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For an Independent and Socialist Ukraine free from Russian Occupation and Western Domination!

Declaration of Fraternal Relations between Spalakh (Ukraine) and the RCIT, 12 January 2024

1. After a short but intensive period of discussion and collaboration, *Spalakh* – a revolutionary socialist organization in the Ukraine – and the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) have decided to establish fraternal relations.

2. We are doing so on the basis of agreement on several programmatic documents: our joint statement “*In the Ukraine and in Palestine: Against the Occupiers! Support the Oppressed People!*”, the statement “*A Period of Catastrophes, Wars, and Revolutions Requires Unity of Revolutionaries!*”, the RCIT pamphlet “*Ukraine: A Capitalist Semi-Colony*”, the new RCIT Manifesto “*The Revolutionary Struggle in the Era of Capitalist Collapse*” and several key documents of the RCIT on the Ukraine War. (See the Appendix below)

3. *Spalakh* is a new Trotskyist organization of young workers, soldiers, and school and university students. It has a presence in 6 Ukrainian cities. It was founded on 21 November 2023 by the majority of the active members of the Ukrainian Socialist League (USL, the local section of the International Socialist League, a centrist current led by the Argentinean MST). These young militants were no longer prepared to accept the authoritarian one-man leadership of Oleg Vernik. Vernik had run the USL since its foundation in 2019 on the basis of minimal programmatic agreement but total centralist control by himself over the group’s media and its relations with the international current. Hence, the USL was an amalgam of different factions – from social democrats, anarchists, Stalinists to Trotskyists. Everyone was welcome – as long as he or she accepted Vernik’s undisputed leadership. Those who dared to challenged him, were unceremoniously and quickly expelled.

4. Vernik is internationally known as a notorious crook who organized a sophisticated scam in 2000-2003 whereby he and his conspirators stole probably tens of thousands of dollars from more than a dozen international socialist organisations. (See on this Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Workers_Resistance). He also met Gaddafi and sold his Green Book and went for weeks to North Korea to “study” the bizarre “Juche” ideology of the Stalinist-capitalist Kim dictatorship. Currently, he and his “trade union” are part of the bourgeois-populist “*Progressive International*” (an international organisation whose most prominent representatives are Brazil’s President Lula, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and Yanis Varoufakis). He participated with his “trade union” in negotiations with representatives of the Ukrainian government about financial support from them or from the EU. In 2022, he joined a show of Oles Vakhniy, a notorious Ukrainian fascist. Vernik’s activities lack any principles except one: gaining money and prestige by any means necessary. (See for documented sources here, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/the-pro-bourgeois-opportunism-of-lis-mst/>, <https://telegra.ph/USL-bez-Vojda-11-21> and <https://telegra.ph/Yak-Ne-Buduvati-Organisation-12-01>)

5. However, with gaining experience and self-confidence, the young cadres of the USL began to understand the rotten character of Vernik’s “principles”. They recog-

nized the necessity of building a Bolshevik organization on a clear and principled programmatic foundation. Given their experience with previous expulsions, they knew that such an organization could only be built without and against the “lider maximo”. Since they were aware of *Socialist Tendency* – the Russian section of the RCIT – and their intransigent position of anti-imperialist solidarity with the Ukrainian resistance against Putin’s invasion, they established contact with the international leadership of the RCIT soon after their split with Vernik.

6. We establish fraternal relations in order to deepen our political and organisational collaboration. Our goal is to lay the foundation for the fusion of our forces in the next period. Such a step would be an important step forward in building an international Bolshevik organization which has sections in key regions in an explosive world situation characterized by wars and revolutionary upheavals.

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Revolutionary New Year Greetings for 2024

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 27.12.2023

The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) sends its warmest New Year greetings to all militants fighting against national oppression, imperialist domination and capitalist exploitation!

We are living in a period characterised by catastrophes, wars and revolutionary explosions. Such convulsions inevitable provoke mass movements and rebellions – like the Black Lives Matter movement in the U.S., the women’s movement for free abortion in Argentina and Poland, or the current global movement in solidarity with Palestine.

The RCIT – an international Trotskyist organisation with sections and activists in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, Israel / Occupied Palestine, Russia, Nigeria, Britain, and Austria – calls socialists to join the just struggles of workers and oppressed all over the world and to combine such support with an clear revolutionary perspective.

In Occupied Palestine, our comrades in the *International Socialist League* oppose the Zionist genocide in Gaza and support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian resistance (led by Hamas). Likewise, we support the solidarity actions of Ansar Allah (Houthis) in Yemen which aim at weakening and boycotting Israel. In any confrontation between Israel and Western imperialists and the Yemeni rebels (or forces in other countries supporting the Palestinian liberation struggle), we side with the resistance.

Comrades of the RCIT in Austria, Argentina, Britain, Mexico and Brazil are actively participating in the pro-Palestine solidarity movement and call workers and popular organization to impose a total boycott of Israel.

As socialists, we do not lend political support to the non-revolutionary leaderships in all these struggles and advocate the building of a revolutionary party.

The only solution is the destruction of the Zionist Apartheid and Terror state, the right of return for all Palestinian refugees and the creation of a single secular and democratic state from the river to the sea which would guarantee full religious and cultural rights for the Jewish minority. Such a state should be a workers and poor peasant republic as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East.

In Russia, our comrades in *Socialist Tendency* continue to advocate the defeat of Putin’s army which has waged a reactionary war against the Ukrainian people since nearly two years. Together with our comrades of *Spalakh* – a socialist organization in the Ukraine with which we are closely collaborating – we support the armed struggle of the Ukrainian people to expel the invaders. At the same time, we oppose the policy of the U.S. and EU imperialism to subjugate the Ukraine as a pro-Western semi-colony. Likewise, we reject their efforts to utilize this war to advance their Great Power interests in their rivalry with Russian imperialism. The bourgeois and pro-Western Zelensky government needs to be replaced by an authentic workers government which fights for an independent and socialist Ukraine.

In Argentina, our comrades in *Convergencia Socialista* as well as in the women’s organisation *Defensorías de Géneros* play an active role in the mass protests against the ultra-liberal austerity program of the new right-wing Milei government. They call for the creation of self-organised grassroots organizations in workplaces and neighbourhoods in order to lead the struggle from below and without domination by the corrupted bureaucratic cliques which control the trade unions. Our comrades agitate for a general strike and call workers to force the bureaucratic

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.

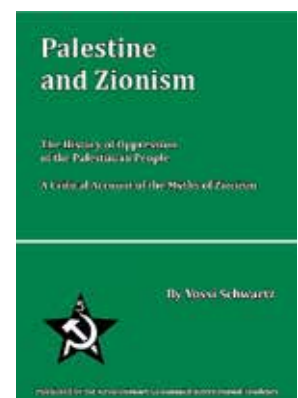
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership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



leadership of the CGT and the CTA – the two main trade union federations in this country – to support such actions.

