



www.thecommunists.net

Issue Nr.136

August 2022

United States: Defend the Abortion Rights!

- * Sri Lanka: Overthrow of the Regime
- * Nigeria: Halt State Aggression in East!
- * Biden-MBS meeting in Saudi Arabia
- * Visit of U.S. President in Israel
- * Argentina: Education Demonstrations
- * Russia: Report about Current Situation
- * Bosnia War 1992-95 & Ukraine War
- * Spain/Morocco: Police Kills Migrants
- * UK: Railway Strike, Johnson Resigns
- * Italy: Arrest of 6 Trade Union Leaders

Workers and Oppressed Unite!

English-Language Journal of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), No. 136, August 2022

Sri Lanka: Revolutionary Overthrow of the Rajapakshe Regime	p.3
Nigeria: Halt the State Aggression in the East!	p.4
When two hypocrites meet in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	p.6
On the Visit of the President of the USA to Israel	p.7
Argentina: Successful Demonstrations after Armed Attack in School	p.8
Brazil: Assassination of PT Leader by a Bolsonaro Supporter	p.9
Russia: Brief Report about the Current Situation	p.10
International Solidarity during the War in Bosnia 1992-95 and the Ukraine War today (Speech by Medina Gunić)	p.11
United States: Defend the Abortion Rights!	p.12
Spain/Morocco: Police Kills Dozens of Migrants at the Border	p.14
Britain: First Railway Strike in Britain for over 30 Years	p.15
Britain: Boris Johnson Resigns as Prime Minister	p.16
Italy: Protest the Arrest of 6 Militant Trade Union Leaders!	p.18
What We Stand For	p.19

Picture on the Cover: Protests at the Supreme Court of the United States on the day *Roe vs Wade* was overturned, 24.6.2022 (Source, Wikipedia, https://zh.m.wikipedia.org/zh-my/File:2022.06.24_Roe_v_Wade_Overtuned_-_SCOTUS,_Washington,_DC_USA_175_14_3208_%2852170905969%29.jpg)

Revolutionary Communism is the monthly English-language journal published by the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT). The RCIT has sections and activists in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, Pakistan, Kashmir, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Israel / Occupied Palestine, Russia, Nigeria, Britain, Germany, and Austria.

www.thecommunists.net - rcit@thecommunists.net
Tel/SMS/WhatsApp/Telegram: +43-650-4068314

Sri Lanka: Revolutionary Overthrow of the Rajapakse Regime

Build Popular Assemblies! Forward to a Workers and Poor Peasant Government!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 12 July 2022

1. Thousands of demonstrators in Sri Lanka have stormed the President's official residence, his office and the Prime Minister's official residence on 9 July. They forced the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa as well as Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe to flee and to move into hiding. Since then, the protestors keep the government offices occupied and vow to stay until the leaders officially resign.

2. The revolutionary overthrow of the reactionary Rajapaksa regime is a tremendous victory for the popular masses of Sri Lanka! This regime was the butcher of the Tamil people! This regime was a lackey of imperialist powers and monopolies which pushed the masses to live in poverty! This regime was responsible for chauvinist hatred against religious minorities! The Sri Lankan masses should bring the Rajapaksa clan to justice like the Libyan masses did with Gaddafi in 2011!

3. The spontaneous revolt of Sri Lanka's workers and poor peasants is the result of the dramatic escalation of the social and economic crisis in the past few months. Prices for food rose by 80%, more than 2/3 of the population don't have enough to eat! At the same time, imperialist powers and institutions – the IMF, China and others – loot the country by all possible means.

4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its comrades in Sri Lanka strongly welcome the overthrow of the Rajapaksa regime which has opened a *revolutionary situation* in the country! However, we warn that this victory could be only a temporary success. The bourgeois opposition parties and the army command will do everything possible to drive the masses out of the government buildings and to reconsolidate the power of the ruling class.

5. Therefore, the key task now is to avoid such an outcome and to build organs of workers and popular power. Concretely, it is urgent to build *popular assemblies* in workplaces, neighbourhoods and villages. Such assemblies should discuss and decide about the key issues of the current crisis. They should elect delegates for a national congress. It is such a *national congress of delegates of popu-*

lar assemblies which should become the centre of power! It should be guarded by armed self-defence units against reactionary thugs or police.

6. In the current situation, socialists need to advocate an emergency program in order to combat the capitalist crisis.

* *For massive wage increase in order to fight the consequences of high inflation. For a sliding scale of wages, i.e. an automatic rise in wages in relation to the increase in price of consumer goods.*

* *Fight inflation by imposing price control, supervised by committees on prices, made up of delegates from workers and poor peasants movement.*

* *Non-payment of debts! Cancel all debts!*

* *Nationalise the key industries and banks under workers control! Expropriate all imperialist corporations!*

* *For the unconditional right of national self-determination of the Tamil people, including the right to separate and to form their independent state!*

* *No handing over of power to capitalist parties! No "transitional" government based on the power of the army command! For a workers and poor peasants government based on popular assemblies and militias!*

7. Sri Lanka will not be the last country where the devastating capitalist crisis provokes a revolutionary crisis. Other countries will follow in the next months as it is the whole global system of capitalism which faces crisis and decay. This is why the RCIT insists that socialists must not view the crisis in an individual country as an isolated incident caused primarily by national factors. No, such crisis – the Ukraine War, the food and energy crisis, the uprising in Sri Lanka or Ecuador, the escalating tensions between NATO and Russia, etc. – all these are merely links of the global chain of the capitalist system and its inherent explosive contradictions!

8. Therefore, socialists need to link emergency programs for this or that crisis with a program of world revolution and with joint efforts to build a revolutionary world party. The RCIT calls all activists who agree with such a perspective to join forces!

China's transformation into an imperialist power

**A study of the economic, political and military aspects
of China as a Great Power**

By Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

Order the pamphlet via our contact address: rcit@thecommunists.net

Nigeria: Halt the State Aggression in the East!

Defeat the Wahhabi Gangs in the North! Don't Wait for Elections! Form Armed Workers and Popular Militias Now!

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 6.7.2022

The attack on Kuje Prison, Abuja, last night is the fiercest in a string of attacks by Wahhabi groups in the last 24hrs. The other notable attacks being the ambush of the Advance Presidential Convoy to Katsina state with 2 casualties and the killing of Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state with each occurring in different locations.¹ These attacks have brought the unsettled uproar from the recent Ogbaru massacre, revealed from reports and viral videos online, to new levels of apprehension.

"Troops of the Nigerian military comprising the Navy and the Army have reportedly killed dozens of innocent citizens in the productive age bracket in Ogbaru communities of Anambra State. SaharaReporters was told that the wanton killings, it was gathered took place on Tuesday night, 28th and early hours of Wednesday, 29th June 2022 at Ossomala, Umunankwo and Obeagwa communities. The deployment of the military personnel in the area had begun in the evening of Tuesday during which they claimed to be looking for unknown gunmen that recently laid the area under siege, according to sources.

The soldiers, according to information SaharaReporters obtained, later turned their guns on the defenceless and unarmed natives and others, while abandoning the forests where the locals said were the hideouts of the unknown gunmen located inside big river/swamp forest of Obene-Ochuche/Umuzu/Okija divided by Uyasi River.

*The soldiers were said to have been mobilised from Ogbaru Naval Base and Onitsha 302 Artillery Regiment in over 20 trucks with arms and ammunition."*²

A prison break at a secure high profile facility like Kuje Prison implies the involvement of deep state actors in similar prison breaks in the South East. Moreso, the spate of attacks further threatens the prospects of any elections in 2023 especially since the Wahhabi northern hegemony feels it is losing its grasp of power and control to southern factions of the ruling class.

