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May Day 2023: Join Forces in the Struggle against Bosses and Great Powers!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 25 April 2023

On the occasion of May Day 2023, we send greetings to all militants fighting against capitalist exploitation and imperialist oppression! The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) calls socialists around the globe to join forces on the basis of a platform on the most burning issues which the workers and oppressed face in the current world situation.

International solidarity with the Ukraine's war of national defence! Victory to Ukraine against imperialist Russia! Socialists need to side unambiguously with the legitimate struggle of the Ukrainian people against Putin's invasion. While we call for material (including military) aid for the Ukraine, we reject any political support for the bourgeois and pro-NATO Zelensky government. Furthermore, socialists must combine their support for the Ukraine's legitimate war with intransigent opposition against Western imperialism and against all forms of chauvinist Great Power policy (e.g. economic sanctions).

Down with all imperialist Great Powers in East and West! Socialists can not develop a correct orientation in the current world situation without understanding the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers as a key feature of the current historic period. Such an approach necessitates the recognition of China and Russia – in addition to the U.S., Western Europe and Japan – as imperialist powers. In conflicts between such Great Powers, socialists have to take an internationalist and anti-imperialist position of *revolutionary defeatism* in the tradition of Lenin and the Bolsheviks against each and every of these powers. At the same time, they need to support the struggle of oppressed nations against any of these Great Powers (e.g. the Chechens in Russia, the Uyghurs in China, in North and Central Africa against France, in Syria against Russia and the U.S.)

Long live the Palestinian Intifada! Down with the Zionist Apartheid state! We send our greetings to the heroic people of Palestine who are resisting against the Zionist butchers! In any confrontation with the Israeli state, the RCIT and its comrades in Occupied Palestine stand for the military victory of the Palestinian people and its resistance organizations and for the defeat of the Zionist enemy! Down with the Israeli Apartheid state – for a Free and Red Palestine from the River to the Sea!

Solidarity with the mass protests in Iran! We reiterate our support for the workers and popular masses in Iran who started an uprising in September 2022 after the murder of sister Mahsa Amini by the police. We oppose all forms of women's oppression! Likewise, socialists support the right of national self-determination of the Kurdish people. Down with the capitalist-theocratic Mullah regime! However, in case of a confrontation between Iran (or its allies like Hezbollah in Lebanon) and Israel respectively the U.S., we will advocate the military victory of the former and the defeat of the imperialists!

Down with the reactionary Macron administration! Support the workers struggle against the pension reform! Socialists support those sectors of the workers vanguard who criticise the reluctant tactics of the reformist bureaucracy in the

CGT, NUPES, etc. and who advocate an indefinite general strike against the government. Such a perspective requires the formation of *independent action committees* in workplaces and neighbourhoods which should be linked by delegates-based regional and national coordination councils. Such bodies can help to put pressure on the bureaucracy and to organise the struggle independent of the traitorous leaders. Socialists must argue for the end of the separation of political and economic struggle, which is weakening the mass movement.

For a socialist Latin America, independent of all imperialist powers! We call militants in Latin America to unite in the struggle against the bosses and Great Powers! The workers and popular masses need to fight against austerity policy – irrespective if such is imposed by conservative or by “pink” populist governments. Likewise, we oppose the domination of the continent by any Great Power – the U.S., Western Europe, China or Russia! The only way forward is a continent which is not subjugated by foreign monopolies and powers, but which is ruled by the workers and popular masses, i.e. a *socialist federation of workers and peasants republics!*

Against reactionary regimes and Great Power policy in Sub-Saharan Africa! Socialists support popular resistance against reactionary regimes in Sub-Saharan Africa. In Sudan, where a proto-civil war between two Generals – al-Burhan and Hemedti – has started, socialists oppose both camps. We call for the consolidation and arming of mass organisations like the trade unions, the *Resistance Committees* based in neighborhoods, etc. The latest developments confirm our warning against putting any hopes in negotiations with the military! For a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!* For a *workers and poor peasants' government, based on popular councils and militias!*

Down with the military provocation of the U.S. and the Yoon government on the Korean Peninsula! Socialists strongly oppose the armament and repeated military drills of the U.S. and the South Korean army which are directed against North Korea. We have no political sympathies whatsoever for the Stalinist-capitalist dictatorship of Kim Jong-un! However, in any military confrontation we defend North Korea – a capitalist semi-colony – against imperialist aggression by the U.S. and South Korea.

The struggle against the bosses and Great Powers can only be successful if the working class organizes for the overthrow of the capitalist system by means of socialist revolution. In the current period of capitalist decay – full of crisis and catastrophes – the only way to avoid regression into barbarism is the international struggle for a *global federation of workers and peasant republics*. The RCIT calls all those who share such a program to unite and to jointly build with us a *Revolutionary World Party!*

International Bureau of the RCIT

Sudan: Rally against the Reactionary Civil War

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 6 May 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 50 activists – mostly migrants from Sudan – assembled on 6 May in the centre of Vienna to protest against the reactionary civil war between the two most powerful Generals – al-Burhan and Hemedti. This bloody conflict has already forced thousands of people to flee their homes.

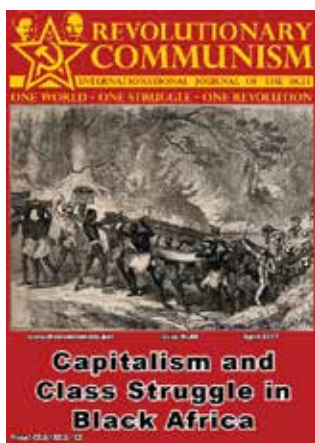
Sister Ishraga Mustafa Hamid, an organiser of the Sudanese association “*Sudanesische Gemeinschaft in Österreich*”, led the event which saw several speeches by Sudanese ac-

tivists.

Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was also asked to address the rally. In his speech, Michael denounced the reactionary warlords. He explained that this conflict is the result of the fact that the army has not been dissolved until now. He emphasized the necessity to bring down the military regime and to replace it by a workers and peasant government.



Sudan: Rally against the Reactionary Civil War (Vienna, 6 May 2023); Michael Pröbsting speaks (r.)



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Nigeria: Stop the Genocide in the Middle Belt!

By Raimi Akegbejo, International Liaison Personnel of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard, Nigerian Section of the RCIT

Sahara Reporters has just published an alarming report by Nigeria Mourn which states that at least 1,100 civilians were killed by armed insurgents and extrajudicially in the first quarter of the year.¹ This follows another report that puts the figures of people especially Christians and non-Muslims killed exclusively by Fulani Salafists and herdsmen in the North and Middle Belt regions at above 1,500.² The report from Nigeria Mourn states:

"bandits and Boko Haram/ISWAP operating mostly in the Northern region of Nigeria contributed to the largest number of victims with the North-Central (Middle Belt, Ed.) suffering the heaviest number of casualties with at least 331 killed recorded in the region due to mostly herdsmen activities in Benue, Plateau and Nasarawa States, while the Northeast had at least 312 casualties, followed by the Northwest which had at least 289 casualties. ...Secessionists' violent campaign mostly in the Southeast part of the country contributed 6.75% representing (at least 83 deaths) while cult clashes took 4.96% (at least 61 deaths)."