A particularly important issue is the struggle for class independence – i.e. militant trade unions and an independent workers party – given the long-term domination of the workers and popular organisations by bourgeois-populist Peronism. Hence, our comrades in Argentina opposed not only the ultra-liberal right-winger Milei at the recent second round of the Presidential elections but also the pro-IMF Peronist candidate Massa.

In Nigeria, our comrades in the *Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard* support the resistance of the Southern peoples against ethnical and national oppression by the federal government. They advocate their right of national self-determination as part of a socialist perspective. Likewise, they oppose the ethnical cleansing and chauvinist oppression of the non-Arab people in Darfur by Sudanese militias and defend their right of national self-determination.

In South Korea, our comrades in the *Workers' Revolutionary Party (Preparation Group)* advocate a consistent class struggle policy against the reformist strategy of the KCTU bureaucracy. They oppose the imperialist threats by the U.S., Japan and South Korea against North Korea – a backward semi-colony ruled by a Stalinist-capitalist regime. At the same time, they also oppose the new imperialist Great Powers in the East and advocate a defeatist policy against U.S. as well as against China which are rivaling for hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region.

The increasing number of environmental catastrophes demonstrates that capitalism is structurally incapable of solving the problems caused by climate change. As long as the economy is controlled by a small group of capitalist monopolies, the ecological crisis can not but worsen

and provoke more and more floodings and catastrophic droughts. In the long-term, humanity as well as nature can only exist and prosper if global capitalism is overthrown by a socialist revolution of the workers and oppressed.

We have no doubt that 2024 will see no less revolutionary explosions, wars and attacks by the ruling class than the year before. This makes it all the more urgent that authentic socialists unite their force in order to overcome the deep crisis of revolutionary leadership as the workers and popular organisations remain dominated by social democratic, Stalinist, left-populist or centrist organisations. Such forces usually lean towards one or the other imperialist power, look for alliances with sectors of the bourgeoisie, impose bureaucratic control over mass struggles or spread confusion with advocating non-revolutionary methods and tactics.

Hence, the most important task for socialists is to unite and to aid building a new *Revolutionary World Party* – a party which can lead the masses towards revolutionary insurrection against catastrophic capitalism and for a socialist future! The RCIT calls all those who share our perspective to join us in order to advance the construction of such a party!

Unity – Struggle – Victory!

International Bureau of the RCIT

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We refer to our Manifesto which was adopted by the IV. RCIT Congress in September 2023: *The Revolutionary Struggle in the Era of Capitalist Collapse*, <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit-manifesto-2023/>.

Malaysia: Michael Pröbsting Speaks at Socialism 2023 Conference about De-Dollarization and Mul-tipolarity

Report by the RCIT's Media Team, 19 December 2023

Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was invited to speak at the Socialism 2023 Conference (Malaysia). The session in which he participated dealt with the process of de-dollarization and multipolarity which is a result of the accelerating rivalry between the Great Powers.

The Socialism 2023 Conference took place on 2/3 December and was organised *Parti Socialis Malaysia* (PSM, Socialist Party of Malaysia), the largest left-wing party in this country.

The participants in this discussion were, apart from Michael Pröbsting:

* Dr. Jeyakumar Devaraj (Chairperson of the PSM)

* Prof. Venkatesh Athreya (Professor of Economics at Bharathidasan University in Tamil Nadu, India). He is associated with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) since many years.

Michael Pröbsting's speech starts at minute 30:10 and he intervenes twice in the subsequent discussion (starting at minute 1:24:50 and minute 1:43:24).

You can watch the whole debate below or here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1HCMIbqZU>

SOCIALISM 2023

DE-DOLLARIZATION AND MULTIPOLARITY

Dr. Jeyakumar
Parti Socialis Malaysia

Prof. Venkatesh Athreya
Economist

Michael Pröbsting
Socialist Activist

The U.S. dollar has consistently served as an invisible weapon of American imperialism, shaping a global order favourable to American capital. With the development of several countries, an eagerness has emerged to de-dollarize in order to free themselves from American control.

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Argentina: The Mass Struggle against Milei's Adjustment Plan Has Started!

By Juan Giglio, *Convergencia Socialista* (Argentine section of the RCIT), 21.12.2023

The left had the merit of taking the lead, thus initiating the first significant mobilization against the Milei adjustment plan and its "anti-picket" protocol. The march that finally arrived at the Plaza de Mayo, despite the pressure, the threats and the phenomenal repressive operation put together by the Minister of Security.

"Although the cordons of police officers tried to get the protesters to move along the sidewalks, people finally took to the streets, after a few incidents. Previously, the City and Federal Police formed a cordon between protesters and the press, which resulted in pushing and fighting." (Página 12, December 20)

The government initiated an unprecedented propaganda campaign, with the purpose of frightening the left and, mainly, the entire Argentine people. However, after the important demonstration in Plaza de Mayo, thousands and thousands took to the streets in CABA, La Plata and other parts of the country to say no to Milei and his Decree of Necessity.

"Thousands of self-mobilised residents gather this morning in Plaza Congreso, in rejection of the Emergency Necessity Decree (DNU) announced by President Javier Milei, which implies a profound deregulation of the economy, repeals multiple laws and regulations and aims to advance in the privatization of public companies." (La Nación, December 21)

The government of the province of Buenos Aires has already told him that they will not comply with the protocol, a position that is more than expected, since Kicillof [a leader of the Peronist party, Ed.] will try to position himself as the leader of the opposition. In that sense, the big surprise was the reaction of Larreta, the Buenos Aires City mayor, which is a member of the same party as Bullrich, Minister of Security. His opposition to Bullrich's protocol was made even more evident by the statements of the new police chief Diego Kravetz.

"In this context, a journalist from the C5N channel consulted

Diego Kravetz, first civilian chief of the City Police, about the presence of a federal force in downtown Buenos Aires. "Ask Patricia Bullrich," he responded and added: "I am not going to catalogue anything because it is the responsibility of the National Government, not ours." (Clarín, December 20)

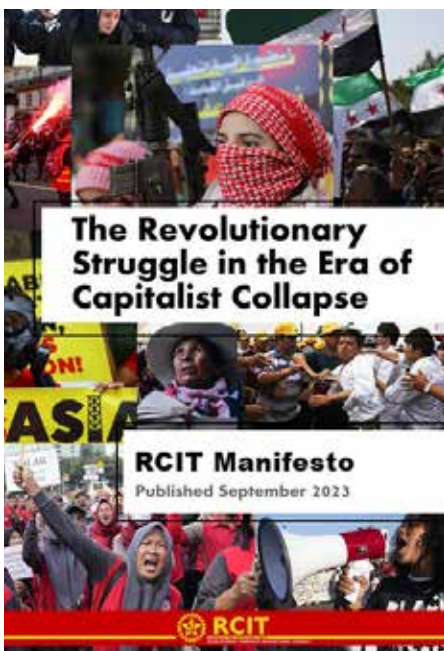
The strong rifts within the government that were made public prevented, in the first place, the deployment of troops from stopping the march to Plaza de Mayo. But the most important thing of all was that at night the government was simply paralyzed and did not send a single police officer to repress the spontaneous mass protests of thousands who marched to the Congress and other squares.

