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Picture on the cover: Contingent of the Austrian section of the RCIT at a pro-Palestine demonstration in Vienna on 21.10.2023

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“This is the Time to Expel the Occupiers!”

Support the Heroic Palestinian Resistance! Defeat Israel!

Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 7 October 2023 (UTC: 09:00)

1. Hamas – the leading force of the Palestinian Resistance – has launched a military operation, called “*Operation Al Aqsa Flood*”, against the Israeli Apartheid state. In an unprecedented surprise attack, Palestinian fighters have sent thousands of rockets against Israeli cities, including Tel Aviv. At the same time, they broke down the Israel-Gaza border fence and intruded the Israeli side. According to Israeli news agencies, Palestinian militants operate in Israeli cities like Sderot and Be’eri. They have taken dozens Israeli soldiers and civilians as prisoners. Pictures have emerged from at least one Israeli tank burnt with Palestinian youth rejoicing. Mohammed Deif, head of the al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, issued a statement calling other Palestinian and Arab forces to join the struggle, adding: “*This is the time to expel the occupiers!*”

2. This operation is a justified reaction to the extreme escalation of the barbaric oppression of the Palestinian people by the Zionist state in the past period. Since 2007, Israel has transformed the Gaza strip into an open prison house, blocking the import of essential living foods and medicine. The Israeli army has also dramatically increased the oppression of Palestinians in the West Bank, resulting in the highest number of deaths this year since a decade. Thousands of Palestinians are vegetating under terrible conditions in Israeli prisons. Furthermore, right-wing settlers have repeatedly stormed and desecrated the Al Aqsa mosque – the third holiest site in Islam.

3. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its comrades its Occupied Palestine unconditionally support the struggle of the Palestinean resistance. In this war, socialists, democrats, all righteous people

around the world, have only one side to take – the side of the oppressed. We say: victory to the Palestinian people! Defeat Israel!

4. Naturally, this does not mean that we politically support the leadership of Hamas (or Islamic Jihad) or its petty-bourgeois nationalist and Islamist ideology. However, only an ignorant person could ignore the fundamental fact that the Palestinean people are fighting for their right of national self-determination since decades. Make no mistake: this is a just war of national defence on the side of the Palestinean people and a reactionary war of oppression on the side of the Zionist state!

5. We call workers and popular organisations around the world to rally in support of the Palestinean people and its heroic resistance. All Arab and Muslim governments which claim to stand by the Palestinian people must immediately break off all political, economic, and military relations with the Zionist state. They must send the Palestinian people everything they need – from medical to military aid. Likewise, it is urgent to intensify the international boycott campaign which has been initiated by pro-Palestinian solidarity forces and trade unions.

6. The RCIT reiterates that as long as the Zionist state exists, the Palestinians will continue suffering from state terrorism! This is why we stand for the socialist perspective of a democratic and red Palestine. We support the struggle for the destruction of the Zionist state and the right to return for all Palestinian refugees.

Comrades, brothers and sisters! This is a historic event! Do not hesitate! Rally in support of the heroic Palestinian people!

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

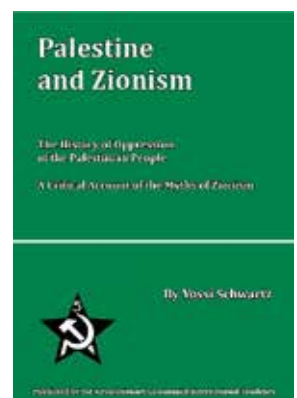
The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People. A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis. *Palestine and Zionism* shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the “Nakba” in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland. Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and outlines

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

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

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/palestine-and-zionism/>



The Massacre in Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza: Questions & Answers

Yossi Schwartz, ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 22.10.2023

Q: While the Palestinians accuse Israel, Israel says that the death was caused by the Islamic Jihad. Who can we believe?

A: You don't have to believe anyone only analyze the published versions and the known facts

Q: Israel says that it does not kill civilians on purpose can we believe it?

A: In the wars in 2008, 2012, and 2014, the World Health Organization reported that Israeli missiles, airstrikes, and tank assaults damaged or destroyed more than 200 health facilities and more than 150 ambulances. More than 30 health workers were killed on duty, more that 175 of them were injured.

Q: But does Israel hit hospitals?

A: In the war on Gaza in 2023, "the toll in lives and availability of health care has been made worse by 30 incidents of violence against health facilities, ambulances, and health workers in Gaza) in the first five days of war. By the end of the first week, 10 health workers in Gaza had been killed, including four Palestinian Red Crescent Society paramedics in one airstrike. After Beit Hanoun Hospital in northern Gaza was damaged, it had to suspend services, leaving the town's 36,000 residents without a hospital." [1]

Israel demanded that the people of North Gaza should leave to the south if they want to live. At the same time Israel destroyed whole neighborhoods and fired on hospitals including Al Ahli even before the blast on October 17.

Q: Israel says that the Islamic Jihad unit hiding in the cemetery behind the hospital used a rocket that hit the hospital. Can it be?

A: No, for the simple reason that searches by journalists did not find such a cemetery behind the hospital. Not only this but forensic reviewing of open-source videos and news broadcasts have given a clearer picture of what happened on Tuesday night.

"They show the impact on the hospital occurring at 6.59pm local

time, with a massive orange plume visible in the dark horizon, engulfing the building in the evening of Tuesday the 17 of October. The Islamic Jihad announced at 7:09 that their rockets and missiles are shooting at Israel." [2]

In addition, the Israeli spokesperson for the army says that the missile of the Islamic Jihad hit a garage while the blast was in the courtyard of the Hospital.

Q: Experts say that the crater is not consistent with an airstrike, it is more likely to be a weapon that failed and released its payload over a wide area.

A: "The crater is consistent with a JDAM aerial bomb. The hole on the ground occurred from kinetic energy." [3] Most likely from ammunition that exploded.

Q: Experts say that even if the crater was caused by a JDAM it will not kill so many people and most likely between 100-200 at most.

A: The blast that killed close to 500 people, many of them children, was caused by the explosion of the ammunition after it was hit by a JDAM or artillery.

