



No to the Reactionary Conflict between Venezuela and Guyana!

- * U.S & Allies Send War Ships to Red Sea
- * Yemen's Houthis Seize Israeli Cargo Ship
- * Workers in Europe Blockade Arms Factories
- * Gaza War and the Imperialist Mass Media
- * Britain: Escalating Pro-Zionist Hysteria
- * The Zionist Myths
- * Gaza War: Activities of RCIT Sections
- * Syria: Rally against Assad Regime
- * Joint Statement with Spalakh (Ukraine)
- * Russia: Report on Latest Events

English-Language Journal of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), No. 153, January 2024

U.S & Allies Send Naval Force to Red Sea to Support Terrorist Israel against Houthis	p.3
Gaza War: The Houthis and the Looming Imperialist Intervention in the Red Sea	p.4
Yemen's Houthis Seize Israeli Cargo Ship	p.6
Gaza War: Workers in Europe Blockade Arms Factories Producing Weapons for Israel	p.7
The Imperialist Mass Media Role in Supporting the Genocide of the Palestinians	p.8
Austria: Another March in Solidarity with the Palestinian People	p.9
The Myth of the Persecuted Jews for Thousands of Years	p.10
Mexico: Solidarity action with Palestine	p.11
Britain: An Escalating Pro-Zionist Hysteria	p.12
Austria: Demonstration in Support of the Palestinian People	p.13
Syria: Rally against renewed Bombardment of Idlib by Assad	p.15
Argentina: A Victory for Class Struggle Advocates in the Teachers Union	p.15
Venezuela-Guyana: War to the Oppressors! Peace among the Oppressed!	p.16
Venezuela: Maduro Agitates for the "Reconquest" of Essequibo	p.17
In the Ukraine and in Palestine: Against the Occupiers! Support the Oppressed People! (Joint Statement of Spalakh [Ukraine] and RCIT)	p.18
Russia: Report on Latest Events (Autumn 2023)	p.19

Picture on the cover: A new map of Venezuela, published by the Maduro regime, which includes the region of Essequibo (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guyana%E2%80%93Venezuela_territorial_dispute#/media/File:2023_New_Map_of_Venezuela.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, Israel / Occupied Palestine, Russia, Nigeria, Britain, and Austria.

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

U.S & Allies Send Naval Force to Red Sea to Support Terrorist Israel against Houthis

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 18 December 2023

1. US defence secretary Lloyd Austin announced the formation of a naval task force which shall conduct patrols in the Red Sea. The U.S.-led mission – called “Operation Prosperity Guardian” – also includes Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Bahrain, and Seychelles. Their task is, according to Austin, “to keep strategic waterways safe” because “these reckless Houthi attacks are a serious international problem” which “demand a firm international response.”

2. This naval mission of Western imperialists does not come as a surprise. From the first day, *Ansar Allah* – the official name of the Yemeni rebel force popularly known as “Houthis” – has declared its unconditional support with the Palestinian people who face a genocidal war by the Terror and Apartheid state Israel. They have warned international shipping companies to stop trading with Israel in order to put pressure on the Zionist state. They did strike a number of cargo ships which refused to obey such orders. In one case, armed forces of *Ansar Allah* even succeeded in hijacking of the *Galaxy Leader*, an Israeli-owned cargo ship.

3. The solidarity actions of *Ansar Allah* have been highly effective. As a result of their campaign, insurance costs for trade with Israel going through the Red Sea increased by 250%. Hong Kong-based shipping company “Orient Overseas Container Line” announced that it would immediately stop shipping goods to and from Israel. Global shipping giants, such as Mediterranean Shipping Company, CMA CGM, Maersk, and Hapag-Lloyd, which represent 53% of global container trade have announced that they would suspend operations in the Red Sea. Since 12% of global trade passes through the Red Sea, including 30% of global container traffic, accounting for one trillion dollars of trade each year, delay and diversion there cause significant disruption to world trade. As a director at “The Global Counsel” noted: “European natural gas prices jump by 12%, UK natural gas prices jump by 10%, and the price of oil also jumped by 4% in the past 24 hours.” In short, the *Ansar Allah*’s solidarity campaign with the Palestinian people hurt Israel as well as its Western allies.

4. The purpose of the U.S.-led naval mission is a) to guard the ships against any attacks by *Ansar Allah* and b) to launch military strikes against the Yemeni rebels, who effectively control most of the populous western part of the country including the capital city Sana’a.

5. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) – including our comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine – strongly denounce the U.S.-led mission in the Red Sea. We have warned against such an imperialist operation for several weeks. This is a reactionary threat to the oppressed peoples in three senses. First, it aids Israel to continue its genocidal war which aims at the defeat of the heroic resistance and the expulsion of the Palestinian people from Gaza (a new “Nakba”). Second, its purpose is to increase the grip of Western imperialism on the Red Sea and, thereby, on a key route of world trade. And, thirdly, it aims at weakening *Ansar Allah*, a petty-bourgeois Islamist force which played a leading role in the popular uprising in 2014 as well as in the national liberation war against the Saudi/UAE invasion – backed by Western powers – which began in March 2015.

6. As we have stated from the beginning, we consider the Houthis’ attacks as legitimate actions in solidarity with the Palestinian people. The RCIT has always sided with the Palestinian liberation struggle and therefore advocates in the current Gaza War – like in the past ones – the military victory of the resistance led by Hamas without lending political support to the program or all tactics of its leadership. Likewise, we support the solidarity actions from *Ansar Allah* which effectively constitute a form of popular sanctions against the Israeli Terror and Apartheid state. Actions, which economically weaken Israel or its Western imperialist allies and therefore put pressure on them to stop their genocide against the Palestinian people, are completely legitimate in this war for life and death (similar to boycott actions of Arab countries in 1956-57 and 1967-75).

7. In any confrontation between the Houthis and Western resp. Israel, we stand for the military victory of the Yemeni forces and the defeat of the imperialists without lending political support to the former. The RCIT calls socialists and all pro-Palestine solidarity activists to intensify their support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people and their resistance factions.

Victory to the Palestinian resistance! Defeat Israel!

Expel the U.S.-led naval force from the Red Sea!

In any confrontation: Support the Houthis against the Western imperialists!

For a global boycott movement against the Terror and Apartheid state Israel!

The Gaza War 2023

See all relevant RCIT documents on our website:

<https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/compilation-of-articles-on-the-gaza-uprising-2023/>

Gaza War: The Houthis and the Looming Imperialist Intervention in the Red Sea

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 14 December 2023

1. The Gaza War has provoked an unprecedented global movement in solidarity with the Palestinian people. Every week millions are joining demonstrations on all continents, there has been a general strike in Westbank, Jordan and Lebanon, trade unionists in North America and Western Europe refuse to handle weapons deliveries to Israel and have blocked arms factories, and a global boycott movement against Israel and corporations supporting it is expanding rapidly. This is by far the largest international anti-war and anti-colonial movement since the times of the Vietnam or the Iraq War.

2. Usurpingly, the solidarity movement is strongest in the Arab and Muslim world respectively among migrants in Western countries. These people identify strongly with the Palestinian cause not only for political and religious reasons but also because they themselves suffer from imperialist domination and racist oppression.

3. Yemen is one of the countries with the largest pro-Palestine solidarity movements. Every week hundreds of thousands if not millions are marching on the streets of Sana'a, Sa'dah, Taiz, Sanaa, Aden, Ma'rib, and other cities. The majority of the heavily populated regions of the country are controlled by the Houthis, a petty-bourgeois Islamist movement. It played an important role in the popular uprising in 2014 and has been the key force in defending Yemen in the war which followed the invasion by Saudi Arabia and the UAE – supported by the U.S., the UK as well as Israel – in March 2015. This war has paused with the onset of a fragile truce nearly two years

ago. While these were progressive actions, it should not go unmentioned that the Houthis are allied with Iran which is ruled by a reactionary Mullah regime.

4. The Houthis have a long tradition of support for the Palestinian liberation struggle. Hence, soon after the beginning of the Israeli genocide in Gaza, they started to launch missiles and drones against the Zionist state. Later, they began to attack ships related with Israel and – in a spectacular operation – hijacked the *Galaxy Leader*, an Israeli-owned cargo ship. This helped them to massively increase their popular support which had dropped after the beginning of the truce in face of the remaining economic misery in the country. This is in stark contrast to the corrupted Arab regimes and also to Hizballah that so far have stood on the sidelines and have seen their popularity decline and their credentials as defenders of the Palestinian people severely hurt.