In this framework, Bullrich's pompous and bombastic "Anti-Picket Operation" failed miserably, making it clear that Milei heads the weakest government in recent years, something that the people understood quickly and expeditiously. The next struggles will have that starting point, which puts the working class in a more than favourable relationship of forces.

This does not mean that the government is not going to repress conflicts, not at all, since weakness will make it more aggressive, which is why the workers, the left and all the forces that, from now on, are going to come out to fight the fight, i.e. they must organize their more than legitimate self-defense.

In short, Patricia Bullrich's show ended up being a sign of weakness, since it could not prevail over an exclusive mobilization of the left, which brought together independent sectors, which understood what was at stake. This makes it is absolutely clear that in the face of a massive process protests and in the face of the labour movement taking to the streets, the government will not be able to do anything.

This mobilization had transcendental importance, since it is the first mobilization against the brutal adjustment plan of the libertarians and although it is not yet a mass



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

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- * Their War of Ideas and Ours
- * The Struggle for Power to Open the Road to a Socialist Future

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process, when the majority of the people and the working class fight against the adjustment, the left will be in an excellent position to direct the process.

The left, which acted as the vanguard of this resistance process, which has just begun, must play its part in leading it, occupying the place left vacant by the Peronist union bureaucracy which is rather looking for “consenting” with Milei and his people.

For this, the forces that made the march to the Plaza de Mayo possible have to organize national and regional meetings of militants to provide a perspective for the resistance against the adjustment and the adjusters. From there we will be able to promote the organization of grassroots assemblies in the workplace and in the neighborhoods, where the necessary plan of struggle and an alternative government program can be voted on.

Argentina: Massive Protest against the Adjustment Plans

By Convergencia Socialista (Argentine section of the RCIT), 21.12.2023

On the anniversary of the “Argentinazo”, when in December 2001 the masses in Argentina forced five consecutive presidents to resign, a massive protest took place in the afternoon, led by the Trotskyist left. This demonstration was of utmost political importance since it was the first protest against the new government’s adjustment plan.

The mobilization was also a challenge to the repressive measures that the government announced, which aims to prohibit protests.

After the mobilization of the left, the president announced a decree that represents a huge attack on the rights of the

working class- it contains more than 30 articles that further “liberalise” the market and will produce a leap forward in the inflation process, pushing the majority of the population to poverty.

The response of the mass movement was to take to the streets in the main cities of the country on that same night and to march to the parliament house, banging pots, closely resembling the scenes from the 2001 rebellion.

This seems to be the beginning of a process of resistance against the ultra-liberal policy of the Argentine government, the preamble to great battles.



Demonstration in Buenos Aires (20.12.2023); below left: Juan Giglio with 3 FITu parliamentary deputies (Juan wears a cap); below right: activists of Defensorías de Géneros (a womens’ organisation which closely collaborates with Convergencia Socialista)

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

UN Security Council Legitimizes US-Led Naval Force in Red Sea to Attack the Houthis

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 10 January 2024

1. On 9 January, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) shamefully passed a resolution denouncing the anti-Israeli actions of Yemen's *Ansar Allah* (Houthis) which they have conducted in solidarity with the Palestinian people facing genocide in Gaza. The resolution calls the Houthis to "*immediately cease all attacks, which impede global commerce and navigational rights and freedoms as well as regional peace*". The key provision of the resolution noted the "right" of UN member states, in accordance with international law, "*to defend their vessels from attack, including those that undermine navigational rights and freedoms*".

2. The resolution was sponsored by the U.S. and its ally Japan. Eleven members of the council voted for the resolution while four members – China, Russia, Algeria and Mozambique – abstained. Notably, the two Eastern Great Powers which are permanent members of the council – China and Russia – did not use their veto.

3. Soon after the beginning of Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinian people in Gaza *Ansar Allah* has launched a number of attacks – both against the territory of Israel as well as against Israel-linked cargo ships. These actions have been highly effective. According to *Calcalist*, an Israeli economic magazine, Israel's port of Eilat reports a sharp decrease in the scope of activity and a drop of more than 80% in revenue. These actions forced the large transport companies to suspend sailing in the Red Sea and the Suez Canal and to reroute their ships. According to the German *Kiel Institute for the World Economy*, about 200,000 containers are currently being transported via the Red Sea daily, down from some 500,000 per day in November. This has major repercussions to world trade which declined by 1.3% from November to December 2023.

4. The actual purpose of the UNSC resolution is to legitimize the so-called *Operation Prosperity Guardian*, a US-led multinational naval task force, which operates in the Red Sea. The U.S. and its allies unconditionally support Israel's genocidal war and have sent large amounts of weapons to the Zionist state. It is only consequential that they also send war ships to the Red Sea to protect the commercial interests of Israel and its Western allies which depend on shipping commodities via the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

5. Furthermore, the U.S. and Britain have repeatedly threatened not only to "protect" Israeli-linked cargo ships but also to attack the Houthis in Yemen. Hence, there is a great danger that Washington will exploit the UNSC resolution for waging war against *Ansar Allah* and, thereby,

to weaken the forces of resistance against the Zionist state and its genocidal war.

6. It is telling that China and Russia, despite expressing criticism on the U.S. motives behind their resolution, did only abstain and thereby refused to use their veto. This reveals the doublespeak of the Putin and Xi regime. On one hand, both have criticized Israel's terrorist war in Gaza. The Kremlin even invited a Hamas delegation and refused to denounce this organization as "terrorist". On the other hand, they don't vote against a UN resolution which legitimizes a US-led naval task force operating in the Red Sea and threatening the Houthis. Obviously, these imperialist powers are much more interested in unhindered commercial shipping than in the defence of the Palestinian people. This demonstrates once more that Putin and Xi are no friends of the oppressed people but warlords who serve, first and foremost, money and power.

7. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has supported the solidarity actions of the Houthis from the very beginning. While we do not support the political program of *Ansar Allah* – a petty-bourgeois nationalist-Islamist movement – we strongly welcome their actions which aim to harm the Terror and Apartheid state Israel and to support the Palestinian people. In any confrontation between the Houthis and Western powers 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.