Secondly, if the Nigerian government would deal with the armed insurgents in the North with the same belligerence with which they carry out massacres in the South, the terrorist chapter would have ended long ago. This bias confirms the unchecked aggression of the Nigerian state towards militant southern groups. It is also a parody to all those critics of the national liberation movements who claim that agitations for secession has become drowned by electioneering for candidates from the largest geopolitical zones in the country.

If these critics will be sincere enough with themselves the massacre at Ogbaru and the Kuje Prison break only show that reducing the degree of attention given to a problem does not mean it is unreal. It is true that the southern national movements have suffered several blows especially since the abduction of Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, the leader of the IPOB and the raid of Chief Sunday Igboho Adeyemo's (the leading agitator for Yoruba separation from Nigeria) home by DSS men. Moreso, due to fatigue leading members of these movements have capitulated or betrayed un-

der immense pressure from the petty bourgeoisie to instead support one aspirant or the other from the bourgeois jumbo parties and their splinters.

But this is the case with every other movement this election season. As we have mentioned in the past more than once, large swaths of the so called EndSARS frontliners join the caravan of the APC and PDP. The recent splinter from the PDP, the Peter Obi retinue, contains the largest and most popular of these middle-class activists, social media influencers, artists etc.

Shall we then conclude that police brutality was never an issue because Rinu Oduala, Aisha Yesufu, Debo Macaroni and Co. are leading the campaign for a man like Peter Obi who has his own share of scandalous history regarding no other unit of the police force than SARS. This same Peter Obi who failed to honour the invitation to the EndSARS panel of inquiry concerning the activities of SARS when he was governor of Anambra state where they killed youths and dump the corpses in the Izu river.

By the reasoning of these comrades since this is happening "police is your friend" and police brutality in Nigeria is just a hoax. Despite the denial of our "Nigerian socialists" which has been filliped by the election campaigns sections of the national movements remain consistent. June 12, 13 and 14 were days of demonstration by Oodua, Biafra and Ambazonian people in Brussels to demand the liberation of these nations from the stranglehold of Western imperialism.

Every serious revolutionary should by now know the thoroughly decadent role that elections play in a dying capitalist democracy. Elections have lost any revolutionary potential they may have had at the start of the historic triumph of capitalism in the 18th century. The role elections now play is to put a cap on social movements effectively preventing the revolutionary onslaught that will lead to genuine social transformation.

That is why the major contestants for the presidency in 2023 are each one from the so-called 3 largest ethnic nationalities in Nigeria. Further, the most popular, Peter Obi, belongs to one of the most marginalised and therefore most radical of the 3, the Igbos. So the campaign season does not disprove or relegate the importance of the national question. In contrast it reflects that the historical progress of the masses of Nigeria is not possible without resolving the national question.

Aside from the denial of the left, the whole uproar surrounding the Ogbaru massacre has been drowned out by the drive for a Peter Obi presidency. An online discussion using Twitter Spaces was organised with the theme "Organise For Peter Obi and Nigeria" in which over a thousand participants attended to paint the massacre as merely a provocation by northern/APC politicians to divide the electorate in the Eastern and Northern region to which the solution must be the emergence of Peter Obi as president. Not minding whether these killings would continue for the 7 month period that lies ahead before the elections

next year.

This was the same thing that happened in 2020 US where the revolutionary mood from the #Justice4GeorgeFloyd protests was funneled into voting for the Democrats despite clear signs and indicators that Biden was one with the racist white supremacist and imperialist government of the US. Like the Biden administration which was an intermittence in the resurgence of far-right wing onslaught in the US which reached significant levels with the emergence of Donald Trump. Peter Obi provides a false sense of succour to lull the revolutionary senses of the masses after the emergence of a similar right-wing figure like Buhari.

For Biden, it took 2 years and the overturning of Roe v Wade for the American public to see how totally incapacitated the administration was before the harrowing capitalist crises and its doppelganger, the rise of far right bonapartist currents. Obi on the other hand may not enter the ballot before the burgeoning crises shatters his whole campaign and render him and the labor aristocrat traitors in the Labour Party as one and the same enemies of the masses like PDP&APC. For one thing, the elections are still in a relatively distant future but most importantly unlike the US, Nigeria is a semi-colonial state where the effects of the collapse of the capitalist system will be felt more excruciatingly. And part of this is the onslaught of Wahhabi raiders including Boko Haram, ISWAP, Bandits, Fulani herdsmen etc.

Thus, revolutionaries cannot proffer elections as a solution irrespective of the candidate. We must first call for popular armament and the formation of self-defence militias in the villages, communities, schools, workplaces, churches to combat the advance of the Fulani-controlled Nigerian state forces. Weapons and aid for IPOB and ESN. The governor of Borno state has cynically called all citizens in his state to bear arms after years of leaving the people defenceless in the face of the rising Wahhabi tide which has swept hundreds of thousands away from their homes. Besides he himself being part of the northern ruling class which is rooted in the Wahhabi Salafist sect is washing his hands off the plight of the people giving Wah-

habist sects the go ahead to overrun the state.

Nevertheless, we don't subscribe to the petit-bourgeois sentiment that wishes to put its safety in the hands of police and other state forces even though they have not just proven to be incapable of fighting the invaders. They have also been complicit in aiding them and killing change seeking civilians like the during the EndSARS protests in Lekki, Obigbo and now in Ogbaru and Nnewi. We have supported arming the masses of the people against northern Wahhabi groups since the massacre by Fulani herdsmen in Igangan, Oyo state last year.

For us, the national movements down south embodies all revolutionary potential since like the EndSARS movement it brings it members into a collision course with the local, regional and even national ruling class. The SE governors have already constituted for some time now Ebube Agu, a regional force meant to attack and hunt down IPOB/ESN members without leaving their sympathisers out of the attacks. In case of the civil war revolutionaries must support the southern movements for national liberation without giving any political approval to their reactionary leaderships.

It goes without saying that freedom of Biafra will come only after such groups have been vanquished along with their sponsors in the SE governments. Thus, justice for the people of Ogbaru and freedom for the south will pit the masses against any and all faction of the ruling class. Revolutionaries must build their ranks on not just an internationalist but also an anti-imperialist basis to ensure the victory of the oppressed!

1. <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/07/breaking-terrorists-bomb-kuje-prison-2/>; <https://saharareporters.com/2022/07/05/breaking-terrorists-currently-attacking-kuje-prison-abuja>; <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/07/breaking-terrorists-bomb-kuje-prison-2/>; <https://saharareporters.com/2022/07/06/breaking-terrorist-attack-many-inmates-es-cape-kuje-prison-abuja-others-including>; bit.ly/3yg4qcl
2. <https://saharareporters.com/2022/07/02/exclusive-how-nigerian-military-troops-brutally-shot-dead-dozens-defenceless-citizens>



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

A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A5 Format

When two hypocrites meet in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Yossi Schwartz, the ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 19.07.2022

The imperialist mass media has informed us that Biden in his visit to Saudi Arabia raised the issue of the journalist Khashoggi who was murdered by the Saudi local ruling class. Biden said after the meeting that he *"made it clear what I thought of [the Khashoggi killing] at the time and what I think of it now."* [1] A CIA report presented to Biden says that the crown prince had ordered the hit on Khashoggi, in which Saudi operatives killed the journalist and dismembered his body after he entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018.

Today we learn what was the reply of the Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman who raised issue of the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. The White House's position is that it is not sure who killed Abu Akleh and if it was an Israeli soldier, it was by an honest mistake...

The crown prince highlighted the fact that Abu Akleh was a US citizen and asked Biden what he was doing to ensure justice after her killing on May 11 by the Zionist army.

