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Kenya: Report on the Saba Saba Peoples March 2020

Report (with pictures and videos) by the Revolutionary Socialist League (sympathizing section of the RCIT in Kenya), 7/7/2020

On the 7th of July, 2020, the people of Kenya turned out in large numbers to protest the unbearable living conditions imposed upon them by the system they live in.

Kenyans have been plagued by an acute shortage of water and food, a severe unemployment crisis, a lack of proper housing and increased cost of living. Further, Kenyans have experienced an outrageous extent of police brutality and extra-judicial killings among its urban poor.

For this reason, the Saba Saba People's March was organised by the Revolutionary Socialist League, Social Justice Centres Working Group and other partners. Hundreds of demonstrators marched in Nairobi from Kayole, Dandora, Komarock, Kiamaiko, Kiambiu, Kibera, Mukuru, Makadara, Ruaraka, Kariobangi, Korogocho, Mathare, Githurai and headed for Harambee Avenue in Nairobi's CBD.

In a move that is characteristic of a paranoid and failing system, the oppressive regime of Kenya arbitrarily arrested a total of 56 demonstrators at various locations. At ev-

ery step of the way, teargas cannisters were hurled at the people, with threats of arrest being made. The move was designed to intimidate Kenyans and disperse the March. Nonetheless, the people were not cowed, and proceeded with the March through the streets of Nairobi's CBD.

The success of the March is important because it has not only enabled the people to express their demands as per the ten point programme, but also because it has kick-started the process of a protracted resistance against the regime and our conditions of living.

The People's March goes on until all demands are met. We call on all the people of Kenya and the world to join this Revolutionary struggle.

Onward with organising!

See pictures of the rally and video clips of the demonstration here: <https://www.thecomunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/kenya-report-on-the-saba-saba-peoples-march-2020/>



Saba Saba March in Nairobi on 7.7.2020, initiated by the RSL (Sympathizing Section of the RCIT in Kenya) and others

Kenya: Preparation for March on Katiba Day

Revolutionaries continue united front activities against repression & for basic rights

Report (with Pictures) by a Correspondent in Kenya, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 24th July 2020

After the highly successful demonstration in Nairobi on 8th June as well as the Saba Saba March on 7th July (see links to the reports below), the People's March campaign continues its activities. This campaign has been initiated by the *Revolutionary Socialist League* (RCIT Section in Kenya), together with the *Social Justice Centers* and other forces. The campaign has a 10 point platform (see below) on which it mobilizes in the poor neighbourhoods of Nairobi and other cities.

A well-attended preparation meeting of the campaign on 15th July decided to organize another march on Katiba Day on 27th August. Another conclusion was to hold mobilising meetings for this march all over the country.

One of such meetings took place in Mathare on 16 July. The meeting was attended by local youth. Representatives of the RSL showed a documentary film and gave political education (see pictures below). Similar meetings are currently taking place in other neighbourhoods in Nairobi and other cities.

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Platform of the Saba Saba People's March'

ALL FOR THE PEOPLE'S MARCH!

YES TO JOBS, FOOD AND HEALTH! NO TO STATE REPRESSION AND POVERTY!

It is without a doubt that life is getting increasingly unbearable for the people of Kenya. We have witnessed a massive loss of jobs among our population and a terrible economic crisis due to state mismanagement and corruption. We are witnessing state demolitions carried out against the people. We are faced with an acute water shortage. Cases of police killings and brutality are on the increase. Majority of Kenyans cannot access proper medical services. Rent and food is unaffordable.

People in Kenya are experiencing a gigantic wave of at-

tacks. The crisis of neoliberalism throws many millions of people into poverty, the lockdown and expansion of state repression threatens the limited democratic rights which have existed in parts of the world and the COVID-19 pandemic endangers the health and lives of many people

THEREFORE, WE THE PEOPLE OF KENYA DEMAND:

1. Provision of food for everyone
2. Immediate end to police killings and brutality and State Repression
3. Access to healthcare for everyone
4. Provision of clean water for everyone
5. Provision of decent housing for everyone, and an end to state demolitions
6. Equitable access to jobs for everyone, and an end to mass unemployment
7. Access to free quality education for everyone
8. Freedom and emancipation from foreign interests
9. Right to land for everyone
10. Immediate end to increased taxes, household and global debt

We call upon the patriotic citizens of Kenya to rise up and demand to live a dignified life!

We call upon the patriotic citizens of Kenya to join the push for equality, freedom and justice!

We call upon the people of Kenya to stand up for their sake and for the sake of future generations!

We call upon the people of Kenya to SAY NO TO STATE REPRESSION, POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, LANDLESSNESS AND DISEASE!

We call upon the people of Kenya to join the PEOPLE'S MARCH and SAY YES TO JOBS, FOOD, HEALTH AND DIGNIFIED LIVING!

THE PEOPLE, UNITED, SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!



RCIT AFRICA PROGRAM

Manifesto for the Revolutionary Liberation of Black Africa

Adopted at the 2nd World Congress of the RCIT in November 2017

Introduction * Foreign Exploiters – Out of Africa! * The Wealth to Those Who Create It! Economic Freedom Now! * Down with the Capitalist Dictatorships and Corrupt Pseudo-Democracies! * Organize the Workers and Oppressed for the Mass Struggle! * For a Government of Workers and Poor Peasants! For a Socialist Revolution! * For Pan-African Unity! For the United Socialist States of Africa! * For a United Front of Struggle! Overcome the Crisis of Leadership – Build a Revolutionary Party Nationally and Internationally! * Appendix

A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A5 Format

Kenya: Towards the Saba Saba People's March!

Revolutionaries initiate united front against state repression and for basic rights

Report by the Editorial Board, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 29 June 2020

Our comrades of the *Revolutionary Socialist League* (RCIT Section in Kenya), together with the *Social Justice Centers* and other forces, have initiated an alliance which calls for a People's March' on 7th July. The alliance has been formed in the light of the massive increase of hunger, misery and state repression under the cover of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The platform of the campaign includes a number of demands which express the most urgent need of the workers and poor people in Kenya.