8. Likewise, the RCIT reiterates its unconditional support for the Palestinian people and its resistance forces which are heroically defending Gaza against the Zionist invaders. Like in all past wars, we side with the Palestinian liberation struggle and therefore advocate the military victory of the resistance led by Hamas without lending political support to the program or all tactics of its leadership. The only way forward is the revolutionary destruction of the Zionist state and the creation of a single, democratic and secular Palestinian state from the River to the Sea which should be a workers and poor peasant republic as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East.

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/>

It is no longer only Israel against the Palestinians, it is the rebellion of the oppressed against the imperialists

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 17.01.2024

The lawsuit by South Africa against Israel in the International Court of Justice at The Hague on the charge of genocide is rapidly shaping up to provide a clear snapshot of the global south against the Western imperialism. Germany has announced its decision to intervene in the Court on Israel's behalf. The European nation is adding its voice to those of the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, all of whom have also publicly declared their support for the Genocide. At the same time the Kingdom of Jordan, Israel's neighbor to the east with whom the Zionist apartheid State has "enjoyed" icy but quiet relations under a peace treaty signed by both on October 26, 199 has joined South Africa.

Despite that peace treaty, Mohannad Al-Mubaideen, a spokesperson for the Jordanian government, has told Arabi 21 that "Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh's speech before the House of Representatives was clear, which is that Jordan will submit the necessary legal investigations and pleadings as soon as the International Court of Justice decides to consider the genocide case."

Jordan, Turkey, Bolivia, Colombia, Brazil, Djibouti, the Muslim member states of the Organization of Islamic Countries, and the Arab League, all expressed their support for South Africa in its effort to end the genocide of the Palestinians by Israel.

The masses not only in the semi-colonies but in the imperialist states understand that the repression of Palestinians by Israel aided by Western Imperialism and, at the time by Russian Stalinism, did not begin as a response to the attack

of Hamas fighters on October 7th but from the very beginning of the colonization of Palestine by the settler colonialists using the myth that they are the owners of the promised land by God. The Zionist settlers joined the British repression of the Arab rebellion and in 1948 committed massacres and ethnic cleansing. The Zionists occupied the rest of Palestine in 1967 and put a siege on Gaza for 16 Years and now Germany has announced its decision to intervene in the Court on Israel's behalf, which will require Berlin to file a "declaration of intervention" with the Court to present its legal arguments. The European nation is adding its voice to those of the United States, Guatemala, Canada and the United Kingdom, all of whom have also publicly declared their support for the Jewish Statett a new genocide.

Thus, the Abraham Accords are sinking in the Red Sea where the heroic Houthis are fighting Anglo-American imperialism in support of the Palestinians.

The Court ended its first two days of hearings on Friday, with ICJ President the American Joan E. Donoghue announcing that the Court will rule on South Africa's request for urgent measures – the demand for Israel to immediately halt the military operations against Hamas – "as soon as possible."

While we are waiting for the decision the heroic resistance in Gaza continues to fight even in the North of the enclave that supposedly according to the Zionist propaganda Israel is fully under its control.

*Down with the criminal Imperialists!
For a socialist world revolution!*

Austria: Demonstration in Solidarity with Palestine and Yemen

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 19 January 2024, Austrian Section of the RCIT

On 19 January, several hundred people marched from the main university in Vienna to the American embassy. The demonstration was organized by the *Arab Palestine Club* and led by Comrade Mohammed.

There were several speakers, including Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT. He stated our support for the Palestinian resistance and welcomed the solidarity

actions of the Houthis in Yemen, which are hurting the Israeli economy. Michael condemned American and European imperialism, which supports the genocide in Gaza with money and weapons and is now even using missiles to attack the resistance in Yemen. He emphasized that we are not neutral in this war but are on the side of the resistance in Palestine and Yemen and against imperialism and Zionism.



Demonstration in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 19 January 2024); Michael Pröbsting speaks (right)

Netanyahu government is seeking a war with Lebanon while facing a trial in the ICJ for genocide

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 03.01.2024

On Tuesday a leader of Hamas Saleh al-Arouri was assassinated by a Zionist drone strike on southern Beirut, Lebanon suburb of Dahiyeh. Al-Arouri was the deputy chief of Hamas's political bureau and one of the founders of the Qassam Brigades. Samir Findi Abu Amer and Azzam Al-Aqraa Abu Ammar, leaders of Hamas' armed wing – the Qassam Brigades – were also killed, Hamas's leader Ismail Haniyeh stated that the attack was a terrorist act, a violation of Lebanon's sovereignty, and an expansion of Israel's war against Palestinians.

Hezbollah announced that it will punish Israel. Hezbollah called it "a serious assault on Lebanon"

"We, Hezbollah, affirm that this crime will not go unanswered or unpunished," the movement said in a statement that called it "a serious assault on Lebanon... and a dangerous development in the course of the war," the statement added The Prime Minister of Lebanon Najib Mikati said that the attack "aims to draw Lebanon into a new phase of confrontations with Israel at a time when Hamas ally Hezbollah has been exchanging daily cross-border fire with Israeli forces in northern Israel" [1] [2]

Thus, there is a reasonable possibility that Hezbollah will expend the military front against Israel.

At the same time South Africa filed a case against Israel for Genocide in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and Israel that signed the convention against the crime of genocide will try to defend itself. Israel has reversed decades of old policy not to appear before the International Court of Justice. In 2004, Israel declined to appear before the ICJ that ruled on the legality of the West Bank barrier. The ICJ ruled that the barrier was illegal and theoretically might have moderated its ruling if it had heard the full case by Israel directly. Israel ignored the ruling, partially with the argument that it did not recognize the court's jurisdiction. Since the decision was only in the nature of opinion it did not obligate Israel. This time it is a trial.

Israel is ignoring and denying jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the UN Human Rights

Council probes.

The ruling will examine the killing of over 20000 Palestinians of Gaza 70% of them women and children. A ruling that Israel is guilty of genocide will have influence even of the white house that supports the genocide by providing Israel the ammunition to carry it out.

From 2015-2021, Israel carried on an informal dialogue with the International Criminal Court (ICC), and in 2016 the ICC visited Israel and the West Bank, and last month, the ICC visited again, though on a strictly humanitarian basis.

If it rules that Israel committed genocide, the US and a number of EU allies will likely express public disagreement with the ruling. It is also likely that the same states will apply pressure on the ICJ not to issue a verdict against Israel.

The damage to Israel will be more in the realm of the court of public opinion in the West and it could empower the economic boycott movement – the BDS and others.

Unlike a verdict of the ICJ, the ICC can demand that its member states, virtually all of Europe, arrest any Israeli who it might charge with a war crime. It is one thing for Israel to hope EU countries disagree with the ICJ regarding public statements. It is another thing to expect them to ignore a binding arrest warrant.

