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Let the regime fall!

**Enough of the cynical Biden-Sanders deception of
the Democratic Party of the US imperialists butchers!**

Out with Trump, the leader of the imperialist bandits!

**Dissolution of the police, the FBI and the CIA!
For the defeat of the Pentagon's fascist officer caste!**

Black People's Self-Defense Committees! Workers militia!

Factory and unemployed committees!
The power of those below must be raised

**We must expropriate the expropriators of the people!
Let Wall Street catch fire!**



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June 12th, 2020

Workers and people of Seattle take over the city police's headquarters

The Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone stands up, under the control of black people, workers and rebel youth

For the dissolution of the repressive forces!

Let the weapons pass into the hands of the insurgent black people and workers!



In Seattle, the revolt of the workers and the black people of the United States has climbed a new step. This is happening after the Minneapolis mayor of the Democratic Party was expelled days ago, from an assembly in the streets of the city, where he tried to intervene, because he refused to abide by the resolution of the masses to dissolve the police. Trump had already been hidden in a bunker under a White House surrounded by the exploited in fight. And meanwhile, the lies and the deception of "police reform" of the Democratic Party no longer convince anyone... All this means that the black people and the workers have taken it upon themselves to fulfill the mandate of their struggle: dissolution of the police and repressive forces! Weapons for the people! That is the only effective justice against the brutal killing of George Floyd and all the workers and youth who were murdered at the hands of the police and white supremacists.

In the face of the mass uprising in the United States, the reformist left had been proposing to "democratize" the murderous police, as if a pack of rabid dogs could become "democratic" and "peaceful".

Sanders the scoundrel, who had been misleading the masses by talking about "socialism," soon dropped out of the electoral race and rushed to hand over the leadership to his bosses: Biden and other counterrevolutionary phony Democrats. In this way he tried to remove the hungry

exploited from the streets to lead them back to an electoral trap. But today it has become clear that Sanders is a liar and can no longer deceive the masses when they break into a revolutionary struggle.

Along with this, in 24 states that are controlled by the Democrat friends of Sanders, the people are repressed and assassinated equal or worse than in the other states controlled by Trump's party. The greatest example of this is that in Minneapolis the one who killed and murdered George Floyd was the Biden-Sanders party that is in command of the fascist and murderous police in that city.

The social-imperialist left both in the United States and at the international level even proposed, as is the case of the FT of the PTS of Argentina, the SWP of England or the ISO of the United States, to set up "independent commissions" to "put pressure on the FBI" to make the latter to "investigate well (!!!!!)" and present the "real evidence" to the White House Department of Justice !!! (sic). A position of true cowardly politicians and abject servants of the bourgeois state.

But the rebellious masses do not pay any attention to these impostors of socialism and true vulgar democrats, left advisers of the Democratic Party, who have long been proclaiming the fight for a "real" ("generous" as they call it) democracy... That is, a democracy for the wealthy and for the slavers who have been murdering and martyring

the black people and workers in the US and around the world.

These leaderships are nothing more than the continuity of Stalinism that for decades supported the Democratic Party and its “left wing” in Yalta, to establish the policy of “peaceful coexistence”, which meant that the Soviet bureaucracy gave in every proletarian revolution that was developed in the West.

In 2008, the Castroes deal with Obama, whom they upheld, applauded and took as a guest of honor to Havana to reestablish relations with US imperialists, was a hard blow against the US black people and working class. In the name of the Cuban revolution, the Castroes embraced Uncle Tom, the worst of the slavers: a black representative from Wall Street, with whom imperialism put on a “good-natured” face in 2008 to be able to throw all its crises on the world working class and the US proletariat in particular, which saw all their conquests lost.

Under the conditions of that infamous pact, the Castroes completed the capitalist restoration process on the island, the black people were tied hand and foot to submit it to Obama, who violently repressed them with the same murderous police that today is under the command of Trump. We still remember Michael Brown, Eric Gardner, Freddie Gray... So it was during the Obama presidency that the Black Lives Matter movement emerged, fighting against that government of the imperialist Democrats.