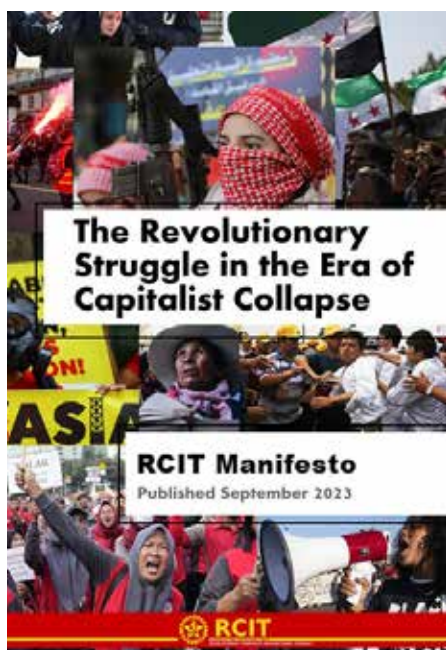
Q: Is there any connection between the bombing of the old Greek church that killed many people and the bombing of the hospital?

A: Yes, it is the same method aimed at wiping out Gaza and committing genocide. Israel did not report it on the first day, but it could not hide it for long as it killed relatives of a former member of the congress Justin Amash who said on Friday that several of his relatives had been killed when a Greek Orthodox church in the Gaza Strip was hit overnight by an Israeli air strike.

[1] <https://www.statnews.com/2023/10/14/gaza-israel-hospitals-health-care-warzones/>

[2] <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/18/al-ahli-arab-hospital-piecing-together-what-happened-as-israel-insists-militant-rocket-to-blame>

[3] Ibid



New Program of the RCIT

The Revolutionary Struggle in the Era of Capitalist Collapse

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

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

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A5 Format

The Al-Ahli Hospital Massacre in Gaza: Who Are the Animals?!

By Michael Pröbsting, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 18 October 2023

The killing of at least 500 people in the Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza City has provoked outcry and outrage around the world. It is no doubt the worst war crime which Israel has committed since the 7 October. In response, people in various countries have spontaneously taken the streets and Arab state leaders were forced to cancel their planned summit with U.S. President Biden.

Unsurprisingly, Israel refuses to take responsibility for this mass murder and claims that the attack would have been the result of a misfired Islamic Jihad rocket. This lie is easy to see through and nobody – not even the hardened supporters of Israel among Western state leaders – takes it seriously. It is well known that Israel has ordered several hospitals in Gaza to evacuate. And, as Al Jazeera reports, a senior health official in Gaza said that Israel had fired two

artillery shells as a “warning” at al-Ahli hospital on last Saturday. A day later, the Israeli army called the hospital’s director and told him: “We warned you yesterday with two shells” and asked for the evacuation of the facility. Now, the Israeli army put its warning into action.

Everyone remembers that Israel’s Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said early in the war. “We are fighting human animals.” This statement reflects the racist “Herrenmenschen” mentality which is so characteristic for the Zionist leaders.

But now, everyone can see that it is not the Palestinian people, it is not the heroic resistance fighters defending their homeland, but it is Netanyahu and his government who are the real animals!

Brothers and sisters, now is the time to support the Palestinian people by any means necessary!

Argentina: Rally for the Victory of the Palestinian People

Report by *Convergencia Socialista* (RCIT Section in Argentina), 9.10.2023

On October 9, a demonstration of support and solidarity with the Palestinian people was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The demonstration was called by the *Committee of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*, whose leaders are linked to Chavismo.

In addition to this committee, some Palestinian organizations in Argentina participated, although the majority of the activists who supported the demonstration were mili-

tants of the Trotskyist left, whose main parties, those that make up the electoral alliance FITu, were present at the event.

Convergencia Socialista, the RCIT section in Argentina, was present in the mobilization and actively participating. Our comrade Juan Carlos made a speech pointing out the need for the revolutionary left to express itself with absolute clarity on the side of the Palestinian resistance.



Activists of *Convergencia Socialista* (RCIT Section in Argentina) at a Rally in Solidarity with Palestine in Buenos Aires (9.10.2023)

The Worst Religion is the Secular Zionist Worshiping of the State

Adam Smith, ISL (RCIT section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 17.10.2023

There is a famous saying by former MK Zahalka of the Ballad party that *"the secular Zionist believe there is no god – but that God gave them Israel."* The current war is going on for a week and half and it is already clear that it is even more destructive than the 2014 one. Already more Palestinians died in a week than in the 50 days of fighting in the 2014 war. Let's look at a couple examples:

1. Ground fighting: Street fighting door to door is going to be very intense, so rules of fighting have been relaxed – no doubt also to inflict revenge, not just out of "security" concerns.

" Hamas also plans to ambush Israeli forces from behind by emerging suddenly from hidden tunnel openings dotted across northern Gaza, according to a Hamas officer who was not authorized to speak to the news media."

" To make it easier for its soldiers to operate, the Israeli military's rules of engagement have been loosened to allow soldiers to make fewer checks before shooting at suspected enemies, the three Israeli officers said, without giving further details." [1]

2. Air Bombings:

"The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have seemingly stopped the "knock on the roof."

The euphemism describes a military tactic first developed in 2009 and used in several conflicts since then. How it works: IDF forces will alert a building's occupants that they are targeting the structure for an airstrike by dropping a small, non-explosive munition on the roof before a larger strike is executed. Its objective is to minimize civilian casualties by allowing for evacuation in buildings where militant groups keep rockets or ammunition stashed.

Despite the ultimate goal of saving lives, the technique is controversial and has been criticized by human rights groups, who argue dropping a munition on a building should not be considered a warning.." [2]

"The Israeli Air Force (IAF) said Thursday that it has dropped "about 6,000 bombs against Hamas targets" in Gaza since Saturday's attack, which nearly matches the number of bombs the US used in Afghanistan in one year." [3]

3. Attacks on Infrastructure:

"Human rights groups said Gaza's health system, already stretched to its limits by a 16-year blockade, is on the verge of complete collapse. The enclave's only power plant was forced to shut down on Wednesday after it ran out of fuel."