The demonstration will take place on a traditional day of popular protests in Kenya, known as *Saba Saba* ("Seven Seven" in Swahili language). On 7th July 1990 mass demonstrations took place protesting against the one-party regime of President Daniel arap Moi. These protests opened a process of limited democratization. Since then, popular marches take place annually on this date which combine the commemoration of this mass uprising in 1990 with actual popular demands.

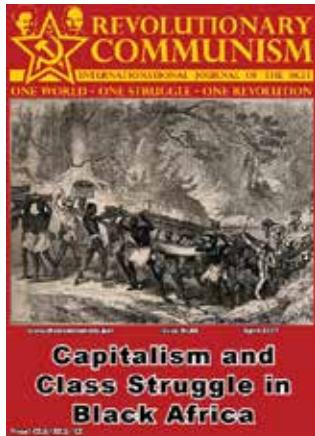
This campaign builds on the successful demonstration which the RSL and the *Mathare Social Justice Centers* organized on 8th June. On that day, hundreds of people marched in Mathare, a major slum in Nairobi, in order to protest against increasing police violence and hunger. This demonstration was widely reported not only by Kenyan but also by major global media. (See the RSL's report "The Oppressed Masses demand 'Stop Killing Us!'", 9th June 2020, <https://www.thecomunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/demonstration-against-police-brutality-in-nairobi-8-6-2020/>)

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The RCIT congratulates the comrades to this excellent initiative and states its full solidarity with the legitimate demands of the workers and poor!



Demonstrator at Saba Saba March in Nairobi on 7.7.2020



PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

Theses on Capitalism and Class Struggle in Black Africa

*An Analysis of Imperialist Exploitation and Oppression
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A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A4 Format

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On the Rise of Police Brutality in Kenya and Across the World

Statement by the Revolutionary Socialist League (Kenya), 3rd June 2020

The RSL joins all the people of the world in condemning the rise of police brutalities against innocent citizens across different countries in the world. Furthermore, we strongly condemn the systematic racism of these brutalities meted against the black race and other peoples of colour in north America, Europe, Indonesia, and South Africa. We support our oppressed brothers and sisters in the US in demanding justice for George Floyd, Eric Garner, Pamela Turner, Peter Gaines, Tanisha Anderson, and many other victims of white law enforcers. We also join forces with the demonstrators in France in demanding justice for Adama Traore, Zayed Benna, Bouna Traore, Gaye Camara and many others who have lost their lives in the hands of these racist police officers. These protestors' call for justice, equality and an end to police brutality must be supported across the world and these racists defeated.

The increase in brutal murder by police officers in the world has been manifested in our country and exposes the failure of the existing system to protect, defend and respect the rule of law and fundamental human lives. Since the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic and the imposed lockdown by the right-wing government of Kenya, many people have suffered in the hands of these law enforcers who have a constitutional mandate to protect citizens at all measures. We have lost Yassin Moyo, Khamis Juma, Calvince Omundi, John Muliro, Peter Gacheru, Eric Ngethe, Idris Mukolwe, Ramadhan Juma, Ibrahim Onyango, and Samuel Maina. These innocent Kenyans join the long list of victims of police brutalities and executions that has robbed families, friends, and the entire nation their dear ones.

Fellow comrades, these deaths have no tribal, religious or gender respect. These actions represent the work of reactionary black capitalist class working in cahoots with the global white capitalist class and they are perpetrated on anyone that belongs to the oppressed class, we the poor of this country. The perpetrators have adamantly proven to be working on the behest of the ruling class with only one intention, to protect and preserve the interests of the capitalists and stop any resistance by the people. The system has occasionally used members of the oppressed class in the forces and police service departments to commit these atrocities, and thereby risking them as enemies of the people.

We call upon all law enforcers to stop working as pawns and puppets of the ruling class and join us in the struggle to ending these injustices, oppression, and exploitation before it is too late. They, just like many sympathizers of this failed regime are being used to maintain that oppressive regime in power and their time to join the forces seeking change is now. Their failure to join the masses seeking sys-

tematic change will be treated as betrayal to we the people who will have no other option but to classify them as the enemies of progress, justice, freedom and victory for the people.

Dear comrades, the time for discovering our generational goal is ripe and our call to unite our progressive forces into a revolutionary vehicle for this journey is now. We understand that capitalism as a failed system has created many webs that have kept our people misguided and ill-informed. Police brutality is just one of these webs that must be destroyed only by revolutionary organizing and political action. We must therefore intensify our call for a change in the political class and demand for the power of the people to be respected. The people must also understand that the oppressors will not surrender that power easily without a fight.

The police officers must stop using force on innocent citizens on orders of the ruling class. They must stop treating civilians as criminals or enemies to the peace of the oppressors but serve and protect them. If they must use force, then let them use it on the capitalists occupying the leadership positions across the country and the world. The need therefore for these officers to be politicised is key as they need a political consciousness that elevates them to material understanding of the current situations. Failure by these forces to stop their brutal actions will mean that they are ready for the people to arming themselves to fight back.

We finally call on the victims of the imperialist and capitalist systems in the US and Europe to unite with the people of Africa and forge a stronger resistance and struggle that will lead to the collapse and defeat of racism, fascist tendencies, police brutalities and capitalism. Without this unity of the oppressed classes the enemies stand to gain and strengthen. Their tactic of keeping us fragmented and disorganised must be exposed and defeated. The people in north America -at the heart of global imperialism- have proven that resistance is possible, and its now upon us as the people of Africa in general and particularly in Kenya to rise and defend our beloved motherland. The struggle must therefore be waged on all circles by any means necessary!

Down with police brutality!

Down with racism!

Down with capitalism!

Onward to the revolutionary struggle and victory!

Nyumbani ama Kifo, Tutashinda!

RSL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Nairobi, Kenya.