The US imperialism regime had to play Stalinism and Castroism in 2008 to deflect the wave of struggle from the black people, then from those who were fighting against the war and later on from the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Later, Sanders would appear talking about a “socialism” that did not go beyond the limits of an opportunist’s verbiage. His perfidious role 4 years ago was to bring the working class at the feet of Hillary Clinton. Now he did the same with Biden, the great gas tycoon. But this time, this was a miscalculation on the part of the Democratic Party. His left flank was uncovered and now there is no Stalinism to cover it.

In addition to this, the renegades of Trotskyism also had a miscalculation: they followed Sanders to Biden’s house, with entire groups like the US ISO dissolving into his movement. Meanwhile, the same was happening at the international level with currents such as the PSOL in Brazil, among others, which sent its leader Pedro Fuentes to propose Sanders to make a “socialist international” all over the Americas. This is how these people ended up: hanging on the coattails of the Democratic mayor of Minneapolis, in charge of the police that killed George Floyd.

The working class and the black people took to the streets, pushed by the whip of capital, at a time when the bourgeoisie had already played and exposed all its mediations to survive.

This is the experience developed by the advanced lay-



ers of the black people, the working class and youth that today fight on the streets throughout the United States. Under these conditions, the left wing was forged that leads the current struggles of the black people and the American labor movement.

The exploited no longer believe in phonies. The masses haven’t gone so far in their struggle to give in the victory they feel close at hand. No pre-existing party or staff in the United States has called for these revolutionary actions in this country, much less to coordinate them internationally, an issue that the spark of Minneapolis that lit the prairie did achieve.

Independent actions of the exploited have begun, which the exploited do not delegate as they have taken the fight into their hands. A mass political struggle, where they have understood that by defeating the government and its repressive forces, they have opened the way to their social liberation, conquering wages, work, health, education and housing. The task of the moment: to set up the organizations for this combat, which cannot be other than the black, working class and popular militia, by arming the people and disarming the bourgeois state.

The capture of the Seattle police station is one more milestone of these revolutionary days that are moving both the entire United States and the entire world. The American working class has entered the torrent of the world revolution, along with its brothers and sisters from Chile, Ecuador, Lebanon, the heroic Syrian resistance against the fascist al-Assad... The combat on American soil is the sibling of the workers’ struggle of Nissan and Renault, of the uprising of the Black Vests in France, of the rebellious youth of Greece and the workers of England, who have coordinated in international fighting actions with the workers of the United States, marking a historical milestone in the fight for recovering militant internationalism in the working class ranks. In imperialist Europe, they face the pirates of Frankfurt, the Fifth French Republic and the butchers of the city of London, partners of US imperialism, demonstrating that the time of awakening and the offensive of the European working class against imperialist

Maastricht has also arrived.

In this fight, the American workers and people are not and will not be chauvinist because they will know how to recognize the super-exploited black sibling in Africa and in China, the Chinese slave who built the US infrastructure together with black slaves, also leaving hundreds of thousands of them who were buried under the dykes and railroad tracks built in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The working class and the masses of the United States, as they did yesterday with the Vietnamese people, will also be in solidarity with the exploited in China when they rise up against those wretched CP mandarins, who take care whip in hand of the business of the imperialist transnationals.

The workers of the GM in Silao, Mexico, have risen up against their US imperialist bosses, against the layoffs and the persecution of their leaders, so as not to die from coronaviruses on the production lines. Without a doubt, it is united to that fight that the workers of the GM and all the automakers in USA will be able to recover what was taken from them yesterday by the Obama administration and today by the Trump government.

On the day of George Floyd's murder, Minneapolis police station, a veritable torture center for black people, and hated by the masses, was set ablaze. Today they take over the Seattle Central Police Station, with the police running away because it is no longer credible that they kneel. The masses want the police dissolution.