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Gaza's hospitals "risk turning into morgues" as severely wounded civilians, including infants, are rushed inside its crowded wards, where beds and medical supplies are running out." [4]

Trying to fight Hamas from door to door is going to be very bloody, not to mention the potential of booby traps (IED), or Hamas fighters emerging from underground tunnels. This is why the Zionist state hesitates so far with a full invasion, but it is clear that public opinion in Israel will force it to embark on a ground invasion.

It is also clear that Israel and Israel's supporters around the world are highly reactionary. For example, Henry Kissinger said that:

" Hamas' attack against Israel being celebrated on the streets of Berlin indicates that Germany has let too many foreigners into the country, according to former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger."

"It was a grave mistake to let in so many people of totally differ-

ent culture and religion and concepts, because it creates a pressure group inside each country that does that," the 100-year-old ex-top American diplomat said in an interview with Axel Springer CEO Mathias Döpfner for Germany's Welt TV. Axel Springer is POLITICO's parent company." [5]

Henry Kissinger was awarded the Nobel Peace prize just after the Yom Kippur War, of which he was a principal actor. The biggest winner from that war was the United States, as Egypt shifted from the USSR camp to the US camp. We recently saw a similar attempt, with the latest Armenia (traditionally allied with Russia) – Azerbaijan war.

I would like to point out the hypocrisy of the Zionist fighters as they hold about 5000 Palestinians prisoners at any given time, most of them on dubious charges, and about 1600 in "administrative detention" (without a charge or pending trial) – so dubious that even the Zionist courts don't believe them (if there was one, the prosecutor would have pursued charges a long time ago). But no one in the Western media calls those Palestinians "kidnapped".

Whatever criticism we might have of the way this operation was executed, we stand with the Palestinian people in their struggle against Israel. Concretely, this means calling for the defeat of Israel, and the victory of Hamas (without giving political support). Now, more than ever, the "secular"/"left-wing" supporters of the protests movement against Netanyahu's judicial reform and "soft" Zionist "socialist" groups expose themselves as morally bankrupt, as the masses of the oppressed, especially in the Arab world, but also in Europe and US, protest against Israel's atrocities.

The protest movement has even decided to suspend its protests against the judicial reform, and join the war effort. The Israeli public, as well as the ruling classes of the West are moving sharply to the right. US President Biden says he fully supports Israel and has even said nothing of the usual rhetoric of "showing restraint". With Israel's latest plan to try to move the Palestinians from the north to the south of the Gaza strip, the genocidal danger of a new Nakba is looming. Of course, there is a possibility that the weakened strength of Israel and the threat of Hezbollah/Iran intervention turning into a regional war will prevent Israel from carrying out its plans. However, I think that Israel's perceived weakness is likely to cause it to escalate the war, as Dayan said *"Israel must be like a mad dog, too dangerous to bother"*.

For a Palestine Red and Free from the river to the Sea!

Defeat Israel! For a Hamas victory!

Down with Zionism – a settler-colonialist and genocidal ideology!

Endnotes:

[1] <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/14/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-invasion.html>

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[5] <https://www.politico.eu/article/henry-kissinger-germany-let-in-way-too-many-foreigners/>

Austria: Three Days with Solidarity Rallies for Palestine

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna between 14 and 16 October 2023, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 500-700 people, the vast majority of them Arab and Muslim migrants, demonstrated in Vienna on each day between 14 and 16 October in solidarity with Gaza. It is an important and remarkable sign that many people are not intimidated and continue to publicly express their support for the Palestinian people, despite the ban of two other demonstrations.

As we did already report, there is currently a uniform position of unconditional support for Israel's war of terror against Gaza among the ruling class in Austria and throughout Europe. This is expressed in a uniform line of "solidarity with Israel" and the demonization of the Palestinian resistance, which is propagated in unison by the government, parliamentary parties and the media.

As we have already reported elsewhere, OE24 – one of the largest daily newspapers in this country – has published a sensational inflammatory article against the RCIT under the title "Now open call for violence against Israel at demo in Vienna". In it, the newspaper denigrates our socialist rejection of Zionism and reports that the outraged NEOS city councillor Stefan Rastl intervened with the police and the secret service against our leaflet. (see <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/austria-tabloid-attacks-rcit-for-open-call-for-violence-against-israel/>)

The first rally was organised by the "Palestinian Community in Austria", the other two by the "Arab Palestine Club". The latter two actions, in particular, were characterized by a clear line of unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian liberation struggle on the part of the organizers as well as a combative mood.

Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, spoke at two of the three rallies. He spoke out in favour of taking a clear stance on the side of the Palestinian resistance and against Israel's war of terror. He further explained our program of abolishing the Israeli Apartheid state and replacing it with a joined state "from the river to the sea" on a secular and democratic basis and in which the popular masses – the workers and peasants – hold power in their hands.

In addition, Michael was interviewed at all rallies by various media, including OE24 and Puls24.

See also <https://www.puls24.at/video/puls-24/pro-palaestina-demonstrant-wir-protestieren-gegen-diesen-massenmord/v1afeb19f42sq>

See photos and video clips here: https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rcit-interventions-at-rallies-in-2023-part-2/#anker_11



Rallies in Solidarity with Palestine 14-16 October 2023; Michael Pröbsting speaks (below)

The Real War Criminals

By Yossi Schwartz, ISL (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 11.10.2023

Using the claim that Hamas has killed a huge number of civilians, the Zionist state is committing systematic genocidal policy in Gaza. The Zionist Minister of war that calls the Palestinians sub human, announced on Monday a “total blockade” to stop food, water, electricity and fuel from reaching Gaza. To starve to death the entire population of Gaza. Humiliated Israel by the victory of Hamas fighters has retaliated with air strikes on Gaza that have razed entire districts as it prepares for a possible ground offensive. The plan so it seems encouraged by the support of the leaders of the imperialist states is to expel the people of Gaza to Sinai desert.

