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## Iran and the Permanent Revolution

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 8 October 2022

Like in all countries that have not gone through the democratic revolution, the revolutionary movement in Iran has begun with democratic demands. It began after the murder of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in police custody on 16th September, three weeks ago. The protests are directed against the repressive regime of the Ayatollahs that disposed the hated Reza Shah Pahlavi reign, established as a monarchy in 1921.

### Brief History of Iran

Stalinist Russia and the U.K. pushed Reza Shah into exile in 1941, and his son Mohammad Reza Pahlavi took the throne. When Britain and Stalinist Russia invaded and occupied Iran in August 1941 (during the Second World War), their principal purpose was to use Iran as a bridge to supply Russia, which was hard-pressed by Hitler's army, with vital military and other supplies. Believing Reza Shah would not cooperate with the Allies to the degree they required, Britain and Russia engineered the Shah's abdication. The British took him into exile, first to the island of Mauritius, then to Johannesburg where he passed the last two years of his life. They replaced him with his son Mohammed Reza Shah.

In 1953, amid a power struggle between Mohammed Reza Shah and Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, who nationalized the oil industry, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the U.K. Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) orchestrated a coup against Mosaddegh's government. When martial law, which had been instituted in August 1953 after the coup, ended in 1957, the Shah ordered two of his senior officials to form a majority party

and a loyal opposition as the basis for a two-party system. These became known as the Meliyun (conservative) and the Mardom (liberal) parties.

The White Revolution as an aggressive modernization program implemented in Iran in 1963, continued until 1979. The reforms, undertaken by Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, upended the wealth and influence of the traditional landowning classes and deepened the poverty of the workers and peasants. "The white revolution occurred amid a turning point in the development of the Iranian state. Industrial expansion had been promoted by the Pahlavi regime, while political parties that resisted the Shah's absolute consolidation of power had been silenced and pushed to the margins. In 1961 the Shah dissolved the 20th Majles (Iran's legislative assembly)."<sup>1</sup>

The new Monarchist regime of Iran during Pahlavi dynasty lasted from 1925 to 1979. During that time two monarchs — Reza Shah Pahlavi and his son Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi — employed secret police, torture, and executions to stifle political dissent. On 8 September 1978 (Black Friday), troops fired on religious demonstrators in Zhaleh (or Jaleh) Square and 4,000 people have been massacred by Zionist troops aiding the Shah.<sup>2</sup> The Pahlavi dynasty was a "royal dictatorship". The masses hated this corrupted and oppressive regime and in 1979, because of lack of working-class revolutionary leadership, the Ayatollahs (led by Ruhollah Khomeini) took power.

Members of the National Front, the Tudeh Party Stalinists and their various splinter groups joined the Ulama (Ayatollahs) in broad opposition (Popular front) to the Shah's regime which opened the gates for the Khomeini's counterrevolution.

# Books of the RCIT

## Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

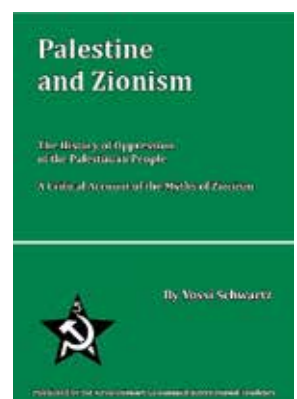
### The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People. A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

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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### Protest Movement Today

In the last few weeks, we are witnessing a new uprising in Iran, in the face of great state brutality. It is a struggle for liberation from gender, social and economic oppression. This nationwide revolt was sparked by the brutal killing of a young Kurdish-Iranian woman, Mahsa Zhina Amini, in custody of the state's Guidance Patrol, or "morality police," for so-called improper wearing of hijab (headscarf and coverings legally mandated in Iran for women).

The protests are raging across Iran since mid-September. Students at Sharif University in Tehran began staging silent sit-ins, including on Sunday, holding signs demanding the release of classmates arrested during demonstrations. After the sit-in the students streamed into the main yard of the university and realized they were under siege. Campus guards were clashing with the security forces to prevent them from entering the school and locked the gates. When four students tried to leave, the Basiji grabbed them, pounding them with batons. One student was taken to the hospital for treatment for a head injury.

Protesters have called for an end to the dictatorship; that the policing of women's bodies be stopped; that hijab be optional according to everyone's personal choice; an end to discrimination against Kurdish people and other ethnic minorities in Iran; and an end to economic injustice. Women and young people are at the forefront of these protests *"There was just a fence and a barred locked gate separating the students from the men with the guns. Trapped in the area behind the gate with the guns pointing at them, the students on the campus of Sharif University of Technology, a storied institution in Tehran whose students are commonly referred to as "nokh-began," or "geniuses," responded with defiance. "Death to the dictator!" they shouted, and a chorus of slurs targeting Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei erupted among the several hundred students facing the plainclothes militia forces known as the Basiji, riot police and security forces, all armed with guns. The Basiji opened fire through the gate with rubber bullets and paintballs, hitting the students, some on their heads and necks, some on their legs and arms. There were screams for help. Students collapsed, bleeding from their wounds. Others tried fleeing to another gate but found it locked too." We thought they were going to kill us," said Mahan, a 25-year-old engineering student at Sharif. "It felt like we were in a war zone and the enemy was hunting us down looking for victims to slay."*<sup>3</sup>

Most importantly the oil-workers, the truck drivers, the Haft Tappeh workers, the Tehran Bus Company workers, and the Teachers' Coordinating Committee have threatened to join the protest which would lead to a general strike.

*Turn the Protests into a Revolution to bring down the Regime*

The reactionary oppressive regime is using not only violence and has killed at least 100 people so far, but it also tries to increase national chauvinism against the Kurds. While the protests have reached each of Iran's 31 provinces, they have been most intense in the Northwestern areas where most Kurds live. The regime has responded by striking Iranian Kurdish opposition groups inside Iraq.

This is a magnificent spontaneous revolutionary movement that lacks a working-class revolutionary leadership armed with a revolutionary program. Such a program must lead from democratic demands through transitional demands (including the nationalization of the big private

enterprises and financial institution under workers' control), fighting for a workers' government, for a socialist revolution. Crucially important demands are armed self-defense and the break of the army in order to bring the soldiers to the side of the revolution.

The lack of a working-class revolutionary leadership allowed the Monarchists, backed by the United States and Israel, to pretend that they want a liberal democracy. *"Commenting on the ongoing protests led by Iranian women against the hijab, Reza Pahlavi, son of Iran's late Shah said that this is the first modern day revolution for women. It is truly in modern times, in my opinion, the first revolution for the women, by the women – with the support of Iranian men; sons, brothers and fathers,"* Pahlavi, who lives in exile in the US, told AFP.<sup>4</sup>

Pahlavi says these days that he is not seeking to restore the monarchy, an idea that has limited support inside Iran. However, in April last year, the son of Iran's last monarch (exiled opposition figure Reza Pahlavi) called on Iranians to consider creating an elected monarch position as part of any system that replaces the Islamic republic.<sup>5</sup> He favors a constituent assembly that would write a new constitution. He also opposes the arming of the masses.

This is obviously proving that he favors the killing of the masses rather than risking a real revolution. The hypocritical dangerous monarchists must be kicked out from the revolutionary movement!

*\* Unconditional support for the revolutionary movement in Iran! For a revolutionary working-class leadership!*

*\* Down with the reactionary regime of Iran! For democratic demands including the support for a free Kurdistan in Iran, Iraq and Turkey!*

*\* For the free and independent choice by all women on all clothing, including if they want to wear any form of Hijab!*

*\* Turn the protests into an indefinite general strike to bring down the government! Form armed self-defense units of the workers and oppressed! Split the army to bring the soldiers on the side of the revolution!*

*\* For workers government in alliance with the poor peasants and the urban poor! Kick out the imperialists as part of a regional revolution against the oppressive rulers!*

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## Palestinian General Strike on the Call of the Militia Lions' Den

Yossi Schwartz ISL the RCIT section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 13.10.2022

There cannot be a doubt that the oppressed Palestinians decided to raise their heads and fight back against the monstrous apartheid Zionist state. The Palestinians in the West-Bank on Wednesday observed a one-day general strike in protest of the closure of Shuafat Refugee Camp and its surrounding neighborhoods. Clashes erupt near the closed-off Shuafat checkpoint as Palestinians throw stones while the Zionist racist policemen used tear gas and rubber bullets that can injure and even kill.