5. As Israel's war has already killed nearly 20,000 people, 70% of them children and women, and is about to provoke a new Nakba, i.e. the expulsion of the Palestinians from their homeland, the Houthis are also escalating their solidarity activities. They are threatening to stop all ships which are either related to Israeli companies or which transport goods to the Zionist state or to countries which support Israel. As a result, there are now incidents in the Red Sea nearly every day. Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said in a statement a few weeks ago that the seizure of the ship was in response to the "heinous acts against our Palestinian brothers in Gaza and the West

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

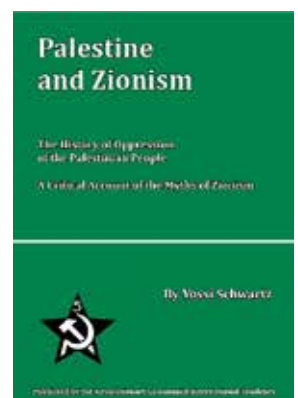
The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People. A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

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/>



Bank. (...) If the international community is concerned about regional security and stability, rather than expanding the conflict, it should put an end to Israel's aggression against Gaza. (...) We confirm our continuation of military operations against [Israel] until the aggression and ugly crimes against our Palestinian brothers in Gaza and the West Bank stop."

6. Such solidarity actions are potentially a major threat to Israel as well as Western imperialist countries. Through their control of Yemen's west coast, the Houthis can effectively obstruct shipping through the strategic Bab el-Mandeb between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean – a narrow passage that is the world's third-largest choke point for oil shipments after the Straits of Hormuz and Malacca. More than six million barrels pass through it every day, mainly on their way to Europe. The Bab el-Mandeb connects with the Suez Canal – through the Red Sea – and is therefore one of the most important routes for world trade. Of course, the Houthis are not capable to literally stop shipping in this choke point. But their actions could massively raise the costs for shipping as well as for key commodities like oil. Hence, such actions could seriously hurt the economies of Israel and its Western allies. Duncan Potts, a former vice admiral with Britain's Royal Navy, warned: "These attacks have the potential to become far more of a global strategic economic threat than simply a regional geopolitical one."

7. Unsurprisingly, both Israel as well as their Western allies are highly alarmed about these developments. The U.S. and France have already stationed warships in the region. Israel has also already deployed one of its most advanced warships, a Sa'ar 6 class corvette, to the Red Sea. And officials are warning that if the Western powers do not take action to stop the Houthi attacks, Israel will do so. Washington currently tries to win its allies for an international maritime task force which would be deployed in the Red Sea in order to protect container ships and, most likely, to attack the Houthis.

8. The deployment of Western and Israeli naval forces to the Red Sea are a major threat for the Palestinian lib-

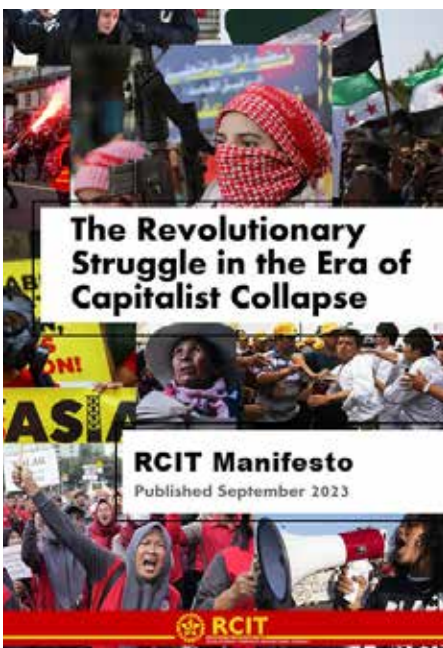
eration struggle and for the peoples in Yemen and all other Arab countries. Because imperialist attacks on the Houthis would help the Zionist state to carry out its genocide in Gaza and, at the same time, would increase the grip of U.S. and European imperialism on the Middle East.

9. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) – including our comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine – considers the Houthis' attacks as legitimate actions in solidarity with the Palestinian people whose armed forces are heroically resisting the Israeli invasion. We have always sided with the Palestinian liberation struggle and therefore advocate in the current Gaza War – like in the past ones – the military victory of the resistance led by Hamas without lending political support to the program or all tactics of its leadership.

10. We call for a comprehensive boycott of the Israeli Apartheid state. Actions, which economically weaken Israel or its Western imperialist allies and therefore put pressure on them to stop their genocide, are completely legitimate in this war for life and death. It should be noted that Arab countries did also close the Suez Canal twice in the past in protest against Western support for Israel (in 1956-57 and 1967-75). The current actions of the Houthis are a form of popular sanctions against the Zionist state and its Western allies. In any confrontation between the Houthis and Western resp. Israel, we stand for the military victory of the Yemeni forces and the defeat of the imperialists. The RCIT calls socialists and all pro-Palestine solidarity activists to join forces and to redouble their efforts to support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people and their resistance factions!

* * * * *

We refer readers to a special page on our website where more a number of RCIT documents on the 2023 Gaza War are compiled, <https://www.thecommunists.net/world-wide/africa-and-middle-east/compilation-of-articles-on-the-gaza-uprising-2023/>.



New Program of the RCIT

The Revolutionary Struggle in the Era of Capitalist Collapse

Adopted at the IV. World Congress of the RCIT in September 2023

- * Introductory Note
- * An Era of Catastrophes, Wars and Revolutionary Struggles
- * Wars of Oppression and Wars of Liberation
- * Capitalist Civilization Threats and the Struggle to Save Humanity
- * Capitalist World Economy and the Struggle for a Decent Living Standard
- * Their War of Ideas and Ours
- * The Struggle for Power to Open the Road to a Socialist Future

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A5 Format

Yemen's Houthis Seize Israeli Cargo Ship: A Legitimate Act of Solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance

By Michael Pröbsting, *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*, 20 November 2023

The Houthis – a powerful resistance movement which controls the Western part of Yemen including the capital city Sanaa – have seized an Israeli-owned cargo ship in the southern Red Sea.

While Netanyahu's office claims that Israel is not involved in the ship's ownership or operation, it has been widely acknowledged – including by Israeli media – that the *Galaxy Leader* is owned by Ray Car Carriers. This company has been founded by Abraham "Rami" Ungar, who is known as one of the richest men in Israel.

Despite denying any involvement with the ship's ownership, the Israeli government reacted furiously about the seizure of the *Galaxy Leader* and denounced it as an "*Iranian act of terrorism*" (because of the Houthis alliance with Iran). Likewise, a US National Security Council spokesperson said in a statement that "*the Houthi's seizure of the vessel Galaxy Leader in the Red Sea is a flagrant violation of international law.*"

Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said in a statement on X that the seizure of the ship was in response to the "*heinous acts against our Palestinian brothers in Gaza and the West Bank. (...) If the international community is concerned about regional security and stability, rather than expanding the conflict, it should put an end to Israel's aggression against Gaza. (...) We confirm our continuation of military operations against [Israel] until the aggression and ugly crimes against our Palestinian brothers in Gaza and the West Bank stop.*" Saree added the warning that any ship belonging to Israel or those who support it will be a legitimate target for Houthi forces.

The Houthis are a petty-bourgeois Islamist movement which played an important role in the popular uprising in 2014. After Saudi Arabia and the UAE – supported by the U.S. and UK – invaded Yemen in March 2015, the Houthis became the central force in defending the country against this reactionary attack – a struggle which the RCIT has always supported.¹

At the same time, *Ansar Allah* – the official name of the Houthis – is part of so-called "*Axis of Resistance*" led by Iran. Hence, it has close ties with the reactionary Mullah regime in Teheran which oppresses the working class, women and national minorities in Iran,² supports the tyranny of Assad in Syria³ and send weapons to Putin for his imperialist war against the Ukraine.⁴

The Houthis have a long tradition of solidarity with the Palestinian people. This has been also demonstrated by that fact that they have launched several missile and drone attacks against the Zionist state in support of the Palestinian resistance since the 7 October.

While the RCIT does not lend any political support to the Houthis, we strongly welcome their practical aid to the Palestinian liberation struggle. The seizure of the Israeli

cargo ship is a legitimate act of solidarity with the Palestinian resistance. In fact, it is a shame that other forces of the so-called "*Axis of Resistance*" – like Hezbollah or Iran itself – have refused to join the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian resistance until now – despite numerous bombastic declarations. True, Hezbollah regularly exchanges fire with the Israeli army at the border. But compare such modest military efforts to their decision to send thousands of militants to Assad to help him suppressing the heroic popular uprising of the Syrian people since March 2011! How long does Nasrallah want to wait until he opens the "second front"? Until the Nakba in Gaza has been accomplished?!

The RCIT – including our comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine – continues to stand with the Palestinian people and its liberation struggle. In the current Gaza War – like in the past ones – we advocate the military victory of the resistance led by Hamas without lending political support to the program or all tactics of its leadership.⁵

We call for a comprehensive boycott of the Israeli Apartheid state. Sabotage all forms of military support for Israel. For strikes, protests and consumer boycott against Israeli goods, pro-Israeli political and cultural events! In fact, the Houthi seizure of an Israeli cargo ship is a form of such popular sanctions against the Zionist state.

