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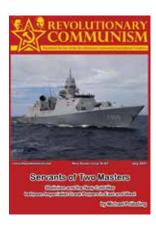
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### The Meaning of the AUKUS Pact

#### The U.S. escalates the inter-imperialist Cold War against China and provokes the EU

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 18 September 2021

- 1. The U.S., Australia and UK have announced the creation of a trilateral "strategic defense alliance" called AU-KUS. It is a military pact which shall help U.S. imperialism and its allies to control the maritime routes in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and, thereby, to dominate the South and East Asian region. It is an U.S.-led alliance which is directed against China Washington's main imperialist rival in the new Cold War. It represents another escalation in the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers and increases the danger of a major war in the Asian-Pacific region.
- 2. While many details of the new pact are not clear or have not been made public, several of its key elements are already known. Among them are that the U.S. will send more troops to Australia, that U.S. and UK warships will use Australian ports, that the three states will closely collaborate in areas such as artificial intelligence, cyber warfare, underwater capabilities, and long-range strike capabilities. In addition, the U.S. will help Australia to build nuclear-propelled submarines (until now, Britain has been the only state with which Washington has shared such technology).
- 3. What is the meaning of the AUKUS Pact? First it consolidates Britain's status as a key ally of U.S. imperialism (in contrast to the European Union). It is telling that Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, responding to a parliamentary debate, refused to rule out that his country would participate in the defense of Taiwan in case of a Chinese attack. Secondly, it also transforms Australia conclusively into a front-line state in the Cold War against China (a process which has begun a few years ago).
- Australia itself is an imperialist state of medium economic status. Its military is of no particular importance and while it might be strong enough to subjugate one or the other Pacific Island (or to torture and kill unarmed Afghans) it is no match for any Great Power. Obtaining nuclear-powered submarines is undoubtedly an important improvement for Australia's navy as such submarines have significant advantages compared to conventional diesel-powered submarines (greater speed and missile range, can stay underwater for longer, are harder to detect and can carry heavier loads). However, it will take a number of years until Australia will actually possess such submarines. Hence, the central meaning of the AUKUS Pact in the short- and middle-term is that Australia becomes a key military basis for U.S. imperialism (and its British junior partner). This is crucial for Washington because other major military bases of the U.S. suffer either from an uncertain political environment (the Philippines under Duterte) or from geographic disadvantages (the U.S. military bases in Okinawa in Japan are in very close range to China and can be easily destroyed by their missiles in case of a war).
- 5. The announcement of the AUKUS Pact had also another important consequence in world politics. It has provoked a major diplomatic conflict between the three signatories and France. This is because Australia linked the contract with the U.S. and UK on nuclear-powered submarines with cancellation of another major contract which it had signed with France in 2016. This loss is a major blow to France not only because of its financial dimension (nearly \$100 billion). It also reflects the decision of the three Anglophone powers to exclude France from its



#### **PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT**

### Servants of Two Masters

Stalinism and the New Cold War between Imperialist Great Powers in East and West

by Michael Pröbsting

A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A4 Format

Introduction \* The New Inter-Imperialist Cold War \* A View on the Military Strength of the Great Powers \* The Main Point of both Statements: Siding with Chinese and Russian Imperialism \* Stalinist Fantasies Shredded in the Light of Reality: The Rise of Chinese Imperialism \* The KKE's "criticism" and its fraternal bonds with the Chinese CP \* Beside the Servants of Assad the Butcher - Who Signed the KKE-initiated Joint Statement? \* The Xi Fan Club: Signatories of the CPUSA-initiated Joint Statement \* The Concept of Multilateralism and Peaceful Coexistence: A Reactionary Illusion \* "Socialism in One Country": The Historical Roots of the Stalinist Concept of "Peaceful Coexistence" \* Serving Two Masters: The Eastern Imperialists as well as Sectors of the Domestic Bourgeoisie \* A Note on the tight-lipped "Trotskyists" (CWI, IMT, ISA) \* Conclusions \* Footnotes

policy in the Asia-Pacific. It is therefore hardly surprising that the French government is infuriated. In response, Paris has not only expressed its outrage in strong terms but also recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the United States – an unprecedented diplomatic step between Western states.

- It is symbolic that the diplomatic rift between the U.S. and France has taken place on the same day when the European Union published a policy paper titled the "E.U. Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific". In this document, the EU emphasizes its focus on the South and East Asian region with the aim of strengthening and expanding economic relations. For this purpose, the EU wants to establish an "enhanced naval presence in the Indo-Pacific" so that its navy can "protect the sea lines of communication and freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific while boosting Indo-Pacific partners' capacity to ensure maritime security." The EU does not intend to follow blindly the U.S. strategy of Cold War and full confrontation against China. It rather wants to implement a middle course of "multifaceted engagement with China," cooperating on issues of common interest while "pushing back where fundamental disagreement exists with China, such as on human rights." In short, the recent events plus the disaster of the U.S. in Afghanistan a few weeks ago could mark a turning point in the policy of the EU, steering it towards a foreign policy of acting as an independent imperialist Great Power which does not subordinate itself to Washington.
- 7. In summary, the AUKUS Pact represents an important step of the U.S. (and its Anglophone allies) in the escalation of the Cold War against China. Furthermore, it deepens the divisions between the U.S. and the European Union. As the RCIT has emphasized since years, the struggle for domination of South and East Asia is a key issue in the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers. This region is home of the fastest growing and by now the largest economy in the world. It has a combined share of 34.9% of global output, 32.4% of world imports and 33.1% of world exports. All prognoses of bourgeois economists agree that South and East Asia's share in the world economy will continue to grow significantly in the next 1-2 decades. In other words, no Great Power can control the world without controlling South and East Asia. It is therefore not

surprising that the UK national security adviser, Sir Stephen Lovegrove, has emphasized that the AUKUS Pact is about more than a class of submarine, describing the pact as "perhaps the most significant capability collaboration in the world anywhere in the past six decades".

- These developments confirm once more our warning that we are living in a period in which the decay of the capitalist world system inevitable provokes an acceleration of the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers (U.S., China, EU, Russia and Japan). As we have stated in the recently published RCIT-Manifesto, it is the task of socialists to "take a consistent and intransigent approach against all imperialist powers based on the Bolshevik program of "revolutionary defeatism." We say: Down with all imperialist Great Powers - whether the US, China, Russia, EU, or Japan! The defeat of the imperialist "fatherland" is the lesser evil! In any political, economic, or military conflict between these Great Powers, the workers' movement must not give support to any of them. Revolutionaries say in the tradition of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg: The Main Enemy is at Home! Turn the guns around against the ruling class!"
- 9. Hence, revolutionaries have to fight not only against all forms of militarism, imperialist "patriotism" and chauvinist war-mongering but also against "leftwing" parties which support one or the other imperialist power. In Europe, various Stalinist and left-populist parties have been part of imperialist governments (e.g. the PCF in France, SYRIZA in Greece, PCE and PODEMOS in Spain). The Japanese JCP is a long-time advocate of territorial claims of Japanese imperialism against all neighboring countries. Numerous Stalinist and Bolivarian parties from Venezuela to Russia and South Korea support Chinese imperialism and whitewash its Stalinist-capitalist regime as "socialist".
- 10. A new Revolutionary World Party can only be built in consistent struggle against all imperialist Great Powers as well as against their social-imperialist lackeys within the workers and popular mass organizations. We call all socialists to join the RCIT in the struggle to build such a new International fighting for socialist revolution on all continents!