The refugee camp, which is part of East Jerusalem, has been sealed off by the Israeli oppressive forces since last Saturday night's attack, in which another soldier was seriously injured following the killing of two Zionist soldiers. According to Palestinian sources, some 130,000 Palestinians from families expelled from their homeland in the ethnic cleansing of 1948 live in Shuafat camp and the nearby neighborhoods of Ras Khamis and Dahiyet al-Salam, which are also located within the Jerusalem Municipality borders.

*"Palestinians in the Shuafat refugee camp and surrounding neighbourhoods in occupied East Jerusalem have launched a general strike in protest against a days-long siege by Israeli forces that has affected severely access to basic services Stores and schools in the area remained shut on Wednesday, while labourers refused to go to work. Students at Birzeit University, in the Ramallah area, also boycotted classes in solidarity. The city of Nablus, in the northern occupied West Bank, also observed a general strike, while confrontations broke out with Israeli forces at checkpoints near Ramallah and Bethlehem, with several injuries from live ammunition reported. Israeli forces also fired tear gas at Shuafat refugee camp residents marching against the siege" (1)*

On Wednesday two Israeli police officers were injured in the Isawiya neighborhood and 23 Palestinians were arrested between Wednesday night and Thursday morning in the uprising across Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank, Arab freedom fighters threw Molotov cocktails and rocks and fired fireworks towards Israeli forces throughout east Jerusalem starting early in the evening.

Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion's car was also pelted with rocks on his way to a Sukkot event in east Jerusalem. Video published by Palestinian media showed Palestinian firing fireworks towards the Israeli brutal forces in multiple neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, including Ras al-Amud and Issawiya. On Wednesday Palestinians reached the Zionist settlements Holy Fire and set on fire their fields, that are on stolen Palestinian lands. This Anti-Imperialist united front military organization the Lion's Den has more appeal to the Palestinian masses than the Palestinian authority the corrupted and servants of Israel and U.S imperialism that is a rotten obstacle for the fight for self-determination of the Palestinian nation in the West Bank, Gaza and as a second class citizens inside Israel. Last week even the Palestinian middle class lawyers organized a protest against the Palestinian Authority's rule by decree and demanded normal parliamentary lawmaking. On Tuesday night, dozens of Palestinians living in the area, met in the camp and declared "civil disobedience" to protest against the restrictions and recurring police raids. Thousands of people living in the area have not been able to go to work or send their children to school because of the collective punishment.

To weaken the influence of the Lion's Den in the West Bank, rumors are spread that the organization is founded by Hamas. It is not difficult to guess that these rumors

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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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originated in Ramallah and Jerusalem by the PA and the Zionist government. The Lion's Den says that it is not controlled by any faction. It is not an accident that the Palestinian third Intifada and the revolutionary movement in Iran occurred at the same time and most likely will contribute to the regional Arab revolution. Not only political oppression but the deep economic crisis and the historical crisis of the capitalist system are behind the uprisings.

And while the Palestinians fight a heroic struggle against the Zionist Apartheid from the river to the sea, shamelessly, Hadash the Stalinist front supports the imperialist empty mantra of a two state solution Israel in 80% of Palestine and the Palestinians in Bantustans in 20% of Palestine.

The right centrist "Socialist struggle" also calls for two "socialist" states. Both positions are caricature of Marxism that supports only the self determination of oppressed nations. The support for the right of self-determination of the Zionists is one of the worst forms of social imperialism. Lenin wrote on this question:

*"Imperialism means the progressively mounting oppression of the nations of the world by a handful of Great Powers; it means a period of wars between the latter to extend and consolidate the oppression of nations; it means a period in which the masses of the people are deceived by hypocritical social-patriots, i.e., individuals who, under the pretext of the "freedom of nations", "the right of nations to self-determination", and "defence of the fatherland", justify and defend the oppression of the majority of the world's nations by the Great Powers" (2)*

Trotsky wrote on the South Africa's apartheid:

*"The example of our South African friends again confirms the fact that in the present epoch only the Bolshevik-Leninists, that is, the consistent proletarian revolutionaries, take a serious attitude to theory, analyze the realities, and are learning themselves before they teach others. The Stalinist bureaucracy has long ago substituted a combination of ignorance and impudence for Marxism... Under these conditions the South African Republic will emerge first of all as a "black" republic; this does not exclude, of course, either full equality for the whites, or brotherly relations between the two races – depending mainly on the conduct of the whites. But it is entirely obvious that the predominant majority of the population, liberated from slavish dependence, will put a certain imprint on the state" (3)*

*To win the Palestinian struggle it is necessary to build an action committee in every village and neighborhood!*

*To organize revolutionary constituent assembly!*

*To arm the Palestinian masses!*

*A workers and peasant government!*

*To organize a revolutionary workers party to lead to a socialist and free Palestine from the river to the sea!*

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## Lapid and His Lies

*by the ISL, the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 23.9.2022*

In his speech before the UN General Assembly Yair Lapid the interim PM of Israel said that he is for a two states solution as it serves Israel and the only condition he asks for is that the Palestinian state will keep the peace.

Anyone who is not stupid or a liar can only ridicule these empty words that remind us of Netanyahu: *"I have not given up on peace. I remain committed to a vision of peace based on two states for two peoples. I believe as never before that changes taking place in the Arab world today offer a unique opportunity to advance that peace."* Those words were spoken by Benjamin Netanyahu, then Israel's prime minister, in an address to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2016.

Even if we assume that Lapid means a Palestinian state he does not mean in all the lands Israel occupied in 1967 not to speak of 1948. He rejects the Saudi's plan that calls for a Palestinian state on all the lands occupied in 1967. Thus when he speaks of such a "state" committed to peace he means a small territory that will oppress the Palestinians that reject this ugly empty slogan.

His patent was discovered long time ago by South Africa during the apartheid that had Bantustans.

Even Jerusalem post wrote: *"So, why has there been such a domestic uproar over Prime Minister Yair Lapid making the same declaration to the same international body six years after Netanyahu, the purported guardian of the concept of a Greater Israel, threw his weight behind the two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians? Is it because he didn't mean it and Lapid does? Or maybe it's because it's less than two months before the election, and desperate MKs are intent on staking their turf as defenders of Israel!" (1)*

*No vote for Netanyahu's block or Lapid's block!*

*Vote critically for Balad!*

*Down with the lie of two states!*

*For one socialist Palestine from the river to the sea! Where the Palestinian refugees will return and the Israeli Jews will have equal civil rights!*

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## Lebanon's Gas and the Robbery by the Zionist State

by Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League* (section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 9 October 2022

On 5 October 2022, Zionist PM Yair Lapid rejected the Lebanese proposals stating they reverse Israeli security and economic gains from the former US-mediated agreement. The war minister of Israel (or to be more precise the pirate chief) Benny Gantz, instructed the defense establishment “to prepare for any scenario in which tensions increase in the northern arena – including defense and offense readiness,” his office said... “If Hezbollah tries to harm [Israeli infrastructure or sovereignty], the military cost to Lebanon and Hezbollah will be very high,” he said.”<sup>1</sup>

In such a war, the interest of the international working class is the revolutionary defeat of the imperialist settler, the colonialist Zionist state of Israel.

According to a report from the news agency *France 24* which was published on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, it is clear that at least 55% of the Karish gas field belongs to Lebanon. However, Zionist Israel's holy principle is to take from the Arab people and to claim it as part of god's promise to the Jewish people's new property.

In abeyance for more than a decade, the dispute between Israel and Lebanon over maritime borders resurfaced in June this year. At that time, the Lebanese presidency warned the Israeli government against any “aggressive actions” in the disputed maritime area. The problem is obvious: Israel has never drawn its borders so that they can claim more and more to be theirs.