Victory to the Palestinian resistance! Defeat Israel!

Footnotes

1 See e.g. RCIT: Yemen: Another Humiliating Blow for the Saudi Aggressors! Yemeni popular resistance eliminates three pro-Saudi military brigades, 02.10.2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/yemen-another-humiliating-blow-for-the-saudi-aggressors/>

2 See on this e.g. several statements of RCIT sections which are compiled on a special sub-page on our website, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/mass-protests-against-reactionary-regime-in-iran/>.

3 The RCIT has published a number of booklets, statements and articles on the Syrian Revolution since its inception in March 2011 which can be read on a special sub-section on this website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/collection-of-articles-on-the-syrian-revolution/>.

4 We refer readers to a special page on our website where all RCIT documents on the Ukraine War and the current NATO-Russia conflict are compiled: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>.

5 We refer readers to a special page on our website where more a number of RCIT documents on the 2023 Gaza War are compiled, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/compilation-of-articles-on-the-gaza-uprising-2023/>.

Website of the *Internationalist Socialist League* (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine): <https://the-isleague.com>

Gaza War: Workers in Europe Blockade Arms Factories Producing Weapons for Israel

By Michael Pröbsting, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 7 December 2023

Today, workers in Britain, France, Denmark and the Netherlands have simultaneously blocked arms factories in their countries to protest Israel's massacre in Gaza. These are corporations which provide components for arms used by the Zionist state for its war crimes against the Palestinian people.

In Britain, more than 1,000 workers have participated in these solidarity activities, blocking four arms factories. They are part of "Workers for a Free Palestine" – a campaign which includes teachers, health workers, hospital workers and others who are members of a wide range of trade unions, including Unite, UNISON, GMB, NEU, BMA, UCU, BECTU and BFAWU.¹

The campaign issued a statement which said: "We salute all those in the trade union movement taking a stand to disrupt the flow of arms to Israel. Shutting down four factories across the UK today, along with several simultaneous blockades in Europe, are critical acts of solidarity – refusing to conduct business as usual in the face of Israel's relentless bombardment of Gaza and ongoing genocide. As the British government refuses to call for a ceasefire and directly supports Israel's military attack, a rapidly growing movement of workers are clearly saying "not in our name".

Arms deliveries from American and European corporations are indispensable for Israel. The *Wall Street Journal*, quoting official from the Biden Administration, reports that since 7 October alone, the U.S. has provided Israel with 15,000 bombs and 57,000 artillery shells – including 100 BLU-109, 2,000-pound bunker buster bombs.² Let's be clear: without Western money and weapons, Netanyahu and his gang of war criminals could not carry out the current genocide in Gaza!

These solidarity actions are an excellent example how workers and oppressed in Europe and other regions can support the Palestinian people by hitting the suppliers of the Zionist military machine. Campaigns like "Workers for a Free Palestine" are part of a global solidarity movement marching on the streets in Arab and Muslim countries, South Africa, India, Australia, Western Europe, North and South America, etc.³ Shamefully, the bureaucratic leadership of many trade unions in Western countries succumb to the pressure of their imperialist governments which are fanatic supporters of the Zionist Apartheid state.

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) – including our comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine – reiterates its unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian liberation struggle. In the current Gaza War – like in the past ones – we advocate the military victory of the resistance led by Hamas without lending political support to the program or all tactics of its leadership.⁴

Workers and popular mass organisation all over the world should intensify their solidarity activities with the Palestinian people. They need to implement a comprehensive boycott of the Israeli Apartheid state. Blockade and sabotage all forms of military support for Israel. For strikes, protests and consumer boycott against Israeli goods, pro-Israeli political and cultural events!

Victory to the Palestinian resistance! Defeat Israel!

Footnotes

1 See on this e.g. Taj Ali: Four Arms Factories Across the UK Blockaded in Solidarity with Palestine, 07.12.2023, <https://tribunemag.co.uk/2023/12/four-arms-factories-across-the-uk-blockaded-in-solidarity-with-palestine>; The Guardian: Four arms factories in the UK producing Israeli fighter jets have been shut down by 1,000 trade unionists operating under the banner Workers for a Free Palestine, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2023/dec/07/israel-hamas-war-live-updates-hamas-leader-hiding-underground-idf-says-gaza-aid-system-collapse-news-palestine#maincontent>; Joshua Askew: Pro-Palestinian protesters blockade Israel-linked arms factory in UK, 26/10/2023, <https://www.euronews.com/2023/10/26/pro-palestinian-protesters-blockade-israel-linked-arms-factory-in-uk>; BBC: Israel-Gaza: Union members block arms factory in protest over conflict, 10 November 2023, <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-67378052>

2 Jared Malsin: U.S. Sends Israel 2,000-Pound Bunker Buster Bombs for Gaza War, *Wall Street Journal*, Dec. 1, 2023, <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/u-s-sends-israel-2-000-pound-bunker-buster-bombs-for-gaza-war-82898638>

3 See on this e.g. Michael Pröbsting: Practical Examples of International Workers Solidarity with Gaza. Trade unions in North America and Europe target the Israeli war machinery as part of a global wave of mass mobilisations, 10 November 2023, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/practical-examples-of-international-workers-solidarity-with-gaza/>; by the same author: Indian Trade Unions Join the Global Pro-Palestine Solidarity Movement, 12 November 2023, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/indian-trade-unions-join-the-global-pro-palestine-solidarity-movement/>

4 We refer readers to a special page on our website where the RCIT documents on the 2023 Gaza War are compiled: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/compilation-of-articles-on-the-gaza-uprising-2023/>.



Publications of the RCIT

The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism

Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism

Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution:

Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

The Imperialist Mass Media Role in Supporting the Genocide of the Palestinians

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel /Occupied Palestine), 23.11.2023

There is a legend that the mass media role is to defend democracy, namely every one, and not only the ruling class. Israel announced a delay of one day in the humanitarian pause. This delay is used by the Zionist war criminals to further kill Palestinian civilians. So far Israel killed more than 14,500 people, 70% women and children in Gaza alone and more than 200 in the West-Bank. Six people were killed today, including three children, in Israeli airstrikes at two homes in Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip, according to the Wafa correspondent. It also arrested the director of al-Shifa Hospital.

According to Wafa on Thursday, November 23, 2023 – The Israeli occupation forces are continuing in their assault against Balata refugee camp in the northern West Bank city of Nablus, which started at midnight last night, resulting in the killing of a boy and the wounding of three others, in addition to raids of homes and ransacking them, according to local sources who understand that the intention of the Zionist apartheid state is a second Nakba.

Hezbollah that announced yesterday it will respect the pause in the war renewed its war on the North of Israel. Hezbollah said that it had launched 48 Katyusha rockets in an attempt to hit a base near Safed. Hezbollah additionally says that it had conducted 11 attacks, including several anti-tank missile attacks, against a number of IDF positions near the border on Thursday morning.

While Hezbollah could do more it tries not to engage with a full war with Israel known for its barbarism. Using Katyusha rockets rather than the heavy missiles it has in its arsenal indicates its readiness to support the pause. Israel replied with by striking Hezbollah rocket and anti-tank missile launchers in southern Lebanon proves that Israel is afraid of a full war with Hezbollah and its intention to respect the deal with Hamas.

In the war of genocide by the Zionist apartheid state the nature of U.S.A has been exposed once again. The legend is that Obama and his team in the White house were peace loving and caring people. After all, Obama received the Nobel prize for peace. However, not only Biden is lying for Israel and providing the murders with weapons to kill the Palestinians in Gaza and the West-Bank but a high-ranking adviser of Obama was exposed as an extreme racist.

"A former high-ranking US government official has been arrested after being captured on video calling a halal food vendor in New York City a "terrorist" and saying the death of 4,000 Palestinian children in Gaza "wasn't enough".

Stuart Seldowitz, 64, who previously served as deputy director of the US State Department's Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs, was arrested on Wednesday on charges of aggravated harassment, hate crime stalking, stalking causing fear, and stalking at a place of employment, New York police said in a statement" [1]

A known saying is to tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are.

This is true not only for the American imperialists but for the European imperialists. It is clear that the mass media

in the European imperialist states is biased against the Palestinians while millions of people including in the Western imperialism are in support of the Palestinians. According to Al Jazeera 8 BBC journalists are complaining of bias of the BBC editorial in favor of Israel.

"The BBC has been accused by its journalists of failing to tell the story of the Israel-Palestine conflict accurately, investing greater effort in humanizing Israeli victims compared with Palestinians, and omitting key historical context in coverage.