The report raises concerns especially because the number of casualties of these extremist groups in the Middle Belt exceeds that of the North East and North West. Yet, it seems that Sahara Reporters aims to strike a balance between extent of killings in the different regions of the country as the owner of the media house, former presidential candidate, Omoyele Sowore, is an ardent One-Nigerianist and as such his news outlet is cautious of selling any narrative that represents the events in one or some regions especially the North and the so called North Central as "special". Even so, despite highlighting parts of the report that points at "a violent secessionist group" in the South East of killing 83 people they are forced to still admit that most massacres have occurred in the Middle Belt (North Central).

The Middle Beltan region is the new pane of raw revolutionary consciousness since this region has seen first hand and for many decades the settler colonialist expansion of the Salafist Fulani led North. Especially since the British colonised the region south of Lake Chad and the Sahel and North of the River Niger. The Middle Beltan nations represent the most ethnically diverse peoples in Nigeria and are descended from ancient Nok and Kwararafa civilisations as opposed to the Hausa Kingdoms and Sokoto Caliphate of the core-north. British colonial policy was to subject the Middle Beltan people to the Caliphate in order to make it a gendarme for the sustenance of Nigeria while at the same time using the Middle Beltan peoples as checks to the Caliphate. So upon independence despite protests and uprisings in the Middle Belt against this arrangement they were gerrymandered into the Northern Region of the First Republic.

Protests have broken out over these massacres that are becoming a daily occurrence in the region, the most popular being in Benue state where one such massacres had a staggering toll of 51 casualties.³ Zagon Kataf has equally seen renewed killings in Runji village in recent weeks where no less than 33 persons including children have been killed.⁴ Though street demonstrations seem to have receded, there are still agitations for the release of a traditional ruler of a

largely Christian community in southern Bauchi.

These developments confirm once again the importance of national liberation for oppressed nations if revolutionary change must be achieved. In contrast, to those vulgar adherents to economism for whom a person is only oppressed if they are not paid a "living wage" and other labourist platitudes. We have repeatedly emphasized the nexus between national and economic oppression. It should not be too difficult to imagine that a people who are being ethnically cleansed can and will be subject to all kinds of oppression.

The weakness of the Northern hegemon has not translated to a dissolution of the settler colonialist onslaught of the core northern nations and neither a Tinubu nor Obi presidency can unravel their advance. Already as the presidential campaign raged on, Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna state and a member of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) called the Christian community of Southern Kaduna (Southern Kaduna being one of the hotbed for this genocide) "enclaves". In fact Tinubu and Obi would have to deny or overlook the atrocities committed against their own people as down payment to head the administration of the neo-colonial state as we stated elsewhere; *"As Nigeria is a neo-colonial project only that entity which serves as an imperialist proxy may survive. So Tinubu and his south western gangsters in the APC are the ones who have sold out Yorubaland for their ambition of grasping power at the center. The reason is simple, Tinubu and his band of degenerates know that to take power in Nigeria one must sell out their homeland for plunder and its people must be subjugated and destroyed."*⁵

That is why a new bill to regulate the practice of Christianity is passing readings in the House of Assembly.⁶ The Middle Belt is passing through a phase of reawakening and historical renaissance. It is possible for fresh protests to break out in the near future over what the people are now increasingly recognising as ethnic cleansing and genocide. The tasks of revolutionaries is to combat false narratives meant to confuse the masses like christening the massacres with euphemisms such as "farmer-herder clashes" which Nigerian big media use. Revolutionaries must delineate the role the settler colonialist project plays in the grander context of imperialism and global capitalism. That capitalism in the imperialist epoch is founded on the subjugation of one nation by another and that as long as there is a small elite class of rulers there will always be those willing to sell out their people for money and power.

They must advocate for regional or communal self-defence militias which operate on a program of popular armament and under the control of the toiling masses. Amotekun, the Western Security Network, has largely failed to stop the advance of the Fulani "bandits" from attacking innocents in the South West. This is due to the refusal of the South Western ruling class led in this respect by Gov. Akeredolu, to outrightly fight raiding parties because of their pecuniary interests and loyalty to the Nigerian system part of which is their patron, Tinubu's bid for presidency. Some South Western nationalists have criticised Akeredolu for refusing to provide the Amotekun outfit with modern weapons or at least weapons which

can match the firepower of the “Bandits” and kidnappers. The same can be said of the Benue state governor, Samuel Ortom, who after setting up a caricature security outfit for his state broke under pressure and lifted the Anti-Open Grazing ban in the state for two-weeks as the bodies of the natives of the state piled up.⁷

Today both Benue and Ondo states have become flash-points for Fulani herdsmen attacks and Bandits rampage. Thus control of any resistance against the bandits and killer herdsmen must not be left in the hands of the Middle Belt and Southern ruling class. Equally handicapped are the middle-class nationalists, journalists, historians, activists and civil society who subordinate the struggle for liberation to the whims and caprices of the ruling classes of the respective oppressed nations; legal/constitutional means or appeals to the UN or ICC. These set of people are full of petty-bourgeois wavering. Virtually all of them sided with one politician or the other in the last elections despite claiming to reject the constitution of Nigeria or wanting their own break-away state.

The national liberation struggle of the Middle Belt and Southern nations must be carried out on an anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist basis for genuine freedom and self-determination to be realised. This means the overthrow of the moribund capitalist elite in the regions; political autonomy from Nigerian state and true independence from the Western imperialists. The prospective sovereign nations must be founded as socialist republics in the Middle Belt and South and run by a workers’ and poor peasants government.

Form Armed Self Defence Militias Based on Workers and Poor Peasant Control in the Middle Belt and South! For the Right of Return of Natives of the North and Middle Belt Displaced by Salafist Fulani Bandits, Killer Herdsmen, ISWAP, and Boko Haram!

Down with the Bill to Regulate the Practice of Christianity; the Water Resource Bill and the Bill to Criminalise Protests! Northern Workers, Progressives and Socialists Must Support the Struggle for Self Determination and Autonomy of The Oppressed Southern and Middle Belt Ethnic Nationalities!

Northern Progressives Must Join the Call for Aid and Compensation to All Victims of Herdsmen and Bandits Attacks in the Middle Belt and South. They Must Join the Call to End All Open Grazing Laws in Middle Belt and Southern States That Are Opposed To It!

Freedom, Independence and Sovereignty to All Ethnic Nationalities in the Middle Belt and South! For A Socialist Republic of Oduduwa, Biafra and Other Ethnic Nationalities in the Middle Belt and South Governed by A Regime of Armed Workers and Poor Peasants!

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[3] <https://saharareporters.com/2023/04/08/protests-benue-state-death-toll-armed-herdsmen-attacks-hit-51>

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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

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Report on the Political Situation in Russia (May 2023)

A report on the most important recent developments

By Denis Sokolov, Socialist Tendency (RCIT Section in Russia), 18 May 2023

Preface by the Editorial Board: Below we publish another report written by Denis Sokolov, a comrade from *Социалистической Тенденцией (Socialist Tendency)* in Russia. *Socialist Tendency* is the section of the RCIT in Russia.

The report of the comrades shows the ongoing “subterranean” process of crisis and popular dissatisfaction which Putin’s reactionary war against the Ukraine has provoked. The war lasts longer and longer without an end in sight and without a prospect of victory.