Black people, unemployed workers, those who were fired for refusing to work and risking their lives in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, those who are not healthy, those who saw their beloved die without having a decent hospital, immigrants, like Latinos, all those that when they lose their jobs have nothing, not even a severance pay, are taking part of these combats. All of them have understood that if they defeat and dissolve the murderous police of the infamous regime of counter-revolutionary Wall Street pirates, they will be a thousand times closer to achieving all their demands. And they are right.

We insist, disarming the bourgeoisie, if the workers arm themselves, means and will always mean having the door open for conquering health, education, wages, for recovering the job and the roof expropriated by the bankers and living with dignity. Thus the revolutionary mass political struggle subsumes in itself the entire economic struggle for the exploited to regain their conquests.

The masses already know and their most advanced layers have already learned this is the character of the fight they are leading.



And now we have to climb one more step...

They took over the police stations, the barracks in Seattle and now they have to take up arms and disarm the oppressors!

Representative courts of black people and workers must be set up to try and punish the murderers of our martyrs in every city in the United States!

With huge revolutionary days the American revolution begins to stand up.

Seattle's actions must be generalized to the entire country and to all states!

The armed gangs of Wall Street pirates must be disarmed!

Dissolution of the police, the FBI and the CIA!

We must crush the fascist gangs of white supremacists, who are armed to the teeth and being prepared by the great slaver bosses to bathe the rebellious people in blood sooner rather than later!

Trump threatens to send the army to kill the people... US imperialists have already done it hundreds of times against the people they loot, such as in Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, Panama, Iraq... But from those places they had to leave defeated. This was not only due to the heroism of the masses of those countries that fought -or are still fighting as in Iraq-, against the outrages of US imperialism and its military bases throughout the planet, with which they support counter-revolutionary governments, such as al-Assad in Syria, or the fascist state of Israel that massacres and occupies the Palestinian nation.

The US imperialists' military defeats by the oppressed peoples had a fundamental protagonist: the workers and the masses of the same United States, whose soldiers, children of the people, refused to kill to defend the businesses of the imperialist monopolies. It was the movement of Vietnam veterans, as well as the "Million Workers March Against the War" during the invasion of Iraq, that paralyzed the US imperialists' war machine from within,

so that the oppressed peoples could get rid of the invader troops.

Trump then threatens to send the Wall Street and Pentagon army, this time against the American black people and workers.

Soldier Committees must be re-established without delay at all US bases! Yesterday we did it when Vietnam, and later with pickets at the doors of the Bush ranch! The soldiers' rank and file must be called to disrespect the officers, to join the rebellious people and march alongside the black people and all the workers who demand justice!

Let Trump sink into his bunker and be buried in it!

The infamous regime of slavers who take turns to use the whip against the black people and workers, must fall!

We must expropriate the expropriators from Wall Street, who have stolen 44 million jobs from the working class!

For the US workers and exploited to save themselves, they must tie their fate to the working class and oppressed peoples of the world who have risen up and taken their claims as their own banner of struggle. The US imperialist butchers treat the black people and the workers of the United States the same as they treat the working class and the nations of the semi-colonial world throughout the planet. The bankers and transnational corporations that strangle the American masses are the same ones that plunder oppressed peoples either directly or through the IMF. They are the ones who murdered the Marikana miners in South Africa, under the command of wealthy blacks who run their businesses for the white masters of the AngloAmerican. They are the ones who sent Putin and al-Assad to do the "dirty work" of massacring the Syrian masses so they could keep all the oil wells in that bloody nation. They are the ones who have taken out the entire Middle East, devalued their currencies and who, by means of proxy counter-revolutionary wars, as in Yemen or the Palestinian nation, maintain control of the oil routes.

They are the ones who set foot with their military bases in Latin America, a region they have looted for decades. They are the ones who subdue the masses of the Asia-Pacific with their maritime fleets and their bases installed in Japan.

The uprising of the workers in the US and their tendency to enter combat in imperialist Europe is opening a new moment in the world situation: before the capitalists and their regimes finished throwing their crisis at the masses, the latter have hit first and have gone on to a huge offensive internationally.