In a 2,300-word letter written to Al Jazeera by eight UK-based journalists employed by the corporation, the BBC is also said to be guilty of a "double standard in how civilians are seen", given that it is "unflinching" in its reporting of alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine" [2]

"The British journalist Harry fear, director of 2019 documentary, Gaza: Still Alive, says 'overarching storytelling' based on Israeli narrative. In Germany that fully supports the genocide of the Palestinians hundreds of Palestinians demonstrate in Berlin on May 2021 against this bias. Of interest is the debate that opened in Germany on the phrase "Never again". This phrase has meant in Germany the protection of Israel to show that Germany rehabilitated from its Nazi past. So now it can attack the Muslims.

A letter published in the Guardian by several prominent German philosophers influenced by the Frankfurt School of "critical theory" against founding member, Jürgen Habermas. They argue that "Never again" must also mean staying alert to the possibility that what is unfolding in Gaza could amount to genocide. Habermas argued that this phrase means protecting Israel's right to exist whatever it does. That Israel's military retaliation following the 7 October Hamas attacks was "justified in principle". Likening the resulting bloodshed in Gaza to a genocide was beyond the boundaries of acceptable debate", he said.

The letter echoing Habermas's condemnation of the Hamas attack and hostage-taking also says: "The statement's concern for human dignity is not adequately extended to Palestinian civilians in Gaza who are facing death and destruction," it adds. "Nor is it applied or extended to Muslims in Germany experiencing rising Islamophobia. Solidarity means that the principle of human dignity must apply to all people. This requires us to recognize and address the suffering of all those affected by an armed conflict. [...] We are concerned that there is no mention of upholding international law, which also prohibits war crimes and crimes against humanity such as collective punishment, persecution, and the destruction of civilian infrastructure including schools, hospitals and places of worship" [3]

Those who stand behind the letter cannot agree whether Israel is committing genocide. Though the letter is better than Habermas's position it is far removed from the interest of the international working class to end the existence of the Zionist apartheid state that commits genocide. It reflects the crisis of western philosophy serving in one way or another the ruling class and the decay of capitalism.

When ancient Greece was in decline, the Greek philosopher Pyrrho (third century BCE) was the founder of Skeptical philosophy. Pyrrho, dissatisfied with all the attempts of his predecessors to solve the great problems they had

set for themselves, declared the problems insoluble. His opponent Zeno was the founder of Stoic philosophy. The Stoics endeavored to establish the certitude of human knowledge, in order that they might establish the truth of moral principles. They attacked the doctrines of the Skeptics, and believed they triumphed by bringing forward their own doctrine of common sense. [4]

Israel war on Gaza clearly put the dividing line between the Western imperialist states and the Global South and between the ruling classes of the Western imperialists and the working class and the masses regarding the genocide of the Palestinians. This red line is behind the gross propaganda of the Western mass media based on the lies of the Zionist crude propaganda.

Military victory for Hamas!

Down with the Zionist apartheid from the river to the sea!

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

Endnotes:

[1] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/11/23/ex-obama-adviser-stuart-seldowitz-arrested-after-islamophobic-rant>

[2] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/11/23/as-israel-pounds-gaza-bbc-journalists-accuse-broadcaster-of-bias>

[3] <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/22/israel-hamas-war-opens-up-german-debate-over-meaning-of-never-again>

[4] Encyclopedia of philosophy, the second crisis of Greek philosophy

Austria: Another March in Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Report (with Photos and Video) from the Demonstration in Vienna on 02 December 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 1,000 people demonstrated once again in Vienna to protest against the Israeli genocide in Gaza. Undeterred by unusual conditions of despite snow, wind and cold, we marched for several hours and chanted slogans like *"Free, Free Palestine"* and *"Stop the Genocide"*. The demonstration was initiated by an alliance of Palestinian and solidarity organisations.

We could not chant *"From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free"*, since the police has forbidden this slogan and would have immediately dissolved the demonstration in such a case. Only two days before, the police dissolved a rally because demonstrators chanted a similar slogan! All

this shows that the ruling class is strongly determined to support the Israeli terror state and to suppress Anti-Zionist views.

The demonstration was addressed by several speakers, including Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT. In his speech, he called Israel's war against Gaza as Terrorism. He denounced the Western leaders as supporters of Israeli terrorism. Michael also called for an intensification of the international boycott movement against Israel.

See photos and videos here: https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2023-part-4/#anker_4



Demonstration in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 2 December 2023); Michael Pröbsting speaks (right)

The Myth of the Persecuted Jews for Thousands of Years

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel /Occupied Palestine)*, 04.12.2023

The Zionist apartheid state tries to hide its war crimes in the war on Gaza and West-Bank by the claim that the Jews have been persecuted for more than 2000 years. This is a myth like the claim that the European Jews-the Ashkenazi who founded the Zionist states are related to the ancient Jews.

While Jews were persecuted in different periods of history, of which the most known is the genocide of the Jews by the Nazis, they also persecuted others in other periods of history. Christianity was persecuted in the first three centuries AD. In that period Jewish Jews helped Rome persecute the Christians Jews, as well as Hellenistic Jews.

After the defeat of the Jews against Rome and the destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70 ID there lived in Judea at least three Jewish sects: The Jewish Jews, the Christian Jews and the Hellenistic Jews.

Stephen, the spokesman of the Greek – speaking ‘Hellenistic’ Jewish Christians preached that God did not reside in the Temple of Jerusalem and that the Jews had not kept their God- given Law. Given the identity- forming importance of Temple and Torah for Jewish religious life, this led to Stephen being dragged to the High Court by Hellenistic Jews. His indictment for outrage against the Temple and violation of the Jewish led to his execution by stoning outside the city walls Stephen’s violent death around 35 C.E caused most Jewish Christians to flee the city, Saul the Pharisee took part in this persecution by jailing Jewish Christians.

Jewish Christians still in Jerusalem suffered with constantly recurring arrests. In some cases, they were executed. For example, James (the son of Zebedee) fell victim to a police action arranged by King Herod Agrippa I in the

year 44, as a result of which he was beheaded. Peter was incarcerated in order to be executed at the feast of Pass-over. At the same time, it is not true that all the ancient Jews are to blame but it is true that Kifa, the head of the Jewish priests was guilty.

Jews participated in the slave trade and owned slaves. Eli Faber in his book on the participation of Jews in the slave trade and slavery [1] provided the basic numbers that can be established on the relation between Jews and African slaves in the English and Dutch colonial worlds. His major finding is that Jews had a minuscule role in the slave trade and played only a minor role as slave owners wherever they resided in the New World. Of course, knowledgeable historians could have predicted the results of the book, given the circumscribed role of the Jews within European and American societies from the 15th through the 18th century. As Faber shows, the Jews were not a major factor in any international trade in the Anglo-Saxon world, except possibly the diamond trade. They were also not [End Page 743] significant as planters or slave owning farmers, except possibly in Surinam. To the extent that they owned slaves they tended to own fewer slaves on average than their non-Jewish peers. A dozen or so participated in some aspect of the Atlantic slave trade to 1800, with only about half a dozen being serious traders, and even this group moved a very tiny fraction of the total Africans brought to America. The largest group of Jewish slave traders in the British Empire, and the only ones who systematically engaged in the African trade over a long period were the three or four Rhode Island Jewish merchants who in total controlled less than 10% of the voyages and less than 10% of the slaves delivered by Rhode Island traders in the 18th

Books of the RCIT

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.

In *The Zionist Wars* Yossi Schwartz defends the national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people and outlines a socialist perspective.

The book contains an introduction and 20 chapters (136 pages) and includes 2 Tables and 4 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/the-zionist-wars/>

**THE
ZIONIST
WARS**

A HISTORY OF
THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT
AND
IMPERIALIST WARS

BOOK BY
YOSSI SCHWARTZ

WWW.THECOMMUNISTS.NET

PUBLISHED BY
REVOLUTIONARY
COMMUNIST
INTERNATIONAL
TENDENCY
RCIT

PRINTED
BY
KAPPA



century. The Minister of the treasury of the south during the American civil war was a Jew by the name of Juda.

You cannot call slave traders persecuted people.

The Zionists have been guilty of war crimes already in 1947-8, in 1967 and in the war on Gaza and the West-Bank in this period. Their propaganda that Hamas is a Nazi organization that wants to kill all the Jews is simply revolting nonsense. The genocide of the Palestinians is typical to the methods of the European colonialist settlers in North and South America and in South Africa.