“Such blatant dehumanization and attempts to bomb a people into submission, to use starvation as a method of warfare, and to eradicate their national existence are nothing less than genocidal,” Palestinian UN envoy Riyad Mansour wrote in a letter to the UN Security Council on Tuesday, seen by Reuters. “These acts constitute war crimes,” he wrote to the Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday, who said his empty speech that he was “deeply distressed” by Israel’s announcement of a complete siege on Gaza. [1]

Israel carried out heavy bombardments across the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, as its military repeatedly hit the enclave. Eyewitnesses described widespread destruction of neighborhoods in Gaza City from the Israeli strikes. All of the Gaza Strip’s borders are closed, leaving Palestinian civilians with nowhere to escape and around a tenth of Gaza’s population of about 2.3 million people internally

displaced seeking shelter. Gaza has been under a blockade by Israel and Egypt for 16 years. [2]

The plan to exile the people of Gaza to Egypt that controls Sinai has been approved by the other arch-criminal Biden that announced it will open a safe corridor to Egypt for the people of Gaza.

“Meanwhile, the US is coordinating with Egypt to establish a humanitarian corridor for Palestinian civilians as well as the several hundred US citizens in the Strip to evacuate the coastal enclave, NBC News says” [3]

Now it is the time to support the Gazan people. The Arab local ruling classes condemn Israel but do nothing to support Hamas fighters. Enough with the empty words, time to defeat the apartheid Zionist state, the front line of the western imperialists in the region!

Victory for the Palestinians armed struggle for national liberation!

Break the siege on Gaza!

Release all political Palestinian prisoners!

The Zionists are war criminals!

Endnotes:

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[3] https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/as-us-works-to-establish-gaza-egypt-humanitarian-corridor-biden-said-to-urge-pm-to-limit-civilian-harm/

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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Austria: Tabloid Attacks RCIT for “Open Call for Violence against Israel”

Statement of the Austrian section of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 16.10.2023

Yesterday, the daily newspaper OE24 – one of the bourgeois tabloids with the widest circulation in Austria – published an inflammatory article against the RCIT on its online portal. (<https://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/chronik/jetzt-offener-gewaltaufruf-gegen-israel-bei-demo-in-wien/572393412>, see also the screenshot below) Under the lurid title “Now open call for violence against Israel at demo in Vienna,” the newspaper writes in connection with a rally in solidarity with Palestine on 14 October:

“Now a flyer is causing outrage: activists from the group ‘Revolutionary-Communist International Tendency (RCIT)’ distributed a leaflet at the demonstration that calls for violence against the state of Israel. Under point 6 it states: ‘The RCIT reiterates that as long as the Zionist state exists, the Palestinians will continue suffering from state terrorism! This is why we stand for the socialist perspective of a democratic and red Palestine. We support the struggle for the destruction of the Zionist state and the right to return for all Palestinian refugees.’”

Furthermore, OE24 reports that Stefan Rastl, a Viennese council member for the neoliberal and strongly pro-Zionist party NEOS, intervened at the police to act against our comrades distributing our leaflet. The paper also reported that the leaflet had been forwarded to the Austrian secret service.

This hysterical attack on the RCIT reflects the current climate in Europe where governments and media take a stance of unlimited support for the Israeli Apartheid state in its war against the Palestinian people. Hence, they react with outrage if socialists and consistent supporters of the Palestinian cause take a strong stance against Zionist state.

Activists of the Austrian section of the RCIT have a long record of solidarity work with the Palestinian people and with other Arab and Muslim migrant communities. We have been invited to address countless rallies and demonstrations on these issues. It is therefore not surprising that fanatic Zionists are now targeting our comrades.

The Austrian section of the RCIT has published a written statement in which it denounces this hysterical attack. Therein, we outline our program of struggle against the Zionist state and our alternative perspective of a secular and democratic state which should be a workers and poor peasant republic as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East. Such a state would be a single state in historic Palestine from the River to the Sea. It would allow all Palestinian refugees the right of return. Such a state, which would have a Palestinian majority, would guarantee full cultural and religious rights for the Jewish minority. Such a program is, in our view, the only guarantee for a peaceful coexistence of peoples with different religions and ethnicities.

We also stated that if fanatical representatives of the Israeli apartheid system want to defend their supremacy with violence, it is them – and not the oppressed Palestinian people – who bear full responsibility for such violence.

Such a program has been defended by the RCIT since many years, including by our Jewish comrades within the RCIT section in Israel / Occupied Palestine whose most well-known representative is our comrade Yossi Schwartz – a lifelong Jewish Anti-Zionist for six decades.



Screenshot from the OE24 Article against the RCIT

Ukraine's Zelensky Cheers the Zionist Oppressor of the Palestinian People

Support the Heroic Palestinian Resistance! Defeat Israel!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 10 October 2023

1. Since the beginning of the new Palestinian uprising on 7 October, the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has repeatedly expressed his "unconditional support" for the Israel Apartheid state. He called the "international community" to show solidarity and unity in supporting Israel's war of oppression against the Palestinian people. Ukraine's capital Kyiv even flashed Israel's national flag on advertising boards to demonstrate on which side the *Bankova* stands.
2. This is an outrageous act of "solidarity" with one of the most reactionary states on the planet! Israel is a settler state which had been created by expelling most of the native Arab population from their homeland (the notorious *Nakba* in 1947/48). It has repeatedly waged reactionary wars of aggression against its Arab neighbour countries (1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2006). It has brutally suppressed the Palestinians in the 1967-occupied territories and waged four terrorist wars against Gaza between 2008 and 2021 which killed thousands of civilians. Every person in the world with a minimum sense of humanity and compassion is disgusted by the Israeli crimes and sympathizes with the Palestinian people.
3. Of course, Zelensky's pro-Zionist sympathies have been well-known and the RCIT and other socialists have repeatedly denounced such. However, rallying support for the Zionist oppressor in the hour when the Palestinian people rise in what might be their most important struggle, in the hour when the Zionist state attempts to lay Gaza in ashes in order to provoke a new *Nakba* – this is a new quality of treason! It reflects that the *Bankova* is prepared to support all kinds of crimes as long as it serves the interests of its Western imperialist masters.
4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly denounces Zelensky's support for the

