smooth” functioning of a parliamentary system of government. It cuts deeper than just the annulment of the results of some free and fair elections. That is why things have gone full circle since June 12 1993 and that history is about to repeat itself.

The masses know it and they seem to approach the situation outside the confines of mainstream depictions of democracy. To wit, this year’s Democracy Day will be greeted with mass demonstrations by Yoruba self-determination groups, home and abroad, calling for secession from Nigeria and for the actualisation of Oodua Nation for the Yoruba people. Drawing motivation from the D-Day for protests in the South-West, other national liberation movements from the South-East majorly the IPOB supporters in Diaspora have also slated demonstrations for June 13&14. Why broad sections of the southern masses have doubled down on utilising the symbolic occasion of Democracy Day as a rally point in the quest for national liberation lies in the events surrounding June 12 1993.

### The Legacy of June 12

June 12 1993 is reportedly the day the most free and fair elections in the history of Nigeria took place. Following promises of General Ibrahim Babangida, the then military Head of State of a transition to civilian rule or “democracy”, the elections took place. Moshood Kashimawo Olawale Abiola of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the most popular candidate in the race beat Bashir Tofa of the National Republican Convention (NRC) in a landslide. The Head of State, however, despite the resounding victory annulled the elections on June 24; resigned due to mass pressure and installed a puppet Interim National Government in August of that same year.

M.K.O. Abiola, a Yoruba man and the winner of the 1993 elections was no doubt in bed with the utterly corrupt and moribund ruling class which pilfered Nigeria’s resources and subjected it to neo-liberal austerity packages such as the Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) from the World Bank and IMF. The great Afrobeat musician, Fela Anikulapo Kuti, whose lyrical radicalism and government criticism was unequalled, once called M.K.O Abiola “International Thief Thief” (“ITT”). Abiola had a hand in and funded almost every coup since the ouster that drove Yakubu Gowon out of office, so the military junta were his buddies. In short, he was one of the legs in the tripod of Nigerian (and African) arch-reaction.

Yet the people saw in him a way out of the cul-de-sac of the military-austerity complex. A vote for Abiola meant freedom from the iron-grip of Hausa-Fulani statehood. Freedom from Hausa-Fulani statehood in turn symbolised better standards of living; more civic rights and an end to systemic corruption. However, the Fulani hegemony could not concede power on the basis of Abiola’s political influence home and abroad and his financial strength as the leading bourgeois figure from the South-West. Thus

the annulment. The people had received a powerful confirmation that their economic and social advancement was more intricately interwoven into the fabric of their national self-determination and autonomy. Democracy now meant more than just civil rights and a parliamentary system of government, it now involved the right to political self-determination of the southern ethnic nationalities.

Some opinions still downplay the strength of the national question in the events of 1993 and its influence in the mass movement borne as an aftermath of the annulment. To this people we think it is clear enough to point to the appointment of Ernest Shonekan another southerner of Yoruba extraction by the IBB junta as the head of the Interim National Government to quell the unrest that continued through 1995. Even after the death of General Sanni Abacha in 1998 wherein Gen. Abdulsalami took over and began a fresh transition to civilian rule after the demise of MKO Abiola, it was still Olusegun Obasanjo whom the Fulani hegemon transferred power to.

Others discredit the existence of a powerful Fulani hegemony by pointing to the emergence of Olusegun Obasanjo as Head of State in 1975 and president in 1999. They forget that his emergence in 1975 was only due to the coup that claimed Gen Murtala’s life. Obasanjo maybe Yoruba by birth and ancestry but is no south westerner by interest and influence. That is why the overwhelming majority in the south supported Olu Falae as president in 1999 but the owners of Nigeria up north favoured Obasanjo. The struggle following the annulment of the June 12 elections is the miniature equivalent of the Biafran civil war for the Yoruba people of the South West. The legacy of June 12 is that national oppression is an impediment to mature democracy.

### The Struggle For Democracy Continues ...

Again things have come full circle and the history of 1993 is about to recur, this time with more chaotic consequences. The settler colonialist Fulani empire finds itself shod on every side and with greater hostility by the ruling class of the two most populous ethnic nationalities south of Nigeria. Its position as the gendarme of imperialism in Nigeria is ever more threatened.

On the one hand is Bola Tinubu, flag bearer of APC, who like Abiola is the most powerful politician and leader of the ruling class in the South-West. On the other, is Peter Obi from the East a weaker player in Nigerian bourgeois politics (as he is from the South-East) but with tremendous popularity amidst broad sections of the middle class and labour aristocracy who is the presidential candidate of the Labour Party. Both men are half-avatars of MKO, where the one is imbued with his financial and political strength, the other has his popularity.

An interesting fact, however, about Peter Obi is that his popularity is the product of a revolutionary consciousness that admits, even though with serious limitations, the marginalisation of nationalities of the south and mixes it with economic and social demands. Thus he rides on the wave of radical mood from the EndSARS protests which

is deeply rooted in one of the worst crises in the history of capitalism. This is reflected in the explosive support he enjoys amongst the youth. In short, he is the admixture of bourgeois nationalism and petty bourgeois economic and social demands.

Hence the rise of Peter Obi as the most popular candidate is such a decisive factor in the future instability of things on scales grander than the aftermath of the annulment of the July 12 1993 elections, since unlike MKO Abiola he hails from the Igbo nation which has suffered more marginalisation than even the Yoruba since the end of the Civil War in 1970. Even if Peter Obi refuses to contest the results of the election in case he is rigged out, it does not diminish the revolutionary consequence of the period for two reasons. First, such a loss would again reinforce the impossibility of a popular southern president and will finally shatter whatever hope is left of an Igbo president in the South-East. Secondly, it will prove to broad sections of the masses that he is part and parcel of the ruling class and would not have offered any better alternative had he emerged, thus expanding the distrust to other less influential bourgeois politicians like him.

In any case, the current indications show that the Fulani settler colonialist forces are accelerating their military campaign to subjugate the south and their official body, the Nigerian government, would not mind handing them the reins of power as they feel their grip on the south steadily slipping. After the attacks in Ondo where the number of casualties has now reached 80. ISWAP terrorists have killed 32 villagers in a rather audacious gun-ship (helicopter) attack.

ter) attack.

For us, democracy is incomplete without the right of self-determination including secession for oppressed nations. We see this as the most crucial lesson of June 12 1993. Even so, we are not party to appeals to imperialist organisations like the UN, EU or imperialist governments of the UK and US because we are convinced that the major threat to our national liberation is not only imperialist proxies at home but all imperialist governments in the East and West. We maintain that the only objectively revolutionary groups are the national movements who call for the boycott of elections starting next week, since this is only an expression of the will address weightier issues that bourgeois elections can only scratch on the surface.

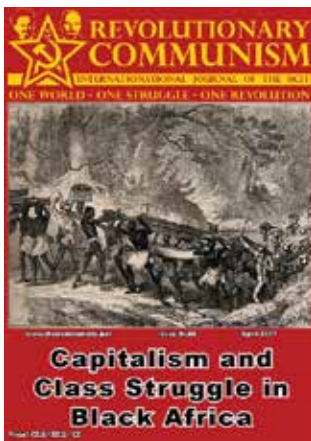
We join the Yoruba people in demanding self-determination cum secession and denounce any influence of APC and PDP members in the movements for national liberation in the south. To allow the southern governments into the leadership of the movements for self-determination means to preserve the fetters of Russian, Chinese, European and American imperialism on the new sovereign states and as such reviving afresh new forms of oppression and marginalisation.

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