International Bureau of the RCIT



### Publications of the RCIT

# The Inter-Imperialist Cold War between the US and China

By Michael Pröbsting, March 2021

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

Introduction \* A symbolic public row \* Two thieves as upholders of moral standards \* Escalating the conflict between China and Japan \* The Quad Summit \* Inter-Imperialist tensions in the Taiwan Strait \* Unavoidable continuation and acceleration of inter-imperialist rivalry \* Continuing doing business \* Towards escalation on the Korean Peninsula? \* "Fuck the EU" and Russia, again? \* Confirmation of the Marxist analysis \* Footnotes

### Afghanistan and the humiliating defeat of the Imperial Eagle

By Claudio Colombo, Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina), 11 September 2021

The fall of the Twin Towers gave rise to a great discussion, since from various sectors the Yankee government was accused of having provoked it, by means of a controlled explosion or by letting the "terrorists" act. Beyond speculation, it is a fact that George Bush (Jr.) used what happened to impose the "Patriotic Act" -which restricted democratic rights- and deploy imperialist troops in Afghanistan and other countries.

The Patriot Act, whose meaning is "Act to unite and strengthen America by providing the appropriate tools required to prevent and hinder terrorism", was approved by an overwhelming majority by both the House of Representatives and the US Senate, and was later enacted. by the President of the United States George W. Bush, on October 26, 2001.

In this way, the owners of the world undertook a huge and unprecedented counterrevolutionary offensive to crush the mass movement, liquidate competitors and consolidate the businesses of the big monopolies. The "locomotive" that dragged the whole of the Yankee big bourgeoisie was the so-called "Military Industrial Complex", which groups together dozens of companies linked to the war industry, such as Boeing and Loockeed Martin.

However, this policy, which was mounted with the strategic objective of destroying productive forces, as in the world wars, did not prosper. The capitalist crisis, which deepened together with the workers' and popular rebellions, flared up again in 2005, with the fall of the large fi-

nancial institutions, which were sustained by a gigantic "bailout" plan. The funds allocated to it, gave rise to the largest financial "bubble" in history, which pushed the planet into a new recession, between 2018 and 2019.

Not having the same strength and authority as in 2001, imperialism changed the warlike policy for what we have called "Covid Counterrevolution." The main world leaders exaggerated the dangerousness of the virus to impose a new version of the Patriotic Act, limiting rights and demobilizing the working class. however, this policy is losing steam, because less than a year after it was launched, the rebellions reappeared.

It is no coincidence that 20 years after the invasion of Afghanistan, this territory was the place where the Yankees suffered the second most humiliating military defeat in their history, an event from which a new period in the class struggle has begun. The world will never return to its old "normality": we are entering a stage of wars and revolutions never seen before, with great opportunities for those of us who hold the banners of Socialism!

In this context, our task is to collaborate with the construction of a new revolutionary political leadership, which intends to dispute the leadership of the working class and the peoples in struggle throughout the planet. There are more than optimal conditions to face this challenge! From the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, with sections on four continents, of which CS is a part, is working for that.

### **Books of the RCIT**

# 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.

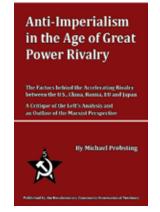
In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

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 prob-

lems 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.



### Nigeria: Boko Haram vs Taliban

#### What Does the Fall of Kabul Mean for the Nigerian Masses?

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard, Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 25th August, 2021

The victory of the Taliban in Afghanistan has spread fears of a similar takeover by groups like ISWAP/Boko Haram in Nigeria and understandably so since both Boko Haram and the Taliban are Islamist groups.¹ However even with such similarities as subscription to political Islamism there are still significant differences between the Taliban and Boko Haram/ISWAP in Nigeria.

First, anyone who has made tangible findings into recent activities of the Taliban, at least, in the period of the 20 year war will find that they have most times been at loggerheads with Daesh/IS, a former ally of Boko Haram and the mother section of ISWAP.<sup>2</sup> Daesh/IS even tried to blackmail the puritanical authenticity of the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan as a secret agreement with the US government but the disturbing scenes at Kabul airport make this allegation highly unlikely.

An inquiry into the cause of the repeated clashes between the Taliban and Daesh the long time mentor of Boko Haram and the mother section of ISWAP leads us to a second would be difference — varying brands of Islamist ideologies. Scholars largely agree that the Taliban originates from a version of political Islamism which accommodates reason, rationality and science even though the overall groundnorm is the establishment of an Islamic theocracy. In contrast, Boko Haram/ISWAP like Daesh/IS subscribe to the most extreme forms of Wahhabi-Salafism which rejects any changes or innovation into what it calls "pure Islam" and treats all those who do not adhere to this version as infidels deserving only of execution.<sup>3</sup>

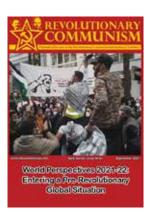
Some sources classify both the Taliban and groups like Boko Haram, ISWAP, as Salafists or even Wahhabi-Salafists probably in order to promote or justify the "war on terror" of Western imperialism. What is clear however is the concensus that the Taliban and Boko Haram/ISWAP have different Islamic ideologies and that Boko Haram, ISWAP just like their older counterpart Daesh practices a more extreme form of radical Islamism.

These differences do not give a concrete enough characterization of these groups and certainly cannot provide the correct orientation of revolutionaries towards them. They in most cases aid the understanding of the role of these forces in world politics. Let us note in passing that the Taliban are a more national force which seeks to gain control over limited regions like Afghanistan, Pakistan etc. Whereas Boko Haram and ISWAP seek to continue the conquest of vast regions throughout West Africa as a continuation of the campaign of Uthman Dan Fodio that vanquished the Hausa kingdoms in the 19th century. This is consistent in a way with the goal of global domination of Daesh.

It is because the Taliban have only risen or become prominent as a force for defense against foreign domination, has their methods been relatively moderate. This is why at present they have not expressed any goal for world domination. Their posture as a national resistance movement was formed from more organic national (read *Pashtun, Ta-jik*) traditions affords them a relatively less extreme practice.

Not so for Boko Haram/ISWAP which are the auxiliary forces or alternate base of the most powerful section of the Nigerian ruling class— the northern oligarchs. The main objective, nay, the only choice left, for this faction of the Nigerian ruling class is expand and dominate other nations and their counterparts in these nations. The hatchet men for this job have so far been Boko Haram/ISWAP and their more white-washed subsidiaries like the Fulani herdsmen and the so called Bandits.