3rd June 2020

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On Important Features of the Current Political Scene in Nigeria

By Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard [Nigerian Section of the RCIT], 6 July 2020

In Nigeria, the political atmosphere is tense and is made up of a combination of factors which creates a precipitous situation where anything is possible within the shortest limits of time. As we have noted earlier in one of our statements the whole bourgeois order is in chaos with varying developments in line with this trend making the headlines almost on a daily bases. The most controversial of these multiplying rifts is the emergence of bourgeois populist forces which are constituted in the so-called National Consultative Front (NCF), which began to collapse almost immediately as it was formed now that some advertised members of the movement have denied giving their consent or being involved in the formation of the party. Even though the movement/party was said to be the new “third force”, the members who now decline involvement comprise of the most progressive of the populist lot. [1]

Further to the aforementioned state of the ruling class quagmire is the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the ranks of the Nigerian government officials. Even the echelons are not left out. As you know, the chief of staff to the president, Abba Kyari and the former governor of Oyo state died of the disease but to mention a few new cases, the incumbent governor of Ondo state and his wife have both contracted the virus.[2] The commissioner for health in Ondo state died recently from the virus.[3] Although the cause of death is not sometimes disclosed there are other under-reported cases of due to the less popular nature of the personalities. Examples include the Kogi state governor's aide, Siaka Oyibo and Tinubu's aide.[4] In short as we noted in our most recent statement the bourgeois or-

der in Nigeria is riddled with crises and all of this tend towards more acute factionalization of this class which will continue to accelerate under the mix of the weight of the global economic crisis and the coming elections.

This will in one way or the other make the ruling class more desperate such that it will launch attacks on the suffering masses. Even though a considerable number of the restrictions have been eased the economic and anti-democratic attacks continue but the restrictions are not over. The president announced some days back that the second phase of the easing the restrictions will take effect from 30th of June to 27th of July, this according to the plan should come with the reopening of secondary schools for graduating students to prepare for and take their exams. [5] Albeit, there are increasing speculations of a return to the lock downs especially in Lagos state.[6] All of these happen at a time when the official figures of infected cases of COVID-19 experience larger and larger leaps every passing day.[7]

To the Nigerian people this figures lack credibility and are just a ploy to “allocate” funds for dealing with the virus; for purportedly distributing food and other relief materials to the people or for obtaining more loans from international credit institutions and world governments. This is hardly surprising since the body language of the Buhari regime since the beginning of the pandemic has been thoroughly perfidious and as such has subjected the average Nigerian to deepening poverty and abject misery. During the lock downs, not up to 0.25% of Nigerians had access to palliatives, now afterwards the government plans to cut

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution

What It Is and How to Fight It. A Marxist analysis and strategy for the revolutionary struggle

In *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* Michael Pröbsting analyses the dramatic events in spring 2020 which have opened a new historic era. A triple crisis has shocked the world. The Third Depression has begun, characterized by a devastating economic slump of the capitalist world economy which is certainly no less dramatic than the crisis which started in 1929.

In addition, there is a wave of anti-democratic attacks of a scale which has not been seen in the imperialist countries since 1945. This has triggered a global turn towards Chauvinist State Bonapartism and the creation of a monstrous Leviathan-like state machinery.

And finally, the world faces COVID-19 – a pandemic which endangers many lives and which is exploited by the ruling classes in order to spread fear, to deflect attention from the capitalist causes of the economic crisis and to justify the turn towards chauvinist state bonapartism.

The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution also shows that large sectors of the reformist workers movement and the

so-called left fail to understand the meaning of this triple crisis. Similar to the situation in 1914 after the beginning of World War I we can observe a gigantic wave of opportunist capitulation by many self-proclaimed socialists as they support or at least do not denounce the global lockdown and the suppression of democratic rights which the ruling classes are imposing in the name of combat against the pandemic. *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* offers a Marxist analysis of this historic crisis and elaborates a revolutionary perspective for the struggles ahead.

The book contains an introduction and 6 chapters plus an appendix (176 pages) and includes 5 figures and a diagram.

**The COVID-19
Global
Counterrevolution**

What It Is and How to Fight It



By Michael Pröbsting

Published by the Revolutionary Communist International League

40% of the health budget and at the same time renovate the national assembly complex with a whooping 27 billion naira. This happens amidst several mass lay-offs, wage cuts and inflation.

As if all of this was not enough the government has increased the pump price of PMS from 125 to 143.8 naira per liter.[8] This has expectedly sparked outrage amidst Nigerians especially the middle layers even the reactionary bureaucracy of the Nigeria Labour Congress has been pressurized to condemn the move alongside other union leaderships. This trend of increment and privatization may continue or spread to other sectors with visible signs, one of which is the newly imposed stamp duty.[9] Naturally such a hike will definitely cause further upward spike in the inflation index. All of this is without mentioning the heightened level of domestic and gender based violence. Reports have it that over 770 cases of rape alone has been highlighted.

The common man in Nigeria is now a victim of arbitrary arrests and police brutality; adverse financial and economic conditions; increasing government attacks and little or no access to standard health facilities. These are naturally the recipe for worsening dissatisfaction with the government.

Unfortunately large sections of the Nigerian left is still limping from a bitter storm of crises. This can be characterized or simplified by two examples. First, the split in the CWI Nigeria last month which equally led to the Movement for Socialist Alternative which is under the ISA with the original faction, the Democratic Socialist Movement (DSM) remaining loyal to the CWI.[10] Another example of this left crises is the break of the Socialist Vanguard Tendency (SVT) from the Coalition for Revolution due to a bitter discord they have sustained with the Socialist Workers and Youth League (SWL) (the organization which numerically dominates CORE and TIB) for the past couple of years but which spiralled to abysmal levels with both parties throwing shades of slander at each other. Now a new leadership has been set up for CORE since the defection of the SVT whose leader was one of the co-convenor of the organization.

We have emphasized that the reason for this crises is that these organizations were either branches of international centrist or reformist organizations or they have simply been greatly influenced by centrist, opportunist, Stalinist, reformist and populist persuasions. Thankfully the wave of global anti-racist protests whose spark arose from the US have given also the Nigerian masses the courage to outrightly defy the lock down regime and the counterrevolutionary confinement of the ruling class since they joined the #JusticeforGeorgeFloyd protests in the US. With this came a new wave of anti-rape protests in Nigeria as the rape cases soared. More interestingly is the serious discontent in the ranks of military personnel that was exposed through the resumption of terrorism in the Northern part. This discontent came in the form of a Lance Corporal criticizing the chief of Army staff in a viral video.

The above developments forced these "leftists" who were hiding in their crevices waiting for a post COVID-19 period to begin to organize protests. The Take-It-Back movement has organized one or two protests since then against rape, police brutality and terrorism. Even the MSA, the new organization breaking out of the CWI in Nigeria has

organized a procession to the Iranian embassy in Nigeria to protest the arrest and planned execution of three Iranian activists.[11]Contrary to the lock down phase the TIB and other radical organizations, have resumed calling for meetings and planning to organize programs beyond the online or virtual versions during the lock downs.