That is why in the world working class there is the strength of those that are taking over the Seattle police station today, of those who kicked out the mayor of Minneapolis, of those who revolt in the Bronx, of those who made



Trump flee like a rat and hide in a bunker underground and also of the millions that continue to win the streets.

A simple call from the black people and the workers of the United States would suffice, putting up the war cry of "the enemy is at home" and that they feel they are the iron fist of the black peoples of Africa, of the Latinos who within the United States and south of the Rio Grande are enslaved by the US imperialists, of the European and Pacific working class, so that their struggle ends up synchronizing with the millions of exploited rising in insurrection throughout the world.

This parasitic imperialist system must die!

The victory of Black people and the working class of the US will be a victory for all the oppressed peoples of the world.

The vanguard of the U.S. working class is the Black people of the US who, as an integral part of the world proletariat, have already risen in Paris, Madrid, England, Greece... and are already standing up in martyred Africa.

Let no one want to stop this fight those on the bottom have won!

Out with the "siren songs" of the left-wing servants of the Washington and Wall Street tycoons!

The power of the factory committees, of the Black people, of the people's assemblies, must stand alongside soldiers' committees!

A black, working class, and popular militia must coordinate in every city, state, and nationwide!

America will be socialist!

The masses have already opened that path because they are a bastion of the struggle of the world working class.

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America's black working class is the iron fist of all the workers worldwide

They strike the heart of the imperialist beast from within.

The revolt is widespread to huge layers and sectors of the entire American working class.

People is already fighting in dozens of cities. It is a fight for justice, against hunger and layoffs, for those massacred by the pandemic and the murderous state.

Nothing is left to the workers, everything has been taken from them: they have no house, no retirement, no medicine, no education, no work. Not even their life has been left them.

Against a pestilential capitalist system that deserves to die, today its gravediggers are standing to bury it.

The imperialist scourge, the 1% of US super multimillionaires treat their workers the same way as they treat the slaves in the countries they loot.

Imperialism must die.

The iron fist has to hit harder.

Let the revolt turn into insurrection! That it does not stop! Let no one dare to expropriate this fight and put out the fires of freedom that have been lit!

White supremacists parade armed.

So let the blacks and revolted workers do it too.

Those above looted the planet and its workers. We must recover what was stolen from us.

In the hands of a handful of shareholder oligarchs and parasites from the 8 blocks of Wall Street, the world's economic and political power stays. You have to take it! That is the task and the work that begins today: the socialist revolution that deserves to win.

Going backwards, in order to submit to the infamous regime of the Republicans of Trump, assassins of world workers, or the Democrats of the Vietnam, Palestine or Hiroshima massacres, would amount to death for the working class.

We are all Black Minneapolis workers!

Georgia, Ohio, Washington, New

York are already revolting... Let Ecuador and Lebanon continue, also the Yellow Vests in France, Nissan workers in Barcelona, of General Motors and the maquilas in Mexico. May the Iraqi revolution, the Syrian resistance, the "front line" of Chile and the indomitable Athens, succeed!

Open the road to the militant internationalism of the world working class!
If American workers win, we all win.

We must surround American embassies around the world!

It is necessary to unite all the combats of the exploited of the planet in an **International Day of Fury!**

Rich blacks, union bureaucrats, the



labor aristocracy, and their social-imperialist parties submit workers in all countries to their executioners -the bosses' politicians and their infamous regimes. Those are the chains that must be broken!

**Under the banners of the Fourth International...
Proletarians of the world, unite!**

We are all George Floyd!

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Minneapolis fighting spread to New York, Denver and dozens of cities in the country

Minneapolis has dawned today as a battlefield. The National Guard has entered the city as occupation troops. Trump, the commander of the multinationals, is urging the military to take control.

The black working class, along with immigrant workers and youth, has taken over Minneapolis, setting fire to police stations and patrol cars, confronting the police and right-wing gangs.