While the Taliban is at the head of an anti-imperialist



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

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

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

struggle against the US, the leader of the Western powers. Boko Haram and ISWAP are in alliance with imperialist proxies in Nigeria.

Revolutionaries support physically and militarily all genuine anti-imperialist forces irrespective of the type of leadership they have but refuse any political support to their reactionary leaderships. This is because the defeat of imperialist forces boosts the morale of the local forces especially the progressive ones. It also makes the workers of the imperialist countries lose sympathy for their government and fight for its overthrow.

Due to the gradual but systematic advance of the Taliban over the years the US has attempted to form a coalition government composed of the Taliban and its puppet Ghani government rather than totally disband the Taliban as many believe. This is why Donald Trump had talks with the Taliban and the same thing the Biden administration.<sup>4</sup> A move like this by the US reveals clearly that the conflict between the Taliban and the US was never one between Islamic absolutism and democracy. Neither was it between "Sharia" and human rights but a war of domination by Western big business. In any case, this plan has ended in a fiasco because of the total distrust of the Afghan people and military in the Ghani government and its Western paymasters.

It is not impossible for Boko Haram/ISWAP to takeover Nigeria, however difficult it maybe it is still not impossible. The foregoing thus shows that the double standard of Western imperialism means that they cannot be the salvation of the masses in Nigeria. Furthermore, Russia and China cannot play this role as they too have served as the extra tyre for the Nigerian ruling class when the patrons of these terrorist groups reach conflicting deadends with their Western masters. Moreover, the Great Powers recognise the link between Boko Haram/ISWAP and the Northern oligarchs who are the guard dogs preventing the complete disintegration of Nigeria as a country. So the only conflict they have with the northern hegemony borders on the extent and methods of northern dominance not the

dominance itself.

In conclusion, it is important to reiterate that the historical role of the Taliban in Afghanistan especially in the last 20 years is a national resistance movement against Western imperialism while the campaign of Boko Haram/ISWAP is in the concrete historical sense in service of imperialism. Although socialists oppose all forms of theocratic dictatorship with all its limitations to human rights, it is these concrete historical roles that translate into meaningful differences in their Islamist ideologies. Thus the victory of the Taliban in Kabul and of Boko Haram/ISWAP in Abuja can never be on the same pale.

Rather the fall of Kabul shows that a victory of the Nigerian workers and oppressed over Boko Haram/ISWAP, the Nigerian ruling class and world imperialism is possible. All those who see ousting the Buhari regime and independence for the oppressed ethnic nationalities of the south as an insurmountable task on account of the backing the Nigerian state enjoys from superpowers has been proven wrong by the defeat of the corrupt Ghani government and imperialism in Afghanistan. The historic importance of the fall of Kabul is that neither loans, airstrikes nor nuclear weapons, can stand in the way of a people determined to be free!

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### **RCIT AFRICA PROGRAM**

### Manifesto for the Revolutionary Liberation of Black Africa

Adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## Nigeria: On the State of the National Liberation Struggle in the South

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard, Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 16th September, 2021

The hubbub surrounding the recent passing into law of the bill which gives Lagos state government the powers to collect Value Added Tax (VAT) instead of the Federal government and moves by the Rivers state government to do same confirms our 5 months old position:

"...the national conflicts have crossed a Rubicon because just like the capitalist chaos that threw them up it will be nearly impossible to return to pre-crisis normal. In this case both the oppressor nations of the far north and the oppressed ethnic nationalities of the south are determined to change the balance of forces forever."

This is further seen as more Southern states have begun passing Anti-Grazing laws. Similarly, the rejection of the Anti-Grazing laws and state collection of VAT by various northern groups and political figures especially with the strengthening of Sharia in Zamfara states proves this further as we have said in the past:

"However, such conquest and national oppression has reached such a climax due to the peaking crises of the capitalist system. The present chaotic dispensation of the capitalist system exacerbates other tensions upon which the system of exploitation is founded, part of this is national oppression. So not only do the oppressor Hausa-Fulani alliance of the far north have no other choice than to step up operations for their conquest, but the southern ruling class also finds it extremely difficult to continue to collude with the northern cabals. Hence, more notable figures of the southern ruling class have begun to campaign, albeit, in the reactionary ways for a Nigeria where the North has significantly less control."

"Only a handful of left wing forces reserve a correct assessment of the nature of the crises, even less are able to give limited support to the national movements or agitators. In essence, this means leaving the leadership of the movement for equality across all ethnic nationalities to petty bourgeois-liberal or even outrightly bourgeois forces like the governors of the southern states."<sup>2</sup>

Even with the betrayal of the southern state governments where they openly disowned the more grassroots movements calling for self-determination in the region and despite the cold feet of many left wing and intellectual forces. The militant organizations which have spear headed the national liberation struggle of the southern ethnic nationalities have not totally backed down.

This can be seen in the sit-at-home boycotts in the South Eastern part of the country declared by the IPOB especially during Buhari's visit two weeks ago to Imo state.<sup>3</sup> Yoruba immigrants have also continued demonstrations for

an independent Oduduwa Republic in the UK, the most recent of which the erstwhile leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn was at the scene.<sup>4</sup>

#### Some Thoughts on the Sit-At-Home Boycotts in Biafra

There are already signs of discontent with what critics call the incessant sit-at-home boycotts ever since the arrest and arraignment of Nnamdi Kanu, IPOB's leader. These critics often point out the fact that the East is a region largely based on petty trade and retail where the many indigenes get their source of income from local markets especially that large Eastern cities like Onitsha are commercial centers. The boycotts they say is cutting the income of the average Easterner.<sup>5</sup>

It goes without saying that for any form of social change to be achieved sacrifices must be made. However what these criticism reflect is that the IPOB cannot continue to be run by a group of commandos giving orders to the rank and file who turn enforce it throughout the region. At the same time it means that the defensive posture of the IPOB can no longer be sustained.

If the operations of the IPOB have become unsustainable at this stage it can only be saved by making their activities the product of mass-based discussion. This can only be done by the thorough democratisation of the organization and goes hand in hand with involving other structures of the oppressed working class. This does not mean a dissolution of the existing structures such as the ESN it only means putting them under the democratic control of the members of the organization. This does not also mean that the IPOB should do nothing until the labour unions call for a strike or rally, on the other hand, it implies that the national liberation movements cannot be fully successful without workers power.

#### More on the Effects of the Taliban's Victory

There seems to be an acceleration in the cases of attacks by ISWAP, Bandits, most linking it to the victory of the Taliban in Afghanistan. However true this maybe the fall of Kabul and the expansion of ISWAP have different ends. Hence for the following reasons while the one is basically an anti-imperialist national force, the other is a reactionary body which further consolidates the imperialist grip on Nigeria.

First the past decade is full of reports of covert sponsors of Boko Haram/ISWAP in the Nigerian government. Even

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the former president Goodluck Jonathan made mention of them. These sponsors have more or less being servants of Western powers. Not so for the Taliban after the US invasion of 2001, rather the US empowered the Mujahedeen warlords who were overthrown by the Taliban in the '90's. So the possibility of the Taliban having sponsors in the Coalition government is very slim.