The Zionists use their influence as the front line of Western imperialism to escape trial for their war crimes. According to the Jerusalem Post, the UN women organization under pressure announced that: *"The pressure worked: for the first time since the massacre carried out by Hamas terrorists in the communities surrounding Gaza, the UN Women's Organization condemns the attack."*

"We unequivocally condemn the brutal attacks by Hamas on Israel on October 7. We are concerned about the many reports of gender-based atrocities and sexual violence during the attacks. This is why we have called for an investigation into all reports of gender-based violence and the prosecution of all those involved, with an emphasis on the rights of the victim," reads the statement issued by the organization" [2]

But why believe Israel that Hamas raped Israeli women when there is no forensic evidence for the alleged rape. The history of the U.S. for example is full of cases where black people were accused falsely of rape of white women and the black people were executed, lynched or sat for many years in jails. For examples: On June 14, 1920, Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie, three Black men in their early 20s, were lynched by a mob of white residents in Duluth, Minnesota. The three men were in town working with a traveling circus when two white

teenagers falsely claimed that they and three other Black circus workers had attacked them and raped a local white woman.

The Scottsboro Boys were nine Black teenagers falsely accused of raping two white women aboard a train near Scottsboro, Alabama, in 1931. The trials and repeated retrials of the Scottsboro Boys sparked an international uproar and produced two landmark U.S. Supreme Court verdicts, even as the defendants were forced to spend years battling the courts and enduring the harsh conditions of the Alabama prison system.

A March 2017 report by the National Registry of Exonerations titled *"Race and Wrongful Convictions in the United States"* found that Black defendants convicted of murder, sexual assault, and drug crimes are more likely than White defendants to later be found innocent. Perhaps the most shocking statistic to come from this report is that a Black person incarcerated for sexual assault is three-and-a-half times more likely to be innocent than a White person convicted of sexual assault.

Iowa State University student, Katie Robb, reported that four Black men kidnapped her at gunpoint and took her to a wooded area to rape her. The allegation was front-page news the next morning and the search for any four Black men driving a Sedan ensued. Two days later, Robb admitted that she lied.

*Down with the Zionist apartheid state and its lies!
For Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!*

Endnotes:

[1] Eli Faber" Jews, Slaves, and the Slave Trade: Setting the Record Straight" New York and London

[2] <https://www.israelhayom.co.il/news/world-news/article/14895053>

Mexico: Solidarity Action with Palestine

By Jorge Arboleda, CCRI México, 19 November 2023

On Sunday, November 19, a rally was held at the Israeli embassy in which the crimes committed by this state against the Palestinian people were denounced. A "Die In" was made and a banner was displayed with the names of all the victims that the Israeli army's constant attack against the civilian population in Gaza has claimed. After the rally, a demonstration was held at the United States embassy, where the complicity of U.S. imperialism with the genocide and massacre of Palestinian children was also denounced.

At the end of the mobilization, the *Committee for the Liberation of Palestine* issued an invitation to blockade the offices of CEMEX, a Mexican company that has concrete plants in Israel/Occupied Palestine, which benefits from the illegal settlements in the West Bank and from the construction of the Apartheid wall. This blockade will take place this Wednesday, November 22 at 4 pm in the Mexico City offices located at Avenida San Antonio 641, Colonia San Pedro de Los Pinos, in the Alvaro Obregón borough.

As RCIT Mexico we support these types of actions that expose the complicity of large multinational capital with the Zionist occupation in Palestine, and that are part of the BDS movement to limit international investment in the criminal state of Israel.

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

BLOQUEO A CEMEX

POR LUCRAR CON LA MUERTE DE NIÑOS PALESTINOS

Comité por la liberación de Palestina

- Tiene plantas de producción en Israel y en las colonias ilegales.
- Provee concreto para la construcción de colonias ilegales y puestos de avanzada en Cisjordania.
- Ha proveído concreto para la construcción del muro ilegal israelí en Cisjordania.
- Ha proveído concreto para la construcción del tren ligero en Jerusalén, diseñado para conectar la ciudad de Jerusalén con las colonias ilegales alrededor, el cual es reconocido por violar el derecho internacional.
- Ha proveído concreto para la construcción de retenes militares en Cisjordania.

Te esperamos este miércoles 22 de noviembre a las 4 pm en Av. San Antonio 461, Col. San Pedro de Los Pinos, CDMX

Britain: An Escalating Pro-Zionist Hysteria

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 7th December 2023

Since 7th October all imperialist western nations including Britain, Austria, Germany and the USA have reacted ferociously against the pro-Palestine movement. They fully support Israel which has launched an genocide against the civilian population in Gaza, destroying 60% of all homes and killing thousands of innocent Palestinians. Both Hamas and Islamic Jihad fighters from Palestine took a number of hostages in their attack on 7th October in order to free thousands of Palestinians in jail in Israel suffering beatings and torture.

"Israel's barbaric war against the Palestinian people in Gaza reflects not only the genocidal nature of the Zionist state. The past weeks have also demonstrated the steadfastness and heroism of thousands of resistance fighters who are prepared to scarify their lives for the defence of their homeland. This is a struggle where the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) and all authentic anti-imperialists unconditionally support the Palestinian resistance forces in order to defeat the Zionist occupier" [1]

The masses in Britain responded magnificently to the terror and rampage unleashed by Israel on Gaza. Immediately the Palestinian solidarity organisation organised demonstrations and protests not only in Britain but also in many other countries. They are still continuing every week. The masses and particularly Palestinians and Arabs and people from the Global South poured out onto the streets. It was estimated that nearly a million people were on these marches draping the Palestinian flag around them and chanting for a *"Free Palestine from the River to the Sea"*. The response of the ruling class in Britain was immediate denouncing of all demonstrators as *"supporters of the terrorist organisation Hamas"*. Furthermore, they are using Anti-Semitism as a weapon to beat anyone who defies the Zionist statelet.

Suella Braverman Dismissed

The Tory Government's Home Secretary together with other Tories wanted the Palestinian marches banned as they perceived that only a tiny cabal of pro-imperialist fanatics support the Zionist state. As Home Secretary Braverman criticised the Commissioner of the Metropolitan police who refused to ban the marches. Rishi Sunak felt that this was a direct attack on the state force the police and dismissed her on 13th November. Braverman is part of a right wing racist and chauvinist group in the Tory government who consider Sunak as weak and incompetent.

This reflects the utter incompetence and crisis of the ruling class in this period fostering divisions and splits within the imperialist camp. The slump and crisis of the capitalist system is also leading to inter-imperialist rivalry between western Imperialism and the eastern imperialism of China and Russia.

"Suella Braverman has been sacked as home secretary, after she defied No 10 over an article accusing the Metropolitan Police of bias in the policing of protests." [2]

"Right-wing Tories have met after Rishi Sunak sacked Suella Braverman as home secretary, with one MP publishing a formal letter of no confidence in the prime minister. Andrea Jenkyns, a

noted supporter of Boris Johnson who served as schools minister under Liz Truss, tweeted her letter to the party's backbench 1922 Committee, saying: "Enough is enough ... It is time for Rishi Sunak to go and replace him with a 'real' Conservative party leader. Braverman supporters stressed they did not expect significant immediate pushback against a cabinet that took a notable step to the centre with her departure and the unexpected return of David Cameron but the former home secretary is unlikely to stay quiet." [3]

The splits evident in the ruling class are obvious and a widening chasm has developed between the Bonapartist ruling class and the masses. The capitalist system is facing wipe out and the opportunities for the masses is developing.

The role of reformism and the trade union bureaucracy

Keir Starmer, the pro-capitalist leader of the Labour Party, similar to Rishi Sunak has refused to call for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. The masses in Britain desperately want there to be a ceasefire in order that medical supplies and basic goods are delivered by aid organisations to Palestinians in Gaza who have lost everything including their homes and possessions.

The true role of reformism was exposed in the House of Commons when the Scottish National Party put an amendment to the King's speech calling for a ceasefire. The amendment was lost because Starmer ordered his MP's to abstain. However, 56 MP's rebelled – mostly Muslim Labour MP's and others including some shadow cabinet ministers.

"Sir Keir Starmer has suffered a major rebellion over his stance on the Israel-Gaza war, with 56 of his MPs voting for an immediate ceasefire. Jess Phillips, Afzal Khan and Yasmin Qureshi were among shadow ministers who quit their roles to back the motion from the SNP. Ten of the party's frontbenchers have left their jobs over the vote, including eight shadow ministers. Sir Keir has instead backed pauses in the conflict to deliver aid.

Announcing she was quitting her role as shadow domestic violence minister, Ms Phillips said she was voting with "my constituents, my head, and my heart". "I can see no route where the current military action does anything but put at risk the hope of peace and security for anyone in the region now and in the future," she added. The vote was on an SNP amendment to a government motion on its plans for the year ahead, presented in the King's Speech last week. Sir Keir had signalled before the vote that MPs holding such a role would be sacked if they backed the ceasefire call. It called for an end to the "collective punishment of the Palestinian people" and urged "all parties to agree to an immediate ceasefire". [4]

The position of reformism is clear to see. In the worst crisis since the 1930's the British Labour party led by a Blairite now totally supports Israeli imperialism and its attack on the Palestinian people. It effectively moves consciously to embrace bonapartist attacks on democratic rights.