It seems that the ICC decides to charge Israel – and it already opened a criminal probe in early 2021 and ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan gave Israel more attention in October-November than any ICC prosecutor has over 20 years – the impact could be devastating for Israel more than any ICJ ruling.

Israeli war criminals could start to have trouble traveling the world. In a post-October 7 era, when the IDF will need a huge increase in soldiers wanting to join combat units, more soldiers may be discouraged by the threat of facing international arrest warrants for them personally.

This means that Israel will want to continue its two primary arguments against ICC intervention: 1) there is no

Anti-War Demonstration in Tel Aviv

By Adam Smith, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 17.1.2024

An anti-war demonstration was organized on Tuesday by the "Radical Block" group. In the demonstration, the police took down signs calling for an end to the massacre as they were "inciting". Some people wrote the slogan "Stop the massacre" on their hands as the police took down such signs. The police did not allow the protest in the original place and instead directed it to a smaller place in Tel Aviv. As usual, the rally was led by Hadash affiliated groups – Hadash is a part of the Israeli Communist Party. There were no other groups present. The slogan "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free" was raised, as well as "From the River to the Sea, Freedom and Equality".

Down with the Zionist War and Genocide!

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



basis for intervention because there is no Palestinian state recognized by the UN Security Council to refer the case and 2) there is no basis for intervention because of Israel's apparatus to self-probe its own alleged violations of the laws of war. However, if Israel loses before the ICJ, the verdict of the ICC will become far more likely.

At the same time, we should be skeptical about both courts that have a long history of not issuing verdicts against the

imperialist states Israel included.

Down with the Zionist state!

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

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Israel: War criminals' hands off MK Casif

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 08.01.2024

MK of the Hadash-Ta'al, Ofer Casif announced on Sunday that he would be joining the lawsuit against Israel in the Hague. In his announcement, he said, "My constitutional duty is to Israeli society and all its residents, not to a government whose members and its coalition are calling for ethnic cleansing and even actual genocide. Those who hurt the country and the people are the ones who led South Africa to turn to The Hague, not me and my friends" [1]

That was enough for the war criminals who sit in the Zionist parliament (Knesset). MK Oded Forer from the right party of Liberman began collecting signatures to hold a hearing on the impeachment of Casif. In order to impeach a sitting MK, the support of 90 Knesset members is required. Casif

was previously disqualified from running in the elections, but the High Court overturned the decision.

While we have a lot of criticism of Hadash, the front of the Stalinist Party of Israel, we call on the Zionist war criminals: Pigs take your bloody hand from Cassif.

Defend Casif!

Down with the Zionist apartheid state!

Put an end to the war criminals!

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

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Austria: Vocal Demonstration in Solidarity with Gaza

Report (with Photos and Video) from the Demonstration in Vienna on 16 December 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

More than 1,000 people demonstrated again in Vienna to show their solidarity with the Palestinian people. The vocal demonstration through the inner city showed once again that support for the Palestinian struggle for freedom remains unabated.

The demonstration was initiated by an alliance of organizations supporting Palestine. The Austrian state's support for Israel is once again reflected in the fact that the slogan "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free" was once again banned and the police announced that they would immediately disperse the demonstration in such a case.

Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was one of the invited speakers. He condemned the Israeli massacres in Gaza as terrorism. He also pointed out that the USA and the Austrian government support such terrorism, as the recent vote at the UN General Assembly showed. Michael also advocated the expansion of the international boycott movement against Israel.

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

Mexico: The solidarity movement with Palestine is still alive

By Jorge Arboleda, RCIT México, 18 December 2023

Since October 22, several mobilizations and actions of solidarity with Palestine have occurred in various parts of the country. The creation of a Common Platform for Palestine brought together several organizations and various political currents to organize themselves to carry out activities and mobilizations.

The Common Platform for Palestine has already called for several central actions, which have mostly been very broad mobilizations, however, other organizations within the Platform have consolidated other types of activities.

On November 23, the *Committee for the Liberation of Palestine* closed the offices in Mexico City of the multinational company CEMEX, which has a subsidiary in Israel/Occupied Palestine whose cement was used for the apartheid wall in the West Bank. [1]

On November 26, solidarity with Palestine and with the fathers and mothers of the missing students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Normal School joined in the fight, making it clear that there is a claim from Mexico towards Israel, not only for its war of genocide in Gaza, but for the concealment of Tomás Zerón, the former attorney behind the “historical truth” that covered up the disappearance of the 43 students in 2014, and for the constant import from Mexico of Israeli espionage and surveillance technology, while all Our country’s security corporations hire training from Israel. [2]

On November 29, a large mobilization was held with the support of several unions, again with the demand that the Mexican government break relations with Israel.

On December 10, several dislocated actions were carried out, the central one being a mobilization that started from the Angel of Independence to Mexico Park, in which a

candle setting was held with images of the Gaza war, and in which the commitment that the Mexican government has with the Zionist bourgeoisie and gringo imperialism, since AMLO openly declared that diplomatic or commercial relations will not be broken with Israel, even despite the terror and genocide that it carries out in Gaza. [3]

On December 17, another central mobilization was carried out in which two Starbucks stores were painted, signaling their complicity with the genocide, as well as the Monument to Benito Juárez. The mobilization culminated in breaking and burning the piñatas of Biden and Netanyahu.

The Common Platform for Palestine calls again for a mobilization for December 26, once again accompanying the relatives of the missing students of Ayotzinapa, who have been mobilizing on the 26th of each month for 9 years now.

We call for these actions not to cease, since the pressure of this international movement in solidarity with Palestine is crucial for the attacks by the terrorist state of Israel against the Palestinian people to stop.

For a free Palestine from the river to the sea!

Victory to the Palestinian people! Defeat Israel!

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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.

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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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The USA is attacking South Africa for filing a complaint of genocide by the Zionist monster

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 04.01.2024

“The US has not observed acts in Gaza that constitute genocide, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said on Wednesday, after South Africa launched genocide proceedings at the International Court of Justice over Israel’s military operation in the Palestinian enclave. Those are allegations that should not be made lightly ... we are not seeing any acts that constitute genocide,” Miller said at a regular news briefing. “That is a determination by the State Department,” he added” [1]

At the same time while Israel killed already more than 22,000 people in Gaza, 70% women and children, the U.S and other western imperialist states sees the killing of 1130 Israelis 400 of them in uniform and armed as genocide.