"The official said Abu Akleh was one of several examples, along with the torture of prisoners by US troops in Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison that the crown prince raised in an attempt to call out the ostensible hypocrisy in Biden's position on human rights issues in Saudi Arabia." [2]

"Saudi Arabia has tried several officials it said ordered the hit and sentenced eight people to prison terms. Bin Salman has called the incident regrettable but insisted he had no role in Khashoggi's death, according to US and Saudi officials" [3]

Biden, who pledged as a candidate to treat Saudi Arabia as a "pariah" over its human rights record has proven that his words are meaningless. More so, raising the murder of the journalist Khashoggi did not give Biden any points in the dirty game of capitalist diplomacy.

Biden has said that his goal in the trip was to advance Israel's integration in the region. The White House hopes that such integration will overshadow talk of the apparent policy reversal on Riyadh. However, Riyadh has long made clear that it will not formally recognize Israel without a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"No Normalization with Israel until a two-state solution is reached, Saudi FM Says. Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as the capital is Saudi Arabia's requirement for peace with Israel, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir tells CNN" [4]

"Biden is praising Saudi Arabia for opening its sky to all air lines including Israel and sees it as an advance in the relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia. However Saudi Arabia will not fully normalize ties with Israel until a two-state solution with the Palestinians is reached, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said Friday" [5]

"Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Farhan bin Faisal spoke to reporters after a four-day visit by President Joe Biden to the region, including two days that the U.S. leader spent in Saudi Arabia, where he held talks with the Saudi king and the crown prince, the de facto ruler of the kingdom, and took part in a summit of regional leaders. Prince Farhan stressed there was no discussion at the summit of any military cooperation with Israel or talk of a so-called "Arab NATO." "There is no discussion about a defensive alliance with Israel," he repeated" [6]

Regardless of the fact that a Palestinian state will be in less

than 20% of Palestine, Saudi Arabia came as the principal winner from the meeting.

Biden has failed also in convincing Saudi Arabia to double its production of oil. He wants Saudi Arabia and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) partners to pump more oil to help bring down the high cost of gasoline and ease the highest US inflation rate in 40 years.

"Saudi Arabia will not have any additional capacity to increase oil production beyond 13 million barrels per day, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said during his address to the US-Arab summit in Jeddah. The kingdom has announced an increase in its production capacity level to 13 million barrels per day, after which the kingdom will not have any additional capacity to increase production," he said. [7]

"The US national security adviser on Friday had downplayed expectations ahead of the meeting, saying he did not expect Saudi Arabia to immediately boost oil output and would rather look at the outcome of an OPEC+ meeting on August 3" [8]

"I don't think you should expect a particular announcement here bilaterally because we believe any further action taken to ensure that there is sufficient energy to protect the health of the global economy, it will be done in the context of OPEC+," Jake Sullivan said." [9]

"Biden noted during his brief Friday afternoon news conference that oil prices have been dropping since before his trip to the Middle East, saying the potential effects of his visit to Saudi Arabia on the energy market would not be felt "for another couple of weeks" [10]

Spare capacity within OPEC is running low, with most producers pumping at maximum capacity. It is unclear how much extra supply Saudi Arabia could bring to the market and how quickly.

Thus, as could be expected, Biden's visit to the Middle East has proven to be a failure. As he left the region, he announced that the U.S will not leave the Middle East. He had to announce such a statement as the Arab local rulers do not trust the USA while the influence of Russian imperialism is strong. The sanctions on Russia are contributing to the high inflation in the U.S and to the instability in the Middle East that sooner rather than later will see another revolutionary wave because the workers and the poor will not be able to buy pita/bread.

Down with all the imperialists! Down with both parties of the American ruling class! For a worker's party fighting for a workers' government in the USA! Down with the Zionist apartheid state! For Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!

Endnotes:

[1] <https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-biden-raises-khashoggi-killing-mbs-retorts-with-question-on-abu-akleh-death/>

[2] Ibid [3] Ibid

[4] <https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/2022-07-16/ty-article/premium/no-normalization-with-israel-until-two-state-solution-reached-saudi-fm-says/00000182-0614-d213-adda-> [5] Ibid

[6] https://www.gazettetimes.com/news/science/the-latest-saudi-arabia-downplays-normalization-with-israel/article_f2b01e93-a5e2-5c3c-a268-a2c471d4cb54.html

[7] <https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/energy/2022/07/16/saudi-arabia-no-additional-capacity-to-increase-oil-production-beyond-13-million-bpd/>

[8] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/16/us-saudi-arabia-pledge-moves-to-stabilise-global-energy-markets> [9] Ibid [10] Ibid

On the Visit of the President of the USA to Israel

Yossi Schwartz, ISL – the RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 13.07.2022

According to Jerusalem Post Palestinian activists have called for a protest in Ramallah on Thursday against US President Joe Biden's visit to Ramallah and meeting in Bethlehem with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. *"The protest express rejection of Biden's humiliating policies toward the Palestinian issue" and Washington's "blatant bias" in favor of Israel. The poster is calling for the protest denounces the US as the "head of the snake" and said, "America does not liberate people but only enslaves them" [i]*

The protest reflects the white wash of the cold blood murder of the Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh and the broken promises like the promise to open a U.S consulate in 1967 occupied East Jerusalem, and to remove the PLO from the Foreign Terrorist Organizations list.

Biden, Blinken and other complicated did what America's diplomats have always done when Israel evicts, jails, tortures, shoots and bombs Palestinians in occupied Palestine again and again – protect and defend an apartheid state. But not only Palestinians, as a matter-of-fact Israel bombed the American ship "Liberty" in 1967 to prevent the crew from seeing the Zionist army killing in cold blood Egyptian POWs in Sinai. The U.S government ignored that attack on its own navy.

"Israeli soldiers killed hundreds of Egyptian prisoners of war during the 1967 Mideast war deaths that commanders who are now prominent leaders have known about for years, historians said. The mass killing involves some of Israel's top politicians, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and right-wing legislator Rafael Eitan, a former army chief."

"Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid has said his office would investigate reports of a mass grave in central Israel containing the bodies of Egyptian commandos who were killed during the 1967 Middle East war" [ii]

There are a few reasons for Biden's visit to the Middle

East. The first one is in the coming mid-election in time the inflation in the USA is very high. Partially because of the sanctions on Russia and he also wants Saudi Arabia to produce much more oil to lower the price of gasoline in the USA in order to get more votes. The second reason is to build a military alliance between Israel, USA, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and other monarchies against Iran and its allies. The third reason is to build an alliance against Russia and maybe China. The fourth reason is to convince the Palestinian Authority to stop the pressure resulting from the murder of Shireen Abu Akleh.

For the same reason Gantz, the Zionist minister of war, met with the renegade and so called President Abbas in Ramallah Ahead of Biden Visit. *"The meeting focused on preparations for Biden's Middle Eastern tour next week, as well as moves to relax some Israeli restrictions on the West Bank and the probe into Shireen Abu Akleh's death, sources say" [iii]*

The chances of Biden to win the goals of his visit are very poor. Jordan for example, that at first supported the visit, is no more supporting the visit. The chances of convincing Saudi Arabia to produce much more oil are very slim. Even in Israel the camp of Netanyahu does not welcome Biden's visit. *Down with all the imperialists! Down with the Zionist apartheid state! Down with all the renegades to the Palestinian struggle! For a Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!*

Foototes

[i] <https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/article-711804> KARIN LAUB News Historians: Israeli Troops Killed Hundreds Of Egyptian POWs AP news August 16, 1995

[ii] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/11/israel-says-investigate-1967-mass-grave-of-egyptian-soldiers>

[iii] www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-07-08/ty-article/premium/gantz-meets-palestinian-president-abbas-in-ramallah-ahead-of-biden-visit/00000181-d9ce-d19b-a3bb-dfdee6090000

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

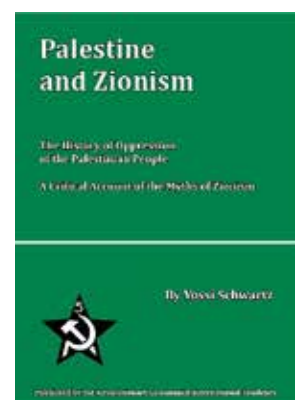
The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People. A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

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..