The Taliban built over the period of 20 years its popularity and base amongst the masses and oppressed. No wonder it took over the capital with much ease.<sup>6</sup> The only group of which the same can be said is the IPOB judging from the recent sit at home boycotts in which there is near total compliance throughout all 5 States of the south-east.

While we condemn the dictatorial methods of the IPOB and the policies of female subjugation of the Taliban. We note in passing that these groups have a positive effect on other layers of the society. For instance, Hamas and Hezbollah were not only jubilant but also congratulated the Taliban for their victory. Similarly, demonstrations by the IPOB boosts the morale of other groups such as other oppressed southern ethnic nationalities and vice versa. Moreso these groups now call for independence for Biafra as Biafra does for them.

Many leftists ignore these peculiarities out arrogance or absurdity. They classify the Taliban with ISWAP and crown the list of what they refer to as barbarism with the IPOB and the Yoruba Nation agitators. To them whatever is not bourgeois democratic; whatever is does not resemble liberalism; in short whatever is not in the image of their colonial masters can only be barbaric or a descent to savagery.

For us, Sharia should be practiced by voluntary adherents not by force. It must also be practiced without limiting the powers of secular laws in the region where the adherents live.

It is not enough to emphasize how anti-masses or antipeople VAT is, the national inequality that pervades the system must also be addressed.

Free Nnamdi Kanu! Free Sunday Igboho! Release and Drop All Charges Against Sunday Igboho's Aides and All Persons Arrested In Connection With Secessionist Movements!

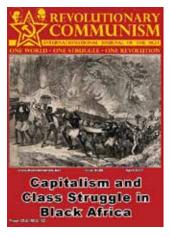
Democratise IPOB for the Workers and Masses to Run! Turn the ESN and all armed wings of the Liberation Struggles to Self Defense Militias for the People! Fight for Independence for the Southern Ethnic Nationalities!

Defeat ISWAP & The Fulani Bandits! For an Indefinite General Strike to Bring Down the Buhari Regime!

Throw the Southern Bourgeoisie Out of Power! For Workers and Poor Peasant Republics in the South As A Step Towards Socialism in West Africa!

#### **Footnotes**

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## Occupied Palestine: The Gilboa Prison Break and the Heroic Resistance of Jenin

#### Occupied Palestine: The Gilboa Prison Break and the Heroic Resistance of Jenin

By Yossi Schwartz, International Socialist League (Section of the RCIT in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 08.09.2021

There is speculation that the six Palestinian political prisoners that escaped the Gilboa prison are in Jenin. This article tells the story of Jenin's refugee camp in the framework of the new intifada.

As a result of the ethnic cleansing of 1947-48 by the Zionists in their drive to establish a large state with a Jewish majority, around 900,000 Palestinians became refugees. There are 58 Palestine refugee camps located in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Gaza, and the West Bank. The camps were first established as temporary tented cities for Palestine refugees. There are 19 Palestine refugee camps throughout the West Bank. Around 200,000 refugees live in these camps (almost a quarter of the total registered persons with UNRWA).

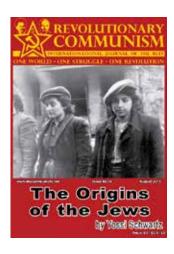
In these camps from 2,500 to 30,000 people live in over-crowding, poor infrastructure, high levels of unemployment, food insecurity, raids by the Zionist soldiers, and by the PA "security forces" that collaborate with the Zionist state. These are the camps in the West Bank: Aida Camp, Am'ari camp, Aqbat Jabr Camp, Arroub Camp, Askar Camp, Balata Camp, Beit Jibrin Camp, Camp No. 1 Camp Deir 'Ammar Camp, Dheisheh Camp. Ein el-Sultan Camp, Far'a Camp, Fawwar Camp, Jalazone Camp, Jenin Camp, Kalandia Camp. Nur Shams Camp, Shu'fat Camp, Tulkarm Camp.

Jenin camp is the northern part of the West Bank. It was established in 1953 after the original camp in the area that was established in 1948, was destroyed in a snowstorm. Jenin camp was very central in the second intifada. In 2002, the Zionist military occupied the camp after ten days of intensive fighting. The Zionist army destroyed more than 400 houses, damaged hundreds more, and displacing more than a quarter of the camp's population. We will never know how many Palestinians were massacred in Jenin in 2002.

According to Yvonne Ridley, a journalist of the Middle East Monitor who managed to enter the refugees camp shortly after the massacre: "In mid-April 2002, the "Israel Defence Forces" (IDF) scrambled to hide one of its biggest war crimes of this century in the occupied West Bank: Israeli soldiers

killed at least 52 Palestinians in the Jenin refugee camp. Having completed their killing spree between 1 and 11 April at the height of the Second (Al-Aqsa) Intifada, IDF troops would have left but for one thing: how could they cover up the killing of 52 people and hide the evidence of a massacre? Those in charge of so-called Operation Defensive Shield decided to enforce a siege so tight that no one, despite global protests, could get past Israel's ring of steel; it was a total lockdown. It lasted for weeks while the Israeli government did its best to keep journalists and human rights observers away from the Palestinian city in the occupied West Bank. The US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, Speaking from — ironically — the King David Hotel in Jerusalem where Zionist terrorists had planted a bomb and killed 91 people in 1946, said that he saw "no evidence" of a massacre. By 23 April Powell was back in Washington briefing senators: "Right now, I've seen no evidence of mass graves and I've seen no evidence that would suggest a massacre took place." He wasn't lying, of course, because he never went to Jenin, so could not have "seen" the evidence even if he had wanted to.... The Prime Minister of Israel at the time was Ariel Sharon who, as Minister of Defence, had "personal responsibility" for the IDF's complicity in the Sabra and Shatila massacre of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon in 1982. He told the world that "only" terrorists had died in Jenin, but I saw the bodies of the dead being pulled from the rubble, including children, women, and a man in a wheelchair; they were no reasonable person's idea of "terrorists". In their bid to cover up the massacre, the Israelis buried many of the bodies under buildings demolished by a bulldozer; some were still alive when the bulldozer moved in." [1]

Mohammed Bakri, a prominent Palestinian actor citizen of Israel produced a movie on the massacre by the name "Jenin Jenin" which is testimonies indicating that a massacre had indeed occurred. Bakri gave voice to the perspective of Palestinians which would not reach the media due to the sealing of the city by the Zionist murderers. After a few screenings, the film was banned by the Israeli Film Ratings Board on the ground that it was libelous and might offend the public. In November 2016, Israeli army reserve officer Nissim Magnagi sued Bakri for defamation. While the previous defamation suit had been dismissed



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### The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

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on account of the plaintiffs not being specifically identified in the film, Magnagi was found to have had a legal basis for a defamation suit as he had appeared in the film. In January 2021, the court accepted Magnagi's defamation claim and restored the ban on the film. Bakri was ordered to pay NIS 175,000 in compensation to Magnagi as well as NIS 50,000 in legal expenses. [2]

The Jewish Bible tells us of the story of King Achav who killed Navot and took his vineyard as well. On this mortal sin, the bible says: "Have You Murdered And Also Inherited?!" [3]

The escape of the six political prisoners from the Zionist jail (Gilboa) and the failure of the Zionist oppressive army is encouraging the resistance of the Palestinians.