“Many governments and citizens are appalled by the civilian casualties from Israel’s bombardment and invasion of Gaza, which is its response to Hamas’s attack on Israel. On October 10th the Palestinian envoy to the UN, Riyad Mansour, described Israel’s actions as “nothing less than genocidal”. Iran and Iraq have also accused Israel of genocide. Politically, it is clear why Israel’s enemies should invoke the heinous crime. But the allegation has also been made by countries that have usually been friendly to Israel” [2]

This response to the genocide of the Palestinians that the White House provides the weapons to do is not surprising. First Israel is the front line for western imperialism. Secondly because if the US will admit that Israel has committed genocide the US is a partner to this crime. Thirdly it is not surprising that a state that is responsible from its first days to the murder of vast numbers of people will not see the mass killing of Israel as a crime.

“According to university of Hawaii “In domestic democide, such as lynchings, the American government was probably indirectly responsible for around 2,000 killed since 1900. But in foreign wars, the American military may have killed hundreds of thousands of foreigners in cold blood, virtually all civilians, and the greater majority of these by bombing” [3]

In the real world the U.S directly and indirectly is responsible for many more deaths, many million people, and has such a long record of genocide beginning with the murder of millions of Indians, the death of black slaves, the War in the Philippine, Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, in addition to the German and Japanese civilians will not see such crimes as genocide.

“America has been in 19 wars since World War II, but we will list the death toll from three of the bloodiest conflicts: The Korean War, The Vietnam War and wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The total death toll of people killed by American troops in

all these wars put together is over 12 million. Each of these three conflicts have something in common: they were wars fought in the name of making the world “safe for democracy.” A particular horror was the largest use of chemical weapons against civilians since World War II, the massive use of Agent Orange against Indochina where it continues to poison people today. It may take Vietnam and Laos thousands of years to recover. In the case of Iraq, American spy satellites helped Saddam Hussein use poison gas against the troops of Iran” [4]

“By genocide, the murder of hostages, reprisal raids, forced labor, “ethanasia,” starvation, exposure, medical experiments, and terror bombing, and in the concentration and death camps, the Nazis murdered from 15,003,000 to 31,595,000 people, most likely 20,946,000 men, women, handicapped, aged, sick, prisoners of war, forced laborers, camp inmates, critics, homosexuals, Jews, Slavs, Serbs, Germans, Czechs, Italians, Poles, French, Ukrainians, and many others. Among them 1,000,000 were children under eighteen years of age.1 And none of these monstrous figures even include civilian and military combat or war-deaths” [5]

David Michael Smith in his book: Endless Holocausts: Mass Death in the History of the United States Empire documented the real history of American imperialism. A book that was reviewed by Jeremy Kuzmarov and the figures are taken from this review Smith estimated that the U.S. empire is responsible, or shares responsibility, for close to 300 million deaths. [6]

So, what is the mass killing of Palestinians in the eyes of Biden? After all they are not better than the Indians who had to be killed for the settler colonialists.

Kick out the American Imperialism!

Down with the Zionist apartheid!

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

The Zionist butchers and Biden should be tried and punished with the most extreme punishment!

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Why is Hamas winning the war?

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 2.1.2024

We can examine this question by looking at the length of time the war continues and whether the goals of Israel or Hamas have been achieved.

When we say Hamas, we should remember that the fighters are not only of Hamas but of many other smaller organizations. Hamas has 25,000-30,000 fighters and together with the fighters of other organizations the Palestinian armed force in Gaza is about 50,000-60,000 fighters. Israel has an army of 500,000 soldiers and tanks, powerful Airforce and powerful artillery supplied by American imperialism the partner to the genocide of the Palestinians.

In spite of it and the destruction of most of Gaza by the Zionist's bombarding the fighters of the resistance continue to fight, kill Zionist uniformed goons and destroy tanks and armored vehicles 3 months since Israel began its war on Gaza.

When Israel began the war on Gaza its leaders declared that the aim of the war is nothing less than to destroy Hamas, its military power and its capability to rule Gaza. 88 later Israel has failed to achieve this goal. Netanyahu and Halevi have stated that the war will continue for months or even years.

Israel hoped that the Gazan will blame Hamas for the death and the destruction but most Palestinians in Gaza

and in the West-Bank support Hamas for the courage to attack the presumed one of the strongest armies in the world and despite Abu Mazen and the Palestinian Authority's collaboration with the Zionist state and its corruption.

Israel hoped that it would be able to exploit the events of October 7th in its propaganda to justify its genocide of the Palestinians and its plan of ethnic cleansing. However, most people of the popular social classes oppose the genocide of the Palestinians, want an end to the Zionist criminal war and raise the slogan "Palestinian will be free from the river to the sea". All the attempt by the western imperialist state to stop the pro-Palestinian protests have failed and most people do not believe the Israeli lies 51% of the American youth want to see the end of the Zionist apartheid state and support the creation of a Palestinian state from the river to the sea. The Zionist are using the label Nazis against the Palestinians fighting for national liberation but the people around the world do not accept it and are inclined to see Israel as a Nazi state.

Now Israel is planning to organize a show trial for the captive Palestinian fighters that will resemble the Eichman trial in the 1960 and execute the freedom fighters. The problem Israel has that it does not have forensic evidence to prove the lies that Hamas fighters raped women,

London: National March For Palestine

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 13th January 2024

Half a million people marched in London on 13th January – a global day of action with demonstrations taking place in 45 other countries. The march was organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, the Stop the War Coalition, and Friends of Al Asqa.

It was a huge demonstration with many Arab and Muslim migrants often draped in the Palestinian Flag and wearing the Keffiyeh. Everyone was chanting slogans like "From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will Be Free", "Ceasefire Now", or "Israel is a Terror state". Placards had similar messages, saying also "Stop the massacre" or "Childbirth should be bomb free".

Several speakers addressed the March at Parliament Square, among others Jeremy Corby (Labour MP), Husam Zomlot (Palestinian ambassador to Britain) and Mary Lou McDonald President (Sinn Fein).

Compared to past demonstrations, there was more trade union banners present – mostly from Unite, Unison and various trades councils. Two local Labour parties – from

Clapham and Leyton – had also banners, despite Keir Starmer's support for Israel and the bombing of Yemen. RCIT militants intervened in the march and received plenty of support for our leaflet "No to the Second Nabka".



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chopped the heads of Israeli babies and killed civilians. Israel tries to explain that the reason it does not have forensic evidence is because by Jewish law it is an obligation to bury the dead immediately. This is another lie. In Israel there is the L. Greenberg National Institute of Forensic Medicine in the neighborhood of Tel Aviv, a department of the Israeli Health Ministry and affiliated with the University of Tel Aviv. It is known as the Abu Kabir institute and is the only facility in Israel authorized to conduct autopsies in cases of unnatural death. The lab at Abu Kabir conducts forensic examination in cases of rape, homicide,

suicide and suspicious death. It also identifies victims of terror attacks.