- Zionist state and its policy of war crimes. This is a reactionary government which is an enemy not only of the Palestinian but of all oppressed people.
5. The reactionary character of the Zelensky government does not negate the just character of the war of the Ukrainian people against Putin's invasion. The RCIT supports *all* liberation struggles of oppressed people irrespective if these are directed against imperialist powers of the West or of the East. Hence, we have sided with the popular resistance in Iraq and Afghanistan against the U.S., in Western Africa against France or in the Middle East against Israel. Likewise, we have supported popular struggles against Russian imperialism and its proxies like those of the Chechens in 1994-96 and 1999-2009, of the Syrian people against Assad since 2011 and of the Ukrainian people since February 2022.
 6. The RCIT calls all authentic socialists to join forces on the basis of a consistent anti-imperialist program. Socialists must oppose *all* imperialist Great Powers (U.S., Russia, China, Western Europe and Japan) and, at the same time, they have to support *all* liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples. Hence, we are pro-Palestinian, pro-Ukrainian and we remain steadfast supporters of the Syrian Revolution.
 7. In the Ukraine as well as internationally, socialist supporters of the just war of national defence of the Ukrainian people need to denounce Zelensky's shameful support for the Zionist oppressor.
 8. We reiterate our unconditionally support for the struggle of the Palestinian resistance and call for the building of an international solidarity movement. Victory to the Palestinian people! Defeat Israel!

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Publications of the RCIT in Arab Language

The image shows a collage of Arabic language publications from the RCIT. At the top left, there is a red banner with white text: "الثورة والثورة المضادة في العالم العربي: اختبار للثوريين" (Revolution and counter-revolution in the Arab world: a test for revolutionaries). Below this, there is a graphic with a yellow hammer and sickle inside a red star, with the text "الثورة الشيوعية" (Socialist Revolution) and "الثور الشيوعي العالمي (RCIT)" (World Socialist Revolution (RCIT)). To the right, there is a graphic with a red star and the text "الثورة" (Revolution) and "الثورة الشيوعية" (Socialist Revolution). In the center, there is a portrait of a woman wearing a keffiyeh. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text: "الثورة الشيوعية" (Socialist Revolution) and "الثورة الشيوعية" (Socialist Revolution).

The Zionist Apartheid State in a Trap

Yossi Schwartz, ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 17.10.2023

Israel that in the arrogance of its leaders and the Jewish-Zionist arrogance have failed to understand Hamas, and have lived in a phantasy, therefore they not only lost the war against Hamas but it has fallen into the trap.

The conventional belief that Israel was so successful in penetrating Arab political and military structures that everybody discounted the possibility of a strategic surprise, like the one it suffered in the October War of 1973 when Egyptian and Syrian armed forces launched a surprise co-ordinated attack, has proven wrong on October 7th 2023.

There are other failures. First, its plan to evacuate the Palestinians from North Gaza has failed. Only about 400,000 fled and Israel, which killed 70 and injured more than 200 of these fleeing to the south, convinced most of the Gazan in the north to stay. Unlike when Hamas wear uniforms in attacking Israel, now they are in civilian clothes.

"Nobody knows what the primary intention of the announcement made on Friday was, but whatever it was, it fell short of anything that could be called full Israeli success. and sophisticated surveillance and spying techniques. Then came Saturday, October 7, 2023, which brutally sent to the scrapheap Israeli reputation of omnipotence and the notion that it would know in advance every move Palestinians would make" [1]

In many conventional wars, sowing panic among a civilian population will inevitably reflect on the army. Soldiers seeing their relatives, friends and neighbors flee in panic inevitably ask themselves: "for whom do I fight". In such wars when the civilian population flee the lines of communication are disrupted and planning a counterattack is very hard. This is not the case in this war.

The army of the Zionist apartheid state is ready to attack from Friday and now four days later it has not entered Gaza. Why is that? Hezbollah has sent a clear message as soon you enter Gaza the front of the war in North Israel

will begin. If Hamas has shown its strength Hezbollah is much stronger than Hamas. It has 150,000 rockets and missiles. If on the other hand Israel will not enter Gaza the people in the semi-colonies including the Arab masses will understand that Israel is a tiger of paper. Its usefulness for the Western imperialists that stand behind the war crimes of Israel will be gone and the USA and its allies will suffer a major defeat in the region. A US Marine rapid response force was headed to the waters off the coast of Israel, CNN reported on Monday night. The force includes 2,000 Marines and sailors and will join additional US forces and warships deployed off the coast of Israel in an effort to deter Hezbollah, Iran, and other actors from joining the war between Israel and Hamas. The Pentagon is preparing American troops for a potential deployment to Israel as well, according to the report. If the USA has to fight for Israel, its usefulness will die. Israel is supposed to be a strategic asset for Western imperialism, not the opposite.

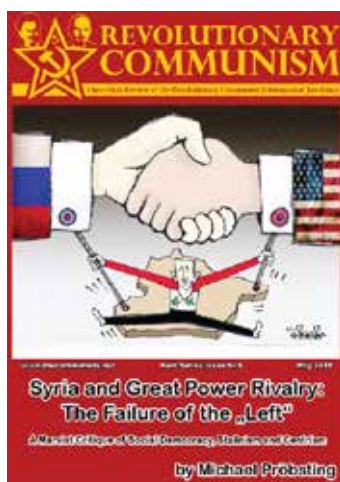
For this reason, Biden is begging Israel not to enter Gaza and Israel is likely to claim it does not enter Gaza because of the USA. In such a case the Zionist-Jewish population will eat alive the government of Netanyahu. It is likely that such a huge defeat for Israel will push for uprisings in the Arab countries that stood aside rather than assist the Palestinian national liberation struggle.

This war is a warning to the Israelis to break with racist Zionism and join the struggle to form a Palestinian socialist state from the river to the sea where the refugees will return and you will live in a safe place with equal civil rights.

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

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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

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Syria: The Revolutionary Offensive of the Masses Continues

By Michael Pröbsting, *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*, 6 September 2023

The new wave of mass protests of the Syrian people continues to expand and to deepen. Popular demonstrations are taking place on a daily basis since 16 August in response to dramatically worsening living conditions after the regime lifted subsidies on gasoline and fuel oil.

However, as we did already report, the protests are not limited to economic issues but quickly assumed a political dimension, calling for the downfall of the Assad regime. People are chanting famous slogans which have become popular since the beginning of the Syrian Revolution in 2011. Likewise, demonstrators are waving the “Free Syria” flags which have become well-known at anti-regime protests in the past 12 years. (1)

According to a new report by the well-informed U.S. think tank *Institute for the Study of War (ISW)*, protests have occurred across the country in 126 locations in 8 provinces. (2) The center of the demonstrations is in the south – the province Suwayda and Daraa (the latter was the place where the Syrian Revolution started in March 2011). However, protests have also taken place in other provinces like Aleppo, Deir ez Zor, Raqqa, and Rif Dimashq provinces.