This process results, on one hand, in deepening divisions within the regime. A large sector of the ruling elite wants to bring the war to an end rather sooner than later – of course at advantageous terms. Another sector – represented by Wagner boss Prigozhin – pushes for an intensification of the war efforts in the hope of achieving total victory. A similar process, by the way, is taking place within governments of Western powers as we have discussed somewhere else. (1)

On the other hand, popular dissatisfaction is increasing albeit it still expresses itself only in small and local protest activities. However, we can expect that at some point – if Russia suffers a major defeat or if divisions within the ruling elite result in a domestic crisis – these protests could explode and could open a revolutionary crisis.

Of particular interest is the comrades’ report about a growing number of workers protests. Putin’s massive efforts to mobilise the country’s resources in support for the war puts increasing pressure on the working class. Hence, despite the authoritarian conditions imposed by the bonapartist regime, there is an increasing number of workers protests. As our comrades report, supporters of *Socialist Tendency* are supporting the workers in these protests and advocate a class struggle perspective.

The RCIT and its comrades in Russia continue to fight for a consistent internationalist and anti-imperialist perspective. We call for the defeat of the Russian forces and for the military victory of the Ukrainian people – without lending any political support to the bourgeois and pro-NATO Zelensky government. We call workers to oppose both Russian as well as NATO imperialism. We unconditionally support the right of oppressed nations in Russia for self-determination, including the right to secede and to create their own independent states. Our comrades in Russia advocate a program of socialist revolution, i.e. the perspective for an insurrection of the working class and the oppressed peoples in Russia to bring down the regime and to build a workers republic.

Finally, we refer to other documents from our comrades in Russia can be read either on their website (www.socialisttendency.com, in Russian language) or at a special page on our website where all RCIT documents (in English and other languages) on the Ukraine War and the NATO-Russia conflict are compiled: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-na-to-russia-conflict/>.

1) RCIT: Towards a Turning Point in the Ukraine War? The tasks of socialists in the light of possible lines of development of the war of national defence in combination with the inter-imperialist Great Power rivalry, 11 March 2023, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/towards-a-turning-point-in-the-ukraine-war/>

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Having lost faith in governors, in army generals and even in Putin, ordinary citizens of the country begin to turn “for help” directly to the owner of the mercenary organization PMC “Wagner” Prigozhin. For example, on May 9, a video was published on the Telegram channel of the pro-Russian propagandist Anatoly Shariy, in which residents of the front-line settlements of the Belgorod region recorded the following appeal: “*The war has already reached us, Yevgeny Viktorovich, save us.*” We consider Shariy’s own commentary to be quite telling: “*It’s a dangerous situation when the president is not seen as a savior, isn’t it?*” This may also be due to the fact that during the entire period of the war, none of the generals of the Russian army who were on the front lines received media fame, none of them were admitted to the media as an independent subject, only Prigozhin has this “privilege”, while other individuals associated with the leadership of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (RF) are deep in the rear.

Anti-War protests

Targeted repression against anti-war activists is continuing. Those who go to the squares with pickets as well as those who are accused of “*attempting a terrorist act*” have come under the blow of the repressive machine. For example, 5 people in Balashikha were detained because they wanted to get to the territory of a military unit, blow up equipment and set fire. A veteran of military operations in Afghanistan and Chechnya was sentenced to three years in prison for anti-war posts on social networks. Even those who wear yellow and blue clothes fall under the “heat”. For example, on May 9, a 39-year-old employee of a psycho-neurological boarding school was detained in Moscow, the reason was his blue-and-yellow jacket; on the same day, security forces in Moscow detained a 26-year-old Volgograd citizen for pants in the same color, both face a fine of 50 thousand rubles for “*discrediting the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation*”.

In April and May, the number of lawsuits against “refuseniks”, that is, those soldiers who refuse to go to war or carry out relevant orders, reached a record high – this is evidence that discontent among the soldier masses not only does not weaken with the course of the war, but rather increases by every month. In addition, a lot of videos and other evidence are circulating on the Internet, which depict extrajudicial violent “punishments” against “guilty” military men, including “refuseniks”. It can be assumed what kind of fighting spirit the colleagues of the victims of

these “punishments” have.

Ramzan Kadyrov, Putin’s head of Chechnya, posted on his social media that he paid \$18,000 to the Ukrainian secret services for stealing a horse belonging to him in the Czech Republic, which was “arrested” nine years ago as sanctioned “goods”. It is noteworthy how easily Kadyrov openly declares, in fact, sponsoring the Ukrainian security forces, for which an ordinary Russian citizen would go to jail for a very long time under the article on “*sponsoring terrorism*.”

Today, May 18, in the morning, security forces executed a search warrant at Mikhail Lobanov, an oppositional politician well-known for his independent anti-war stance. He was accused of being an associate of the fugitive opposition ex-deputy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation Ilya Ponomarev, who is known for taking responsibility for some of the terrorist attacks in Russia. As a pretext, the security forces distributed to the media supposedly screenshots of the correspondence between Mikhail and Ilya, in which they discuss joint actions. Both opposition politicians said the screenshots were fake. After interrogation by the Investigative Committee, Lobanov was released as a witness.

Conflict within the ruling elite

It should also be noted that the conflict continues between Yevgeny Prigozhin and the official military department. So, Prigozhin once again accused the leadership of the Ministry of Defence and the General Staff of the fact that the PMC “Wagner” does not receive the proper amount of ammunition on the line of clashes in the Ukrainian city of Bakhmut, while demonstrating dozens of corpses of dead Russian mercenaries. By threatening to leave the positions occupied by Wagner by May 10, if no changes occur, Prigozhin, in fact, blackmailed the RF Armed Forces with an open military mutiny. As far as we know, at the moment the Ministry of Defence has corrected the situation and the rebellion has not occurred. Deputy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation Viktor Sobolev threatened the mobilized soldiers with long terms of imprisonment if they transfer from their units to PMCs.

This is also part of the conflict within the elites. But Prigozhin’s most striking statement is his unequivocal allusion that the country is run by “*an asshole grandfather*” which is an unprecedented attack on Putin himself.

Workers protest at Ulyanovsk Automobile Plant

Employees of the Ulyanovsk Automobile Plant staged a spontaneous strike due to non-payment of wages at the

enterprise. It is not known how the strike ended, but it is absolutely clear that even at those enterprises that are connected with the military-industrial complex, there are problems with financing and corruption, and ordinary workers are not going to work “for an idea”, for free. Such situations occur frequently, but not all of them are leaked to the media. The longer the war lasts, the more taxpayers’ money is spent on a reactionary war, and not on social maintenance and guarantees for the working class, the more the working class is distancing itself from supporting the regime and the war, the closer it becomes to fighting for its labour rights!

“Wildberry”: Active support for militant trade union

Supporters of “*Socialist Tendency*” in Nizhny Novgorod carried out a number of “raids” in support of the trade union “*Wildberry - True Employees*”. Here is what one of our comrades reports: “*In mid-March, the Wildberries management introduced a number of new predatory rules regarding both pickup point managers and ordinary workers. The trade union “PROWSOYUZ”, which was promptly set up, defends only the petty-bourgeois interests of managers, which often run counter to the interests of workers in distribution points. Therefore, the trade union “Wildberry - True Employees” was created by ordinary employees of Wildberries.*” (https://t.me/wbpravda_sotrudnikov). Through this union, workers can coordinate, discuss and solve problems together, strike together and demand human working conditions from management.