Finally the current situation in Nigeria is one of accelerating and widespread anti-masses economic and political attacks in a period where the masses are freer to fight back by taking to the streets. The ruling class will further be divided especially along geo-political zones as faction lines.

All genuine revolutionary forces must gear up to unite and wage a permanent war on this moribund ruling elite for never before has victory been so certain as it is now!

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Egypt: Rally in Solidarity with the Revolutionary Struggle

Report by the RKOB (Austrian Section of the RCIT), 5 July 2020

A rally in solidarity with the Egyptian Revolution took place on the 5th July 2020 in Vienna (Austria). Michael Pröbsting, the International Secretary of the RCIT, was invited by the Egyptian community to hold a speech.

Comrade Pröbsting took the possibility to honor the struggle of the revolutionary fighters in Egypt and all around the world. He emphasized on the reactionary role of the imperialist powers (European Union, USA, Russia and China) who are closest allies with dictatorships

like the one of General Sisi. Comrade Pröbsting also denounced the intervention by the dictatorship Sisi in Libya and the role of General Haftar as a butcher of the Libyan revolutionaries.

Long live International Solidarity!

Pictures and videos of the rally can be viewed on the RCIT website at <https://www.thecomunists.net/multi-media-1/egypt-rally-in-solidarity-with-egypt-revolution-5-july-2020/>



Rally against the dictatorship of General Sisi in Egypt (Vienna, 5.7.2020)

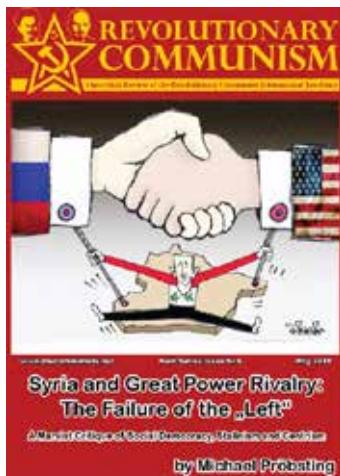


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Syria and Great Power Rivalry: The Failure of the „Left“

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018

*The bleeding Syrian Revolution and the recent Escalation
of Inter-Imperialist Rivalry between the US and Russia –
A Marxist Critique of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Centrism*



Introduction * The liberation struggle of the Syrian people against Assad retains its just character * Against all imperialist aggressors! * Old and new Great Powers * The Ex-Stalinist turned social democrats: "God save the United Nations" * The Stalinists (and some caricatures in Trotskyist camouflage): social-imperialist servants of Assad and Putin * The Morenoite LIT, UIT and FLTI: the heart on the right place but not their brains * CWI and FT: failure to understand the imperialist nature of China and Russia * CWI / SWP(UK) / FT: refusing to support the Syrian Revolution * Conclusion * Footnotes

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Occupied Palestine: Down with Israel's Annexation Plans!

The Palestinian Authority Once Again is Betraying the Palestinian People!

Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 30.06.2020

While it is still possible that Netanyahu will declare that Israel will annex one third of the West Bank and the Jordan Valley, this is not certain and likely will not happen.

Alternate Prime Minister and Defense Minister Benny Gantz tries to postpone the implementation of the "Middle East Peace Plan" pushed forward by the US President, Donald Trump. However, Gantz seems to be powerless.

Netanyahu said in a closed discussion of the Likud party that Alternate Prime Minister Benny Gantz's *Kachol Lavan* (*Blue and White Party*) has no say regarding annexation.

"We are in talks with an American team here in Israel. We are doing so discreetly", Netanyahu said. "The matter doesn't depend on Blue and White".¹

While the Israeli government understand that after the presidential elections in the USA (which most likely will end the presidency of Trump) it will be more difficult for the Zionists to annex the 30% of the West Bank and the Jordan Valley, it seems also that Israel's intention are not the same as of Trump.

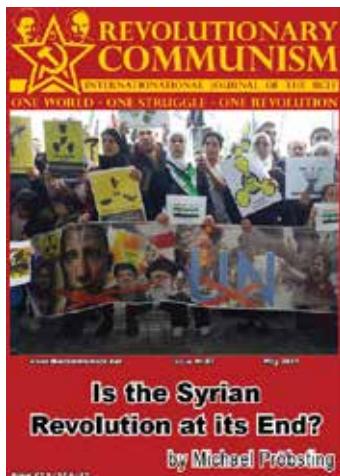
"For Trump the prospect of annexation is a pressure tactic to get the Palestinians to engage with his peace plan, to bring the PA into the Anti-Iranian alliance. For Israel the "peace plan" is just a smokescreen for annexation. American and Israeli officials are deeply divided on the question, an issue that could determine

how and when any annexation proceeds. Chances are that on July 1st Israel will not declare the annexation due to American pressure."²

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Authority has sent a letter to the Quartet (that includes the USA and Russia) which states that that the Palestinians are "*prepared to renew direct talks*" after those came to a stop back in 2014. Just some months ago the same Palestinian Authority (PA) declared it will end all its agreements with Israel in response to Netanyahu's plans of annexation. However, now they declare that "*no one has a vested interest in reaching a peace agreement like the Palestinians, and no one has more to lose from lack of peace than the Palestinians.*"

The document shows that the PA would be willing to accept some territorial changes within the context of a peace agreement, noting that they are "*willing to have a state with a limited amount of weapons and with a strong police force for maintaining law and order*," adding that they would accept an international entity, such as NATO, to receive a mandate from the UN for supervising the peace agreement, if and when it happens.³

Such a statement that accepts this kind of extremely limited autonomy, not even a mini state, means a turn of the aspiration of the Palestinian self-determination to a Bantustan. It would be in the style of the South African Apart-



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Is the Syrian Revolution at its End? Is Third Camp Abstentionism Justified?