Furthermore, activists organized solidarity demonstrations in the liberated territories of Idlib – the region in the north-west of Syria which has been successfully defended by the rebels against continuous attacks by Assad troops and Russian Air Force.

The above-mentioned ISW report also indicates that the current protests have also a clear anti-imperialist component as slogans are being raised against the presence of Russian, U.S. and Iranian occupation forces.

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* reiterates its unconditional support for the mass protests. As we did already emphasise, this is a crucial event as it represents the revival of the Syrian Revolution – the longest-lasting struggle in the historic process of the Arab Revolution which started in January 2011. (3)

We repeat that this event confirms the RCIT’s analysis that the Syrian Revolution – contrary to the claims of de-

moralised renegades – has not been defeated but is rather continuing despite all the setbacks which the masses had to suffer in the past years. The same slogans, the same flags – all this confirms that the current mass protests are part of the same process which started in March 2011.

The RCIT has actively supported the Syrian Revolution since the very beginning. (4) On 27 August, we participated in a demonstration of about 1,000 Syrian demonstrators in Vienna and were invited to deliver a speech which was enthusiastically welcomed. (5)

We call all workers and popular organizations as well as left-wing parties to join forces for an international campaign of solidarity with the revived Syrian Revolution!
Victory to the liberation struggle against the Assad tyranny and its imperialist masters!

For an international solidarity movement with the ongoing Syrian Revolution!

For a free Syria, a socialist Syria – a Syria which respects the national and religious rights of all people!

Long live the Arab Revolution!

Unity – Struggle – Victory!

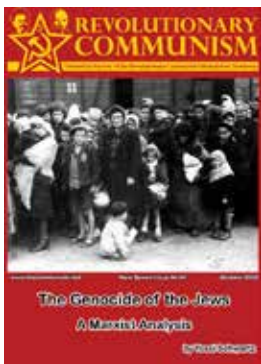
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Publications of the RCIT

The Genocide of the Jews A Marxist Analysis

By Yossi Schwartz

Introduction * The Conditions of the Jews on the Eve of World War II * The Pseudo-Scientific Racist Theory of Social Darwinism * Anti-Semitism as a Branch of Social Darwinism * The Nazi Labor-Death Camps * Zionist Ideology as a Branch of Social Darwinism * The Genocide of the Palestinians * Who Are the Guilty Parties for the Genocide of the Jews? * The Uniqueness of the Genocide of the Jews * The Use of the Holocaust * So What Is Unique About the Genocide of the Jews? * Conclusions * Footnotes

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Argentina: Excellent Election Result for Trotskyists in Teacher Training Institute

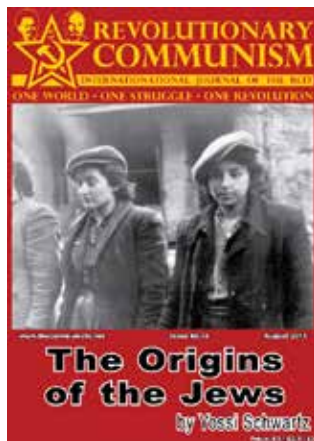
Report by *Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina)*, 19.10.2023

On October 9, 10 and 11, elections were held for the student center at the teacher training institute 103, in the province of Buenos Aires, in Argentina. Our comrades from the student group *La Roja* achieved an excellent result, reflecting their broad support among the students. They obtained 346 votes, compared to 491 obtained by the Isauró Arancibia group, which is close to the Peronist party (the party that currently governs Argen-

ina) and had millionaire resources for the electoral campaign. This result is a political triumph for *La Roja*, which continues to be part of the leadership of the student center and has been increasing votes in each election. They are successfully building a class-based, independent organization with working class methods among the students.



Activists from *La Roja*, a socialist students group, which is close to *Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina)*



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The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

- Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?
- Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism
- Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism
- Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution: Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

Argentina: A Balance Sheet of the first Stage of the Electoral Process

By *Damián Quevedo, Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina), 05.10.2023*

In mid-August, the primary elections took place in Argentina. In these, political parties choose their candidates for public office, in open elections in which all citizens vote. Primary elections function, in fact, as a yardstick that measures the results of the final elections in advance, that is, the parties or candidates with the most votes in these elections are practically guaranteed to win in the final elections, unless some political event like an extraordinary change the situation occurs.

In these primary elections in Argentina, we were able to see, not only the likely future electoral result, but fundamentally, a measure the state of mind of the masses which allows to calibrate the analysis of the situation.

The result of the elections seemed to show a shift to the right in society, since the candidate with the most votes was the ultra-right Javier Milei, who until today is the one with the best chance of becoming president.

This result led many parties, including Trotskyists, to wrongly characterize that there is an advance of reaction, such is the case of the PTS (Socialist Workers' Party) which maintains that Milei's electoral victory is a fascist advance.

Nothing could be further from reality, the votes for the right-wing party fundamentally express the discontent and rejection of the masses towards the traditional bourgeois parties, in essence, the rejection of the bourgeois democratic regime.

"That this discomfort was expressed in the vote for Milei is explained by the political dynamics of recent years. The big business community and the big political coalitions, together with the big media corporation, contributed to the construction of a conservative political and ideological climate. The media construction of the La Libertad Avanza candidate himself was part of building that context. For big businessmen, the push from the ultra-liberal figure appeared as a strategic move: it contributed to shifting the political and economic agenda to the right, forcing debate on issues such as labor flexibility, the end of compensation or an even further abrupt devaluation."

Beyond the positions and the diffuse program that Javier Milei raises, the masses took this party, in the elections, as a tool to punish the big employers' parties. It is necessary to clarify that Javier Milei is a newcomer to politics, an outsider, in some aspects similar to Donald Trump, who presents himself as the antithesis to traditional politicians, in a context of profound institutional crisis and representative democracy.