As Marxists, we cannot remain aloof from these events and have considered it our duty to take part to the best of our ability in spreading the news about the creation of the trade union, as well as agitating the workers to join it. At the moment, we have visited about 30 Wildberry pickup points. At each point, we briefly told the workers about the union and handed out pre-printed leaflets, as well as pasted informational stickers near the entrance.

It should be noted that several times we met with complete indifference and misunderstanding on the part of employees, there were also those who said that they were satisfied with everything and that the manager of the pickup point bears the entire burden of innovation. However, the vast majority greeted the news of the creation of the union with sincere interest and enthusiasm, and in several points the workers even knew about the trade union “*Wildberry - True Employees*” and were members of it.

At the moment, after small indulgences, the leadership of the Wildberries is again starting to press on the workers, which means that the existence of a trade union that defends their interests is more relevant than ever!

Website of “Socialist Tendency” (RCIT Section in Russia): www.socialisttendency.com

Ukraine War and Inter-Imperialist Rivalry

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Left Organizations that Refuse to Characterize China as an Imperialist Power Disarm the Mass Movement!

By Juan Giglio, *Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina)*, 23 April 2023

A few days ago, two senior representatives of the Yankee government arrived in the country, the second from the State Department -Wendy Sherman- and the head of the Southern Command of the Armed Forces of that country -Laura Richardson- both agreed to "recommend" the government to "stay away from china!". A few hours later, the chief of advisers to the presidency, Antonio Aracre, who was closely linked to the great Asian power, since for years he was the CEO of Syngenta, a multinational controlled by Chinese capital, blew up.

While all this was happening, Lula and several of his ministers were holding meetings with Xi Xin Ping and other CCP leaders, with the purpose of consolidating commercial and financial relations. At the same time, Sergei Lavrov, Putin's foreign minister -China's great ally- landed in Brazil and other countries on the continent with similar intentions. These moves show that China is competing for South American markets, which is exactly the same as it is doing on other continents.

The great power, which disputes this place with the United States, long ago ceased to be a mere supplier of cheap goods, to become an exporter of highly elaborated goods and capital, which circulate throughout the planet. To consolidate this dynamic, the leaders of the CCP, in addition to designing and building the "Silk Road", are preparing for a direct military confrontation with the Yankees, carrying out provocations in the sea surrounding Taiwan.

Despite the figures and facts that demonstrate the high and sophisticated industrial, commercial and financial development of China, there are still leftist parties that deny its imperialist character. This refusal is not a minor issue, since by not characterizing that power as imperialist, these organizations end up assigning it the role of an oppressed country, which, when attacked by Yankee imperialism, must be defended, like Argentina in the recovery period of Malvinas.

The characterization of these parties matches that of the Stalinists and other sectors, who say that China and Rus-

sia are playing a progressive role because they are breaking the US "hegemony", promoting the existence of a "multipolar" world, in which there would be greater development possibilities for semi-colonies. This analysis is wrong, because the commercial war between powers -and the most direct one, which is approaching- is a counterrevolutionary confrontation to pillage markets, which when they fall into the hands of one or another imperialism, are equally looted and exploited!

Neither the Yankees, nor the Chinese, nor the Russians, Japanese or Europeans play a progressive role, since the crisis of the capitalist system forces them to apply the same policy towards the working class, which is to super-exploit it to guarantee such an increase of productivity that allows them to stop the fall in the rate of profit and maintain their "competitiveness". It is necessary to draw lines with all the imperialists, telling the mass movement that it has to conquer the second and definitive independence, kicking out all the powers!

This line, which is expressed in slogans - Neither Yankees nor Chinese! Liberation or dependency! and other similar ones - is not assumed or agitated by the parties that minimize the role of China and Russia -such as the PTS, the PO or the PSTu - that deny the imperialist character of these countries. By doing so, these groups end up creating illusions in which Argentina could emerge from the crisis hand in hand with another empire. They disarm the working class, in the face of the imperial offensive of these countries, which are gambling to replace the old empires to do exactly the same!

From CS we propose to open the debate around this question, which will be crucial for the development of the revolutionary left in the coming period, full of great rebellions due to the terminal crisis of Capitalism. In September, our International Revolutionary Communist Current will hold its World Congress in Argentina, through which we will summon all the currents that claim socialism and the revolution to openly debate this issue.



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

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The Ukraine War is Highly Profitable for Russia' Billionaires

In contrast to other countries, oligarchs could increase their fortune since March 2022

By Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 April 2023

The Ukraine War has claimed myriads of victims. Tens of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers as well as civilians have died and many more injured. About 1/3 of the population has been displaced of whom about 8 million are currently refugees outside of the country. Putin systematically tries to bomb the Ukraine back to the stone age.¹ In addition, tens of thousands of Russian soldiers – many of whom have been pressed into service or pushed to do out of poverty – have been killed.

However, for some, the war has been a gold mine! According to the 2023 issue of the Forbes World's Billionaires list – published by the prestigious U.S. business magazine *Forbes* – Russia's billionaires could massively increase their wealth since March 2022.²

True, in the chaotic first weeks of the war, the oligarchs were in trouble and lost a share of their fortune. However, since then they could regain most of their wealth. The combined wealth of Russia's creme de la creme rose from \$320 billion in 2022 to \$474 billion this year. According to the Forbes list, Andrei Melnichenko – the founder and ex-beneficiary of fertilizer producer EuroChem Group and coal energy company SUEK – is currently the wealthiest Russian. He saw his net worth swell by \$14.1 billion over the past year to \$25.2 billion since the beginning of the Ukraine War.

Melnichenko is followed by Vladimir Potanin, a nickel and banking magnate whose net worth grew by \$6.4 billion from March 2022 to March 2023. The third place goes to Vladimir Lisin, who heads NLMK Group, a leading Russian manufacturer of steel products, with a fortune of \$22.1 billion. Other oligarchs who massively increased their fortune last year are oil tycoon Vagit Alekperov (up \$10 billion) and steel magnate Alexey Mordashov (up \$7.7 billion).

The number of super-rich Russians – those whose wealth totals more than \$1 billion – jumped from 83 to 110 people. This puts Russia in the 5th place in the global Forbes list. This number could have been even larger had five billionaires not revoked their Russian citizenship last year. Such an increase of the number of Russia's super-rich is all the more remarkable given the fact that the U.S. and Western Europe have imposed massive sanctions on Russia. In fact, 46 of Russia's 110 billionaires are currently sanctioned by Western powers.

What is even more remarkable is the fact that Russia is one of the very few countries around the globe where the fortune of the super-rich increased in the last 12 months. While Russia's wealth rose by \$154 billion, the super-rich in the two leading countries of the Forbes list – the U.S. and China – lost \$200 resp. \$300 billion!

Russia super-rich – an imperialist monopoly bourgeoisie

The figures from the 2023 Forbes World's Billionaires list confirm once more the Marxist analysis of Russia as an imperialist power. Contrary to the ridiculous claims of various Stalinists and advocates of the so-called "World-Sys-

tem theory", Russia is neither a "semi-colonial", "periphery" or "sub-imperialist" country.³

Russia's Great Power status has been demonstrated in the last 14 months not only by its reactionary war of aggression against the Ukraine but also by its global position. Despite unprecedented sanctions by Western powers, Russia was able to avoid a serious recession.⁴ It continues to play a key role in the capitalist world economy given its leading position in global trade of crucial commodities. In addition, determined efforts of the U.S. and the EU to isolate Russia in world politics, the Kremlin continues to act as a Great Power with spheres of influence in Asia, Africa and Latin America.⁵

The successful development of Russia's billionaires in the last 14 months also demonstrates that this country does not play a subordinated role. There should be no doubt that Russia's ruling class is a monopoly bourgeoisie, i.e. a capitalist class which dominates its own country and which, at the same time, participates in the super-exploitation of the Global South.