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



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 & Videos) by a Correspondent, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 June 2022

In the afternoon of the 21st 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 proofed 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!



Demonstration of teachers and students at the Institute 103 plus families from the neighbourhood

Brazil: Assassination of PT Leader by a Bolsonaro Supporter

Organize working class self-defense in the face of armed attacks by Bolsonarism and the forces of repression

Report by Corrente Comunista Revolucionária (RCIT Section in Brazil), 12 July 2022

Last Saturday night, July 9, a PT leader from the city of Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná State, Marcelo de Arruda, was shot to death by a Bolsonarist militant, Jorge José da Rocha Guaranho. In 2020, Marcelo was the party's candidate for vice mayor in 2020. He and his family were celebrating his 50th birthday when the prison policeman, José da Rocha Guaranho, invaded the party shooting everyone present, shouting "here is Bolsonaro" and that he would "kill all the petist militants".

Marcelo, who is part of the city's Civil Guard, fought back the aggressor's shots and, in an act of self-defense, even shot him. The aggressor, who is also a police officer, is hospitalized. Unfortunately, Marcelo de Arruda could not resist the three shots that hit him and ended up dying.

This irrational attack on a birthday party, simply because the victim was a militant of the Workers Party, is an obvious armed attack with political motivations. An attack that, far from being a merely individual and isolated act, follows the extreme right-wing discourse encouraged by President Jair Bolsonaro against any political opponent, and to democratic freedoms.

CCR, the Brazilian section of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (CCRI/RCIT), is in solidarity with Marcelo's family and friends and with the militants of the PT, and demands exemplary punishment for the murderous Bolsonarist provocateur.

Our Response: Workers' Self-Defense against the Attacks of the Ultra-Right and Bolsonaro's Attempted Self-Coup

Marcelo's murder is a reflection of the attempt by Bolsonaro and the ultra-right to install a climate of intimidation as the elections approach, at a time when former President Lula da Silva is widely ahead in the polls. This murder

follows a wave of violence and political attacks such as the drone attack on an event with Lula in the city of Uberlândia, and the homemade bomb thrown against supporters of the Workers Party last week at a demonstration in downtown Rio de Janeiro.

Trapped and desperate, seeing himself ever closer to the possibility of an electoral defeat, Bolsonaro encourages his militancy to attacks like the one we are seeing in the last few days. Bolsonaro has been provoking his far-right militia base, his most radicalized base. Among other statements, just over a week ago, Bolsonaro made live with explicit messages to his thousands of followers threatening not to recognize the election result. "You know how you should prepare, not for a new Capitol, nobody wants to invade anything, we know *what we have to do* before the elections," Bolsonaro ordered.

As much as he says he doesn't want a "Capitol," it is increasingly clear that this is exactly what Bolsonaro wants. Exactly like Trump, Bolsonaro has been stirring up conflict with the aim of setting up a general confusion and, together with his closest military staff, trying to impose a kind of Bonapartist auto-coup.

We cannot accept more attacks on activists and threats of an auto-coup. Nor can we put our trust in the institutions of this bourgeois regime (Supreme Court, Parliament, etc.) to safeguard democratic freedoms in the face of the offensive of the ultra-right.

It is necessary to advance the mobilization, organization and self-defense of the working class. Both to defend activists against the Bolsonarist militias of the ultra-right's attacks, and against the threat of a Bonapartist auto-coup. Above all it is necessary to build a real revolutionary alternative for the workers.



Publications of the RCIT

World Perspectives 2021-22: Entering a Pre-Revolutionary Global Situation

Theses of the International Executive Committee of the RCIT, 22 August 2021

Introduction * I. Great Depression, its Genesis and its Relevance for the COVID Counterrevolution * II. Peculiar Features of the Crisis and Prospects of the Capitalist World Economy * III. Acceleration of the Cold War between the Imperialist Great Powers * IV. The COVID Counterrevolution Enters a New Phase * V. A New Global Wave of Mass Struggles * Entering a Pre-Revolutionary World Situation of Accelerating Polarization between Classes and States * Footnotes

A RCIT Pamphlet, 28 pages, A4 Format

Russia: Brief Report about the Current Situation

Report by Denis Sokolov, Socialist Tendency (Russia), 12 July 2022

Preface by the Editorial Board: Below we publish another interesting report written by comrade Denis Sokolov from *Социалистической Тенденцией (Socialist Tendency)* in Russia. The RCIT has fraternal relations with this organisation and collaborates very closely with the comrades on a daily basis (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/declaration-of-fraternal-relations-between-ct-russia-and-rcit/>).

The report shows how the regime exploits the emergency situation caused by the aggression abroad in order to attack fundamental social and democratic rights of the working class. We did already point out in past documents that the bonapartist Putin regime is becoming more and more totalitarian. (See on this e.g. chapter “Continuity and transformation of the bonapartist Putin regime” in World Situation: In the Midst of a Global Political Tornado, <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-situation-april-2022/>) Recent events fully confirm this.

Clearly, the current situation in Russia has a thoroughly counterrevolutionary character. However, one must not forget that such graveyard silence existed also in 1914 – in Russia as well as in other countries participating in World War I. Two and a half years later, the situation looked pretty different!

Marxists have to analyse closely the contradictions and changes which are taking place below the surface. Attacks on labour rights while, at the same, a small group of monopoly capitalists in Moscow and Piter is profiteering from the current situation – this will inevitably provoke anger and outrage among the masses. The high casualty rate among the Russian forces deployed in the Ukraine – composed mostly of soldiers coming from nationally oppressed people or from poor rural regions – will sooner or later provoke explosions. Russia is boiling pot with a heavy lid on it.

Under such conditions socialists have to organise their activities based on a long-term plan. The task now is not to try provoking a popular uprising in the short-term as this seems highly illusionary – and therefore senseless risky.

The current task of revolutionaries in Russia is rather to political consolidate and to regroup. Only on such a basis will it be possible to educate the political vanguard, to patiently work among the masses, and to prepare for the future revolutionary explosions. Such political consolidation and regroupment requires a savage review of the analysis and the tactics which has been put forward by various “left-wing” organisations (Stalinist, self-proclaimed “Trotskyists”, etc.). Authentic socialists can not move forward without drawing a sharp line of demarcation to organizations which fail to recognise the imperialist character of Russia, and which refuse to side with the national liberation struggle of oppressed peoples! (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 *Socialist Tendency* and the RCIT reach out to socialists in Russia wherever they are in order to join forces in the struggle against the imperialist monster and for the liberation of the working class and the oppressed!

* * * * *

Today we will talk again about what changes are taking place in Russian society and the state with the course of the Russian-Ukrainian (non-)war.

1. The most significant event over the past two weeks, in our opinion, is the adoption of a number of reactionary anti-labour and anti-democratic laws by the State Duma of the Russian Federation in the first reading.

From now on, when conducting hostilities by a state abroad, the authorities can introduce so-called “special measures” related to the production sectors of the economy. Thus, if these “measures” are adopted, legal entities, regardless of their status and position, will be obliged to accept any government orders if they are necessary for conducting hostilities abroad.