The so-called "Milei phenomenon"

The triumph of the right-wing candidate is not, as we pointed out, part of a setback and a reactionary turn in society, but rather the expression of the fatigue of the majority of workers and youth towards the bourgeois democratic regime.

Of course, Milei has a reactionary program, which is no different from that of the rest of the bosses' parties such as Peronism or the coalition led by businessman Mauricio Macri. But the vote for the candidate of La Libertad Avanza

(that's what Milei's party is called) was motivated by his disruptive attitude, by his gestures against "traditional politicians", more than by his proposals, which are quite diffuse.

On the other hand, the majority of the bourgeoisie does not support this candidate, due to some unrealizable ideas which would only deepen the crisis, such as dollarization and fundamentally because it does not have an apparatus, a party with weight throughout the country and the support of the trade union bureaucracy. Such structures are necessary to govern, especially in the midst of a crisis like the one Argentina is going through.

The bourgeoisie fears Milei, not because he goes against their interests, but because he will be the head of an extremely weak government and that can be a boost for the mass movement, which in this country has great experiences of struggle.

The electoral process in Argentina is taking place in the midst of a deep economic crisis, whose main manifestation is the very high inflation, above 140% annually according to official data. In fact, inflation is much higher for food and everything consumed by the working class. Furthermore, there is a political crisis that affects the entire representative regime which has been the main way in which capital exercises its domination in the last 40 years.

In this context, the first television debate took place between the main candidates, among whom was the candidate of the left front, Myriam Bregman, who after the debate was very well positioned among the people as a whole, especially the youth.

The "Front of the Left and the Workers – United" (FITu) is an electoral coalition made up of four Trotskyist parties in Argentina (PTS, PO, IS and MST) and other groups and parties that, such as *Convergencia Socialista* (Argentinean Section of the RCIT), participate in the electoral process supporting, with its own candidates, the left front.

The left front can make a great election in the presidential elections in October, better than in the previous elections in which it reached one million votes. In any case, from *Convergencia Socialista*, we carry out an electoral campaign together with the FITu. However, we strongly criticize the kind of campaign which the left parties are running as it is mostly with a defensive tone and slogans and without positioning themselves as a true government option.

From our vision, the economic and political crisis will deepen after the elections and that will push the working class and the mass movement into great struggles.

The left must propose itself to the workers and the people, to lead these struggles with a revolutionary and socialist perspective. The participation of our party in the electoral campaign has this objective.

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Haiti: For Popular Resistance against the UN Military Intervention!

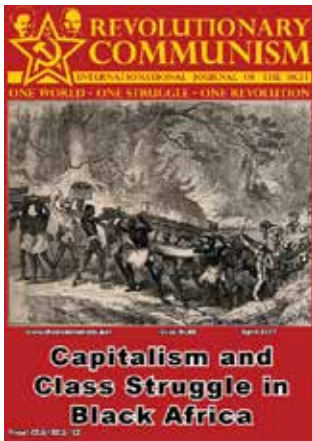
Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 3 October 2023

1. The UN Security Council has voted to send a so-called “security force” to Haiti to help its unpopular government restoring power. The resolution was approved by 13 members with Russia and China abstaining. The driving force behind the vote is the U.S. which has also pledged to finance the force with up to \$200 million.

2. The military mission – called “*Multinational Security Support*” – shall be led by a contingent of 1,000 police officers from Kenya. Its government – a complaint lackey of Western imperialism – has a long-time record of police brutality. According to “*Missing Voices*”, a campaign group that tracks extrajudicial killings in Kenya, there have been 1,350 deaths at the hands of police since it began collecting data in 2017. “*Amnesty International*” and other human rights groups have also expressed “*deep concern*” about Kenya’s “*continued unlawful use of force against protesters*” within its own borders. Furthermore, Kenya has participated for many years with thousands of soldiers in the AMISOM resp. ATMIS missions – the pro-imperialist occupation force in Somalia which brutally fights a long-lasting popular insurgency.

3. Haiti is a poor capitalist semi-colony superexploited and oppressed by imperialist powers. Its economy has been deformed for centuries by the interference of Great Powers and the resulting unequal relations with the capitalist world market. Today, about 60% of its more than 11 million people earn less than \$2 a day. As we noted in an earlier statement, Haiti has a long history of foreign occupation. The last mission of “UN peacekeepers” in 2004-17 was notorious for brutal suppression of mass protests as well as for sexual violence against women and girls. Furthermore, they were responsible for a 2010 outbreak of cholera that killed about 10,000 people and caused more than 820,000 infections. It is therefore only natural that the popular masses in Haiti oppose another foreign intervention.

4. The U.S. and its allies claim that the purpose of this mission would be “*to end gang violence and criminal activity*”. But this is only a pretext! The real purpose is to prop up the totally discredited and unpopular government of Haiti’s Prime Minister Ariel Henry. This government has never been democratically elected but was im-



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posed by so-called “Core Group”, which is led by the U.S., and includes Germany, Brazil, Canada, Spain, France, the EU as well as representatives from the UN and the OAS. Henry’s attempts to eliminate fuel subsidies resulted in dramatic prices increase and provoked mass protests. As a result, the government effectively lost control over large parts of the capital Port-au-Prince. It is symbolic that Haiti currently has not a single lawmaker in its House or Senate since the mandates of all have expired.

5. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its sections in Latin America and Africa strongly denounce the UN decision to send a military mission to Haiti. In fact, this would be just another episode of foreign imperialist occupation. In any conflict between these pro-imperialist troops and forces of the Haitian people opposing the occupation, we will side with the latter and support the struggle for the expulsion of the intruders.

6. We call international workers and popular organisations to unambiguously oppose the UN military mission. In Haiti, it is crucial that the masses create *popular*

councils and *militias*. Such bodies should take control of the neighbourhoods so that these are no longer in the hands of gangs like “*Revolutionary Force G9 Family & Allies*” led by Jimmy Chérizier (“Barbecue”).

7. The RCIT reiterates that the only way forward for the popular masses in Haiti is the overthrow of the reactionary and pro-imperialist Henry government and the establishment of a *workers and popular government based on councils and militias*.