By Michael Probsting, April 2017

An essay on the organs of popular power in the liberated area of Syria, on the character of the different sectors of the Syrian rebels, and on the failure of those leftists who deserted the Syrian Revolution

Introduction * The Nature of the Local Coordination Councils in Syria * The Contradictory Nature of the Petty-Bourgeois Rebel Fractions * A note on the adjectival juxtaposition of "progressive" to liberal democrats versus "reactionary" to Islamists * Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham and Other Islamist Militias * The Role of Religion in Democratic and National Liberation Struggles * Some Arguments on the Ongoing Progressive Character of the Syrian Revolution * Have the Rebels Become Agents of US Imperialism and Regional Powers? * On Foreign Powers' Support for Liberation Movements p* Lenin and Trotsky on Liberation Struggles and Imperialist Interference * What Did Lenin and Trotsky Say about Getting Support from Imperialists? * Imagining Two Different Scenarios of the Revolution's Success & Failure * A Period of Defeats and Retreats: What Are the Reasons? * Some Thoughts on the Future Prospects of the Arab Revolution * The Urgent Need for a Revolutionary Party * Footnotes

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heid regime and will act in the service of Israel and the American imperialists as yet another tool in the inter-imperialist rivalry of Western imperialism with the Eastern imperialists China and Russia.

The Palestinian people oppose the Zionist repression and they do not trust the PA to the fully, however they may not see a big difference between an Apartheid de facto or de jure. They are furthermore concerned with the high unemployment rate and the health situation in times of the Covid pandemic.

Instead of a leadership fighting the Zionist oppression and land theft, the Palestinians find in the Palestinian Authority an obstacle to a revolutionary mass struggle for freedom. Without removing those traitors of the PA, a declaration of annexation by itself is not a guarantee for the start of a new Intifada. However, the renewal of the Arab revolution which is in the motion will spark the Palestinian resistance and might even inspire the new Intifada.

Some "soft" Zionists claim that the annexation will implement Apartheid in Israel. In the real world, it will turn Israel from a de facto Apartheid state to a de jure Apartheid state. It is already the case that illusions into a Two-State solution (a mini Palestinian "state" on less than 20% of Palestine, alongside imperialist Israel on over 80% of the land) have been shattered in the last years. An official annexation will end this reformist daydream as it will expose *Hadash* and *Maavak Socialisti* (CWI section in Palestine) as those whose political plans are no more than a pie in the sky.

The only solution is a red, free and democratic Palestine from the River to the Sea after abolishing the Zionist Apartheid state.

The *International Socialist League* has criticized for years the reformist illusion of the "two states" formula as it has

been used by Israel to steal more lands and to build more settlements. This reformist illusion has helped to prepare the ground for the annexation as with the help of its other imperialist allies, Israel has been presented as a liberal democracy instead of the brutal Apartheid regime it is in reality.

The question to ask is why the Palestinian Authority has again changed its policy from opposing the Annexation plans to begging for new peace agreements? And the answer is fear, as the Arab masses have renewed the struggle against the corrupted ruling classes in Lebanon and Iraq, who are nothing else but servants of the imperialists. It seems that the Palestinian Authority is well aware that the struggle will take place in Palestine not only against Israel ... but that it will turn against the corrupt PA as well.

The *International Socialist League (ISL)* as the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine calls for the immediate organization of mass mobilizations against the plans of further annexations. Resist the betrayal by the Palestinian Authority! Only an uprising in the form of a Third Intifada which opens the road towards abolishing the Apartheid state can stop the annexation plans once and for all. Only a revolutionary leadership can fulfill the historic task of the liberation of the Palestinian people! Such a leadership must work towards uniting the revolutions in various Arab countries with a Third Intifada!

Footnotes

1 [Gil Hoffman](#) "Netanyahu: Annexation doesn't rely on Blue and White; Gantz hints at delay" Jerusalem Post JUNE 29, 2020

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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.

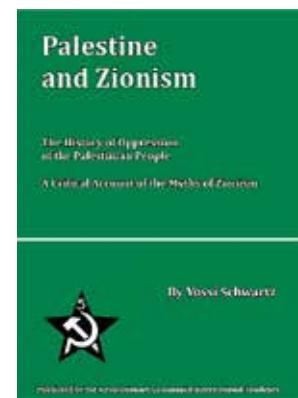
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analyzes the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership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



Idlib/Syria: Martyrdom Operation against Russian-Turkish Joint Patrol on M4

Support the ongoing liberation struggle against the Russian-Iranian-Assadist occupiers! No to Turkey's collaboration with Russian imperialism!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 14 July 2020

1. Today, liberation forces in Idlib in the north of Syria have launched a successful attack against Russian forces participating in a Russian-Turkish Joint Patrol on the M4 highway. According to the defence ministry in Moscow, a Russian armoured personnel carrier was severely damaged and three Russian soldiers were injured. It also claimed that Turkish soldiers were injured too albeit this has been denied by other sources. According to first reports, the *Khattab al-Shishani Brigades* – a Chechen unit supporting the Syrian Revolution – have claimed responsibility for the attack and said that one of its militants undertook this shaheed operation.

2. The joint patrols of Russian and Turkish military on the M4 highway are a crucial part of the treacherous Moscow ceasefire agreement between Putin and Erdogan on 5 March. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has opposed this agreement from the very beginning, as have large sectors of the Syrian people in Idlib and various factions of the liberation forces. We reiterate that “*these patrols are essential for the implementation of the reactionary plan to establish a so-called security corridor on either side of the M4. If implemented this corridor would effectively cut the southern part of Idlib, which is still controlled by the liberation fighters, from the rest of the region.*” (RCIT Statement, 15 March 2020) For this reasons, the RCIT welcomed the large popular protests in March with civilians occupying and blockading the M4 highway in order to stop these patrol.

3. The RCIT considers today's attack against the Russian military forces as a legitimate act of resistance. Russian imperialism is the main backer of the tyrannical Assad regime without which it would have already collapsed long ago.

4. We also condemn Turkey's collaboration with Russian imperialism. As we have said in the past years, the deals between Putin and Erdogan (Astana, Sochi, and Moscow) are tantamount to a counter-revolutionary conspiracy which has weakened the ongoing Syrian Revolution.