In the future, not only legal entities, but also ordinary workers may be affected. In addition to the above, the law also provides for “the establishment of the specifics of the legal regulation of labour relations in individual organizations”. This, in fact, cancels the labour code. According to the new law, in case of “production necessity” for the needs of the army, enterprises can establish irregular working hours, night shifts, overtime, work on weekends and holidays.

In addition to laws relating to the economy, the deputies also adopted a law in the field of civil political freedoms. The list of places where citizens are allowed to organize rallies and other legal protests has been significantly expanded. At the same time, local provincial authorities can alter this list at their discretion. As a result, it becomes even more difficult to coordinate rallies and pickets, which makes legal protest almost impossible. This was done ostensibly to “protect the interests of the state from threats caused by the West.” However, you and I are well aware that such laws are aimed at protecting the state from the people.

2. Rumours began to spread in the media that the former president and prime minister of Russia, Dmitry Anatolyevich Medvedev, had tried to commit suicide. Journalists attribute the incident to Medvedev’s deep depression, which, in turn, is associated with the internal Kremlin struggle for power. It is assumed that there is an internal struggle between Medvedev and Kiriyenko over who will become Putin’s successor.

3. The ranks of soldiers who refuse to participate in hostilities on the territory of Ukraine are expanding. In military units, “boards of shame” have begun to appear with a list of servicemen who “refused to carry out combat missions.”

4. The situation among the masses remains unchanged – there is no belief that anything can be changed with the help of legal protests. At the same time, illegal “guerrilla” actions to sabotage the army, supply lines and law enforcement agencies are continuing to take place throughout the country.

International Solidarity during the War in Bosnia 1992-95 and the Ukraine War today

Speech by Medina Gunić at a public meeting organized by ADL COBAS in Italy

Report (with Pictures & Video) by the Media Team of RCIT, 6 July 2022

Medina Gunić, organizer of *International Workers Aid* and spokesperson of RCIT, was invited to speak at a public meeting organized by the militant grassroots trade union ADL COBAS in Italy. The meeting took place on 4 July 2022 as part of the annual Sherwood Festival in Padua.

Medina Gunić, a Bosnian migrant, has helped to organize three convoys to the Ukraine in support of the popular resistance. The last convoy was initiated in early May by the *International Labour Network of Solidarity and Struggles (ILNSS)* of which ADL COBAS is part of – as well as *CSP Conlutas (Brazil)*, *Solidaire (France)*, and *Inicjatywa Pracownicza (Poland)*. On the occasion of this convoy, the Ukrainian socialist organization *Socialni Rukh* organized a highly interesting international conference in Lviv. Me-

dina Gunić was one of the two RCIT delegates at this conference. (See https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/international-workers-aid/#anker_1)

In her speech, Medina Gunić spoke about the experience of the war in Bosnia 1992-95 and compared that with the current war in the Ukraine War. (See the video below.) She also spoke about the *International Workers Aid* campaign at that time and the importance to organize a similar campaign today.

The rally was also addressed by three Polish speakers from *Inicjatywa Pracownicza* (Magda, Pavel and Ignacy) as well as two speakers from ADL COBAS (Federica and Monica). It also received a video message from Vitaliy Dudin (*Socialni Rukh*) The rally was chaired by Sergio Zulian from ADL COBAS.



Anti-War meeting in Padua on 4 July 2022. Above: Medina Gunić

United States: Defend the Abortion Rights!

Fight against the reactionary ruling of the Supreme Court!

By Jorge Arboleda, *Agrupación de Lucha Socialista (ALS)*, Mexican section of the RCIT, 29 June 2022

On June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled as unconstitutional the *Roe v. Wade* case, in which since 1973 the state granted women the right to have an abortion¹. This, after the annulment was anticipated to the press four days before. This scandalous and terrible setback in women's rights has provoked a great wave of mobilizations throughout the country, gathering the discontent of millions of people, who do not believe that in the year 2022 (!) the government of the most powerful imperialist country on the planet is carrying out this attack on the fundamental democratic rights of its own people.

In places like Phoenix, Arizona, police used tear gas to disperse a protest in front of the state Capitol. Two people were arrested.² This after some abortion clinics paused their activities due to the legal uncertainty that this annulment represents for their practice.³ In Los Angeles there was a near confrontation with the police when they tried to disperse a rally.⁴ In New York, more than 20 people were arrested by the police at a demonstration in Washington Square Park and in Greenville, South Carolina, 6 people were arrested after a confrontation with the police that left some injured. There is a video where a police officer is seen attacking a woman with a taser and throwing an elderly man to the ground.⁵

The Democrats: No Defender of Women's Rights!

Among the organizations spearheading the protests are *Planned Parenthood*, *Bans Off Our Bodies*, and *Women's March*, which, while having great grassroots work among working-class women, are led by liberals who have close ties to the Democratic Party. Until now, this party has made an effort to divert the struggle and the discussion to the electoral question, asking the women affected by this annulment to vote in the next election in order to reverse it. However, History has shown us how the Democrats have no intention of protecting abortion rights, but rather limit them as much as possible.

Historically, clinical practices related to abortion in the United States have been linked to the restriction of health rights, since in this country there is no public health system as such, but rather a semi-private one that depends on insurance companies, which control the way health servic-

es are provided to US citizens, and that also limit further the access to health care for millions of immigrants.

In 1980, the *Hyde Amendment* went into effect, which included the right to abortion as part of *Medicaid*, which required hundreds of dollars to be paid in order to perform an abortion. Currently an abortion can cost up to \$750 USD depending on the state where the clinic is and the insurance condition of the patient. This amendment was strongly supported by the first Democratic president after *Roe v. Wade*, Jimmy Carter.

When Bill Clinton was a presidential candidate in 1992, he launched the terrible slogan "*Abortion safe, legal and rare*",⁶ with which he emphasized that the right to abortion should be limited and not free, using as an excuse that the interruption of pregnancy should be prevented and not promoted. Hillary Clinton replicated this same slogan in her own internal campaign in 2008, although she later had to adjust it to "*Abortion legal and safe*",⁷ because of how unpopular it was among her supporters and among women in general. In her 2016 campaign, she chose Tim Kaine, an opponent of abortion rights, as part of her team.⁸ Finally, the Democrats had full control of both chambers of Congress for 16 years, plus the presidency and the chambers for another 10 years without this translating into improvements in women's rights to have an abortion, or to include the *Roe v. Wade* as a constitutional right.⁹ Today the Democrats are here to tell people that all they have to do is trust them again and vote for them one more time.

For a militant and independent struggle

While there is a desperate attempt by the ruling class to make women's rights to decide over their own bodies to be just part of an empty electoral agenda, this is an excellent example that shows the dead end that bourgeois democracy represents in the United States, which is completely controlled by billionaires whose main interest is to obtain great profits at the expense of the rights and labor of the oppressed classes, using both the *Democratic Party* and the *Republican Party* for it.

A right to free, safe abortion and as a part of a public health system currently represents a significant expense for an imperialist country that clings tooth and nail to its position as the hegemon within all the Great Powers. The

Revolutionary Struggle for Women's Liberation

See all RCIT documents on Women's Liberation

on our website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/oppressed/>

path to follow must be the struggle in the streets, and to take as an example the achievements for women's rights that this has had in other countries of the continent such as Argentina.¹⁰

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) calls on all socialists and all progressive and leftist activists in the United States not to trust the parties and organizations of the ruling class, which use women's bodies as mere pretexts to get votes and power for big companies to lobby them. A socialist revolution is necessary in the United States to obtain a free health service, which includes the right to free and safe abortion, accompanied by medical specialists, as part of it.

For abortion rights, free and safe!

Down with the annulment of the Supreme Court!

For a socialist revolution in the United States!