"A solidarity event has been called to take place in the center of Ramallah to "support the prisoners" who have escaped from Gilboa Prison, according to a report from (the Zionist daily) Maariv. There are also planned marches and rallies taking place across the West Bank, including in Nablus, Hebron, and Bethlehem, the Safa Press Agency reported, as well as in Gaza. Palestinian factions have been calling on people to stand against IDF troops deployed at the prisons in the West Bank, according to the Palestinian Information Center. Loudspeakers in a large number of West Bank mosques call for people to take to the streets to participate in marches in support of prisoners after sunset prayers, and to head towards Israeli checkpoints and seam points to confront the occupation." [4]

In Jenin, the refugee camp is ready to defend the prisoner Zakaria Zubeidi whose family is in Jenin where his mother and brother were murdered by the Zionist brutes.

"If Zakaria Zubeidi, one of the six security prisoners who escaped from Gilboa Prison, returns to the Jenin Refugee Camp, Israel will never be able to capture him, masked gunmen and political activists said on Tuesday. "If Zakaria returns to his home in the camp, everyone here will protect him," his uncle, Jamal,

said as three masked gunmen belonging to the camp's "monitor unit" set up a makeshift checkpoint at the entrance to the Jenin Refugee Camp. "The camp is the safest place for Zakaria to be in," he added. "Look how many people are on the streets to stop the Israeli army from entering the camp." [5]

Thus. it seems that a full new intifada is ready to break out. The Zionists have now two options: to admit a failure in catching the escaped political prisoners which will encourage the uprising or face a battle in various places in the West Bank and Gaza. Any way they choose they have lost the immediate battle.

At the same time, the political prisoners in other prisons are rebelling:"Prisoners at Ketziot set fire to cells after attempts to move PIJ members between facilities; unrest reported at other facilities; new restrictions come after Monday's jailbreak" [6]

We of the RCIT fully support unconditionally the Palestinians fighting for their liberation!

Down with the Zionist apartheid!

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

Free all Palestinian political prisoners!

Destroy the fence in Gaza - break the siege!

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### **Books of the RCIT**

### Yossi Schwartz: The Zionist Wars

#### A History of the Zionist Movement and Imperialist Wars

In *The Zionist Wars* Yossi Schwartz gives an overview about the process of Zionist colonialization of Palestine as well as the resistance of the indigenous Arab population. He deals in detail with the popular struggles of the Palestinians against their expulsion by the Zionists. *The Zionist Wars* elaborates in detail the character of Israel's military campaigns in 1948 and the following decades which resulted in the expulsion of large parts of the Palestinian population. These wars were also crucial to implement the imperialist subjugation of the Arab countries.

However, as Yossi Schwartz elaborates, the Zionist state has passed its peak already some time ago which has been demonstrated by its failed military campaigns in Lebanon as well as in Gaza.

In *The Zionist Wars* the author also discusses in much detail the program of the communist movement on the Palestinian question. He shows the adaptation and finally capitulation of Stalinism to the Zionist project – culminating in massive arms shipments for the Israeli forces during the War of 1948.

In this book Yossi Schwartz elaborates the analyses and conclusions of Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International for the libera-

tion of Palestine. He also discusses the strength and weakness of his successors in dealing with the Zionist state and the Arab liberation struggle against it.

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### **Occupied Palestine: Freedom Road**

By Yossi Schwartz, International Socialist League (Section of the RCIT in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 06.09.2021

Preedom Road was a 1979 American TV historical drama mini-series starring boxer Muhammad Ali and Kris Kristofferson, based on the 1944 novel by Howard Fast.

This movie comes to mind because six Palestinian freedom fighters managed to escape from a Zionist high-security facility in pre-1967 northern Israel – the Gilboa prison – early on Monday. This was another defeat for the Israeli Apartheid state after a Zionist killer, Barel Shmueli, was shot at the fence through the same hole in the fence he used to shoot protesting children on the Gaza border. This incident happened during a Palestinian protest marking the 52nd anniversary of the burning of the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Aug. 21 by an Australian Zionist. In Israel, he is considered a hero. He is dead and freedom lovers do not have one tear for him.

According to the Zionist media reports the men, who likely shared the same prison cell, escaped through a tunnel that was dug from below a toilet in the cell, from which the prisoners crawled their way to freedom. They used a rusty spoon that they hid behind a poster to dig the tunnel.

The Zionist Police, soldiers, the Shin Bet, and sniffer dogs have failed so far to catch the Palestinian political prisoners. The prisoners included Zakariye Zubeidi, 46, a former Fatah party leader in the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and five Palestinian Islamic Jihad members serving life sentences for involvement in the Palestinian Intifada of the early 2000s. They are: Monadel Yacoub Nafe'at, 26, Yaqoub Qassem, Yaqoub Mahmoud Qadri, 49, Ayham Nayef Kamanji, 35, and Mahmoud Abdullah Ardah, 46.

Most likely they are escaping to Jenin where the Palestinian Authority lost control and where Palestinians in recent weeks have confronted the forces of the Zionist occupation and repression. Zakariye Zubeidi's mother and brother were murdered by the Zionist soldiers who raided the Jenin refugee camp, where the family lives.

"Some Palestinians and Western journalists referred to Zubeidi back then as the "Sheriff of Jenin" because the armed group he led was considered more influential than the PA. According to Palestinian and Israeli sources, Zubeidi survived at least four assassination attempts by Israel." [1]

"The Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian groups, including Hamas and the ruling Fatah faction, welcomed the escape of the "heroes" from prison. "In the face of this great heroic operation, we affirm the following," PIJ said. "First: We salute the six heroic prisoners who dug the earth with their nails to dispel the darkness of the cells, and dispel with it the illusions of the enemy that boasts of its powerful security measures and the strength of his fortifications. Second: The process of gaining freedom constituted a great heroic act and caused a severe shock to the Zionist security system. This operation will be added to the heroic record of our Palestinian people." [2]

The escape of the Palestinian political prisoners brings to mind the movie "Escape from Pretoria", a 2020 Australian thriller film co-written and directed by Francis Annan, based on the real-life prison escape by three political prisoners in South Africa in 1979.

Today is the Jewish New year when the Jews are reading the story of the expulsion of Hagar and her son Ismail – the father of the Arabs according to the Jewish bible and Islam. As Bradley Burston, a journalist of Haaretz, writes: "On Rosh Hashanah, Jews Everywhere Are Commanded to Mark the First Nakba" [3]

The Zionists ask themselves how this can happen to us. They still do not comprehend that this is not a mere incident. Israel is in the same place the South African apartheid was in the early 1980s.