The trade union bureaucracy meanwhile does everything to prevent any support for the besieged masses in Gaza. There has been very little support from trade union bu-

reaucracy for the mass mobilisations in Britain. The only MP's speaking at these demonstrations are Jeremy Corbyn and Muslim MP's like Apsana Begum.

Global solidarity movement in support of the Palestinians

Unlike the trade union bureaucracy in many countries there has been an enormous show of support for Palestinians in Gaza. In the United States there have been actions by offshore workers refusing to load or unload mil-

itary hardware bound for Israel. This shows that workers identify with the Palestinians in Gaza. There has also been support in Italy and Belgium where workers have carried out similar actions. In Britain recently over 1,000 workers blockaded four arms factories producing parts for F-35 Israeli fighter jet. The campaign "Workers for a Free Palestine" includes members of UNITE, UNISON, GMB, NEU, BMA, UCU, BECTU, and BFAWU. This is a practical action by rank-and-file workers opposed to Israel's genocide and war crimes.

"Over 1,000 workers have simultaneously blocked four arms

Austria: Demonstration in Support of the Palestinian People

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Demonstration in Vienna on 26 November 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Several hundred people marched to the U.S. embassy in Vienna on 26 November to show their solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza. Despite the current truce, the Palestinian people still face the danger of a new Nakba. The demonstration was organised by the *Arab Palestine Club* and led by comrade Mohammed.

There were several speakers, including Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT. In his speech, Michael explained that the current truce is the result of several factors. The most important reasons are the following. First,

the heroic resistance of the Palestinian liberation fighters creates huge obstacles for the Israeli invasion forces. Second, a huge global solidarity movement has emerged which puts massive pressure on the U.S. – the most important backer of the Zionist terror state. Michael called for an intensification of the solidarity activities to stop the Israeli onslaught against the Palestinian people.

See photos and video clips here: https://www.thecommu-nists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2023-part-4/#anker_3



Demonstration in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 2 December 2023); Michael Pröbsting speaks (right)

factories across the UK which provide components for arms used by Israel in its bombardment of Gaza. The workers, under the banner 'Workers for a Free Palestine', include teachers, health workers, hospitality workers and others who are members of a wide range of trade unions, including Unite, UNISON, GMB, NEU, BMA, UCU, BECTU and BFAWU. The blockades have been organised in coordination with workers in France, Denmark and the Netherlands, who are also blockading arms factories today" [5]

"We are currently experiencing a phenomenal movement of international solidarity with the Palestinian people. Workers and oppressed, young and old, demonstrate on the streets to show their protest against the genocide which Israel, supported by Western powers, is committing against the Palestinian people in Gaza. These mobilisations constitute the largest global movement since the protests against the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. According to ACLED – an academic organization specialized in collecting data of global protests as part of such massive pro-Palestine solidarity movement; calls are spreading for the boycott of Israeli goods as well as of corporations of Western supporting the genocide. From Türkiye to Malaysia and from Egypt to Indonesia, millions of people refuse to consume Coca Cola or visit a McDonalds or Starbucks store.

A particularly important form of boycott is the refusal to transport military weapons – or components relevant for such – to Israel. Shortly after the Zionist state launched its genocidal war against the Palestinian people in Gaza, Palestinian trade unions published an important appeal in which they called trade unions and popular organisations around the world to take action against Israel's war machinery. Since then, a number of trade unions in North America and Western Europe – which are the most important arms suppliers of the Zionist state – have picked this call. In the U.S., hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters organised blockades at two ports – first in Oakland, California, and then in Tacoma, Washington state. Carrying signs reading "No Aid for Israel" and "Free All Palestinian Prisoners", they tried to stop the loading and unloading of a military supply ship, the Cape Orlando, with weapons bound for Israel".[6]

Centrists adapting to reformism

Many centrist groups, particularly the ISA and the CWI, advocate positions without recognising Israel as a Zionist State and calling for a two-state solution. They are completely out of touch with the aspirations of the masses who regularly chant for a "From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will Be Free", and which hate the Apartheid state Israel. These Centrists end up with a complete pacifist position denouncing Hamas and taking up a social pacifist position close to recognising Israel's "right to exist".

The RCIT calls for the victory of Hamas despite their Islamic leaderships and supports – like the masses demonstrating in London – a Palestinian state from the River to the Sea with full democratic rights for the Jewish minority. The centrist CWI and ISA both take up a pro Zionist position equating the oppressor with the oppressed.

"Such a stance means for us as Marxists that we unconditionally support the struggle of the resistance forces of the oppressed (in these cases the Ukrainian army resp. Hamas and other Palestinian resistance factions) without lending political support to the leadership of these forces. Concretely, as revolutionary socialists we oppose the (petty-)bourgeois nationalist or Islamist politics of Zelensky resp. of the Hamas leadership.

The ISA and the CWI – two organisations which stand in the opportunist tradition of Ted Grant but split in 2019 –. In the Gaza War, both organisations effectively take a social-pacifist and pro-Zionist position. They oppose the war but refuse to support the Palestinian resistance in the current war. The ISA – which has a section in Israel – shamefully equate Hamas and Israel.

Consequently, they express their solidarity with "all victims", i.e. both with the victims of the oppressed nation as well as those of the oppressor nation! "The Socialist Struggle Movement (ISA in Israel-Palestine) stands in solidarity with ordinary people, with the relatives of those killed and with the wounded from all communities, on both sides of the fence, and with the abducted civilians." (Another quote: "We stand in solidarity with all victims of war and terror, and join those who are standing up and fighting back.")

The CWI effectively takes the same position as their former comrades. "Socialists, however, can give no support to Hamas and Hezbollah, parties which are based on right-wing political Islam." In contrast to these centrist cowards, the RCIT and our comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine take a principled anti-imperialist stance: "Support the Heroic Palestinian Resistance! Defeat Israel!" "And "Victory for Hamas and the Arab masses! Down with the Zionist apartheid regime!" The crude form of the ISA's and CWI's denunciation of Hamas is a pale imitation of this imperialist propaganda. [7]

RCIT calls for the expansion of solidarity activities

The RCIT in Britain puts forward the following demands in support of the Palestinian resistance and fore a military victory of Hamas without supporting their leadership.

* Call on the trade unions including their leaderships to follow the example of the offshore workers in Oakland California who refused to load or unload military hardware bound for Israel. We call for the dockers, rail workers and transport workers to refuse to load or unload shipment to Israel.

* Support the boycott movement against Israel!

* For a Free Red Palestine from the river to the sea!

* No to Islamophobia and racism! For open borders, no to immigration controls or deportation to other countries!

Footnotes

1) [The Liberation of Palestine and the Arab Revolution - RCIT - Revolutionary Communist International Tendency \(thecommunists.net\)](#)

2) [Rishi Sunak sacks Suella Braverman as home secretary - BBC News](#)

3) [Right-wing Tories meet in wake of Suella Braverman's sacking | Suella Braverman | The Guardian](#)

4) [Keir Starmer suffers major Labour rebellion over Gaza cease-fire vote - BBC News](#)

5) [Four Arms Factories Across the UK Blockaded in Solidarity with Palestine \(tribunemag.co.uk\)](#)

6) [Practical Examples of International Workers Solidarity with Gaza - RCIT - Revolutionary Communist International Tendency \(thecommunists.net\)](#)

7) [Gaza War: Shamefully, some on the Left Support "Israel's Right of Self-Determination" - RCIT - Revolutionary Communist International Tendency \(thecommunists.net\)](#)

Syria: Rally against renewed Bombardment of Idlib by Assad

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 26 November 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Almost 100 Syrian migrants gathered in downtown Vienna on 26 November in protest against the new bombings in Idlib by Assad's and Russian air forces. We expressed our unwavering solidarity with the Syrian people. Abdulhkeem Alshater from the association "Free Syrian Community of Austria" led the rally. In his speech, Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, emphasized that genocide is not only taking place in Gaza – Assad and Putin are also terrorizing the

Syrian people! Since the start of the Syrian revolution in March 2011, the tyrant has killed hundreds of thousands of people and tortured many more in prison. Michael reiterated our unconditional solidarity with the Syrian revolution.

See photos and video clips here: https://www.thecommu-nists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2023-part-4/#anker_2



Rally in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 28 October 2023); Michael Pröbsting speaks (below)

Argentina: A Victory for Class Struggle Advocates in the Teachers Union

By *Convergencia Socialista* (Argentine section of the RCIT), 08.12.2023

On December 1, comrade Daniel Salazar, a member of *Convergencia Socialista* (Argentine section of the RCIT), took over as union secretary of the teaching union of the province of Córdoba. The independent and combative list that our comrade leads defeated the bureaucracy in the elections, winning the leadership of the main department of the teachers union of that province. Córdoba is one of the provinces with the highest concentration of workers in the country, along with Buenos Aires and Santa Fe.