We reiterate that authentic socialists can not have a correct orientation in the current world situation without recognizing the imperialist nature of Russia. Only such an understanding allows to recognize the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers as a key feature of the current historic period.

Such an approach is the basis for socialists to take an internationalist and anti-imperialist position of *revolutionary defeatism* in conflicts between Great Powers (the U.S., China, Russia, Western Europe and Japan), i.e. intransigent opposition against each and every of these powers.

At the same time, socialists need to support the struggle of oppressed nations against any of these Great Powers. This means, among others, to side unambiguously with the legitimate struggle of the Ukraine – a capitalist semi-colony – against Putin's invasion.⁶ The RCIT has summarised such an approach in the slogan: *Defend the Ukraine against Putin's invasion! Beware of NATO and Zelensky – transform the resistance against the Russian occupation into a Popular War! Against Russian and against NATO imperialism!*⁷

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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.

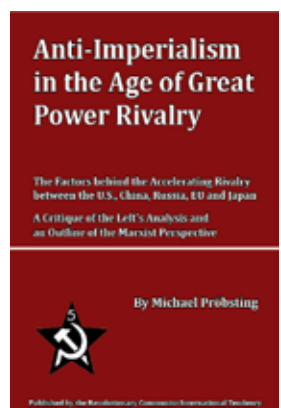
Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is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



Thailand: The Move Forward Party wins the General Election with the Pheu Thai Party a close second

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 19th May 2023

On Sunday, 14th May 2023 thousands of voters in Thailand rejected the policies of the Bonapartist clique led by Prayut Chan-o-cha and voted for change. Both the populist forces *Move Forward Party* and *Pheu Thai Party* won over 286 seats in the legislature. The masses and oppressed wanted an end of military rule in Thailand and voted for democratic change. The election commission announced that *Move Forward* had won the election but because of Thailand's flawed political system no decision will be made without consultation with both the royalty and the military.

"Thailand's reformist opposition has won the most seats and the largest share of the popular vote in a general election after voters roundly rejected the military-backed parties that have ruled the Southeast Asian country for nearly a decade.

With almost all votes counted on Monday, the progressive Move Forward Party (MFP) and the populist Pheu Thai Party were projected to win about 286 seats in the 500-member House of Representatives. But uncertainty remains about whether they would be able to form the next government due to skewed parliamentary rules that allow 250 members of a military-appointed Senate to vote on the prime minister.

That means MFP and Pheu Thai will need the support of smaller parties to establish a new administration.

The biggest winner of Sunday's election was MFP, a progressive youth-led party that contested the general elections for the first time on a bold platform of reforming the monarchy and reducing the power of the military by rewriting the country's constitution and ending conscription." [1].

To date the *Move Forward Party* has had agreement on forming a coalition of several parties including the populist-bourgeois party *Pheu Thai* and other smaller parties. This means that they now have 309 MPs. The Thai constitution of 2017 insists that to form a stable government any political bloc needs 376 seats.

"But fears remain that the royalist-military establishment may seek to cling to power. In the past 20 years, the military has staged two coups while the courts have brought down three prime ministers and dissolved several opposition parties.

"People are worried and they are scared," said Hathairat Phaholtap, the managing editor of the Isaan Record newspaper. "They have waited for this vote for so long, and it means a lot to them. There's a lot of tension, but also excitement and hope." [2].

Inter-Imperialist Rivalry

Before the Covid-Counterrevolution and the economic slump of 2019, Thailand was economically one of the strongest of all the semi-colonial, capitalist regimes in Southeast Asia. Globally since the beginning of the war in the Ukraine and the emergence of the Eastern imperialists, China and Russia, the world capitalist system is in meltdown. Under Prayut Chan-o-cha's leadership the regime had orientated towards China seeking economic aid. The lockdown in Thailand was draconian and very severe, leading to many social uprisings and imprisonment of many young radicals fighting against the implement-

ed *Lèse-majesté*. These laws made it a crime to criticise the King Maha Vajiralongkorn who has amassed tremendous wealth and leads a corrupt lifestyle. The alliance with the generals in Myanmar in combination with ongoing severe droughts have led to enormous political pressure for the regime. Refugees who were civilians as well as combatants in the war in Myanmar fled from the army dictatorship in Myanmar.

"Thailand was one of the strongest economies in South-East Asia, but the onset of the competing rivalries of imperialism has battered the country. The truth of the matter is that Thailand since the Covid-19 pandemic started faces ruin and bankruptcy with the onset of the immense crisis of capitalism. This has led to Thailand's major tourist industry facing a 40% reduction largely due to the pandemic. There are no holiday makers and local beaches are empty, with no chance of improvement. The hotel and tourism industry is on the verge of collapse leading to mass unemployment, austerity, starvation and poverty for a massively growing number of people. This weak economic basis combined with the Bonapartist regime could provoke a pre-revolutionary situation in Thailand and affect other capitalist countries in South-East Asia." [3]

Move Forward Party and the Pheu Thai Party

Both the *Move Forward Party* and the *Pheu Thai Party* are populist parties with a bourgeois leadership. Pita Limjaroenrat, a 34-year-old businessman leads the *Move Forward Party*. Its composition is mainly of young radicals opposed to the royalty and the military. During the Covid-Counterrevolution, the regime arrested thousands of *Move Forward* supporters and members who were involved in demonstrations and uprisings. The RCIT defended democratic rights as all revolutionaries should have, calling for the immediate release of the activists. Some of the MP's elected to the legislature for *Move Forward* face criminal charges because of their actions. They are hoping that they can achieve change through peaceful democratic process. Of course, this is an illusion. The predecessor of the *Move Forward Party* was suspended and banned by the regime and its leader arrested. The *Pheu Thai Party* is a populist, bourgeois party founded in 1998 by Thaksin Shinawatra, a wealthy billionaire. He led several governments in 2006, but coups followed instituted by the military regime. Prayut Chan-o-cha, an Army General, took power after overthrowing his sister Yingluck Shinawatra in 2014. *Pheu Thai* had successfully won a general election in 2014, but the wing of the bonapartist bourgeoisie hates even a shred of help for the poor masses and urban poor and initiated a coup. It was said poor masses who supported *Pheu Thai* because of the promise to alleviate some of the poverty in Thailand. Thaksin Shinawatra is now in exile, but in the recent election his daughter Paetongtarn Shinawatra was the primary leader.