Down with the Zionist Apartheid! Free all Palestinian political prisoners Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!

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# China's transformation into an imperialist power

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

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### Israeli Government is Afraid of Palestinian's Resistance

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 1.9.2021

Palestinian Authority, that collaborates with the Zionist state, against the Palestinian people are afraid.

In the past, the Zionist apartheid state linked the passage of goods at the Kerem Shalom Crossing and the Gaza fishing zone with the end of actions of resistance by Palestinians against Israel, including border demonstrations in which a Zionist Israeli soldier killer was killed last month. Now following more demonstrations of the people of Gaza who are mostly refugees from the ethnic cleansing of 1947-8 and who demand the end of the siege on Gaza, the Zionist state has restored the Gaza fishing zone to 15 nautical miles and reopened the main commercial crossing at Kerem Shalom because of the continuing border uprising. "Following a security assessment and approved by the political echelon, it has been decided to expand the fishing zone in the Gaza Strip to 15 nautical miles, as well as to completely open the Kerem Shalom Crossing for the passage of equipment and goods," the Office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) said on Wednesday morning." [1]

"Dozens of truckloads of construction materials were allowed into the ravaged Gaza Strip, slightly easing a crippling 14-year-old blockade on the beleaguered enclave that was further tightened since an 11-day deadly assault ended last May. The imports came days after hundreds of Palestinians in Gaza protested along the border fence with Israel to pressure it into lifting its siege and allow the reconstruction of Gaza following its relentless offensive. It also came as Palestinians launched incendiary balloons that sparked multiple fires in Israel's south." [2]

This fear sent Gantz, the minister of war, to Ramallah to find ways to support the oppressive and corrupted PA serving the Zionist state that only 14% of the people in the West Bank support while 53% support Hamas.

"A new poll released Tuesday finds a dramatic surge in Palestinian support for Hamas following last month's Gaza war, with around three quarters viewing the Islamic militants as victors in a battle against Israel to defend Jerusalem and its holy sites. The scientific poll by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research also found plummeting support for President Mahmoud Abbas, who was sidelined by the war but is seen internationally as a partner for reviving the long-defunct peace process. The poll found that 53% of Palestinians believe Hamas is "most deserving of representing and leading the Palestinian people," while only 14% prefer Abbas' secular Fatah party." [3] Some Israeli "experts" like Ksenia Svetlova ask themselves for good reasons if the West Bank will follow Afghanistan: "What are the chances that the Afghan scenario will repeat itself in the West Bank, where the Palestinian Authority government is increasingly unpopular, economic conditions are dire and public discontent is burgeoning?" [4]

Indeed the PA of Abbas is probably on its last legs: "Palestinian armed groups are increasingly becoming more visible as frustration with the Israeli military, violent settlers, and the Palestinian leadership – whose authority continues to wane – intensifies. Israel Defense Minister Benny Gantz met with Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah on Sunday night in the first top-level meeting between the two sides in10 years... The PA has also struggled to subdue the Balata refugee camp in Nablus, with numerous clashes between PA security forces and members of the Fatah-affiliated Al-Aqsa

### **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.

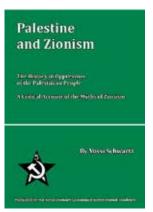
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a socialist perspective. He emphasizes that the only solution is the right of millions of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and to replace the Zionist entity with one democratic state from the river to the sea – a *Free Red Palestine* with equal civil rights to the Arabs and the Is-

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Martyrs Brigades taking place in the camp." [5]

"Hundreds of Palestinians have gathered in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah to demonstrate against President Mahmoud Abbas, hoping to inject new momentum into a protest movement sparked by the death of an outspoken critic in the custody of security forces. Palestinian security forces and groups of men in plainclothes violently dispersed a similar protest a week ago, drawing expressions of concern from the United States and the United Nations human rights chief. There were no immediate reports of violence at Saturday's demonstration." [6]

Can Israel save the PA when the Zionist apartheid state is where SA racist regime was in the 1980s?

Internationally the isolation of the Zionist apartheid is growing. According to a very interesting report by AUS-PALESTINE: "On May 13, in response to the latest Zionist attack on Gaza, two Palestinian union federations appealed for solidarity, "calling on our brothers and sisters in the trade union movement internationally to stop handling goods imported from or exported to Israel."

"On May 18, Palestinian unions helped organize a general strike observed by hundreds of thousands throughout historic Palestine. This act of mass resistance echoed the 1936 Palestinian general strike against Zionism and British colonialism that remains—at six months—the longest in world history. On May 14, Italian dockworkers refused to ship weapons to Israel, and soon after, dockworkers in Durban, South Africa refused to unload Israeli cargo. This echoed dockers in South Africa, India, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, and the U.S. who had in earlier years refused to handle Israeli cargo during Israel's aerial bombardments that have killed and maimed thousands of Palestinians."

"On May 18, the International Dockworkers Council asked "all dockworkers to show the solidarity that has been demonstrated so many times in so many conflicts. We cannot allow ourselves to be complicit in this violence by working on ships that operate war merchandise destined to massacre civilians and children. Let us not allow this to stain our name or tarnish our consciences."

This is a huge defeat for U.S. Labor Zionism that has been always supported by the American trade union bureaucracy. They have branded as "anti-Semitic" those who criticized Israel's close alliance with apartheid South Africa; and have bought huge quantities of State of Israel Bonds, which paralleled overall U.S. economic and mili-

tary support for the Israeli state. "This Labor Zionism has been coordinated by the Histadrut's U.S. mouthpiece, the Jewish Labor Committee. While painting itself as progressive, the JLC has a long history of promoting Israel, U.S. wars of empire, and racism - including the 1968 New York City teachers strike against community control of the schools, and backlash against anti-affirmative action. Led today by Retail Workers (RWDSU) president Stuart Appelbaum, the JLC mobilized late-AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and virtually all top U.S. union officials to attack BDS." [7]

This report ends with the following: "Since all of Israel is occupied Palestine, Palestinians demand decolonization and equal rights for all its inhabitants, "from the river to the sea."

We fully support this line what we have to add is that to win this struggle a working class led socialist revolution is necessary.

Down with the Zionist apartheid!

Down with the PA traitors!

For Red Free Palestine from the river to the sea!

Boycott the Zionist apartheid!

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### Publications of the RCIT in Arab Language



## Gaza: Israel Injured 41 Palestinians Demonstrating Against the Ongoing Criminal Siege

Statement by the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 24.08.2021

The Internationalist Socialist League (ISL) condemns the new right-wing government led by the ultranationalist Naphtali Bennett injuring 41 Palestinians among them 10 children and one child aged 13 who was shot in the head and died, at the fence blockading Gaza. One Zionist Border Police officer Barel Shmueli was shot in the head by a Hamas militant who had been able to approach the perimeter fence and fire a handgun into Shmueli's firing position used by him to shoot children. We do not have any tears for this killer. The Zionists are sending reinforcements that will include two units of Special Forces, an armored company, and snipers.