Comrade Daniel is a delegate of the Alejandro Carbó school, one of the most important in the capital of Córdoba and was at the head of the latest struggles carried out by the education workers of that province. This is a great advance in the getting back the union for the workers and a first step for the struggles that lie ahead.



Comrade Daniel Salazar from the Argentinean section of the RCIT

Venezuela-Guyana: War to the Oppressors! Peace among the Oppressed!

Statement of Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 11.12.2023

1. The recent global acceleration of conflicts has resulted in the resurgence of previously «forgotten» and frozen conflicts. The conflict between Venezuela and Guyana over the region Essequibo, disputed since the end of the 19th century, is one of these and it threatens to become a conflict with profound consequences for Latin America.

2. Essequibo is a strip in the east of Guyana comprising around 160,000 kilometres and a population close to 130,000. The strip is rich with mineral and oil resources which were discovered in 2015 and significantly boosted Guyana's economy – a long-time impoverished country – to one of the highest income nations with a GDP PPP per capita of around 60,648 dollars and the highest per-capita level of oil. While such development, led by the US monopoly ExxonMobil, improved overall national statistics, it doesn't contribute to raise the living conditions of the popular masses in Guyana. In fact, Guyana remains one of the least developed countries in terms of infrastructure and with an unemployment rate of more than 16% with nearly every third under the age of 24 years without a job. [1] Such paradox is easily explained by the super-exploitation of natural resources by foreign monopolies and ExxonMobil in particular. While Western corporations enjoys fruits of unprecedented super-profits, the people of Guyana continue to live in impoverished conditions.

3. The Essequibo strip is a long-disputed territory. It is a result of the long history of Latin America's painful decolonization, territorial disputes between colonies and already liberated nations with interventions of colonial empires and the U.S. in the 19th century. When Venezuela became independent in 1814, the strip was recognized as part of its territory. Despite this, the British Empire continued its exploration efforts and colonized British Guyana. In fact, during the gold rush era, the so-called Schomburgk line continued to expand westward deeply in Venezuelan territories from the 1830s until 1887 via enforcement by British colonizers. The conflict led to a significant deterioration of relations between London and Caracas, resulting in the rupture of all diplomatic relations. In 1899, U.S. imperialism led a so-called "*fair arbitration tribunal*" which excluded the native population of any Venezuela and Guyana. It determined that Essequibo should be part of the British colony.

4. Since then Venezuela attempted several times to regain its control of Essequibo. Ironically, after the creation of the *Cooperative Republic of Guyana* by progressive popular forces in 1970s, Venezuela – in collaboration with the U.S. – tried to force Guyana to make various concessions and imposed sanctions, resulting in significant deterioration of social and economic conditions of Guyana.

5. After Hugo Chavez and the Chavismo movement took power in Venezuela, it de facto recognized Essequibo as territory of Guyana and improved relations with the Cooperative Republic. The leading leitmotif of left-wing populism made both nations to create an alliance against foreign powers as Venezuela made similar experiences as Guyana did in the 1970s.

6. Nevertheless, since the beginning of the global

crisis and rising tensions, Western sanctions against Venezuela, combined with the discovery of huge oil deposits exploited by ExxonMobil, the Maduro regime again fuelled the border conflict between the two nations. Notably, there was a secret meeting between a U.S. and a Venezuelan delegation in Qatar in June, only months before the current escalation and despite Washington's official support for Guyana. [2, 3, 4] At the same time, the U.S. announced a few days ago that it will conduct joint flight drills with Guyana. Hence, it is not clear yet if resp. to which degree the White House intends to intervene in the conflict.

7. On 3 December, the Maduro regime carried out a referendum about its plan to annex Essequibo. Participation in the referendum was low – 51% according to the regime and about 10% according to the opposition. Of those, who went to the polls, nearly all voted "Yes" to the annexation. It is clear that one sector of the people of Venezuela supports the regime's plan while many others do not. In any case, the Chavista regime cares only for profits and exploitation of the region. It already created a PDSVA-Essequibo division and started selling licenses for exploration. [5] It hopes to bolster its falling popularity by inciting long-standing national sentiment. On 6 December, the Chavista regime started to amass a number of troops at the border. [6] At the same time, Brazil – a neighbouring country both to Venezuela as well as to Guyana – also sent troops to the border region.

8. Surely, both sides can claim some legitimate arguments for their cause. It is true that the fact that Essequibo has been part of Guyana was the result of imperialist interventions by Britain and the U.S. in the 19th century. On the other hand, Venezuela's initial possession of the region was also a legacy of Spanish colonialism. Guyana is a multi-ethnic country: 43.5% of the population are Indo-Guyanese (descendants of indentured labourers from India), followed by the Afro-Guyanese, who make 30.2% of the population and are descendants of enslaved people brought from Africa. Guyanese of mixed heritage make up 16.7%, while the indigenous peoples constitute 9.1% of the population. In short, Guyanese people have no national affinity with Venezuela and the robbery of Essequibo – which constitutes 2/3 of Guyana's territory – would clearly constitute a violation of the county's national rights.

9. However, as Marxists, we derive the nature of a conflict, first and foremost, not from this or that national factors but rather from the *class character of the countries* involved. Both Venezuela as well as to Guyana are capitalist semi-colonies which have more or less close relations with imperialist powers. Guyana has been close to the Western imperialist camp. Venezuela has a long history of selling most of its oil to the U.S. and collaborating with American multinationals like Chevron albeit these relations rapidly deteriorated after Washington imposed sanctions against Caracas in 2019. Hence, Venezuela has become close to Russian and Chinese imperialism.

10. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) therefor considers the current conflict between

Venezuela and Guyana essentially as a reactionary conflict between two capitalist semi-colonies. Hence, in case of a military conflict, we would advocate a dual defeatist position, i.e. supporting neither one nor the other camp. To rephrase a well-known proverb: *guerra con los oprimidos y paz con los opresores!* (War to the Oppressors! Peace among the Oppressed!) Until now, there has been no direct intervention by any imperialist power – a factor which could change the character of the conflict. A fair solution is only possible via the nationalisation of the key industries and raw materials and the creation of workers and peasant republics in both countries as part of a socialist federation of Latin America. Only under such conditions, the natural wealth of the continent could be used for the benefit of all peoples of the continent!

- [1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_unemployment_rate; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_Guyana
- [2] <https://dialogo-amicas.com/articles/us-army-guyana-defense-forces-strengthen-military-partnership/>
- [3] <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/venezuelas-pdvsa-authorizes-first-two-oil-cargoes-india-after-sanctions-relief-2023-12-06/>
- [4] <https://english.elpais.com/internacional/2023-06-30/united-states-and-venezuela-hold-secret-meeting-in-qatar.html>
- [5] <https://www.eleconomista.com.mx/internacionales/Maduro-ofrecera-licencias-para-explotar-recursos-en-zona-de-Guyana-20231205-0100.html>
- [6] <https://english.elpais.com/internacional/2023-12-06/venezuela-guyana-dispute-maduro-mobilizes-the-army-and-announces-annexation-of-essequibo.html>

Venezuela: Maduro Agitates for the “Reconquest” of Essequibo

By *Damián Quevedo, Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina), 03.12.2023*

The current territory of the State of Guyana was part of the Spanish colony after the European invasion of America, when the royalists founded the “Captaincy General of Venezuela” – the so-called “Kingdom of Venezuela”. Essequibo was part of that colonial region when Venezuela gained its independence in 1811.

The situation began to get complicated when the United Kingdom signed a pact with the Netherlands to acquire around 51,700 square kilometers east of Venezuela. At the height of the Monroe Doctrine – “America for Americans” – the United States entered the dispute, a situation that forced the parties to launch international arbitration, which, in 1899, handed Essequibo over to the British.

Three months before granting independence to Guyana in 1966, the United Kingdom agreed with Venezuela on the Geneva Agreement that recognized Venezuela’s claim and sought to find satisfactory solutions to resolve the dispute. Between 1982 and 1999, both countries tried to resolve the dispute through the UN good offices mechanism, which never produced concrete results.

During the government of Hugo Chávez the dispute was archived, in part due to the good relations between the late Venezuelan president and Georgetown. But this changed when dozens of oil deposits began to be discovered in coastal areas of the disputed area in 2015. [1]

With the beginning of the current international crisis, the Venezuelan government began to unload the weight of the recession on the people. In this framework, in which the GDP dropped massively, and the oil industry collapsed, Maduro will face a new electoral process, which may be more difficult for him to control.

For this reason, the Venezuelan dictator seems to be opting for an escape route forward. For that he faces a solution in the style of the former de facto Argentine president, Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, who took the Malvinas Is-

lands to divert the attention of the people. But, as it always happens, history, when it repeats itself, is nothing more than a farce of the preceding tragedy.