"Thus the Pheu Thai Party is a bourgeois-populist party which represents a minority faction of the capitalist class but which, however, has to rely on the support of the workers and peasants

in order to hold power. Nevertheless Thaksin and his party are despised by the elite because it is a party whose strength is based on the support of the masses of workers and peasants who have repeatedly intervened in the political life of Thailand during the last decade by militant mass mobilizations. However, bourgeois democracy will never solve the issues of poverty and cannot even give full democratic rights. As long as capitalism and imperialism have a foothold in Thailand, exploitation and oppression will be the reality for the workers and the poor". [4]

For a Revolutionary Workers and Poor Peasants Government

Although the victory of the bourgeois-populist *Move Forward Party* seems a step forward for the masses fighting for democratic rights and an end of bonapartism, the military establishment is still a dominant force. The *Royal Thai Army (RTA)* is instrumental in choosing the 250 senators of the senate, which are all appointed positions and usually represent conservative and royalist sympathies. The military is opposed to *Move Forward's* policies on *Lèse-majesté*, the reduction of powers for the King and the right to challenge him on a number of issues.

The decision to choose a new government is taken by both houses, and with only 309 seats in his support, the military can block the appointment of Pita Limjaroenrat as Prime Minister and rule with Royalist parties opposed to *Move Forward's* democratic policies. It might continue to rule as a military clique or even institute a coup.

The RCIT puts forward the following transitional demands to organise the struggle towards socialism, establishing a workers and poor peasant's government on the way. We call on everyone who supports the fight for socialism to join the RCIT and to help building a section in Thailand.

** Release all prisoners and young radicals from prison immediately! Drop all criminal charges against supporters of bourgeois-democratic rights, those who support Move Forward respectively Pheu Thai! The Thai Constitution must be replaced in order that the working class and the oppressed decide who should rule! For the full abolishment of Lèse-majesté and all other forms of monarchical respectively bonapartist ruling!*

** For Strikes up to an Indefinite General Strike organised through Action Committees and Councils of Action elected and run by workers, groups of activists and representatives of the urban poor and poor peasantry to fight for democratic rights and the abolishment of all bonapartist and monarchical rule.*

** For a sovereign, Revolutionary Constituent Assembly under*

the control of the organized popular masses! In such a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly, working-class activists should put forward socialist proposals and argue in favour of a Workers and Poor-Peasant Government based on Councils of the Workers, the Rural and Urban Poor!

** For Armed Defence Guards of the workers and the oppressed masses to protect themselves from provocations and attacks from the police, the military and right-wing forces!*

** End the imperialist exploitation! Expropriate the multi-national corporations and put them under workers' control! Abolish all debts without compensation! Summarize all banks into one State Bank under control of the workers!*

** Only an armed insurrection led by the working class can end the military dictatorship and imperialist exploitation with a minimum number of lost lives! Only a revolutionary workers and poor peasant government can open the road towards a future of freedom, equality and peace, a future of socialism!*

** To fulfil all of these goals, the vanguard of the workers in Thailand needs to build a revolutionary workers party in close alliance with the urban and rural poor, the militant youth and heroic activists fighting Bonapartism! No bourgeois party, not even the most populist ones, could really lead the struggle for true democracy! In every struggle, revolutionaries defend democratic rights and activists fighting for those rights without an ounce of support for bourgeois politics, politicians and parties!*

** We call on all workers and poor to study the manifesto of the RCIT and to join the RCIT! Let us build together a new World Party of the Socialist Revolution, a revolutionary 5th International!*

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By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

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Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

The Zionist Butchers

Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 11.05.2023

15 Palestinians, including four children, were killed by Zionist missile attacks on Gaza during the night between Monday and Tuesday 8-9 of May. 40 Israeli military aircraft, including drones, carried out a series of early morning missile attacks on Gaza, killing 15 people, including three members of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement as well as their wives, several children, and other civilians. [1]

"The Israeli military said they knew of 'collateral' in their operation to kill three PIJ (Islamic Jihad) members. "It was a civilian residential building", al-Rabai an eye witness said, standing in front of the bombed six-story building. "Israeli missiles hit the fourth, fifth and sixth floors which were partially destroyed. Civilians live in those apartments, women and children." [2]

With no warning, al-Rabai said, "[the] Israeli occupation meant to destroy and kill those in the building."

"20 people were also injured, some in critical condition, in the Israeli air attacks that left residential buildings ablaze in central Gaza City and reduced others to rubble.

After the dhuhr (noon) prayers, thousands of mourners in a funeral procession through the heart of Gaza City, starting at the Omari Mosque, where they chanted as they lifted the bodies of the victims, promising revenge for the "major crime" committed." [3]

The day after, the butchers in uniforms murdered 2 Palestinians Ahmad Jamal Assaf, 19, and Warani Walid Qatanat, 24, who were shot by Israeli soldiers in Qabatiya town, south of Jenin, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported on Wednesday. The two were shut while driving a car. Killing Palestinians has become an amusing game for the war criminals. In a fabricated statement, the Zionist military claimed the deceased had fired on soldiers from a vehicle and were killed by return fire. One M-16 assault rifle and a handgun were found at the scene, it said.

At least 123 Palestinians have been killed by the war criminal forces so far this year, according to Palestinian figures. Nineteen Zionists soldiers and settlers in the 1967 occupied lands have also been killed during the same period. We have no tears for them.

The attacks on Tofah were apparently targeting 44-year-old Khalil al-Bahtini, a PIJ member who was killed along with his wife and his five-year-old daughter. Dania and Iman were "collateral damage".

"Dania was getting ready for her wedding in a few days, and Iman was sad because her sister was about to leave the family home," Adass said, pointing out Dania's fiancé who wept silently near her body. He could not speak.

"Now, the sisters are together forever, what an enormous heart-break and shock." [4]

"The United Nations Security Council is set to hold a closed-door emergency council session on Gaza late Wednesday afternoon in New York, in what will be its ninth meeting this year on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." [5]

We can expect the same result from these hypocrites as the former council's meeting, namely nothing. After all, the UN is controlled by the imperialists.

Like usual, the white house whitewashes the crimes of the Zionist war criminals: *"The White House said on Tuesday it was closely following Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip that killed three Palestinian militant leaders, and that it was aware of reports that 10 civilians were "tragically killed" in the strikes.*

"We call for all parties to deescalate the situation," a spokesperson for the White House National Security Council said.

"Israel has the right to protect itself and defend its people from indiscriminate rocket attacks launched by terrorist groups," it added. [6]

Yah the same right the American settlers had to kill the Native Americans, steal their lands and enslave black people. As Biden has said *"we have the same values as Israel"*.

There is no question that Netanyahu ordered the butchering to make peace with extreme nationalist Ben Gvir. However, he is not the only war criminal.

"The opposition leader Lapid praised the military operation in Gaza on Tuesday, stating "Full backing to Israeli security forces for the operation against the Islamic Jihad in Gaza." Gantz welcomed the recent action in the Gaza Strip and expressed his hope that the government would continue to act with both determination and responsibility in future operations." [7]

Thus, there is no right or left among the Zionists when it comes to butchering the native Palestinians.

Down with the state of the butchers!

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

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China's Transformation into an Imperialist Power

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

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Syria: Rally against the “Normalization” with Assad

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 23 April 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 100 Syrian migrants assembled on 23 April in the centre of Vienna to protest against the plans of Arab regimes to “normalize” relations with Assad and to bring him back into the Arab League. These plans have been advocated by Saudi-Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia and other regimes. Türkiye is also prepared to reestablish relations with tyrant of Damascus. This development demonstrates that the policy of bourgeois regimes is determined by greed for power and money. Robbers can have a quarrel from time to time. But they are always closer to each other than to the interests of the oppressed masses and their desire for freedom and dignity.

Comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, addressed the rally both in German as well as Eng-

lish language. In his speech, he denounced the Arab regimes for their attempt to normalize relations with Assad. He emphasized that the Syrian Revolution is still not defeated and that it is crucial to stand in international solidarity with the liberation struggle.

Furthermore, militants sold the new issue of THAWRA, the Arab-language paper of the RCIT.

See photos and video clips here: https://www.the-communists.net/rcit/rcit-interventions-at-rallies-in-2023/#anker_8

The rally has also been reported in Arab-language media. INFOGRAT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byawiOJ-uzg>

Syria TV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtEGdJ-vYocU>



Rally of the Syrian migrant community in Vienna on 19 March 2023; Michael Pröbsting speaks (r.)

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

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

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis. *Palestine and Zionism* shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the “Nakba” in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland.

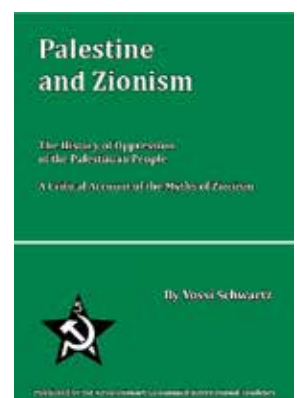
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and outlines

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

The book contains an introduction and 7 chapters (112 pages) and includes 7 Tables and 3 Maps. The author of the book is Yossi Schwartz, a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine..

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The Zionist Goliath Could Not Win Against the Small PIJ

Yossi Schwartz, *ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 14.05.2023

The Zionist apartheid state and the Palestinian Guerilla movement, the Islamic Jihad group (PIJ) in Gaza have agreed to a cease fire that has officially been in effect since 10 Pm Israel's time. Sisi the dictator of Egypt has brokered the ceasefire backed by American imperialism.

In Western imperialist states Israel only defended itself against terrorism. Here come the questions: who are the sides that fought and how did this round began?

Israel is a settler colonialist society and an imperialist nation. The PIJ is a guerilla movement of the oppressed. The round began when a high-profile Palestinian prisoner Khader Adnan, a leader of the PIJ died in Israeli custody on Tuesday after a nearly three-month hunger strike, in protest against his arrest without a trial (administration arrest that Israel uses when there is no evidence against a Palestinian). Israel's prison service announced his death, at a time of already soaring tensions between Israel and the Palestinians as result of the bloody raids by the Zionists using state terror.

Shortly after his death was announced, Palestinian fighters in the Gaza Strip fired a volley of rockets into southern Israel. Palestinians called for a general strike in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

According to the Time: *"The latest wave of violence began with Israeli airstrikes on Gaza on Tuesday that targeted Islamic Jihad, the second-largest Palestinian armed group in Gaza. Israeli airstrikes have since Tuesday killed five senior figures from Islamic Jihad, including most recently Ali Ghali, the head of its rocket force, and Ahmed Abu Daqqa, a senior commander. But rights groups have criticized the airstrikes, which have hit residential buildings"* [1]

"Islamic Jihad confirmed a truce had been reached. "We declare our acceptance of the Egyptian announcement and we will abide by it as long as the occupation [Israel] abides by it," said the group's spokesman, Dawoud Shehab. The Israeli military confirmed to Al Jazeera that there will be a "situational assessment" regarding the ceasefire, according to Willem Marx reporting from Ashkelon, Israel" [2]

The cease-fire is in the interest of the Zionist imperialist state that wanted to end the war before coming Thursday – when the ultra-Nationalist march of the Zionist flags will take place in East Jerusalem. If the PIJ is able to keep the military struggle against the Zionist enemy, it would become the victorious side as it will connect the PIJ with the defense of Alquds (Jerusalem and the Al Aqsa Mosques).

The small guerrilla movement that fought alone against the inhuman fourth or fifth strongest army in the world, was unable to stand the pressure including of Hamas and agreed to the cease-fire. Like in all the Zionists' wars, they murdered entire families and demolished houses and entire floors.

Since Tuesday, the Zionist state has killed 33 people among them six children, three women and two elderly people, and injured more than 160 others in Gaza, the majority of whom are children and women.

The opposition leadership supported the Zionist imperialist aggression, but in demonstrations in Tel Aviv and Haifa there was a pacifist block of Hadash -the Stalinist

front in support of a cease-fire that served Israel with slogans like: "Stop the war on Gaza," "Our hearts are with Gaza," "No democracy with the occupation," "Palestinian lives matter," and "No to the aggression on Gaza."

This pacifist line echoed the position of the collaborator Mahmoud Abbas *"Sunday, May 14, 2023 (Wafa) – President Mahmoud Abbas commended last night the great efforts made by the Arab Republic of Egypt to reach a ceasefire agreement and stop the Israeli aggression against our people in the Gaza Strip."*

The position of the revolutionary Marxists as a military victory for the PIJ and revolutionary defeat for Israel. In a war between an Imperialist state and oppressed nations Marxists always take the side of the oppressed nation.

It is difficult to know how many women and children the Zionists butchered as the Zionist army prevented non-Zionist journalists from entering Gaza. But by estimation more than 30.

The Zionists can brag that it won the war after they killed six local leaders of the PIJ but consider the fact that during this short war 70% of the Israelis living in the South of Israel ran away and the fact that the Zionist state was unable to prevent the shooting of 1500 missiles by the small PIJ we can learn that in a war between Iran with all its allies against Israel the Zionist state will be crashed.

In any case today the first day after the declaration of a cease-fire the Zionist goons in uniform attacked in the West Bank. Six Palestinians were arrested during raids into occupied Jerusalem and the northwestern countryside of the city, according to local sources.

"In the neighborhood of al-Issawiya, Israeli police detained three Palestinians after raiding and searching their family homes, local sources reported. A fourth Palestinian was also arrested in the nearby Jabal Al-Mukabir neighborhood. Two more Palestinians were also arrested by the Israeli army during a raid into the village of Katanna, northwest of Jerusalem." [3]

Considering the feelings of the Israelis and the people of Gaza the winner of this round is Netanyahu on one side and the PIJ on the other side. As long as the Israeli Jews remain Zionist, rotten characters like Netanyahu will win. For the Palestinians to win they must be part of the winning Arab revolution led by the working class with a revolutionary leadership

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

Endnotes:

[1] <https://time.com/6278992/israel-gaza-fighting-latest/>

[2] <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/135793>

[3] Wafa <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/135791>

The Nakba Day by UN in New York

Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 19.05.2023

A couple days ago, May 15 was Nakba day. For the first time in history, the United Nations officially commemorated the Nakba, the annual Palestinian commemoration of their mass displacement during the establishment of Israel.

In spite of the Zionist and its western imperialist friends' effort to block the UN commemoration they failed. For decades, the Nakba had not garnered universal international recognition, as countering narratives have downplayed the plight of Palestinians because Israel is the front line of imperialism in the Middle East.

Once again, the right of the Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland is recognized by most countries and even in the imperialist countries that support the Zionist war crimes and did not participate. A growing number of the people support the Palestinians. The imperialist states that blocked the Nakba day like the USA, Britain, Canada have a record of murder, rape and robbery of the people in Africa, North America, Asia and Latin America.