This Wednesday, the Palestinians of Gaza are planning more demonstrations near the fence. The Palestinians have called these demonstrations part of the new intifada "The Sword of Jerusalem shall not be sheathed".

The ISL unconditionally sides with the resistance of the oppressed Palestinians against the Zionist apartheid of the settler colonialists.

#### The Intifada Continues-the History of Gaza

"Gaza is an ancient place. "Under the Roman Empire, Gaza was both a prosperous and diverse coastal city led by a 500-member Senate, receiving grants from several different emperors. Centuries later, under the Mamluks, a Muslim dynasty, it became the capital of a province that covered areas from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula to Caesarea, a town now in northern Israel." (1) "In 1947-8 Israel drove out 900,000 Palestinians, many of them settled in Gaza. Many of them tried to return to their villages but the Israeli army shut them and in addition attacked Gaza killing many civilians. According to the Zionist historian Benny Morris probably up to 5000 Palestinian called by the Zionists"

infiltrators" were killed between 1949-1956." (2)

"In November 1956, Israel marched on Gaza. First launching military raids on refugee camps, Israel then occupied Gaza for four months, culminating in two massacres at Khan Yunis and the Rafah camps. The human cost was so high that E. L. M. Burns, the head of a special UN observer mission in Gaza, said Israel's actions showed it intended to get rid of Gaza's refugee population". (3)

At the same time the Israeli border police/gendarmerie (Mishmar Hagvul) butchered more than 50 Palestinians citizens of Israel in Kafr Qasim. This massacre was part of Ben Gurion's plan to drive out more Palestinians citizens of Israel. After the massacre General Shadmi who was responsible for the massacre faced a trial and had to pay one Agora, less than a penny.

In 1967 Israel occupied Gaza alongside the West Bank, Sinai and the Syrian Golan heights. The following year Israel took one-third of the lands of Gaza (28,750 acres) by using declaration of a state land and direct confiscation (See also: "A sixth category existed, known as mahlul, land that reverted to the state if left uncultivated for 3 years or left vacant and up for re-grant", Ottoman Land Code of 1858(!). (4) It was used to build 18 Zionist settlements. At that time the economy of Gaza was integrated into the Zionist economy serving the Zionist capitalist masters. From the very beginning of the occupation of Gaza fishing was restricted. Many Gazans were used as cheap labor inside Israel as unskilled workers (paid about 40% of the salaries of the Jewish workers). Right after the occupation, then-Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol who wanted to get rid of many Palestinians reportedly said that "perhaps if we don't give them enough water they won't have a choice, because the orchards will yellow and wither." (5)

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Middle East

The heroic struggle of the Gazans forced Israel to evacuate Gaza in 2005 and instead it has put a siege on Gaza turning it to the largest Ghetto in history. "Despite Israel's extensive control over the Gaza Strip, in its decision on the disengagement plan, the government stated that implementation of the plan would "invalidate the claims against Israel regarding its responsibility for the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip." In response to several petitions filed in the High Court of Justice following implementation of the disengagement plan, the State Attorney's Office has argued that, with the termination of the military government in the Gaza Strip, Israel has no obligation whatsoever under international law toward residents of Gaza, who should now direct all their claims and requests to the Palestinian Authority". (6)

#### The Settler Colonialists of the USA

This criminal history of the Zionists brings to mind the American government that forced the Indians into the reservations where they were starving in order to steal their lands. "On May 28, 1830, the Indian Removal Act was signed by President Jackson. The Act allowed the government to divide land west of the Mississippi to give to Indian tribes in exchange for the land they'd lost. The government would pick up the cost of relocating the Indians and helping them resettle. The Indian Removal Act was controversial, but Jackson argued it was the best option since settlers had rendered Indian lands incompatible with sustaining their way of life. Over the next few years, the Choctaw, Chicasaw and Creeks were forced to move westward on foot, often in chains and with little or no food and supplies. Even some Indians in the North were forced to relocate. In 1838; President Martin Van Buren sent federal troops to march the remaining southern Cherokee holdouts 1,200 miles to Indian Territory in the Plains. Disease and starvation were rampant, and thousands died along the way, giving the tortuous journey the nickname "Trail of Tears." (7)

"Federal policy was enshrined in the General Allotment (Dawes) Act of 1887 which decreed that Indian Reservation land was to be divided into plots and allocated to individual Native Americans. These plots could not be sold for 25 years, but reservation land left over after the distribution of allotments could be sold to outsiders. This meant that the Act became, in practice, an opportunity for land-hungry white Americans to acquire Indian land, a process accelerated by the 1903 Supreme Court decision in Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock that Congress could dispose of Indian land without gaining the consent of the Indians involved. Not surprisingly, the amount of Indian land shrank from 154 million acres in 1887 to a mere 48 million half a century later". (8)

#### The Right of Return

Since the "disengagement plan" after decades of brutal Israeli occupation of Palestine, Gaza has become an enclave under siege, one of the world's most impoverished places. It is the world's third most densely populated city as more than two million Palestinians have been forced to live in an area of 362 square kilometers. It is just 41 kilometers long and between 6 to 12 kilometers wide. After pulling out its troops in 2005, the Israeli state not only put Gazans under siege, but also bombed and invaded it several times, killing thousands of Palestinians.

The Palestinian refugees have the right to return to their country stolen by the settler colonialists. Of course, Israel

will do everything it can to prevent the Palestinians refugees from returning home. For this reason, the refugees will return with the victorious Arab revolution.

#### The Centrists and the Struggle of the Oppressed

This is not a nationalist violence between two extremists as "Socialist Struggle" – the Israeli section of the right centrist ISA – claimed during the protest of Palestinians citizens of Israel last May. They wrote:" Shock and fear was felt from both sides of the national split when with the beginning of the war on May 10 some centers of civil war developed within the green line. Four human beings from both nations paid with their lives. Musa Hasona (32), Yegal Yehusua (56) Avi Har Even (84) and Muhamad Hahmid (17) shot by the police. Hundreds of innocent civilians were injured in the violence clashes...These are nationalist clashes between civilians within the green line. Something we have not seen since 2000." (9)

Putting on the same level the violence of the oppressed Palestinians and the violence of the oppressor Zionists put *Socialist Struggle's* leaders on the other side in the class war, in the camp of the Zionists. Indeed, what happened in 2000, last May and this Saturday are the same struggles. In 2000 there were demonstrations against the occupations of 1948 and 1967. The outrage of the Palestinians citizens of Israel in May this year was in solidarity with the people of Gaza fighting against the Zionist army, as part of the intifada. The demonstrations of the people of Gaza are protests against the oppression. This demonstration last Saturday was encouraged by the victory of the Taliban. The defeat of US imperialism has pushed the Zionists to shoot with live ammunition out of hysterical fear. Fear the ISA share with the Zionists.

The Stalinist Party of Israel (Maki) that historically helped to form the Zionist state has not made any statement on Gaza, nor has its front Hadash. Ballad also did not come with a statement in its Hebrew Facebook page.