5. Since the martyrdom operation seems to have been carried out by a Chechen brigade, the RCIT also reiterates its unconditional solidarity with the Chechen people suffering under the yoke of the Putin regime and its local lackey Kadyrov. The Chechen people have been nationally oppressed for most of the time since the Caucasus was conquered by Russia in the 19th century. They demonstrated their desire to separate from Russia twice after the collapse of Stalinism in 1991. In two heroic civil wars in 1994-96 and 1999-2009, the Chechen people fought for an independent state. Russian imperialism was able to ultimately defeat these liberation struggles only with the most barbaric methods and heavy losses among its own army. It is estimated that the two wars have resulted in the killing of hundreds of thousands of Chechens (out of a total population of Chechnya of little more than one million people!) and the displacement of the majority of the population!

6. The RCIT remains committed to the support for the liberation struggle of the Syrian workers and poor peasants. We call the workers and popular organization around the world to launch a powerful international campaign in solidarity with the Syrian Revolution!

*Defend Idlib - Defeat Assad and the Russian-Iranian Occupiers!
Don't Let Idlib Die!
Freedom for Chechnya!*

...for Energy...

Publications of the RCIT in Arab Language



China / Hong Kong: The Beginning of the Counterrevolution

The new National Security Law represents a full-scale assault on democratic rights by the Stalinist-Capitalist regime!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 1 July 2020

1. On 30 June, the so-called *National Security Law* imposed by the Stalinist-Capitalist regime came into effect. This law gives the regime free hand to terrorize and smash any oppositional forces. The new law, in its own words, aims at “*preventing, suppressing and imposing punishment for the offences of secession, subversion, organisation and perpetration of terrorist activities, and collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security in relation to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.*” (Article 1) The law considers as “*subversion*”, among others, any acts aimed at “*overthrowing or undermining the basic system of the People’s Republic of China (...); overthrowing the body of central power of the People’s Republic of China or the body of power of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; seriously interfering in, disrupting, or undermining the performance of duties and functions in accordance with the law by the body of central power of the People’s Republic of China or the body of power of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.*” (Article 22) Furthermore, the law considers as “*terrorist activities*”, among other, “*sabotage of means of transport, transport facilities, electric power or gas facilities, or other combustible or explosive facilities; serious interruption or sabotage of electronic control systems for providing and managing public services such as water, electric power, gas, transport, telecommunications and the internet; or other dangerous activi-*

ties which seriously jeopardise public health, safety or security.” (Article 24) For all these “*crimes*”, people can face many years of imprisonment. (All quotes are from the official English language translation of the law, published by the state news agency Xinhua, <http://www.ecns.cn/news/politics/2020-07-01/detail-ifzxrvc0874078.shtml>)

2. This means that under this new law any organization which openly rejects the Stalinist-capitalist system can be persecuted for “*subversion*” because it would be “*undermining the basic system of the People’s Republic of China*”. Likewise, any group which has links to international organizations (like various socialist and trade union associations in Hong Kong) can be accused of “*subversion*”. Any blockade of public transport or any street blockade can be persecuted as “*terrorist activities*”. The same is true for holding larger public assemblies which supposedly would “*jeopardise public health*” as the ruling class in China as we as all over the world claim in times of the global counter-revolutionary COVID-19 hysteria.

3. This law is a full-blown attack on the democracy movement in Hong Kong. It is obvious that the regime tries to smash the opposition with full force. It arrested already 300 people on the first day after the law came into effect. Undoubtedly many more will follow. An editorial of the regime’s mouthpiece *Global Times* openly boasts that

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

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

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

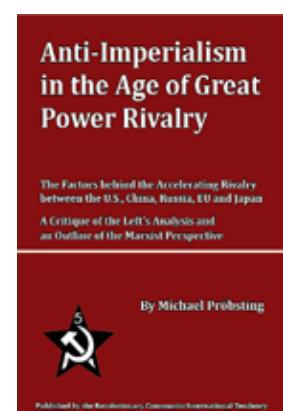
Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is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

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

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

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

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.



Beijing will be undeterred by mass protests on the streets. "The few die-hard radical forces in Hong Kong should be warned that the national security law could never be overthrown by mobilizing enough people to protest in the streets as they did with the extradition bill last year." (National security law will be new start for HK: Global Times editorial, 29.6.2020) No one should have any doubt: this is the beginning of the counterrevolution in Hong Kong by which the Stalinist-Capitalist regime hopes to annihilate any opposition! We warned already in the RCIT statement of 24 May that "the whole purpose of [the law] is to provide a legal basis for the regime's repression apparatus to invade Hong Kong and to brutally crush the pro-democracy popular movement." In other words, the stakes are very high! For more than one year there have been regular mass demonstrations and occupations of universities by the workers and youth. This has provoked a kind of local dual power situation in Hong Kong. Now the dictatorship wants to finish off this popular uprising with brute force.

4. The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) reiterates its solidarity with the workers and youth of Hong Kong. Naturally, as revolutionaries and socialist we have profound political differences with various bourgeois and petty-bourgeois forces which play a role in this mass movement. Neither do we share the demand of secession of Hong Kong from China which has been raised by a minority within this movement. However, first, the mass movement of the last 12 months has brought millions of people on the streets fighting for the defense of fundamental democratic rights. This movement has never been an artificial product of this or that political party but rather a spontaneous popular uprising. Secondly, revolutionaries oppose the Stalinist-Capitalist dictatorship and defend oppositional forces – irrespective of profound political differences – against its repression.

5. It is urgent that the international workers and popular movement stands up now in solidarity with the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. Such an international solidarity movement must denounce the repression

by the dictatorship. Unsurprisingly, any solidarity with the workers and youth of Hong Kong will be sabotaged and denounced by Stalinist forces and social-imperialist friends of the Beijing regime. This shows once more that any consistent struggle for international socialism must include the struggle against the reactionary influence of Stalinism and pro-Eastern social-imperialism within the workers and popular mass organizations.

6. Such an international solidarity movement must equally oppose any aggression by Western imperialist powers which opportunistically try to utilize the crisis in Hong Kong in order to legitimize sanctions and military threats. Socialists must oppose all imperialist Great Powers (the U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan). They must not take any side in the global rivalry between the Great Powers. Hence, we reiterate what we said in the last our statement on Hong Kong: "The RCIT calls pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong to place no trust whatsoever in the corrupt and reactionary Trump Administration. Any statement in sympathy for the U.S. or any call for support can only discredit the opposition in the eyes of the popular masses in China and other countries." Likewise, any international solidarity movement must also reject any anti-Chinese chauvinism of Western rivals.