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We refer readers to the RCIT statement “Haiti: Down with the UN Military Intervention! Build popular councils and militias! For a workers and popular government!”, 19 October 2022, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/latin-america/haiti-down-with-the-un-military-intervention/>

Books of the RCIT

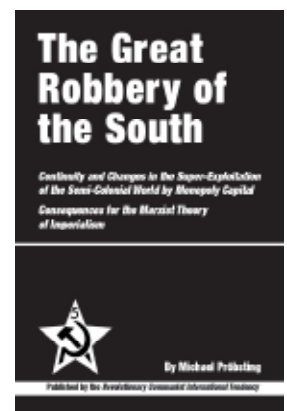
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

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

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

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

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



Thailand: Pheu Thai Party Unites with Military-Based Parties to Form New Government

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 13 October 2023

On the 22nd August 2023 Srettha Thavisin from the Pheu Thai party became the Prime Minister of Thailand with 482 votes from House of Representatives and 150 votes from the army appointed senate ensuring his victory. The previous nominee from the Move Forward Party, Pita Limjaronrat, failed to get enough votes to rule as Prime Minister although his party, a bourgeois-democratic populist party, had won the election outright with their allies Pheu Thai party coming in a close second.

“Srettha Thavisin of the populist Pheu Thai party has won the backing of parliament to become Thailand’s next prime minister, paving the way to a new coalition government and an end to weeks of uncertainty and political impasse. Property tycoon Srettha’s victory, with 482 votes from the 727 politicians present on Tuesday, ends months of suspense, legal wrangling and horse-trading that followed the May elections” [1]

Pita Limjaronrat had been chosen as the party’s nominee for Prime Minister but could not garnish enough votes from the military-appointed Senate. He was blocked because of his party’s manifesto pledge to curtail the power of the King and the monarchy. This was unacceptable to the army and pro-military regime so they blocked his vote. He was eventually suspended from Parliament and after a second vote he was prevented from standing again as Prime Minister.

“The progressive Move Forward Party, which won the most seats in Thailand’s general election, has been excluded from a coalition that hopes to form the next government, according to its former ally, the Pheu Thai Party. Conservative lawmakers strongly oppose Move Forward over its proposed reform of a law banning criticism of the country’s monarchy. The Move Forward Party, the surprise winner, pulled together an eight-party coalition with 312 seats in the 500-member House of Representatives. However, under the military-enacted constitution, confirming a new prime minister requires a majority vote in both the elected House and the 250-member Senate, which was appointed by a previous military government.

An initial bid last month by Move Forward leader Pita Limjaronrat fell short by more than 50 votes, largely because only 13 senators backed him. His second attempt the following week was blocked by a procedural vote in the National Assembly, which said he could not be nominated again. Parliament plans to convene on Friday for its third attempt to select a successor to Prayuth Chan-ocha who as army commander seized power in a 2014 coup and was returned as prime minister after a 2019 election. However, a pending court decision could delay the vote

again. The Constitutional Court is to meet on Thursday to decide whether to accept a petition from the state ombudsman seeking a ruling on whether Parliament’s rejection of Pita’s renomination was unconstitutional. If accepted, the court could order the third vote to be postponed until it issues a ruling. After its two failed attempts Move Forward handed over the lead in forming a new government to the populist Pheu Thai, the second biggest party in its coalition.” [2]

Pheu Thai: A party of opportunism

The Pheu Thai party, which saw its founder Thaksin Shinawatra return from exile, has ditched its support for basic democratic demands which would curtail the power and influence of the King. At the moment, any criticism of King Maha Vajiralongkorn will land you in jail. The Pheu Thai party a bourgeois party which ruled in Thailand in 2006 and 2011 before it was overthrown in two coups. The Pheu Thai party under Thaksin Shinawatra’s leadership instituted several reformist demands like subsidies to poor peasants.

It has now done a 360-degree turn and allied itself with the very forces that overthrew its governments. This has caused a crisis in the Pheu Thai party and the leader of the party, Dr Cholnan Srikaew, has resigned because of its alliance with the Palang Pracharath party. This may cause a split in the party’s ranks since such alliance make Pheu Thai a prisoner of the regime and the army command.

The general election on the 14th May, which promised to be an open democratic contest, has now been proven to be a fraud since the very party that won the election has been prevented from taking power because of Thailand’s constitutional arrangements. It was obvious that the Bonapartist military bureaucracy was never going to allow Move Forward to take power.

Since the Pheu Thai party has taken power, it has started making overtures to China particularly offering many Chinese visitors to come on free visas. Formerly Thailand, one of the strongest economies in South-East Asia before the pandemic and a close ally of western Imperialism, is now seeking help from China to fill the pockets of many capitalists and their projects of exploitation for the masses.

As the RCIT has remarked previously it was an illusion by the Move Forward party to think that they could change the power of the King and institute basic democratic demands. The military regime was not going to allow that to happen.

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"[T]he populist Move Forward party assumed that if they just won an election they could take power, form a government, and proceed to make reforms that they had campaigned for. They hoped to build a more democratic system of government, to reduce the power of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, to amend the constitution and to prevent the Senate from deciding on future governments. This is very unlikely to happen in this period of political uncertainty. The state and its army will prevent this at all costs." [3]

For a workers and poor peasants government!

The betrayal of the Pheu Thai leadership and the failure of the Move Forward party demonstrates the necessity to build a new, revolutionary leadership. Such a leadership – a new revolutionary party – has to be built on the basis of program for struggle. The RCIT calls on all progressive militants in Thailand to join forces in the revolutionary struggle for socialism through the seizure of power and the overthrow of both the monarchy and the capitalist Pheu Thai government and to replace these by a workers and peasants government.

* 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 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 and poor peasantry can end the Pheu Thai capitalist government 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 workers and poor peasants in Thailand needs to build a revolutionary workers party. 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!

Footnotes

- 1) [Srettha Thavisin elected Thailand PM as Thaksin returns from exile | News | Al Jazeera](#)
- 2) [Party that won Thai elections blocked from forming coalition government | Politics News | Al Jazeera](#)
- 3) [Thailand: The Move Forward Party wins the General Election with the Pheu Thai Party a close second - RCIT - Revolutionary Communist International Tendency \(thecommunists.net\)](#)

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.

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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.

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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 led 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 led 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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