Victory for the Palestinian resistance!

Break the siege on Gaza!

Down with the Zionist Apartheid!

For a free red Palestine from the River to the Sea!

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## The Ramification of the Defeat of Western Imperialism on the Middle East

By Yossi Schwartz, International Socialist League (Section of the RCIT in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 27.08.2021

his is the time to examine the ramification of the defeat of Western imperialism in the Middle East. One of the most important historical laws is that the defeat of the imperialists in a war leads to the encouragement of the struggles of the working class and the popular classes of oppressed nations to fight the imperialists and their local servants.

Trotsky referred to this law when he wrote: "I will take the most simple and obvious example. In Brazil there now reins a semi-fascist regime that every revolutionary can only view with hatred. Let us assume, however, that on the morrow England enters into a military conflict with Brazil. I ask you on whose side of the conflict will the working class be? I will answer for myself—in this case I will be on the side of "fascist" Brazil against "democratic" Great Britain. Why? Because in the conflict between them it will not be a question of democracy or fascism. If England should be victorious, she will put another fascist in Rio de Janeiro and will place double chains on Brazil. If Brazil on the contrary should be victorious, it will give a mighty impulse to the national and democratic consciousness of the country and will lead to the overthrow of the Vargas dictatorship. The defeat of England will at the same time deliver a blow to British imperialism and will give an impulse to the revolutionary movement of the British proletariat. Truly, one must have an empty head to reduce world antagonisms and military conflicts to the struggle between fascism and democracy. Under all masks, one must know how to distinguish exploiters, slave-owners, and robbers." (1)

He also wrote: "War often brings about revolution. This is not so much because the war was unsuccessful in a state sense, as because the war did not satisfy all expectations." (2)

#### **Verification of the Marxist Thesis**

If Trotsky was right then the Palestinians, the Houthi movement in Yemen and Lebanon's Hezbollah are encouraged to fight the imperialists. Even the regimes that have historically served U.S. imperialism are leaving like rats the sinking American ship searching in despair to serve other imperialist masters like Russia and China.

On August 18 Reuters wrote: "While the Taliban's ability to retake ground from foreign forces was welcomed by anti-Western factions, the group's advance has also triggered concerns that the country could once more become a haven for Arab militants...." Western policy and military interventions have sparked resistance movements for decades in the Middle East, and some welcomed the retreat of foreign forces. The Houthi movement in Yemen and Lebanon's Hezbollah, both aligned with Iran, made statements drawing attention to what they called U.S. failure and humiliation... Hezbollah said the American withdrawal should serve as a lesson to U.S.-aligned groups in Lebanon not to depend on Washington as an ally. "In order not to fight on behalf of anyone, he (U.S. President Joe Biden) accepted bearing a historic and humiliating defeat in Afghanistan," Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said during a Tuesday night sermon. Hamas, the Palestinian militant group that controls the Gaza Strip, congratulated the Taliban and the Afghan people. Gazans were pleased about the Taliban's advance, which offered encouragement to Palestinians living under Israeli occupation, said Mohamed Dadar, a 28-year-old in Gaza City." (3)

"In the Middle East, where the United States has long been the dominant outside power although its involvement has receded since it drew down forces in Iraq, events in Afghanistan could



### Publications of the RCIT

# 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

prompt states to forge new or parallel alliances, analysts said. What happened in Afghanistan reinforces the conviction of numerous Arab regimes that the U.S. role in the Arab and Islamic world ... is regressing," said Mohammad Abu Rumman, a Jordanian analyst and former minister." It is time to reduce dependence on Washington in the strategic realm," Emirati analyst Abdulkhaleq Abdulla wrote in The National .Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamad al-Khalili, the Grand Mufti of the Gulf State of Oman, which has a longstanding policy of neutrality, welcomed the victory over "aggressor invaders." (4)

A few days ago, King Abdullah II of Jordan, one of the oldest vassals of British and American imperialism met the Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday. They discussed the situation in Syria and Afghanistan, according to Russian media reports. "Putin stressed that despite the coronavirus pandemic relations between Russia and Jordan are developing in all areas, including trade and economic ties and political dialogue... The Russian leader and the king of Jordan examined military hardware during a walk after the meeting. "The Russian president explained that these weapons are both supplied to the Russian army and exported. In his words, direct contacts with colleagues from the armed forces of foreign countries help build up trust."" (5)

"The Saudi Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it "stands with the Afghan people and the choices they made on their own without interference"..."Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh made a phone call with Mullah Abdul-Ghani Barader, head of the Taliban's political bureau, to congratulate him on "the end of the American occupation of Afghanistan", saying their demise in Afghanistan is a 'prelude to the demise of the Israeli occupation of Palestine...." In a televised speech on Tuesday, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said the scene of the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan was "very big" in which Washington failed and was "defeated and humiliated." (6)

In Iraq, the servants of the USA are shaking in their boots. "Having watched the US fail to evacuate wartime allies in Afghanistan, Iraqis who worked with the Americans are now more worried than ever a similar fate awaits them." (7) "A wind of panic is blowing over the entire region. Arab countries, who all have nationals involved in the various jihadist movements, are petrified." (8)

### The Hysterical and Draconian Measures of Israel and the PA

The Palestinians in Gaza and in the West Bank are demonstrating against Israel and the PA's collaboration with Israel. Both Israel and the PA in the West bank hysterically use draconian measures to repress the militant movement. On Saturday the Zionists shot and injured 41 Palestinians among them 10 children and killed at least one boy. They are prepared to kill many more Gazans after Bennett returns from his visit to the USA. On Wednesday Israel injured another 20 Gazans. At the same time the PA repressed demonstrations in Ramallah.

"Demonstrators in the West Bank have demanded justice since the June death of Nizar Banat — an outspoken critic of the Palestinian Authority and its 86-year-old President Mahmoud Abbas. Banat died in custody after security forces stormed his home in the flashpoint city of Hebron and dragged him away. The security forces had arrested 23 people in Ramallah on Saturday on the grounds that "they were holding a public protest." (9)

Down with the Zionist apartheid!

Down with the PA traitors!

Break the siege on Gaza!

For a red and free Palestine from the river to the sea! For a socialist federation of the Middle East!

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### Publications of the RCIT

# The Peculiar Features of Russian Imperialism

A Study of Russia's Monopolies, Capital Export and Super-Exploitation in the Light of Marxist Theory

By Michael Pröbsting, August 2021

Introduction \* Another Denial of Russia's Imperialist Character \* The Methodological Failure of our Critics \* Russia's Economy: Dominated by Domestic, not Foreign, Monopolies \* Capital Export and the Problem of "Round-Tripping" Foreign Direct Investments \* "Phantom FDI": No Russian Peculiarity but a Global Phenomenon \* Russia's Leading Multinational Corporations and their Foreign Investments \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Capital Export \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Migration \* Conclusions \* Footnotes

### 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 neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be 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.

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No future without socialism!

No socialism without a revolution!

No revolution without a revolutionary party!