Since Israel cannot prove who committed the alleged rapes and the alleged beheading of babies or burn the houses it will be no more than kangaroo trials. No to speak of the fact that the attempt to equate freedom fighters with Eichman will make Eichman a freedom fighter and be a great support for the pro Nazis.

End the war now!

Release all Palestinian prisoners for the captive Israelis!

Down with the Zionist apartheid state!

Austria: Demonstration against the Media Lies in the Gaza War

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Demonstration in Vienna on 8 December 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Several hundred people demonstrated again on 8 December in solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza. This time the focus of our protest was on the bourgeois media, which stands united behind Israel and its war of terror against the Palestinian people. The demonstration was organized by the *Arab Palestine Club* and led by Comrade Mohammed.

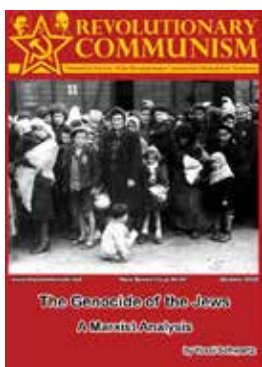
Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was one of the speakers. He emphasized that the Western media – in contrast to the rest of the world – systematically

incites against the Palestinian resistance. Michael pointed out that the media's unconditional support for Israel is not due to its strength. Rather, the ruling class in the United States and Western Europe sees the Zionist state as an instrument to restore their domination of the Middle East. Furthermore, Michael called for an intensification of boycott activities against the Zionist state.

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Demonstration in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 8 December 2023); Michael Pröbsting speaks (right)



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The Zionist response to the South Africa accusation of genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza in the ICJ

Yossi Schwartz ISL (*The RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine*), 13.01.2024

On Thursday January 11 the legal team of South Africa presented the legal argument against the genocide of Israel in the International Court of Justice based on the 1948 Genocide convention. Israel is a signatory of this convention and so is South Africa. Only states are sides to the convention which means that Hamas cannot sue Israel in this court as it is not a state but occupied territory even though Israel claims it is a state. The procedural process is in two stages. The first one is the demand for an injunction that will order Israel to stop the killing. Arguments are by SA followed by Israel and the decision will be announced within a few weeks. The second will be on the merit of the accusation that may take a long time.

The South Africa team brilliantly presented the case against Israel. Adila Hassim, told the ICJ that Israel had breached Article II of the Genocide Convention, which included the “mass killing” of Palestinians in Gaza “*Israel deployed 6,000 bombs per week ... No one is spared. Not even newborns. UN chiefs have described it as a graveyard for children. Nothing will stop the suffering, except an order from this court,*” she added. South Africa has demanded that the ICJ order Israel to suspend its military campaign. [1]

Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, another lawyer for South Africa, dealt with the Israel’s “genocidal intent” against the Palestinians in Gaza, usually the most difficult thing to prove in a case of this kind “*Israel’s political leaders, military commanders and persons holding official positions have systematically and in explicit terms declared their genocidal intent. These statements are then repeated by soldiers on the ground in Gaza as they engage in the destruction of Palestinians and the physical infrastructure of Gaza. Ngcukaitobi brought to the court’s attention Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s comments on October 28, 2023, urging ground troops preparing to enter Gaza to “remember what Amalek has done to you. “This refers to the Biblical command by God to Saul for the retaliatory destruction of an entire group of people,” the lawyer said*” [2]

“*This refers to the Biblical command by God to Saul for the retaliatory destruction of an entire group of people,*” the lawyer said. “*The evidence of genocidal intent is not only chilling, it is also overwhelming and incontrovertible,*” he added” [3]

The Israeli legal team as could be expected argued that Israel acted in self-defense and it was its duty to defend the citizens of Israel and therefore it did not act in violation of the convention. It also attacked the South African team for not dealing with the alleged atrocities of Hamas.

The third point of the Pro Israel team was the Zionist government policy, was to spare the lives of the Gazan civilians not to kill them and that many of the civilians were killed by misfired by Hamas who used the civilians as a shield. That South Africa team quotes of Netanyahu and

other ministers were taken out of context and did not suit the actual policy of the government.

The fourth point is that the court lacks jurisdiction because for a dispute to come before the ICJ, there is a requirement for the state that takes a case to the ICJ to try and solve the problem first; which was not done. This is one of the lies presented to the court. Another one was that Hamas is responsible for the bombing of Al-Ahli hospital, or that it raped Israeli women.

Israel also pointed out that it is a rules-based country with a legal system, so everything, if crimes are committed, will be dealt with in the national courts. Another lie was that the resistance is responsible for the bombing of the hospital.

While the Zionist lawyer Gilad Noam claims that the standards needed to apply provisional measures – “irreparable harm and urgency” – are not met because Israel has taken steps to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza nine Palestinians have been killed and 13 wounded in an Israeli air strike in the al-Masha’la area of Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip.

It is hard to know how the court will act or whether it will provide an injunction to stop the war. The Israeli team argued that such an order cannot be addressed only to Israel. However, the Israeli team was not very convincing. The right of self defense is in a clash between states while Gaza is occupied by Israel that has put a siege on it for 16 years. Thus, the principle of self defense is not valid. The case was not against Israel and Hamas but only against Israel as Hamas rule is not a state. The intention of Israel was not only a genocide but ethnic cleansing. By Netanyahu saying remember what the Amalek it was a call to kill all the people of Gaza. By Galant saying they are human animals that should not have food or water it was a call for genocide. The Israeli soldiers understood that they should kill every Palestinian as we saw them dancing and shouting there is no innocent in Gaza. As we saw Israeli young children singing a song of death to the Palestinians. In a few days the court will issue its decision, however if the court will reject the request of South Africa to issue an injunction to end the war it will give Israel the green light to continue with the genocide.

End the Genocide now!

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

Endnotes:

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Syria: Rally Expresses the Unbroken Solidarity with the Revolution against Assad

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 14 January 2024, Austrian Section of the RCIT

A little less than 100 Syrian migrants held a rally in downtown Vienna on 14 January. They expressed their ongoing solidarity with the popular uprising against Assad's dictatorship. The rally was led by Abdulkeem Alshater from the association "Free Syrian Community of Austria".

Two brothers from the Syrian province of Suweida, including the doctor Dr. Nasim Nasr, reported in their speeches about the uprising of the Druze population in their region. Daily demonstrations against Assad's dictatorship have been taking place there since August last year.

In his speech, Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, emphasized that the Syrian revolution is unbroken. In light of the Israeli genocide in Gaza, Michael emphasized that Assad is an opponent of the Zionist state only in words. His actions prove the opposite: while he

has dropped countless bombs on his own people over the last 13 years, he has not fired a single shot against Israel! Michael reiterated our unconditional solidarity with the Syrian revolution.