“In refusing to specify the territory of the nascent state or to address the issue of its borders in the declaration of independence, Ben-Gurion wanted “a license,” as Kramer writes, “[to] incorporate any strategically vital territory seized in war with an Arab(state).”<sup>2</sup>

The Karish gas field where Israel is exploring, is located in a disputed area of 860 km<sup>2</sup>, in the middle of the Eastern Mediterranean where huge gas reserves have been found in recent years. The Lebanese government invited the US envoy Amos Hochstein – charged by President Joe Biden with mediating between the two countries. However, Hochstein was born in Israel. His parents are American Jewish Zionists immigrants. And he served in the Zionist army from 1992 to 1995. How could such a person mediate impartially? How could anybody truly believe that a Zionist should be in charge of any form of mediation anyways?

Any exploration, drilling or extraction work Israel carries out in the disputed areas would constitute a “provocation and act of aggression”, said a joint statement by Lebanese President Michel Aoun and outgoing Prime Minister Najib Mikati. However, the Israeli government claims the Karish gas field as part of its exclusive economic zone and therefore says, that the position of Lebanon is not relevant to its maritime dispute.

While Lebanon has been aware that the gas project was on the horizon since last year, its problem has been that its fractious ruling class lacks a unified position on the maritime border issue, meaning talks have been unable to proceed.

This explains why the government of Lebanon agreed that a Zionist nominated by U.S imperialism will “settle” the dispute when the outcome was obvious.

Resolving this dispute is crucial for Lebanon – mired in an

intractable economic crisis since 2019 – to be able to carry out its own exploration for hydrocarbons in the disputed area, where Block 9 of the *Lebanese Exclusive Economic Zone* is located. Found just off the shore of Southern Lebanon, this area is considered one of the most promising in terms of natural gas resources.

See above a map created by the Lebanese army and shown by several local media outlets shows the various different lines proposed and claimed in the Israel-Lebanon maritime border dispute.

US diplomat and mediator Frederic Hof, Washington's point man on the issue from 2010 to 2012, divided the area into two parts. The “Hof line” attributed 55 percent of the area to Lebanon and 45 percent to Israel. The Lebanese side has not accepted this demarcation.

Beirut has nevertheless not made this claim official at the UN, because while President Michel Aoun initially supported his country's bid for the additional maritime territory, he feared it could “end” negotiations with Israel – whose government said in October 2021 it was ready to resolve its dispute with Lebanon while refusing to let Beirut dictate the terms of the talks.

In February 2022, Aoun said that the more limited Line 23 was indeed the Lebanese maritime border, backtracking from his original position as a proponent of the Line 29. “This presidential reversal was a gesture of goodwill the American negotiator expected as a means of allowing the negotiations to restart. “The Lebanese political class isn't thinking about the interests of the people or the country's financial well-being; they're thinking about their own survival...”<sup>3</sup>

The war of imperialist Russia against Ukraine has not only mobilized true revolutionaries to defend the Ukrainian people. The war itself has a dual character and has accelerated the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Eastern and the Western imperialists and has deepened the crisis of the capitalist economy. Facing the Great Depression, regional conflicts on oil and gas will accelerate as well. The current conflict between Lebanon and Israel on the Karish gas field could become explosive very fast up to a militant conflict. True revolutionaries take side with Lebanon against the Apartheid imperialist state Israel, while fighting also against any interference by other imperialist powers, be it Western imperialism like USA, EU or Eastern imperialism like Russia or China.

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## Haiti: Down with the UN Military Intervention!

### Build popular councils and militias! For a workers and popular government!

*Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 19 October 2022*

1. The United Nations Security Council is expected to vote today on a resolution that would impose sanctions on the so-called gang leader Jimmy Cherizier (“Barbecue”) and others Haitian individuals and groups. It would also demand “*an immediate end to violence and criminal activity*”. This official demand shall prepare the next – and more important – resolution which is planned to be adopted by the UN Security Council in a few days. This second resolution shall formally authorize an international military intervention with the mandate to use armed force to “restore order”.

2. The driving force behind the resolution is U.S. imperialism and its allies. It is expected that the international military mission shall be led by “*a partner country*,” (i.e. a close ally of the U.S.) which has not been officially named yet, “*with the deep, necessary experience required for such an effort to be effective.*” However, imperialist rivals of the U.S. – like Russia and China – have already indicated their agreement in principle.

3. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its sections in Latin America and Africa strongly denounce these plans. Effectively, such an international military intervention would represent a foreign occupation of Haiti by armed forces under the control of imperialist Great Powers (primarily the U.S.). As it is well-known, U.S. imperialism and its allies have a long and notorious record of military interventions in Haiti since the popular masses achieved independence and the end of slavery in the heroic Haitian Revolution in 1791-1804. U.S. troops occupied the peninsula from 1915 to 1934. They intervened again in 1994 and initiated a U.N. military mission, led by Brazil, which occupied the country from 2004-17. These so-called “UN peacekeepers” became notorious for brutal suppression of mass protests as well as for sexual violence against women and girls. Furthermore, they were responsible for a 2010 outbreak of cholera that killed about 10,000 people and caused more than 820,000 infections. For all these reasons, the popular masses in Haiti strongly oppose such another foreign occupation by imperialist troops.

4. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield claim that the military intervention is a “*direct response*” to a request on 7 October by Haiti’s Prime Minister Ariel Henry “*for international assistance to help restore security and alleviate the humanitarian crisis.*” This is nothing but pure hypocrisy! The humanitarian crisis has been caused by the U.S. and other imperialist powers who have plundered the country in collaboration with the local ruling elite since many decades. Most recently, the *International Monetary Fund* forced the government to sign a draconic austerity program which will increase misery even more. As part of this program, Henry eliminated fuel subsidies resulting in a dramatic increase of prices which is the background for the latest wave of unrest on the peninsula.

5. Furthermore, the Henry regime has never been democratically elected but was imposed by so-called Core Group, which is led by the U.S., and includes

Germany, Brazil, Canada, Spain, France, the EU as well as representatives from the UN and the OAS. Henry became Prime Minister in summer 2021 after the assassination of President Jovenel Moise who had stayed in power after the end of his term via a kind of self-coup.

6. The real reason for the UN plan to send troops to Haiti is the fact that the Henry government has been incapable to pacify the ongoing mass protests against poverty and the authoritarian regime. We are living in a period of Great Depression of the capitalist world economy, Great Power rivalry and global unrest. This is the background for the Ukraine War, for the renewed civil war in Ethiopia, and for the wave of mass demonstrations and strikes in Iran, Palestine, Tunisia, Colombia, France, Britain and other countries. In such a highly explosive world situation, the ruling class of the U.S. and their American allies fear that the workers and poor of Haiti could launch a successful popular insurgency in their backyard.

7. The RCIT calls the international workers and popular organisations to stand with the Haitian people in opposing the UN plan to occupy the peninsula. In any conflict between imperialist occupation troops and forces of the Haitian resistance, we side with the latter and support the struggle for the expulsion of the intruders.

8. The struggle against misery and authoritarian regime as well as against imperialist domination requires the formation of *popular councils* in workplaces and neighbourhoods. In order to defend themselves against corrupt and brutal police as well as against foreign troops, the masses need to create *popular militias*. Such militias could also ensure that security in poor neighbourhoods is under popular control and not in the hands of gangs like Barbecue’s “*Revolutionary Force G9 Family & Allies*”. The only way forward is the overthrow of the reactionary and pro-imperialist Henry government and the establishment of a *workers and popular government based on councils and militias*. Such a government would *expropriate the small elite of super-rich parasites as well as foreign corporations* and open the road to a *socialist transformation*.