Footnotes

1 See on this: Byron R. White: *Roe v. Wade*, <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/document/roe-v-wade-3/>; P. B. Linton, *Roe v. Wade and the history of abortion regulation*, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2690604/>

2 See e. g. *Roe v. Wade*: Protesters tear-gassed outside Arizona State Capitol, <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61940017>

3 See on this e. g. Abortions in Texas have stopped after Attorney General Ken Paxton said pre-Roe bans could be in effect, clinics say, <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/06/24/texas-clinics-abortions-whole-womans-health/>; Taylor Seely & Stephanie Innes, Fearing criminal charges, clinics across Arizona have stopped providing abortions, <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2022/06/24/phoenix-clinic-cancels-abortions-arizona-law/7724671001/>

4 See on this: Nathan Solis, Julia Wick, Melissa Gomez, Jasper Goodman, Libor Jany, Colleen Shalby, Police declare unlawful assembly in downtown L.A. as abortion rights protests wind down <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-06-24/protests-southern-california-roe-abortion>

5 Erum Salam: Fears of violence against pro-choice protests intensify amid wave of attack, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/jun/28/peaceful-pro-choice-protests-violence-attacks-police>

6 George F. Will, America's abortion debate has non-debatable parameters, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/05/13/americas-abortion-debate-has-nondebatable-parameters/>

7 George F. Will, America's abortion debate has non-debatable parameters, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/05/13/americas-abortion-debate-has-nondebatable-parameters/>

8 Emily Crockett, Tim Kaine's evolving views on abortion, explained, <https://www.vox.com/2016/7/23/12259036/tim-kaine-vice-president-abortion-views-explained>; Darren Samuelsohn and Daniel Strauss, Tim Kaine's abortion predicament, <https://www.politico.com/story/2016/07/tim-kaine-abortion-predicament-225053>

9 See e. g. Danielle Kurtzleben, Frustration at Biden and other Democrats grows among abortion-rights supporters, <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/28/1107963863/frustration-at-biden-and-other-democrats-grows-among-abortion-rights-supporters>; ver también: Stephanie Attar, Voting for Democrats has been a dead-end for abortion justice, <https://www.tempestmag.org/2022/06/voting-for-democrats-has-been-a-dead-end-for-abortion-justice/>

10 On this we suggest to read some articles from our comrades of *Convergencia Socialista*, RCIT section in Argentina: Claudio Colombo: 13 y 14J de 2018, la situación revolucionaria pegó un salto hacia adelante, que se mantiene y profundiza, 14 de junio de 2020, <https://enlacescs.blogspot.com/2020/06/14j-de-2018-la-situacion-revolucionaria.html>; Jessica Salazar: Nuestra posición frente a la nueva presentación del proyecto del ley de aborto, 25 de mayo de 2019, <https://culturacs.blogspot.com/2019/05/nuestra-posicion-frente-la-nueva.html>; Defensorías de Género: Pase lo que pase en el Parlamento ¡Ya ganamos! Ahora, redoblemos la lucha por el Aborto Legal y todos nuestros derechos, 12 de junio de 2018, <http://culturacs.blogspot.com/2018/06/pase-lo-que-pase-en-el-parlamento-ya.html>

New Website of International Workers Aid for the Ukraine: 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

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

Spain/Morocco: Police Kills Dozens of Migrants at the Border

Down with the imperialist Fortress Europe! Dissolve the Spanish colonies in Africa!

Statement of the RKOB, Austrian Section of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 30 June 2022

1. In the night from 24 to 25 June, at least 37 migrants died at the border between Morocco into Spain's enclave of Melilla. They were effectively killed by the barbaric brutality displayed by the police of both states working hand in hand. At that night, more than 2,000 Sub-Saharan migrants tried to cross the border to enter the rich old continent.

2. The Moroccan Association of Human Rights (AMDH) as well as NGOs in Spain condemned the vicious attack by the police. *"Without investigation, without autopsy and without identification, the authorities seek to cover up the disaster,"* the AMDH said on Facebook.

3. In contrast, the Moroccan as well as the Spanish authorities cynically defended the murderous police assault. Spain's prime minister, the social democrat Pedro Sánchez, applauded the cross-state collaboration on the border, saying the attempt for a mass migration was *"well resolved"*. He cynically called the incident *"an attack on the territorial integrity of our country in a violent manner"*.

4. The close collaboration of the Moroccan and Spanish police is the result of the recent rapprochement between the two states. In March this year, Spain ended a year-long diplomatic crisis by recognizing Morocco's occupation of the Western Sahara, going back on its decades-long stance of neutrality. Sánchez then visited Rabat and the two governments hailed a *"new stage"* in relations.

5. The Austrian section of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* strongly condemns the police killing of more than three dozen migrants. Their only *"crime"* was that they tried to flee the misery which has been caused by the centuries-long imperialist super-exploitation of Africa, hoping to reach Western Europe with its relative wealth. This shows once more that the European Union is an imperialist fortress!

6. As a matter of fact, it has been first and foremost

Western European power – including Spain – which conquered and plundered the African continent and which shipped millions of slaves to America, laying the foundation for the poverty of the black continent. The very existence of Spanish colonies on Moroccan soil – the two enclaves Ceuta and Melilla as well as the Canary Islands – is living proof of the predatory nature of imperialism.

7. The recent events demonstrate also once again the treacherous role of the reformist *"left-wing"* parties. Since early 2020, Sánchez's social democrats are in a government collusion with left-populist PODEMOS as well as the ex-Stalinist Spanish *"Communist"* Party (PCE) and *Izquierda Unida*. The two latter parties belong to the so-called *"Party of the European Left"* whose most prominent members are – beside these Spanish parties – the LINKE in Germany, the French PCF, and SYRIZA in Greece. While these reformist parties talk a lot about *"international solidarity"*, *"social justice"*, *"democracy"* and *"anti-racism"*, they have stayed the government for 2,5 years, despite its anti-migrant, anti-worker and pro-imperialist policy. Even now, when the government openly supports Morocco's occupation of the Western Sahara and kills dozens of migrants at the border – even now these parties see no reason to stop their support for the government!

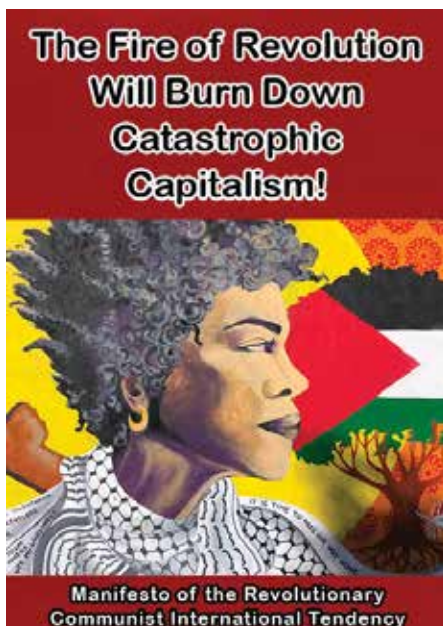
8. All this shows the importance of building a revolutionary party – nationally and internationally – which consistently opposes imperialism, defends the rights of migrants and which builds an alternative to the reformist-bureaucratic parties.

9. The RCIT and its Austrian section call for:

** For Open Borders! Down with Fortress Europe!*

** Return Ceuta and Melilla as well as the Canary Islands to Morocco!*

** Down with the Western Sahara Occupation by Morocco!*



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

Britain: First Railway Strike for over 30 Years

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 27 June 2022

On the 21st, 23rd and 25th June 2022 the RMT went on strike against Network Rail and 13 other privatised companies because of their threat to undermine pay, conditions of service and make redundancies to RMT members. This is the first major rail dispute for over 30 years. On the 21st June, both the RMT and UNITE were on strike on the Underground in London over similar issues. ASLEF, the train drivers union, is in dispute as is TSSA, whose members are being balloted for strike action. The RMT has issued two press statements giving their reasons for their industrial action which was solidly supported by the RMT members. On the 21st, 23rd, and 25th June no trains ran and there were many station closures.