Israeli officials were urging U.N. member states to boycott the event. "Attending this despicable event means destroying any chance of peace by adopting the Palestinian narrative calling the establishment of the state of Israel a disaster," Israeli's U.N. ambassador Gilad Erdan said.

What a cynical hypocrite. Israel that is murdering entire families wants peace? what a grotesque!

Monday's commemoration included a morning keynote address by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, followed by an evening event that featured an "immersive experience of the Nakba through live music, photos, videos, and personal testimonies." The events, held at U.N. headquarters in New York in the belly of the beast.

Among the 30 nations that did not participate was the representative of the rotten government of Ukraine. While this government does not deserve any support the people of the Ukraine fighting Russian imperialism deserve full support for their struggle.

"For Israelis and for most other people who know only the Is-

raeli narrative, 1948 represents the miraculous establishment of a Jewish state in the wake of the Holocaust," Rashid Khalidi, a Middle East historian and author of *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*, told NPR's *Throughline* podcast in 2021. "But Palestinians call it the Nakba — "the catastrophe." "For Palestinians, it represents the destruction of their society, the loss of self — the right to self-determination and the expulsion of most of them and the expropriation of the property of most of them," Khalidi said. [1]

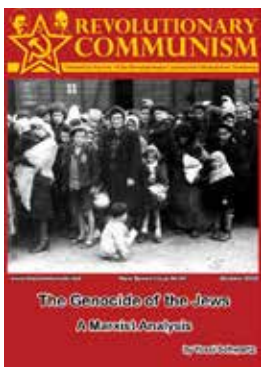
80 years ago, the Jewish Partisans fighting the Nazis sang, "Zog Nit Keynmo!" A great song, but today it belongs to the Palestinian fighters against the Zionist oppression.

Here is the song:

*"Never say the final journey is at hand
Never say we will not meet the Promised Land,
The longed-for hour shall come, oh never fear!
Our tread drums forth the tidings — we are here!
From land of palm-tree to the far-off land of snow,
We shall be coming with our torment and our woe.
And everywhere our blood has sunk into the earth,
Shall our bravery, our vigor blossoms forth!
We'll have the morning sun to set our day aglow,
And all our yesterdays shall vanish with the foe,
And if the time is long before the sun appears,
Then let this song go like a signal through the years.
This song was written with our blood and not with lead;
It's not a song that birds sing overhead,
It was a people, among toppling barricades,
That sang this song of ours with pistols and grenades.
So never say that there is only death for you.
Leaden skies may be concealing days of blue —
Because the hour we have hungered for is nearby;
Beneath our tread the earth shall tremble: We are here!"*

Endnotes:

[1] Emma Bowman and Daniel: The U.N. is marking the 75th anniversary of Palestinians' displacement May 15, 2023 *Estrin Middle East*



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Zionists hand off Haram al-Sharif (The Noble Sanctuary)

Yossi Schwartz, *ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 25.04.2023

While the Muslim Palestinians break their fast by eating the Iftar meal at the end of Ramadan, the hooligan in uniforms (The Zionist police) are busily halting the renovation work at the Bab al-Rahma (Gate of Mercy or Golden Gate) prayer hall, located east of the al-Aqsa Mosque on the Noble Sanctuary.

The Muslims including the Palestinians and Jordanians consider the Bab al-Rahma prayer hall a mosque and an integral part of the al-Aqsa Mosque compound, or Haram al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary), which is administered by the Waqf (formally known as Wakf-al-al-aulad is an inalienable religious endowment in Islamic law, typically denoting a building or plot of land for Muslim religious or charitable purposes) Department of Jordan.

On Saturday the hooligans in uniforms entered Bab al-Rahma and removed electricity cables and construction materials from the prayer hall. The Waqf used these materials to renovate the praying hall.

The Waqf, the mufti of Jerusalem, and Palestinian militant groups warn Israel: Stop meddling in Haram al-Sharif affairs. The Waqf Department accused Israel of "violating the sanctity of the al-Aqsa Mosque."

In 2003 the Zionist court closed Bab al-Rahma by order after the police discovered that members of the Islamic Movement in the Israel-Northern Branch were using it for political activities in defense of the Mosques.

The Palestinians fear for good reason that Israel will divide the Noble Sanctuary between the Jews and the Muslims as it was done in the cave (graveyard) of the patriarch Abraham in Hebron and as the Zionists took the Western

Wall even though the Zionists claimed during the British Mandate that they do not want the possession of the wall.

Because the wall forms part of a larger wall that surrounds the Muslim Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jews and Arabs have frequently disputed control of the wall and, often, the right of access to it. That conflict has been particularly heated since the Zionist state took full control of the Old City in the wake of the War of June 1967.

Contrary to the Zionist myth this wall has never been part of the Jewish temples but part of The Herodian Antonia Fortress. The Antonia Fortress was a military headquarters and barracks built to protect Jerusalem. It was renovated by Herod the Great (19 BC) and was named after Herod's patron, Mark Antony. The Antonia Fortress encompassed all of Haram Al Sharif while the original Temple Mount was most likely in the City of David. The slaughter of the animals in the Jewish temple required water and the only source of water was the Gihon spring, a spring in the Kidron Valley. It was the main source of water for the Pool of Siloam in Jebus and the later City of David, the original site of Jerusalem.

The Zionists already took over a mosque near Haram al-sharif and turned it into a museum and renamed it the Tower of David.

If they are able to, they will remove all the Palestinians from Jerusalem and the West – Bank and destroy all traces of Palestine as they did after 1948 when they destroyed 500 villages.

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

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Pro-Zionist McCarthyism has failed in the USA on Nakba Day

Statement of the ISL (Section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 11.05.2023

The member of the progressive wing of the Democratic Party in the U.S. Rashida Tlaib planned to hold the Nakba day. In 1947-8 the Zionists carried out 30-40 massacres and ethnically cleansed close to 900,000 Palestinians. The Zionists and their friends are doing everything they can from hiding this war crime 3 years after WWII when the Nazis massacres among others millions of Jews. According to the Zionist's narrative the Zionists in Palestine were the victims of the terror of the pro-Nazi native Palestinians US Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy blocked Tlaib from holding the event at the US Capitol Visitor Center.

This clear act of McCarthyism this time has not worked. Democratic 2020 US presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders helped to host the Nakba event. Sanders let Talib hold the event in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Hearing Room, which he chairs and where McCarthy does not have the authority to block an event. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) also does not have the jurisdiction to stop chairmen from hosting meetings in their committee rooms.

The event was organized in partnership with organizations that support the Palestinian struggle against the

Zionist terror. NGOs like Jewish Voice for Peace, which supported the First Intifada, and the Institute for Middle East Understanding lionized the Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Khader Adnan that died last week after a lengthy hunger strike. On Tuesday one day earlier, the Zionists massacred 15 Palestinians in Gaza Among them at least 4 women and four children. One year ago, the Zionist army murdered the Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, Al Jazeera Reporter and Daughter of Palestine and sister to all who struggle against the Zionist and other imperialist's barbarism. Not only the U.S., EU, British, Australian Japanese but Russian and Chinese as well.

Needless to say, the Zionist's mass media claim that the event took place when "the Palestinian terrorists shot 500 rockets at Israeli civilians"[1], forgetting to mention that this was retaliation for the massacre of entire Palestinian families in Gaza.

Down with the Zionist barbarism!

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

Endnotes:

[1] <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-742710>

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

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