9. A victorious popular uprising in Haiti could inspire similar developments in other Caribbean and American countries of which several experienced (pre-) revolutionary developments in the last years (e.g. Guadeloupe, Colombia, Chile, Peru, the Black Lives Matters uprising in the U.S. in summer 2020). Hence, a new Haitian Revolution could be the spark for a wave of revolts in the region. Revolutionaries should therefore advocate the slogan of a *workers and peasant republic of Haiti within the framework of a federation of socialist republics of Latin America and the Caribbean!*

10. It is urgent that socialist militants in Haiti join forces in building an organisation based on a revolutionary program. The RCIT and its militants in a dozen countries call socialists to join us in building a *Revolutionary World Party*.

*International Bureau of the RCIT*



## Hands Off Haiti!

### Form Popular Councils to Take Power! For A Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!

*Emergency Declaration of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 18th October, 2022*

1. The Canadian Airforce has begun offloading units of military equipment in Haiti in preparation for full scale invasion of the country by the US led motley group of minions in the UN where the Security Council has approved a strike force to enter Haiti. The UN Secretary General confirmed his approval of the resolution to invade Haiti in a press briefing with journalists. At the UN Security Council meeting the US proposed sanctions on gang leaders in Haiti and plans to invade the country. Russia and China supported the sanctions but expressed scepticism at the invasion but not opposition.

2. This is the hypocrisy of Western imperialism while they condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine they gear up for military raid in Haiti. While they encourage protests in Iran and Russia, they want to crush the just uprising of the Haitian people.

3. These developments have given fresh winds to the sails of the uprising that broke out more than 4 weeks ago which has continued with the removal of subsidy on petroleum products resulting in exacerbated inflation. The Haitian people have been fighting the police controlled by a US installed puppet regime run by Ariel Henry, who despite emerging without any democratic process has held on to power for almost a year. There are reports that the UN's "strike force" which is merely a cloak for the US to wreak imperialist havoc intends to smuggle Haitians to the US to face trial in connection with the assassination of Jo-

venel Moise last year so they can corroborate the testimony of others who have been tortured in the CIA's gulag. Of course, such testimonies obtained through the gravest human rights violations have been sealed by the CIA.

4. In a period when big oil is making stupendous profits from ripping off the average worker due to the aggravated contention between the imperialist powers. The people of Haiti have rejected their super-exploitation through the hike in price of petroleum products. So what the US and UN must invade Haiti for is their entitlements to suck the bone marrow of a destitute nation after decades of peeling off her flesh. How dare Haiti stand up to the petrodollar empire! At this point we will not repeat detailed the enervating occupations and the egregious meddling of the US in the economy, politics and national life of the Haitian people as we have done elsewhere. Suffice it to say here that Haiti has always been forced to consume US commodities irrespective of the long or short term detriment to the local economy of the country. An example is the rice dump of 1994 to early 2000's in which president Bill Clinton prevailed upon the Aristide government to drop the tariff on rice imports into the country so that cheap rice from the US can inundate the market. Clinton did this knowing fully well that rice was produced in commercial quantities in Haiti, that was the genesis of the total grounding of local multimillion dollar enterprise that is rice farming.

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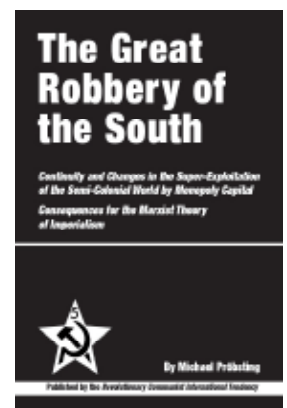
### Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

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

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

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)



5. The demonstrations in Haiti are far from being an odd occurrence. Conversely, they reflect the epochal miry labyrinthine crises the capitalist system has got itself into. That is why there have been fresh protests in France over the rising cost of living; the same in Britain; and Iran for a change in the political system. For Haiti, however the criminal conspiracy of the imperialist rulers of the world against the country has made it ground zero for naked imperialist super-exploitation with biting consequences for the population.

6. Little wonder the protests has resurfaced with renewed energy as threats of the invasion becomes real. We welcome the resistance of the Haitian people and call for the formation of *popular militias* to throw out the occupation forces. For us, now is not the time to block fueling stations and ports but the time to take power. Not by recycling old politicians in bourgeois elections but through *popular councils* which would consist of workers and protesters on the protest grounds, neighbourhoods, schools, workplaces formed in a democratic selection process. The popular militias must be formed in like manner. Such popular councils would be the organs for a *workers' and youth government*. No one strongman should be allowed to determine the fate of the resistance all participants must be subject to the will of the popular masses.

7. The popular councils must coordinate on a national level to form a *revolutionary constituent assembly* that will be saddled with the responsibility of drafting a new constitution much suitable to a social regime where the youth and workers are the governing class. All through the life span of capitalism Haiti has borne its weight. For this, the Black nation has been paid back with only harm and misery. It is time for a new social regime where the workers and masses of Haiti take charge of the economy and state to yield it for their own benefit and that of future generations. For that to happen the Haitian capitalist class, the multinationals and big oil corporations must be expropriated with their property nationalised under a youth and workers' government that will redistribute their wealth amongst the suffering masses. This government under the democratic control of the masses must as part of its economic plan promulgate a public employment program for the teeming mass of unemployed youth.

8. Workers, trade unionists, progressives, leftists and all lovers of justice must join the campaign to stop the umpteenth invasion of Haiti by the gangs of Washington and New York. We must prevent the UN occupation forces from raping the women of Haiti. The invasion of Haiti will expose underaged children and women to the randy pedophiles in the ranks of the UN forces. This history of sexual abuses has been hardly challenged because the oppression of women is part and parcel of the system of im-

perialist colonialism that the UN represents.

9. As the strikes in France carries on it becomes more and more exigent that the movement include political demands since the rising costs of living and energy shortages are the direct result of Russia's war in Ukraine. Alongside calling for the defence of the Ukraine workers in France must demand that their government refuse to take part in the invasion of Haiti. France is one imperialist power that has participated in milking Haiti dry and that owes its development to Haitian labour and resources. So it is the historic duty of workers of imperialist France to support their Haitian sisters and brothers by frustrating all efforts of the Macron government to participate in the invasion of Haiti and by working to provide all necessary aid including weapons to defeat the imperialist invaders.

10. Once again we wish to emphasise that the liberation of Haiti from imperialist subjugation and capitalist throes is tied to the victory of the Socialist revolution in Africa and across all black nations around the world. Thus struggle in Haiti is struggle for all oppressed Black people across the globe suffering racism, neo-colonialism, national oppression, male superiority, homophobia, transphobia, queerphobia etc. The liberation of Haiti is a crucial step for the emancipation of the Black race!

*\* Organise Armed Resistance to Throw Out the Invading Forces! Form Popular Councils And Popular Militias To Take Power! For A Revolutionary Constituent Assembly Which Will Draft Codes For Transition To Socialism in Haiti! Bring Down The Henri Government!*

*\* Defeat the Riot Police on The Streets! Intensify Agitation Amidst the Military to Win the Lower Ranking Officers and Foot Soldiers For the Struggle! No Strongmen Allowed the Struggle Must Be Prosecuted on a Democratic Bases!*

*\* Workers in the US and Throughout the Western Hemisphere Must Boycott All Efforts to move Troops and Weapons to Haiti! For International Food, Medical and Monetary Aid Delivered to Haiti's Poor Not NGO's! No Trust in Russia and China, the Imperialists in the East Are Equally Robbers and Thieves!*

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## Brazil: Neither Lula, nor Bolsonaro!

### For blank vote in the 2nd Round of the Presidential elections

By Revolutionary Communist Current (RCIT Brazil), 13.10.2022

In the second round, Lula and Bolsonaro will face each other, who, although they publicly present themselves as representatives of two antagonistic policies, from the point of view of the implementation of neoliberal reforms, are two sides of the same coin, since both defend the interests of the most powerful capitalists.

Whoever wins, the workers and the poor people will lose, because they will continue to apply the same plan of adjustment and looting of resources that Bolsonaro is now carrying out, and that Dilma, Lula and company implemented years ago, such as the pension reform carried out by Lula in 2013!