“Over 50,000 railway workers will walkout as part of 3 days of national strike action later this month, in the biggest dispute on the network since 1989. The union will shut down the country’s railway network on 21st, 23rd and 25th June, due to the inability of the rail employers to come to a negotiated settlement with RMT. Network Rail and the train operating companies have subjected their staff to multiyear pay freezes and plan to cut thousands of jobs which will make the railways unsafe. Despite intense talks with the rail bosses, RMT has not been able to secure a pay proposal nor a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies. In a separate dispute over pensions and job losses, London Underground RMT members will take strike action on June 21st. RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said: “Railway workers have been treated appallingly and despite our best efforts in negotiations, the rail industry with the support of the government has failed to take their concerns seriously. “We have a cost-of-living crisis, and it is unacceptable for railway workers to either lose their jobs or face another year of a pay freeze when inflation is at 11.1pc and rising. Our union will now embark on a sustained campaign of industrial action which will shut down

the railway system.” [1]

“Discussions with Network Rail and the Train Operators have continued today. The Train Operators have now made an offer and there is no further offer from Network Rail following the one which was rejected last Friday. “The RMT National Executive Committee has now found both sets of proposals to be unacceptable and it is now confirmed that the strike action scheduled this week will go ahead. [2]

Despite these reasons, Network Rail, the Operators and the Government refused to negotiate with the RMT. Grant Shapps, the Secretary of State for Transport, misled and spoke untruths about the dispute. Inflation is raging at 11% but the Tory Government insisted on only a 3% pay increase and no withdrawal of these other issues which the RMT has highlighted. The strike was a success but it must be now turned into an indefinite strike. Furthermore, it is crucial to integrate other sectors and to build a general strike.

The RCIT in BRITAIN puts forward the following demands to unite all Workers and the Oppressed

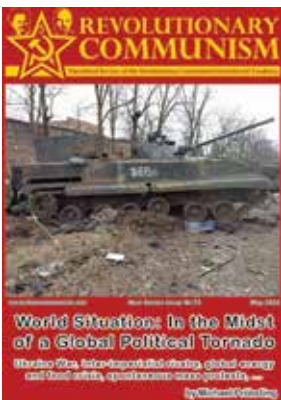
** Defend Rail workers conditions of service pay and pensions! For an 11% pay increase and no redundancies or alteration of pension schemes.*

** Support all actions of railway workers! Forward towards an indefinite rail strike and prepare for a general strike!*

** Nationalise the major Rail Operators and Network Rail under workers control without compensation. For a public plan to rebuild the fractured rail industry.*

Footnotes

- 1) [RMT launch 3 days of national train strike action - rmt](#)
- 2) [National Rail & London Underground Strikes - rmt](#)



PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

World Situation: In the Midst of a Global Political Tornado

Notes on global developments characterized by the Ukraine War, inter-imperialist rivalry, global energy and food crisis as well as spontaneous mass protests

by Michael Pröbsting, April 2022

Introduction * On the Causes and the Nature of the Ukraine War * The patriotic resistance of the Ukrainian people which Putin didn't expect * Continuity and transformation of the bonapartist Putin regime * On the dramatic acceleration of inter-imperialist rivalry * A massive shift in the foreign policy of U.S. imperialism * Challenges of EU imperialism * Cracks in the capitalist world economy * Russia's resilience against Western sanctions * Who blinks first? * The threat to the global financial order dominated by the US-Dollar * At the beginning of a new global wave of mass uprisings * The crisis of revolutionary leadership and the struggle against social-imperialism, social-pacifism and imperialist economism * Conclusions * Footnotes

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

Britain: Boris Johnson Resigns as Prime Minister

Prepare the Struggle for a Workers Government!

By Laurence Humphries, 11 July 2022

On the 8th July 2022 Boris Johnson announced his resignation as Prime Minister outside of No. 10 Downing Street. Between 6th and 8th July over 50 Cabinet and other Ministers had resigned including his Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Sajid Javid his Health Minister. Johnson dismissed Michael Gove for criticising his Premiership and calling for him to resign. After Tory Grandees had put pressure on Johnson, he had no alternative but to resign. As always Johnson blamed everyone around him.

"Boris Johnson has resigned as Conservative leader and blamed the "herd instinct" of Tory MPs for pushing him out of office, after a series of cabinet ministers told him he had lost the support of the party. In a statement outside Downing Street, Johnson acknowledged that "no one is remotely indispensable" and accepted that it was the "will of the parliamentary Conservative party" that he should leave No 10. But he also signalled his intention to stay on as prime minister while the party picks his successor, potentially until autumn, triggering an immediate backlash among Tory MPs. The statement brings an end to an extraordinary standoff between Johnson and cabinet ministers, including his new chancellor, Nadhim Zahawi, who were urging him to quit amid anger over Chris Pincher affair and other scandals." [1]

Reasons for Boris Johnson's Resignation

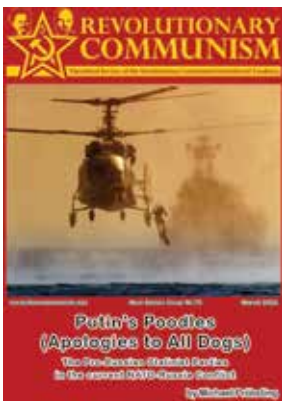
Many bourgeois journalists have given reasons why Boris Johnson had to ultimately resign citing various scandals and wrong decisions while he was in Office. After winning the 2019 General election on the slogan 'Let's get Brexit

Done' by a huge majority winning parliamentary seats in former Labour and working-class areas, Johnson has been driven from office over a number of scandals during his term of office.

To name just a few. The Chris Pincher Affair. Chris Pincher was appointed to be a Deputy Chief Whip by Johnson in 2019 although later exposed as having assaulted men at a Gentleman's Club. Johnson retorted he knew nothing about the matter or conveniently forgot. Many Tory MP's have been found to have committed sexual crimes against women. The culture in the Tory Party is for all to see how corrupt and degenerate the Tory party has become.

Or another example: Partygate. Johnson encouraged the breaking of Lockdown rules by holding parties in Downing Street when the rest of the population was restricted and heavily fined for breaking any of the Lockdown rules. He is only fined by the Metropolitan police whereas many other people found themselves facing more serious crimes. A clear example of class justice!

"On Wednesday 29 June, the MP Chris Pincher - at the time, the Conservative deputy chief whip - went to a private members' club in London. In his words, he "drank far too much" and "embarrassed himself. He was accused of groping two men, which led to a flurry of allegations, some dating back years. It set off a chain of events that ended with the prime minister's downfall. In April this year, the prime minister was fined for breaking lockdown rules, after attending a gathering on his birthday in June 2020. He also apologised for going to a "bring your own booze" party in the Downing Street garden during the first lockdown. More widely, the Metropolitan Police issued 126 fines to 83 people for breaking lockdown rules in Downing Street and Whitehall. And



PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

Putin's Poodles (Apologies to All Dogs)

The pro-Russian Stalinist parties and their arguments in the current NATO-Russia Conflict

by Michael Pröbsting, February 2022

Introduction * 1. NATO is the sole aggressor! Really? * Is it relevant for Marxists who is the aggressor? * What is causing the escalation of tensions between Great Powers: the party of warmongers or the imperialist system? * Can socialists defend "legitimate spheres of influence" of Great Powers? * Putin and Great Russian Chauvinism claim that the Ukraine is not an independent nation * Stalinism versus Bolshevism: The Ukraine and the right of national self-determination * From Kazakhstan to Syria: Stalinism is siding with the counterrevolution * Is Russian imperialism a "force of social progress"? Discussion of a remarkable Stalinist document * Stalinism and social-imperialism: concluding remarks * Footnotes

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

a report by Sue Gray - a senior civil servant - described a series of social events by political staff that broke lockdown rules. "The senior leadership at the centre, both political and official, must bear responsibility for this culture," she wrote." [2]

Other scandals or wrong decisions were Johnson's attempt to bypass parliament and rule by decree. This was overruled by the Supreme Court and parliament having been suspended was reinstated. His decision to remove the Protocol Agreement and create conflicts with the European Union. His utter contempt for bourgeois democracy during the COVID 19 Counterrevolution with Lockdowns and attacks on basic democracy.