Guyana, a sparsely populated country with high poverty rates, has undergone rapid transformation since Exxon discovered oil in the Essequibo region in 2015. The country is on the verge of surpassing the oil production of Venezuela, which has long depended on its own reserves, and is on track to become the world’s largest per capita oil producer. [2]

Maduro is trying to unite Venezuelans behind a “national cause”, to put that debate at the center of the electoral campaign and avoid discussing the terrible economic situation or the crushing of essential democratic freedoms by the “Bolivarian” dictatorship.

Motivated by the example of Putin, who invaded Ukraine to inflame the Great Russian nationalist spirit, the Caribbean dictator wants to use a similar maneuver to successfully overcome the elections and negotiate with the multinational Exxon a part of the oil income provided by the region of the Essequibo.

As revolutionaries we denounce this maneuver and, at the same time, oppose any military confrontation between Venezuela and Guyana, which would benefit the great imperialist powers that are fueling it – like Russia and China which are behind the Maduro dictatorship.

The workers and people of the region, as in the rest of the continent, must unite against all Great Powers – the United States, China, the European Union, Russia, Japan, etc., - in order to achieve a second and definitive independence. This path can only be carried forward with a workers and socialist revolution.

[1] <https://www.bbc.com/mundo/articles/cpwp6zz89l6o>

[2] <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/2023/12/02/presegura-conflicto-venezuela-guyana-essequibo-trax/>

**Website of *Convergencia Socialista* (RCIT Section in Argentina):
convergenciadecombate.blogspot.com**

In the Ukraine and in Palestine: Against the Occupiers! Support the Oppressed People!

Joint Statement of Spalakh (Ukraine) and the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 23 November 2023

1. We are living in a historic period of capitalist decay. In such an environment, the contradictions between classes and states inevitable accelerate and result in explosions. Hence, we see both an exacerbation of conflicts between oppressor states and oppressed peoples as well as between imperialist rivals. The current tensions between Western powers (U.S., Western Europe and Japan) and Eastern powers (Russia and China) as well as the wars in the Ukraine and Gaza fully confirm such a Marxist analysis.

2. *Spalakh (Ukraine)* and the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* jointly declare that socialists must take a clear position in such conflicts which can be summarized in the formula: *Always with the oppressed peoples against the oppressors! Never with any of the imperialist Great Powers!*

3. Hence, we state that we defend the Ukraine against Putin's invasion. This is a war between Russia – an imperialist power – against a semi-colonial capitalist country. The Kremlin has, historically and politically, always tried to subordinate Ukraine to its interests. We therefore consider the resistance of the Ukrainian people against Russia as a *just war of national defense* which socialists have to support. We call international workers and popular organizations to support this just war of defense against Russian imperialism. We support the right of the Ukraine to get material aid (including weapons) from wherever they can. While we oppose imperialist sanctions (like economic and financial sanctions imposed by governments of the Great Powers against their rival), we support “workers

sanctions”, i.e. international solidarity actions of workers. Examples for the latter are boycott actions of dockers in various countries against Russian ships or by Belarus railway workers against Russian military supply.

4. We denounce the Zelensky government for its neoliberal policy which results in the sell-out of the country's people and resources to foreign and local oligarchs. Likewise, we denounce its pro-NATO and pro-EU policy. This policy could only result in the subordination to the foreign policy interests of U.S. and European imperialism. As a result, the country is getting now under pressure from Western powers to negotiate with Russia and to accept the occupation of the South and the East.

5. The only way forward is a popular war against Russian imperialism independent of any Great Powers – similar to the resistance forces in Iraq and Afghanistan which expelled the American occupiers. The Ukrainian workers and peasants need to organise themselves independently. They need their own government – a workers and poor peasant government – in order to take their fate in their own hands and to remove any influence of oligarchs and foreign imperialists.

6. Such a government would make clear that it is fighting against the Russian imperialist state – not against the people of Russia! In Russia, socialists call for the organising of the working class and the oppressed peoples to bring down the bonapartist Putin regime. Likewise, socialists unconditionally support the right of national minorities to self-determination which includes their right to form a separate state. During the two Chechnya Wars



Publications of the RCIT

Ukraine: A Capitalist Semi-Colony

On the exploitation and deformation of Ukraine's economy
by imperialist monopolies and oligarchs since capitalist restoration in 1991

By Michael Pröbsting, January 2023

Introduction * I. The Marxist Theory of Imperialism and the Concept of Semi-Colonies * II. The Dead-End of Bureaucratic Stalinism * III. The Devastating Social & Economic Consequences of Capitalist Restoration * IV. The Semi-Colonial Deformation of Ukrainian Capitalism since 1991 (1. Oligarchs: the creation of a comprador bourgeoisie; 2. A semi-colonial supplier of raw materials for the capitalist world market; 3. Deep in the trap of foreign debt; 4. Foreign investment: the imperialist plunder of the Ukraine; 5. Migration: the Ukraine provides cheap labour force) * V. Ukraine: A Dependent Country Torn between Great Powers in East & West * VI. Russia's Push to Colonise the Ukraine since February 2022 and NATO's Efforts to Increase its Influence * VII. The Way Forward: From National Liberation to Social Revolution * Footnotes

A RCIT Pamphlet, 28 pages, A4 Format

(in 1994-96 and 1999-2009), socialists unconditionally supported the Chechen war of national defence and called for the defeat of Russian imperialism.

7. We can summarize our position in the Ukraine War in the following slogans:

** For a Popular War to defend the Ukraine against Putin's invasion! No subordination of Ukraine to NATO and EU! Against Russian and against NATO imperialism!*

** Down with all imperialist powers – NATO and EU as well as Russia! In all conflicts between these powers, socialists oppose both camps!*

8. *Spalakh* and RCIT also denounce Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinian people in Gaza. It is a shame that Zelensky has expressed his support for the Israeli Apartheid state! We fully support the Palestinian resistance struggle against the Zionist state without lending any political support to its leading forces (like Hamas). We strongly oppose the petty-bourgeois nationalist and Islamist policy of the Hamas leadership and advocate instead a socialist program. Therefore, our support for Ukraine

led by neoliberal President Zelensky and the Palestinians led by Hamas, is combined with full condemnation of the policy of these leaders. We support the global movement of popular boycott of Israel. We call for the abolition of the Israeli Apartheid state and its replacement by single secular and democratic state from the river to the sea which should be a workers and poor peasant republic within a socialist federation of the Middle East.

9. Taking into account the explosive world situation and the duty of socialists to intensify collaboration on the basis of programmatic agreement, *Spalakh* and RCIT declare their intention to start systematic discussion and collaboration in order to lay the foundation for joining forces.

Spalakh (Ukraine); https://t.me/spalakh_org
Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (Russia, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, South Korea, Israel / Occupied Palestine, Nigeria, Britain, and Austria); www.thecommunists.net, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>

Russia: Report on Latest Events (Autumn 2023)

By Alexey Sedov, Socialist Tendency (RCIT Section in Russia), 30 November 2023

1. According to Rosstat: the net profits of Russian companies increased to a record 11 trillion Ruble for the quarter. The best dynamics were shown by companies in the fields of science and technology, electricity, information and communications. Against the background of growing inflation and rising prices, Russian oligarchs feel more and more confident.

2. The Nizhny Novgorod Legislative Assembly unanimously and without debate adopted bills on abortion in the first reading. Governor Gleb Nikitin made a proposal to introduce a ban on abortions in private clinics. In his opinion, this will increase the birth rate and reduce the number of complications that occur in women after such procedures.

3. The conservative offensive continued with the Supreme Court recognizing LGBT as an "extremist organization" on November 30. Judge Oleg Nefedov satisfied the Ministry of Justice's claim to recognize the LGBT movement as extremist and banned its activities in Russia. The meeting was held behind closed doors – no one except representatives of the ministry was allowed to attend. Soon it will be possible to receive real prison sentences for displaying

LGBT symbols.

4. The election spectacle is beginning to gain momentum. The leader of the pink "communist" party, Gennady Zyuganov, announced his nomination for the position of president. Vladimir Putin is expected to announce his nomination in December at the Moscow conference dedicated to summing up the results of the year.

5. A new voice of protest is beginning to mature in Russia – the wives of those mobilized for Putin's imperialist war are beginning to increasingly express their discontent. They record outraged video messages and participate in single pickets. Unfortunately, in the realities of modern Russia, this action is already considered a bold political act.

In Russia, a right-wing, conservative, imperial, nationalist trend is increasingly felt, which is accompanied by the recognition of human rights movements as "foreign agents", xenophobic hysteria towards minorities (and recently towards migrants), as well as the increasingly growing pressure of the repressive state machinery.

This is how we greet December 2023.

The Rise of Russia as an Imperialist Great Power

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

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