Unfortunately, the vast majority of the left followed Lula's candidacy, who presents himself as the saviour of the country, but, in fact, he does not offer prospects of changing what has already been done, and who will sabotage the struggle and the organization of the class so as not to scare his allies.

One of the arguments raised by several leftist organizations – which did not support Lula in the first round – that now call for a “critical” vote for him, is the need to curb the “fascist” danger, which would come from the hand of Bolsonaro and his associates. However, and despite the reactionary ideas that this character may have, in Brazil – and throughout the continent – there is no possibility of imposing a regime of these characteristics, or a coup, because

the movement of masses would immediately prevent it.

The two candidates are equal in terms of the interests they defend and the methods they propose to support them. Both, within the capitalist “democratic” regime, have appealed and will continue to appeal to the repression against the workers in struggle, whenever they see it necessary.

In that sense, the PT candidate is turning towards increasingly retrograde positions, with the purpose of ingratiating himself with the big bourgeoisie and the most conservative sectors. Therefore, it is not by chance that he has just declared himself against abortion!

Lula has just held several meetings with the main businessmen, to provide them with total and absolute security regarding the continuity of their businesses, based on the super-exploitation of millions and the depredation of resources, the same line that Bolsonaro defends. The workers and the poor people do not have any candidate to represent them, therefore, they must equally reject them, voting blank, annulling their vote or not going to vote.

The only way out to resolve their unsatisfied demands will be fighting hard against the policies of the next government, with the prospect of defeating it and imposing a workers' and popular government that begins the path towards socialism.

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

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.  
A Critique of the Left's Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

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

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

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

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

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# Threats of Nuclear War between Great Powers

## On some consequences for the world situation and for socialist tactics

*Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 5 October 2022*

1. Several important developments in the Ukraine War and in the relations between NATO and Russia have resulted in a dramatic escalation of militaristic threats in the past weeks. Among these events are:

- a) The humiliating defeats of the Russian invasion forces in the Ukraine (expulsion of most of the Kharkiv region, loss of Lyman and now an increasing number of settlements in the Kherson region);
- b) the formal annexation of four occupied provinces which means that Kremlin considers these territories now officially as part of the Russian Federation;
- c) the visible contradictions and difficulties of the Russian state apparatus to implement the “*partial mobilisation*” ordered by Putin. This mobilisation is severely hampered by structural weaknesses of the civil as well as the military administration, by bureaucratic incompetence and, most importantly, by the unwillingness of large sectors of the population to participate in Putin’s colonial war (flight abroad of about 350,000 draftable men, mass protests in North Caucasus and other provinces of nationally oppressed minorities, etc.);
- d) the escalation of tensions between the Great Powers as Europe faces a massive energy crisis caused by Western sanctions against Russia as well as by the latter’s boycott against the West;
- e) these tensions have been exacerbated by the explosions at Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 pipelines which seem to have been sabotage acts – most likely by state actors (the U.S.?) which wanted to make sure that Russia and Germany/EU could not make a deal.

2. It is the combination of these developments which has resulted in a dramatic escalation of militarist threats by the Kremlin in recent weeks. Putin warned in a speech that Moscow would use “*all available means*” to protect Russia’s “*territorial integrity*” (which, after the annexation, includes the Kremlin’s control over the occupied regions in the Ukraine). Dmitry Medvedev, the former Russian president, announced that “*any Russian weapons, including strategic nuclear weapons and weapons based on new principles, could be used for such protection.*” And, most recently, did Ramzan Kadyrov – Moscow’s viceroy of Chechnya and one of the most aggressive whips of Putin’s imperialist war – state that the army command should deploy all available means including low-yield nuclear weapons to reverse the military setbacks.

3. It is not clear by now how NATO would react if Moscow deployed nuclear weapons in the Ukraine. Biden’s national-security adviser, Jake Sullivan, promised a “*catastrophic*” response without going into detail. Retired Army general and former CIA chief David Petraeus – a figure from the inner circles of the U.S. political establishment – was more concrete in an interview on 2 October with ABC, one of the U.S. largest television broadcasters. He said a response might see the U.S. and its NATO allies “*take out every Russian conventional force that we can see and identify on the battlefield*” in Ukraine as well as ships in the Black Sea. “*It cannot go unanswered. But it doesn’t expand -- it’s not nuclear for nuclear. You don’t want to get into a nuclear*

*escalation here,”* Petraeus said. “*But you have to show that this cannot be accepted in any way.*”

4. However, while Washington and Brussels appreciate (and support with money and weapons) that the Ukrainian armed forces defend their country against Putin’s invasion, they are also determined to avoid entering the war themselves. This has also been made clear by the West’s response to Kyiv’s formal application to join NATO. Sullivan stated at a Press Briefing on 30 September that Kyiv’s application “*should be taken up at a different time*”, i.e. when the war is over and when there is no risk for NATO to become involved in the war. Other American and European politicians voiced similar statements since they want to avoid being dragged into a war with Russia. In the end, it is not possible to foresee future developments as they are not fixed in advance but depend on the struggle of living forces – classes and states, oppressed people and Great Powers.

5. Irrespective of possible scenarios in the future, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) reiterates its analysis of the *dual character* of the current conflict. The Ukraine War is the result of an invasion by Russia – an imperialist power – against a semi-colonial country. Hence, the resistance of the Ukrainian people against Russia has the character of a *just war of defense* which deserves the full support of socialist all over the world. At the same time, the Ukraine War is the pretext for the acceleration of the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – first and foremost 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. These two processes are *interdependent* and *influence each other* but they are *not identical*. We therefore reiterate our internationalist and anti-imperialist position which we have advocated since the first day of the war: *Defend the Ukraine against Putin’s invasion! Against Russian and against NATO imperialism!*

6. In our Manifesto on the Ukraine War, published a few days after its beginning, we stated: “*This combined and contradictor character of the war in the Ukraine and the global tensions between the Great Powers can provoke a change in the nature of the war. It can transform its character from a just war of national defense into an inter-imperialist proxy war. If such a transformation would take place, revolutionaries would be obligated to change their tactics and to stand for the defeat of Russian imperialism as well as of the pro-Western imperialist proxy in Kyiv. But this is only a possibility in the future and revolutionaries base their strategy on the facts of today and not on speculations about tomorrow.*” A direct military intervention of NATO in the Ukraine (not a formal association of the country with NATO in itself) would constitute such a transformation of the nature of the conflict. In such a scenario, the legitimate war of defence of the Ukrainian people would become a subordinated element in an armed conflict between imperialist Great Powers.

7. It is however also possible that Western imperialism would attack its Russian rival not in the Ukraine but at other places. The latter scenario would bear similarities

with World War II where the inter-imperialist confrontation between the U.S./UK and Nazi-Germany (in which the Trotskyist Fourth International opposed both camps) coexisted with liberation wars which had a legitimate character and which our predecessors unconditionally supported (the USSR against Germany, China against Japan, national liberation wars in Europe). In a similar scenario under the current conditions, the RCIT would continue supporting the national war of defence of the Ukraine while opposing both imperialist camps in their military conflicts in other regions. Of course, these are just possible scenarios and any concrete assessment of correct tactics for revolutionaries can only be made on the basis of a concrete analysis of all factors in their totality.

8. It is self-evident that any form of military confrontation between the Western and the Eastern imperialist powers would have gigantic consequences for the world political situation. Such an event would result in large numbers of deaths, it would devastate the world economy with long-term consequences for the living conditions of humanity, and it would result in an explosive breakdown of the global political order. It could provoke regional wars and civil wars. Such developments would make the slogan “socialism or barbarism” the task of the day!

9. Furthermore, it is beyond doubt that such a world war or near-world war would provoke profound political crises and revolutionary upheavals in many countries – as well as counter-revolutionary dangers of totalitarian and fascist forces. Such crises would probably also occur within one or the other imperialist powers. The way things

stand at the moment, Russia is the weakest and Western Europe the second-weakest link in the chain of imperialist states, i.e. where such revolutionary explosions could take place.