7. The RCIT calls on activists to join us in building a revolutionary party, both in China and globally, based on an international and socialist perspective!

* Defeat the National Security Law!

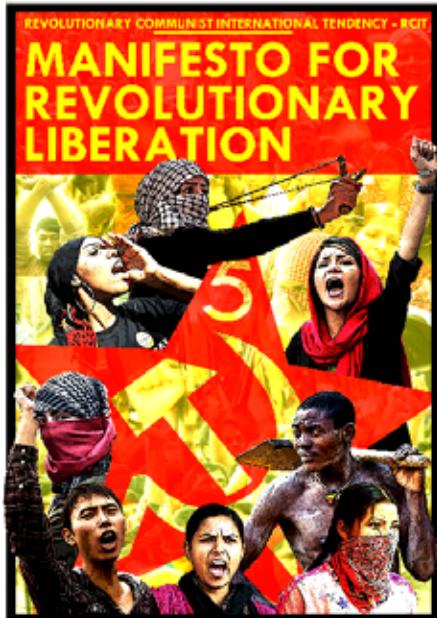
* Down with the Pseudo-“Communist” Capitalist Dictatorship in Beijing!

* Neither Washington nor Beijing! Against all imperialist Great Powers!

* For a Workers and Poor Peasants Republic in China! For a Socialist Federation in East Asia as a first step to a socialist world!

* Long live the international solidarity of the working class and the oppressed!

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Manifesto for Revolutionary Liberation

Adopted at the 1st World Congress of the RCIT in October 2016

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Defeat Trump's Paramilitary Gangs!

General strike and self-defense committees to defend the popular uprising in the U.S.!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 July 2020

1. Since more than a week, President Trump's Administration is deploying hundreds of federal agents against protestors in Portland. Dressed in camouflage and tactical gear, these paramilitary gangs have taken to the streets in unmarked vans, seizing and detaining protesters and unleashing tear gas. They attack demonstrators every night who continue undeterred their protests against racism and police violence. Yesterday, the federal agents even gassed Ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city. On 20 July, Trump threatened similar actions in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, Oakland and other cities.

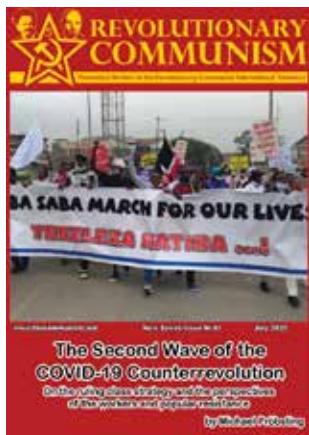
2. There should be no doubt: this is a cynical attempt to launch a civil war from above. Trump, representing the most reactionary sectors of the ruling class, has openly stated from the beginning that he wants to "*dominate the streets*", i.e. to smash the popular uprising with brute force. However, his plan to send the army against the mass demonstrations failed as the Pentagon, like the majority of the ruling class, considers such a civil war from above as too risky currently. Now, Trump hopes to achieve the same with Homeland Security forces loyal to him.

3. The latest events show that the spontaneous popular uprising, which began in late May after the police killing of George Floyd, continues to shape the political situation in the U.S. While this insurrection has receded in many parts of the country in the past weeks, it continues to dominate the public opinion as has been reflected in the removal of statues of racist figures and of the Confederate

flag as well as other symbolic actions.

4. As the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has explained in past statements, this spontaneous popular insurrection represents not only the most important class struggle in the U.S. since at least half a century. It is also a major global political event as it has provoked an international wave of mass mobilizations against racism and police violence. These mass protests are particularly impressive since they started in *direct violation of the reactionary Lockdown rules* imposed by the capitalist governments all over the world under the cover of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, this global wave of mass protests has broken down the counterrevolutionary state of siege – an anti-democratic attack of the ruling class which had been shamefully supported by numerous so-called "left-wing" parties and groups (the Lockdown Left).

5. It is evident that Trump deploys these paramilitary gangs in a desperate attempt to save his doomed presidency. He is hated and despised by the popular masses – particularly in the larger cities. This ultra-reactionary dumbass has hardly any chance to win the Presidential elections in November. The same holds true for his Republican Party which is also likely to experience dramatic losses at the upcoming elections for Congress. Hence, the Administration hopes to provoke civil war-like conditions in order to manipulate or delay the elections. This counter-revolutionary offensive resembles the notorious "*strategy of tensions*" deployed by ultra-reactionary and fascist forc-



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The Second Wave of the COVID-19 Counterrevolution

On the ruling class strategy in the current conjuncture, its inner contradictions and the perspectives of the workers and popular resistance

By Michael Pröbsting, July 2020

Introduction * The localized version of Lockdown policy is spreading * New information concerning severity (or not so severity) of the pandemic * Telling figures for Europe, Sweden and Ischgl * The worst pandemic in Africa? Really? * Capitalism and care homes as deadly traps for old people * The real nature of the ruling class bonapartist offensive under the cover of COVID-19 * Why is the ruling class opting for a local lockdown strategy? * Excuse: A crisis characteristic for the present period of capitalist decay * The nature and inner contradictions of the local lockdown strategy * Preparing for a new counter-revolutionary offensive * The Lockdown Left: a never ending embarrassment * The shameful example of the PSTU/LIT-CI * The imperialist aristocratism of the Lockdown Left * Building a Revolutionary World Party * Footnotes

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es in Italy in the early 1970s.

6. This development does not come as a surprise to Marxists. The RCIT has already warned in a statement on 2 June against such a "civil war from above". We explained: "*Trump considers, not without reason, that a police-military de-facto coup might be the only chance to stay in power given the economic depression, mass unemployment, and his incompetent and reckless handling of the COVID-19 pandemic (as well as of many other issues). In short, setting the country on fire might be his only chance to politically survive and this modern version of the insane Imperator Nero might be determined to go ahead.*" (United States: Is a Bloody Counterrevolution Looming?, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/north-america/is-a-bloody-counterrevolution-loomng-in-the-us/>)

7. However, as we also emphasized at that time, Trump's provocation can easily backfire. The brutal deployment of his paramilitary gangs has already provoked a popular outcry. Participation in the demonstrations in Portland increase by every night. Hundreds of women form an impressive "wall of mums" in order to protect the demonstrators against the federal agents. Under such pressure, even mayors and other politicians of the Democratic Party speak out against the deployment of these thugs in uniform. If Trump continues his civil war from above this could provoke a new massive upsurge of the popular insurrection and might even result in the opening of a revolutionary situation.