Global crisis of capitalism

Many bourgeois commentators have attributed Boris Johnson's down fall because of some bad flaws in his character like arrogance and a bullish attitude to all his critics. This might be true, but the main cause of his downfall is the global crisis of capitalism, with the depression of the world economy starting in autumn 2019, the acceleration of the inter-imperialist rivalry between all the Great Powers including Western Imperialists (USA, Europe and Japan) and the Eastern Imperialists of Russia and China. Russia's imperialist war against the Ukraine is another expression of this fundamental changes in the world situation.

It is such process which has provoked a fundamental destabilization of the political and social conditions and which provokes a number of domestic political crisis in various countries all over the world. The recent popular uprisings in Sri Lanka, Ecuador, mass protests in Sudan, etc. are examples for this process.

The Bank of England recently released a depressing forecast of Britain's economy during the next period forecasting serious recession and downturns in the Market. This is also true with statements from the Federal Reserve in the United States.

"The Bank of England has raised its inflation forecast again, and now predicts it will hit 11% this autumn, when energy bills rise. It had previously estimated that consumer price inflation would hit 10% - far over its 2% target. This new forecast shows that households face even more pain, with real wages already lagging inflation. Announcing today's interest rate rise to 1.25%, the Bank says: CPI inflation is expected to be over 9% during the next few months and to rise to slightly above 11% in October. The increase in October reflects higher projected household energy prices following a prospective additional large increase in the of gem price cap. The Bank explains the surge in inflation is partly due to rising global energy - greatly exacerbated by the war in Ukraine - and other tradable goods prices." [3]

The recent rail strike which paralysed the rail network for 3 days and the by-election defeats shows that the working class and the oppressed are fighting back. ASLEF, the train drivers' union, will be on strike on 23rd July against Greater Anglia Railways. The two election defeats led to two Tory seats being overturned.

Crisis of reformism and centrism

The Labour Party now led by the pro-capitalist Keir Starmer has shown itself a faithful servant of capitalism. Labour is already discussing the possibilities of alliances with the Liberal Democrats in some sort of coalition government. The last vestiges of a bourgeois workers party is slowly disappearing under Starmer's leadership. He has

Books of the RCIT

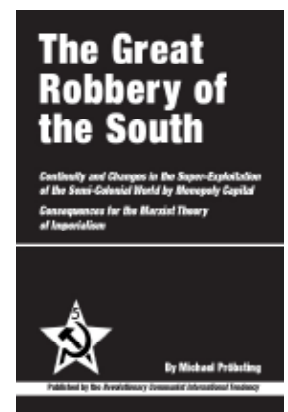
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

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

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

has such a big share of the world capitalist value been produced in the South. Never before have the imperialist monopolies been so dependent on the super-exploitation of the semi-colonial world. Never before has migrant labor from the semi-colonial world played such a significant role for the capitalist value production in the imperialist countries. Never before has the huge majority of the world working class lived in the South - outside of the old imperialist metropolises.

In *The Great Robbery of the South* Michael Pröbsting argues that a correct understanding of the nature of imperialism as well as of the program of permanent revolution which includes the tactics of consistent anti-imperialism is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future. Order your copy NOW! \$20 / £13 / €15 plus p+p (21\$ for US and international, £9 for UK, €10 for Europe)



virtually eliminated the last vestiges of Corbynism and driven the left into abject defeat. The so-called Left Labour MP's capitulate at every turn. Starmer has threatened expulsion to any MP who does not support NATO the imperialist alliance. He has threatened Corbyn with expulsion if he does not resign from his positions and his support for the *Stop The War* Movement.

The trade union bureaucracy, the other half of reformism, has no answers to the crisis although the masses are ready to fight and sometimes force the bureaucrats to support their actions. As Trotsky wrote in the Transitional Programme "*The world political situation as a whole is chiefly characterized by a historical crisis of the leadership of the proletariat. (...) The historical crisis of mankind is reduced to the crisis of the revolutionary leadership.*" [4]

The centrists meanwhile remain impotent caught between reformist and quasi-revolutionary slogans. Groups like the SWP, the *Socialist Party* and *Socialist Alternative* have no other slogans other than to call for future rail strikes. No perspective is offered and most of these pseudo-Trotskyists reject Trotsky's Transitional Programme. Many of them are drifting rightwards with views indistinguishable from many left reformists.

Comrades of the RCIT in Britain put forward the following transitional demands to unite the working class and the masses in the struggle to overthrow capitalism and to establish socialism through the conquest of state power.

* *For a sliding scale of wage increases for workers, the poor and oppressed in line with the rate of inflation.*

* *Cancel all energy increases. Immediate increases for the unemployed. Increase all benefits in line with inflation.*

* *Nationalise all capitalist corporations under workers control with no compensation. For a public works program under control of the labour movement.*

* *Build councils of action to organise protests and strike action. Prepare for an indefinite general strike in order that the working class may take political power. Force the TUC leadership to organise such a strike.*

* *Create armed self-defence guards to protect communities from police and fascist provocation.*

* *For a Workers Government based on councils of action and armed self-defence guards.*

* *Join the RCIT!*

Footnotes

1) [Boris Johnson resigns as Conservative leader after cabinet revolt | Boris Johnson | The Guardian](#)

2) [Boris Johnson resigns: Five things that led to the PM's downfall - BBC News](#)

3) [Bank of England says inflation will hit 11% after raising interest rates to 13-year high – as it happened | Business | The Guardian](#)

4) Leon Trotsky: *The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International*: The Transitional Programme, 1938. New Park Publications

Italy: Protest the Arrest of 6 Militant Trade Union Leaders!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 22 July 2022

We have been informed that on 19 July a warrant from the Piacenza prosecutor's office has placed SI COBAS national coordinator Aldo Milani and three organisers of the Piacenza-based union – Mohamed Arafat, Carlo Pallavicini, and Bruno Scagnelli – under house arrest, together with two organisers of USB, another rank-and-file union.

These comrades are accused of "*conspiracy to commit private violence*", "*resistance to public official*", "*sabotage*" and "*interruption of public service*". The background of such absurd accusations is that these trade unions played an important role in various strikes conducted in logistics

warehouses in Piacenza (a city in Italy's Emilia Romagna region) from 2014 to 2021.

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) – an international organisation which is active in 13 countries on five continents – strongly condemns this authoritarian attack on workers rights! This demonstrates, once again, that the state is an executive organ in the interests of the bosses!

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of all six trade union leaders of SI COBAS and USB!

Long live international solidarity!

Pamphlets on the EU and Brexit

- * **Marxism, EU and Brexit**
- * **The British Left and the EU-Referendum**
- * **The Reformist Pipe Dream of a "Socialist" European Union**

*Written by Michael Pröbsting
(International Secretary of the RCIT)*



What the RCIT Stands for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No future without socialism!

No socialism without a revolution!

No revolution without a revolutionary party!