10. Whatever the future developments are going to be, the RCIT and *Socialist Tendency* (our section in Russia) will continue to fight for an internationalist and anti-imperialist program in defence of the oppressed people and against all imperialist powers – in East and in West! In such a tumultuous period of crises and wars, it is particularly urgent to combat the influence of all open or concealed supporters of Russian imperialism who sabotage the legitimate liberation war of the Ukrainian people. At the same time, revolutionaries have to fight also and with equal determination against pro-Western social-imperialists. The RCIT reiterates its call to all authentic communists to decisively break with the social-chauvinists and capitulators and to join the ranks of the authentic internationalists and anti-imperialists! *No future without socialism! No socialism without revolution! No revolution without a revolutionary party!*

*International Secretariat of the RCIT*

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# Putin Announces Colonial Annexation of Ukrainian Territories

## Defend the Ukraine - Defeat Russian imperialism! Support mass protests against Putin's "mobilisation"!

*Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), , 30 September 2022*

1. Today, the Kremlin formally announced the annexation of four occupied regions of eastern and southern Ukraine (Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhia). These territories make up more than 90,000 km<sup>2</sup> or about 15% of Ukraine's total area – roughly the size of Portugal or Jordan. In the days before, the Putin regime held hastily-organised shame-referendums in the Russian-occupied regions, which claimed majorities of up to 99% in favour of joining Russia – in reality, these are fake results, leaving aside the fact that the majority of people fled these regions already before! In a lavish ceremony at the Kremlin's Georgievsky Hall, Putin signed formal treaties on the incorporation of these four regions and appointed administrators.

2. This annexation is an important political move after the Russian army suffered humiliating defeats in its reactionary war against the Ukraine in recent weeks (most importantly in the Kharkiv region). It basically serves two purposes. First, it should wipe-up Great Russian chauvinism as it has been Putin's long-proclaimed goal to "protect" the "*Ruskij Mir*". Hence, the regime will claim now that it is successfully "*defending the interests of the Russian nation*".

3. Secondly, the formal annexation of the occupied regions allows the Kremlin to claim that from now on, the army is "*defending the motherland*" in its operation on eastern and southern Ukraine soil. This makes it easier to legally deploy conscripts. In addition, it serves Russia as a legal basis to threaten the Ukraine with its huge nuclear arsenal. Putin did already warn that Moscow would use "*all available means*" to protect Russia's "*territorial integrity*". And Dmitry Medvedev, the former Russian president, did already announce that "*any Russian weapons, including strategic nuclear weapons and weapons based on new principles, could be used for such protection.*"

4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and *Socialist Tendency* – the RCIT section in Russia – unreservedly condemn the annexation of the Ukraine's provinces. This is nothing but colonial policy by Russian imperialism and a brutal violation of the right of national self-determination of the Ukrainian people. As we did explain in the RCIT's "*Donbass Theses*" (see below), the majority of the people in the eastern and southern regions of the Ukraine has always considered themselves as Ukrainians. And only a small minority wanted to separate from the Ukraine. The whole "*Ruskij Mir*" propaganda is nothing but a chauvinist myth in the service of the Kremlin.

5. The annexation of the occupied Ukrainian provinces is a powerful confirmation of our analysis that Putin's invasion is a *colonial war*. In contrast to the Kremlin propaganda that Russia would only "defend itself against NATO" or that it just wants to enforce a "neutral" status of the Ukraine, the events of today demonstrate officially that Moscow has waged war to conquer people, land and resources.

6. Nobody can forget that for months and years numerous Stalinist, Bolivarian and pseudo-Trotskyist parties have parroted the silly lies of the Kremlin about a "*genocide against the Russian people in Donbass*" (what a mockery of the very term "*genocide*"!) and about the "*legitimate struggle for national liberation*" which Russia would supposedly aid. As a matter of fact, "*self-determination for Donbass*" was and remains a reactionary slogan in the service of Russian imperialism. The fact, that Stalinist parties have supported – or even demanded in the case of Zyuganov's KPRF – Russia's military intervention in the Ukraine under the pretext of such "*self-determination*", confirms their thoroughly *social-imperialist* character. Likewise, it is shameful fact that in the midst of such Great Russian chauvinist excesses, pseudo-Trotskyist groups like the Russian section of Alan Woods' IMT have opportunistically adapted to the war-mongering KPRF and even joined its electoral list at the regional elections in early September. Make no mistake, support for a social-imperialist party equals support for imperialist war!

7. Of course, this does not mean that socialists would be unconcerned about discrimination of ethnic Russian minorities in the Ukraine or other countries insofar as it exists. The RCIT opposes any discrimination for all minorities and supports equal rights. However, there can be no legitimate struggle for equal rights of ethnic Russian minorities without strict *separation from the Kremlin and its agents*, without combining it with *solidarity with the nations oppressed or threatened by Russian imperialism*, and without *fighting against the expansionist policy of Moscow*.

8. We reiterate our internationalist and anti-imperialist position which we have advocated since the first day of the war: *Defend the Ukraine against Putin's invasion! Against Russian and against NATO imperialism!* We support all anti-war activities which are currently particularly important as they are directed against Putin's mobilisation. We confirm our support for the oppressed peoples in Russia – in Chechnya, Dagestan, Yakutia and other regions – and we defend their right of national self-determination, including the right to form an independent state.

9. The RCIT and *Socialist Tendency* denounce all open or concealed supporters of Russian imperialism. We reiterate our call to all authentic communists to decisively break with the social-chauvinists and capitulators and to join the ranks of the authentic internationalists and anti-imperialists!

*A statement jointly issued by the International Bureau and Socialist Tendency (Russia)*



# An Inspiring Internationalist Rally against Russian Imperialism

## Syrian, Chechen and Ukrainian migrants jointly demonstrate against Putin regime

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 25 September 2022, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Nearly 500 people demonstrated in the centre of Vienna on 25 September to protest against the reactionary regime of Putin. Most of them were migrants from Syria, Chechnya and the Ukraine. In addition, a number of Russians living in exile as well as a few activists from Georgia participated in the rally. Speakers from all national groups participating addressed the rally.

This rally was an extraordinary event as it was the first event jointly organised by the Syrian, Chechen and Ukrainian migrant communities. It was highly inspiring for all participants to see such a solidarity between the oppressed across the borders!

Comrades from the Austrian section of the RCIT were invited to participate and comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was asked to address the rally. In his speech, our comrade denounced the reactionary regime of Putin and its terrorist actions. He stated the RCIT's unconditional support for the liberation struggle of the Syrian, the Chechen, and the Ukrainian people. Furthermore, he emphasized that our enemy is not the Russian people but the Kremlin. Michael Pröbsting also warned against any illusions in Western imperialist powers. Their rivalry with Russia is solely based on Great Power interests and not by any concerns for the people – as their reactionary interventions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria have demonstrated.

The rally did also receive greetings of solidarity from

“Socialist Tendency”, the RCIT section in Russia. (See Appendix below). The message was read out – both in Russian as well as in English language – by a female Chechen organizer of the rally.

See photos and video clips, including the speech of Michael Pröbsting, here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/internationalist-rally-against-russian-imperialism-25-9-2022/>

### Appendix:

#### Greetings of Solidarity from “Socialist Tendency” (RCIT section in Russia)

Hello, dear comrades from Ukraine, Syria and Chechnya!

You are welcomed by anti-war and revolutionary activists from Russia. We are and have been against the Russian expansionist aggressive policy, for the independence of Chechnya, for the victory of the Ukrainian armed forces, for the revolution in Syria and the expulsion of Russian, Iranian and other foreign troops from this country.

We are inspired by the struggle of your peoples for freedom and independence.

Long live the victory of the oppressed nations over imperialism!

Long live the Syrian revolution!

Freedom for the Chechen Republic!

Glory to Ukraine!



Pictures from the rally against Russian imperialism (Vienna, 25.9.2022)

## Chad: Down with the Deby Junta!

### For Popular Councils And An Indefinite General Strike To Deepen Struggle! Form Popular Militias To Stop the Military Crackdown!

*Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), the Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 22nd October, 2022*

**A**s Nigerians commemorate the dastardly massacre of EndSARS protesters throughout the country on October 20, 2020, the Deby junta was slaughtering scores of demonstrators in what is the most unprecedented protest in the last 30 years of Chadian history.

Baby Deby (Mahamat Idriss Deby), who was installed as military president after 30 years of his father Papa Deby's (Idriss Deby) reign as military head of state which ended last year when he visited troops on the frontline. Deby has since strung the Chadian masses along with promises of "elections", "transition" but "as the deadline neared, a nationwide forum staged by Deby reset the clock. On October 1, it approved a new "maximum" 24-month timeframe for holding elections. It also named Deby "transitional president" and declared he could be a candidate in the poll. Deby was sworn in on October 10 and later appointed a so-called government of national union headed by Prime Minister Saleh Kebzabo."<sup>1</sup>

Thus, the people marched on to the streets calling for an end to the Deby military succession on October 20, the termination date for the initial transition period. The Deby dictatorship responded with a brutal massacre, killing over 60 protesters in the capital N'Djamena and Moundou, Chad's second largest city with scores more injured. The arrested in this brazen display of state terrorism number in the hundreds.<sup>2</sup>

The standard of living in Chad is one of the lowest in Africa, a direct consequence of being under the stranglehold of French clientelism. This is, of course, possible due to the unholy alliance which the former colonial master of Chad forged with the local ruling elite by leaving out the crumbs of super-exploitation of the country for them. France has been called out repeatedly for its foreign policy in its former West African colonies. Apart from the super-exploitation of Francophone West Africa by carting away thousands of tonnes of solid minerals from these countries annually. French imperialism is known for its notorious *Colonial Pact* which mandates all French colonies seeking independence to pay for all infrastructure built during the colonial era and includes what is called the "colonial tax" — a system where the neo-colonies have at least 50% of their foreign reserves (based on the imposed CFA Franc) in French banks.<sup>3</sup>

Add to this list of malfeasance the expansion of Salafist Groups such as Boko Haram, Al Qaeda and ISWAP in Chad, all of which have ties with the neo-colonial status of the country.

We stand in solidarity with the masses fighting for democracy on the streets and demand justice for the slain. Even as these lines are being drafted, fresh reports of door to door searches of participants in Thursday's demonstrations and vandalism of their property pop up throughout the capital. For justice to be served, the immediate line of action is to stop the crackdown by forming popular militias that will also guard political actions to bring down the Deby regime. Popular councils must also be formed in communities, neighbourhoods and workplaces to ex-

pand the anti-government protests into an anti-establishment movement which opposes all forms of oppression in every sphere of living in Chad. Such popular councils must coordinate on a national level to replace the moribund neo-colonial capitalist political elite as new organs of power in a workers and poor peasant government.

It is equally important that workers pressurise the trade union structures to join the struggle and declare an indefinite general strike to completely cripple the regime economically and financially. In a civil war between demonstrators, opposition parties, in short the popular masses on the one hand and the Deby dictatorship on the other, revolutionaries stand for the defeat of the Deby regime and the defence of the pro-democracy campaigners.

We reiterate that as long as West Africa is ruled by local stooges of imperialist powers, the region will never be free. Thus, French or Western imperialism must not be replaced by Russian as is now being done in Mali, or Chinese imperialism. None of these powers can truly eradicate Salafist Islamism because it is a consequence of Great Power jingoism which will persist as long as capitalism survives.

Revolutionaries must link the fight against Deby and his jackboots with the struggle against the military regime in Guinea, Sudan. We must unite the struggle into one international bulwark against capitalism and neo-colonialism and for democracy.

Ending dictatorship or bonapartism in Chad goes beyond merely transitioning to civilian rule since civilian rulers can also withhold power for decades and even kill their citizens in cold blood. For example, the Biya regime in Cameroon and the Buhari regime in Nigeria respectively. It means ending capitalism's neo-colonial imprint on the country. That is, expropriating the bourgeois class at home; nationalising the multinational enterprises; defeating the imperialist proxy governments and kicking out their troops from the region. So that a government composed of workers and other sections of the oppressed can redistribute wealth and resources evenly. Only then will Chad be free!

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# Nigeria: For Immediate Aid and Compensation to the Flood Victims

*Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 14.10.2022*

Flash floods in Anambra State are the latest in what seems to be a season of floods. Nzam, Ogbaru and Anyamelum in the state, were all submerged. And before them Ogun, Bayelsa, Delta experienced the same fate, but the worst hit areas remain Lokoja, the Kogi state capital and Jigawa state, where nothing less than 50 people have died. In Rivers state, "affected communities include: Ikpide-Irri riverine community, Uzere, Ivrogbo-Irri, Araya, Aviara, Emede, Umeh, all in Isoko South Local Government Area of the state, others are Iyede-Ame, Lagos-Iyede, Onogbodor, Ashaka, Ibrede and Abbi in Ndokwa East council area as well as Eberedeni, Okpe, Ofagbe, Irri, Oyede, Bethel, Ukpudhe, Asaba-Ase, Ase, Kwale, Oko, Beneku, camp 75, Asaba ...."<sup>1</sup>

Local print media puts the number of people affected at 500,000 and the number of people displaced at 100,000 but according to Al Jazeera and Arise news over 500 hundred lives have been lost while 1.5 million people have been displaced throughout the country.<sup>2</sup>

This season of floods is not peculiar to Nigeria alone it is a daunting feature of the climate catastrophe which bedevils our planet. One does not need to mention the untold hardship and overwhelming loss of lives and property the great deluge in Pakistan has caused. With over one-third of its landmass (roughly the size of Portugal or the UK) submerged; close to 2000 lives lost and 30-50 billion dollars worth of property gone.

In a campaign event, the presidential candidate of the Nigerian Labour Party, and the most popular of the 3 candidates, Peter Obi, was asked what he thought about the Green energy plans of the current administration since his campaign promises are centered on production and industrialisation, his answer was to escape from the issue by downplaying the question of climate change. While this shameful response partly constitutes rhetoric by some political opponents to vilify his campaign other candidates in the presidential race avoid this topic as best as they can. Here lies the bankruptcy of capitalist electoralism.

Moreover, saving the biosphere and ending environmental degradation goes beyond mere campaign promises of desperate ruling class big shots. For decades successive Nigerian governments have left the environment of the oil producing region in the South in a state of perpetual deterioration. Gas fumes (especially soot), oil spills and other effluents have destroyed the ecosystem of the estuaries and marshes. There are nights when the inferno in the sky takes away the darkness completely for days. Water sources differ only in levels of contamination and the life expectancy in the region is on a steady decline.

The most popular attempt to reverse this abysmal decay in the ecosphere was brutally crushed by jack boots of the Abacha junta when Ken Saro Wiwa and the Ogoni eight had led an uprising in 1993 against the regime. Ken Saro Wiwa and his comrades were executed two years later by the dictator. This did not, however, deter the natives from resisting the destruction of their homeland by the multinationals in collaboration with the government, albeit, they opted for guerrilla struggle and abduction of personnel in the oil magnates for concessions. Things came to a head again when after a shoot out between police and indig-

enous people of the Niger Delta, the Obasanjo regime barely 10 months after the transfer to civilian rule sent the military to wipe out an entire village in what is today known as the Odi massacre.

The ruling class made disaster that is the Niger Delta is the result of an unholy alliance with Nigeria's ruling class and the West's multinational oil magnates like Shell, ExxonMobil and Chevron. Just as capitalism was founded on environmental destruction which began by the extermination of the natives of the Americas and the enslavement of Africans. The root of environmental calamity in the storey building called Nigeria is that its floors are simply hierarchies of colonialism.

Since the northern power structures supervise the trafficking of resources from the South by the West and its multinationals, the land from which these resources are mined is left in ruins and its people harassed with rifles and bayonets. Furthermore, only those members of the indigenous elite who turn a blind eye to the rape and defilement of their regions and people may take power in those regions. Otherwise, they would be useless and threaten the very fabric from which Nigeria was hewn.