8. The RCIT repeats that it is urgent that activists *organize* the resistance. In order to defeat Trump one should not hope for the elections in November. Who knows if resp. under which conditions the election will take place. And in any case, the Democrats' Joe Biden is just another billionaire candidate who does not deserve the support of progressive workers and youth. No, Trump must be defeated on the streets! The workers and youth should strive to bring down Trump by a popular uprising. The next steps for this should be in our opinion:

a) *Organizing of popular assemblies and the formation of committees of action in workplaces, neighborhoods, schools and universities.* Such committees should decide about the demands and the course of action. They should also elect delegates so that there can be a regional and national coordination.

b) *Building of armed self-defense committees* in order to de-

fend the communities against the enemy in blue and to drive the police as much as possible out of the communities.

c) *Organizing of a general strike.* The national workers strike on 20 July ("Strike for Black Lives") with tens of thousands protesting in more than two dozen U.S. cities against racism and economic inequality has been an impressive first step.

9. Activists in the mass movement should work towards these goals. While they should have no illusions in the reformist conceptions of the leaderships of various community and popular organizations, trade unions, the DSA etc., they should demand from these forces to support such actions. At the same time, revolutionary activists need to work under their independent banner without political subordinating to such reformist leaderships.

10. We call revolutionaries in the U.S. and globally to join forces on the basis of a program of struggle. We need a Revolutionary World Party which fights for the overthrow of the capitalist exploiter system which is the basis of racism and police violence. Such a party must be free from all opportunistic trends among the so-called left, like the support for state bonapartism (like the Lockdown policy) and the reactionary support for any imperialist Great Powers (e.g. China, Russia, EU). Comrades, brothers and sisters, let us join hands in working for such a historic tasks! Join the RCIT!

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The RCIT has published a number of documents on the popular uprising in the U.S. which are compiled on a special sub-page on our website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/north-america/articles-on-uprising-after-murder-of-george-floyd/>.

We refer readers also to the RCIT's analysis of the COVID-19 crisis. Starting from 2 February we have published more than 50 documents – including a new book – which are all collected at a special sub-page in our website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/collection-of-articles-on-the-2019-corona-virus/>.

China's transformation into an imperialist power

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

By Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

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Chechnya: Rally against the Murder of Mamikhan Umarov

Report (with Pictures and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 7 July 2020, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Nearly 100 migrants from Chechnya held a rally today in Vienna (Austria) in front of the Russian embassy. They protested against the killing of the Chechen liberation fighter Mamikhan Umarov who was killed on 4 July. There can be no doubt that the murder was ordered by Kadyrov, the bloody dictator of Russian-occupied Chechnya and a loyal servant of President Putin.

Given the international significance of this murder, a large number of journalists from domestic as well as foreign media attended the rally.

The rally was led by Iskhanov Huseyn, the spokesperson of the Chechen migrant community in Austria. It was addressed by a number of Chechen speakers. Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, spoke in German as well as in English language. He denounced the brutal murder of brother Umarov and emphasized the unconditional support of the RCIT for the liberation struggle of the Chechen people.

See pictures of the rally and video clips of Michael Pröbsting's speeches here: <https://www.thecomunists.net/worldwide/europe/chechnya-rally-against-the-murder-of-mamikhan-umarov-by-the-russian-security-service/>

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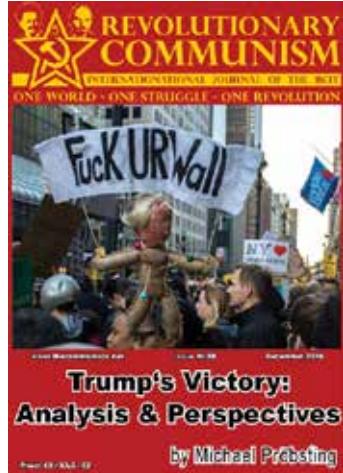
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A key statement of the RCIT on Chechnya can be read here: <https://www.thecomunists.net/worldwide/europe/solidarity-with-the-liberation-struggle-of-the-chechen-people/>



Rally in solidarity with the Chechen people (Vienna, 7.7.2020)



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By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

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Argentina: Free Sebastián Romero Now!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 6 June 2020

We have been informed by comrades in Argentina about the arrest of Sebastián Romero on 30 May by the Uruguayan authorities. He is a Trotskyist militant of the PSTU (Argentinean section of the LIT-CI). Sebastián has been persecuted politically since 18 December 2017 for having participated with thousands of Argentinean workers in a mass demonstration against the pension reform.

Argentina's former president Mauricio Macri and his Minister for Security Patricia Bullrich had demonized Sebastián Romero and his participation in the defence of a legitimate popular mobilization against police attacks. It had put a reward of one million pesos on his head. Since then he had become an iconic figure not only on the left but in the media.

The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) stands in full solidarity with Sebastián Romero, his family, friends and comrades. We denounce his arrest and demand the immediate and unconditional release!

Free Sebastián Romero Now!

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There are a number of websites and Facebook accounts which report about the ongoing activities in solidarity with Sebastián Romero. Here are a few:

<https://www.facebook.com/libertadsebastianromero/>

<https://litci.org/es/menu/mundo/latinoamerica/argenti->

<na/inmediata-libertad-a-sebastian-romero/>
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Books of the RCIT

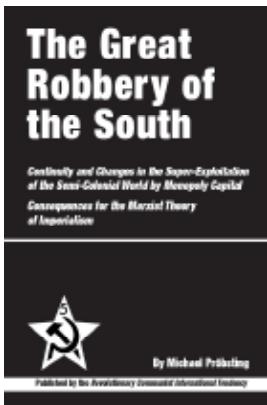
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

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

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

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

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



What the RCIT Stands for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support either side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

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

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

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

No future without socialism!

No socialism without a revolution!

No revolution without a revolutionary party!