There was an impressive show of spontaneous solidarity between Syrians and Palestinians during the rally. During the rally, a long motorcade of pro-Palestinian activists happened to drive past us. When the Palestinian speaker on the loudspeaker truck saw our rally, she spontaneously shouted: "Long live free Syria!" This, of course, caused great enthusiasm among the Syrian demonstrators and we responded with the famous slogan "Bi ruh bi dam – naftiq ya Filistin" (Our soul, our blood – for Palestine).

See photos and video clips here: https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2024-part-1/#anker_4



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



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By Michael Pröbsting, September 2022

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Austria: Another Rally in Solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 19 December 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

The Arab Palestine Club organised another successful rally in solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza. The rally took place in the centre of Vienna on 19 December and was attended by several hundred people. Comrade Mohammed led the rally which had several speeches as well as a beautiful musical contribution by Il-lona.

Comrade Max, who works as a teacher and is a long-time activist of the Austrian section of the RCIT, made a speech in which he reported about his experience with suppression of pro-Palestinian views at his workplace.

Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, did also address the rally. He denounced the continuing support for Israel's genocide by the most pro-Zionist gov-

ernments like those of the U.S. as well as Austria. However, there is also increasing pressure on Israel and the U.S. by the steadfast resistance of the Palestinians in Gaza, the effective solidarity activities of the Yemeni Houthis as well as the global solidarity movement. Such activities need to be increased in order to defeat the Israeli Terror and Apartheid state.

Activists of the Austrian section of the RCIT sold 15 copies of the new edition of THAWRA – the Arabic-language newspaper of the RCIT.

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Rally in Solidarity with Palestine (Vienna, 19 December 2023); Max speaks (right)



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By Michael Pröbsting, January 2023

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Ethiopia Tries to Expand its Domination in Somalia

Solidarity with the Somali resistance against the occupation forces!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 09 January 2024

1. On 1 January, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Somaliland's leader Muse Bihi Abdi signed an agreement which grants Ethiopia a 50-year lease on a naval base (including 19 km of its Red Sea coastline) with access to Somaliland's Berbera port for commercial marine operations. In return, Ethiopia will provide an "in-depth assessment" of Somaliland's quest for official recognition as an independent state. The government of Somaliland will also receive a stake in state-owned Ethiopian Airlines.

2. This agreement is of strategic relevance for Ethiopia as it provides the land-locked state with direct access to the Red Sea and, by this, to the Indian Ocean. (It had lost such access after the independence of Eritrea in 1991.) It constitutes also an important success for the highly unpopular government of Abiy Ahmed – a bourgeois-bonapartist regime which has faced several armed uprisings in the past years by ethnic groups in Tigray, Amhara and Oromo. Ethiopia is not an imperialist state – it is rather a large but backward capitalist semi-colony with many internal ethnic divisions. However, as the second most populous country in Africa with 120 million people, it aspires to become a regional power. Its deployment of thousands of troops in Somalia since 2007 is a result of such ambitions. Addis Ababa has developed close links with Chinese imperialism in recent years (before this it was allied with Washington) as well as with the United Arab Emirates.

3. Somaliland is officially part of Somalia albeit it de facto broke away in 1991. Like various other oppressed peoples in Africa and the Middle East, Somalis suffer from the devastating consequences of their colonial history. In the past, they were divided between the colonial powers Italy, Britain and France. Somalis repeatedly launched armed uprisings against the occupiers – most importantly the heroic insurrection of the nationalist-Islamist *Dervish Movement*, led by Sayyid Mohamed, from 1896 to 1925. As a result of their colonial history, the peoples of Greater Somalia remain split between Somalia (which itself is de facto divided in Southern Somalia, Somaliland, and Puntland), Ethiopia, Kenya, and Djibouti. Such historic divisions and clan rivalry have obstructed the formation of the Somalis as a fully unified nation. Such divisions were deepened by reactionary ethno-chauvinism like the brutal oppression of the Isaaq clan under the military dictatorship of Siad Barre in the 1980s.

4. The creation of an Ethiopian naval base expands Addis Ababa's domination of the Somali people. Since 2006, Somalia suffers from occupation by tens of thousands of foreign troops of the so-called AMISOM resp. ATMIS mission (for which Ethiopia provides the largest contingent). This occupation force has always been directed by U.S. imperialism (which itself has stationed about 600 troops in Somalia). The alternating pro-Western governments of Somalia have never been elected and are completely dependent on foreign support.

5. The agreement, which effectively puts Somaliland under Ethiopian control, has provoked widespread outrage among the Somali population. Tens of thousands

of people protested in Mogadishu on 3 January. Even Abdiqani Mohamoud Ateye, Somaliland's Defence Minister, has resigned in protest over a deal!

6. *Al-Shabaab* – a petty-bourgeois nationalist-Islamist movement (with similar features like the Palestinian Hamas) – immediately denounced the agreement as "unlawful" and "invalid". *Al-Shabaab's* official spokesman Ali Mohamud Rage threatened the Ethiopian regime: "In the event that you attempt to do so, you will suffer bitter consequences." Such an approach is hardly surprising since this movement has waged a guerilla struggle against the U.S./Ethiopian-led occupation forces since the beginning in 2006.

7. In fact, nationalist outrage is so widespread that even the official government in Mogadishu – a puppet of foreign powers – has been forced to denounce the agreement. Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre called the deal "an act of aggression against Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity". The government also recalled its ambassador from Ethiopia.

8. This development puts the puppet government in an extremely difficult position. Its counterrevolutionary war against the insurrection of *Al-Shabaab*, which it has waged since many years with only modest success, could collapse at any moment as it strongly depends on Ethiopian troops. Once Addis Ababa withdraws its military contingent, the government will be incapable to continue its war.

9. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and the *Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard* (RCIT Section in Nigeria) strongly condemn the attempts of Ethiopia's regime to expand its sphere of influence. We continue to support the military struggle of the Somali resistance forces to expel the Ethiopian and all other foreign troops, without lending political support to *Al-Shabaab*.

10. The RCIT calls for autonomy and self-determination for all oppressed ethnic groups and minorities as part of the program to end foreign domination alongside the expulsion of all alien troops from Somalia resp. Somaliland. The only way forward to permanently end foreign domination, imperialist manipulation and poverty for the Somali people is the creation of a workers and poor peasant republic as part of a voluntary socialist federation of Africa. Such a republic shall actively fight all forms of discrimination against women and other socially oppressed groups.

We refer readers also to these RCIT Statements: Somalia: Drive Out the AMISOM and Western Occupation Forces! Daring Guerilla Attack against U.S. Army Base and EU Military Convoy, 30 September 2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/somalia-drive-out-the-amisom-and-western-occupation-forces/>

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