We call for an end to the reign of Shell, ExxonMobil with Chevron in the Niger Delta and in African coastal waters. The land and the resources back to the natives of the region and compensation from big oil to the region for years of destruction. For the highest level of autonomy to the Niger Delta, administrative quotas must be solely decided by Niger Deltan peoples.

Africa and the global south contribute less than a tenth of green house emissions responsible for climate change yet we are worst affected by it. Thus, we call for reparations for the climatic and environmental destruction from the imperialist countries and their transnational corporations. Immediate aid and commensurate compensation for the flood victims!

The climate catastrophe and Capitalism are two sides of a coin, for one to end the other must go too! Nothing confirms this more than the current period when the unbridled rivalry between imperialist powers threatens our world every now and then with the danger of a nuclear cataclysm. Humanity has reached the juncture where it must choose between capitalism and the planet. Workers and other sectors of the oppressed must begin an intransigent struggle against the ruling class and for a workers' and popular government that will lead a transition to a socialist society.

*No future without Socialism! No socialism without revolution! No revolution with a Revolutionary International Workers Party! This is what the RCIT is stands for, join us!*

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# France: From the Refinery Workers' Struggle to the Grève Générale!

## Europe's dramatic inflation and energy crisis provokes a first major class confrontation

*By the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 13 October 2022*

1. The current struggle of the workers in France's oil and gas sector could soon result in a major social and political explosion – the first since the beginning of Europe's dramatic inflation and energy crisis. Refinery workers at two companies – *TotalEnergies* and *ExxonMobil* – are on strike since nearly three weeks. The employees, led by the CGT (the most militant among the larger trade union federations), demand an immediate 10% pay rise after a surge in energy prices led to huge profits that allowed the companies to pay out an estimated €8bn in dividends and an additional special dividend to investors.

2. As a result of the strike, the country's total refinery output has been reduced by more than 60%. Rationing has been introduced in some regions and there are long queues in front of petrol stations. The bourgeois-liberal Macron government tries to smash the workers struggle via its state repression apparatus. It has started requisitioning workers at an ExxonMobil fuel depot, i.e. forcing workers back to their jobs, with those who refuse risking fines or jail time. It is very likely that it will extend these measures also to other refinery workers on strike.

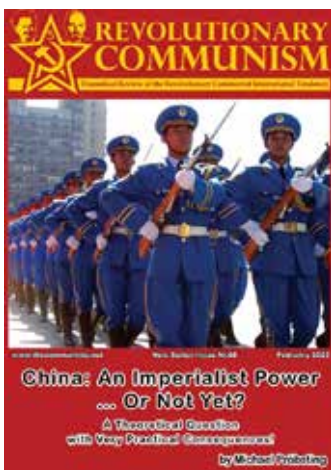
3. The repressive intervention of the Macron government effectively represents a first attempt to militarize the conflict and to liquidate the strike via the instrument of the bourgeois state apparatus. Hence, the objective character of the conflict is transforming from an economic to a political struggle.

4. Unsurprisingly, Macron's attack has provoked massive outrage. It is widely known that the energy corporations are making huge profits. But the government –

which is an executive body of the monopoly bourgeoisie – will not impose even a windfall tax. Instead, it attacks the workers demanding higher wages – and this in a period of dramatic inflation!

5. Popular anger is prompting reformist parties and trade unions to widen the struggle. The CGT has called for support for the strike from workers in other sectors. A leading Greens party politician, Sandrine Rousseau, reacted to Macron's decree: "*I hope this is the spark that begins a general strike.*" The largest reformist and progressive parties are calling for a mass demonstration on 16 October. There is wide-spread social support for this march. Even French author Annie Ernaux, who was awarded the Nobel Literature Prize last week, signed an open letter stating support for this demonstration. Jean-Luc Mélenchon, the left populist leader of the alliance *Nouvelle Union Populaire Ecologique et Sociale* (the largest opposition force in parliament), expressed wide-spread hatred at the Macron government by comparing the march next Sunday with the French Revolution in 1789. "*On October 5 and 6, 1789, women marched on Versailles against the high cost of living. They brought the king, the queen and the dauphin by force to Paris under civilian control. Do better on October 16.*"

6. Of course, these statements and actions of reformist bureaucrats and intellectuals should not be misunderstood as signs that these people have become revolutionaries. But these are highly important reflections of popular sentiments which could explode into mass unrest at any moment. There is no doubt that France is pregnant with (pre-)revolutionary developments.



## Publications of the RCIT

# China: An Imperialist Power ... Or Not Yet?

*Continuing the Debate with Esteban Mercatante and the PTS/FT  
on China's class character and consequences for the revolutionary strategy*

*By Michael Pröbsting, January 2022*

Introduction \* I. The importance of the dialectical method \* II. A summary of our characterization of China as an imperialist Great Power \* III. On China's unevenness and vulnerability \* IV. The Taiwan question in its historical and geostrategic context \* V. Is China a Great Power without imperialist features? \* VI. Can China's development as an imperialist power be aborted? \* VII. China, imperialist wars, and revolutionary tactics \* Footnotes

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7. This surge in struggles has to be understood in the context of the general crisis of European capitalism which opened with the beginning of the Great Depression in late 1929 and which has resulted in recent months in a massive inflation, food and energy crisis. As the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has explained in a number of documents this crisis has a *combined economic, social and political character* as it is related to:

- a) the worst depression of the world economy since 1929-33;
- b) the shameless and visible grab by the monopoly capitalists – in particular in the energy sector – in times of impoverishment of the popular masses;
- c) the acceleration of the inflation, food and energy crisis by the sanctions policy between the imperialist Great Powers under the pretext of the Ukraine War.

8. Under such conditions the RCIT considers the following tasks as urgent for revolutionary socialists in France.

- a) agitate for the expansion of the refinery workers' struggle to a "grève générale" (general strike);
- b) try to organise *action committees* and a nation-wide coordination of these in order to build an alternative leadership to the bureaucratic trade union leadership;
- c) explain the connection between inflation and energy crisis and the monopoly of a few energy corporations; hence, the necessity to *expropriate these corporations under workers control and without compensation*;
- d) explain the necessity to expand the struggle to a political level; this means that socialists should call for the overthrow of the Macron government by a *popular uprising* and for the creation of a *workers government* based on organs of the masses.

9. Furthermore, the RCIT considers it as urgent to

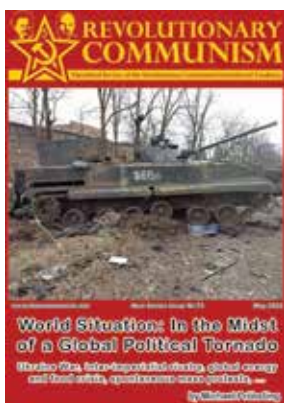
emphasise the international character of the crisis and, hence, of the necessity to *internationalise the struggle* of the workers and oppressed. Hence, socialists should link the struggle against the consequences of the inflation and energy crisis in France with the protests in other European countries. In addition, the socialists should link the struggle in France with an internationalist and anti-imperialist perspective. This means, under the current conditions, to raise the slogans: *Defend the Ukraine against Putin's invasion! Against Russian and against NATO imperialism! Down with the reactionary Great Power policy of sanctions!*

10. Finally, it is most urgent to build an organisation which is fighting for such a perspective. Such an organisation could aid the creation of a new party of socialist revolution on a national as well as international scale. The RCIT calls all activists, who agree with these tasks, to join forces!

*International Bureau of the RCIT*

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We refer readers to two documents of the RCIT on the food and energy crisis which can be read here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/action-program-against-the-food-and-energy-crisis/>. See also our latest analysis of the current world situation at: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/world-situation-notes-10-2022/>. Furthermore, see more than 120 RCIT documents on the Ukraine War and the current NATO-Russia conflict which are compiled at: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>



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# World Situation: In the Midst of a Global Political Tornado

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*by Michael Pröbsting, April 2022*

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