The Minneapolis combat is beginning to spread to several cities, including New York, Denver, Baltimore, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Oakland, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Ohio, Louisville, Memphis, Phoenix, and Petal (Mississippi). Thousands of workers, young immigrants and Americans have taken the fight for justice for George Floyd into their hands. Fed up of dying as disposable workers in the pandemic and suffering police repression, the working class and youth say "enough". The class war that has begun will be defined in the streets.

The entire working class must be centralized in Minneapolis, the National Guard must be expelled, and the fight must be generalized throughout the country.

The regime of Trump, Biden and that impostor agent of Zionism that is Sanders, wants to crush the rebellious working class. The task of the moment to achieve justice is to organize self-defense and unite the worker ranks.

The black working class around the world watches the combat of their Minneapolis brothers and sisters. The way for their victory is there. The fate of martyred Africa is at stake in the streets of the United States.

The commander of the transnational companies that plunder Africa wants blood. We have to respond with class war. The working class must win the streets. SAFTU and NUMSA of South Africa, the Black Vests of France and all black, immigrant workers' and youth organizations must win the streets. In United States fighting, the fate of their liberation struggle and their rights are defined.

Hand in hand with the uprising of the black movement, the movement of the US exploited is already beginning to stand up. The firewood is dry.

Let the power of the Wall Street pirates catch fire!

From Denver to New York: all claims must be unified!



Minimum wage worth \$ 15 an hour for everyone!
Health care for all workers and exploited! Free public and state medicine for everyone!

Reduction of working hours and one more shift in all factories so that there is decent work for everyone! No layoffs!

Payment of 100% of wages for all workers, both employed and unemployed!

Roof for everyone!

Wall Street must be occupied and expropriated!

We must expropriate the financial oligarchy, that 1% of parasites that plunder the world and have expropriated the American working class of all their conquests!

White supremacists, financed by big capitalists and bankers, arm themselves to the teeth to impose terror on the streets. Trump threatens to open fire on the hungry rebels.

Enough is enough!

Generalized armament of the people!

Black, worker and popular militia to crush the fascists, dissolve the murderous police and the band of spies and bandits of the FBI!

Out with Trump, executioner of the workers and exploited of the world and murderer of the African American people, immigrants and the entire working class of the United States!

Let the regime of Democrats and Republicans fall, all out of the same sewer of Wall Street!

EEUU will be socialist or its working class will be subjugated worse than the slaves of the Confederacy

From the USA, Juan James
Columnist of "The International
Worker Organizer" on the black question

Despite and against the union bureaucracies, the social-imperialist parties and the renegades of Marxism...

With huge internationalist battles, the world working class is standing up

May 9th, 2020

European workers stand up alongside the black people of the US

Down with imperialist Maastricht!



England, the statue of slave-owner Edward Colston in Bristol



Madrid, protest at the US Embassy gates on June 7th



Greece, protest at the gates of the US Embassy in Athens on June 3rd



Germany, protest in Berlin on June 6th

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As the Black Vests of France say: **Now fear has changed sides!**

In Paris and around the world: We are all Black Vests!

*We fight for bread, justice and papers for each
and every migrant worker in the world*



From Saint-Denis, La Chapelle, Aubervilliers, from the depths of the French labor movement, a cry of rage has come from the undocumented migrants: **"We are no longer afraid of the police and death, what we are afraid of is humiliation"**. That is why those who have been working in France for a short time or without papers, without rights, without the possibility of having a decent life, have organized. They, who come from Afghanistan, the Middle East, throughout the African continent and have traveled kilometers, leaving their family behind, to get a job that allows them to feed their children.

Their fight is not only for legal documents, but **"...against the system that manufactures undocumented people. We fight for a life-with dignity"**.

The fight of these yellow vests, which have turned black with rage, as they say, is the same as that of all the migrants in the world who fight day by day to survive. Many are locked up in refugee camps like in Moria in Greece, many others

in camps like in Lebanon, in Syria, hundreds of thousands more trying to cross Mexico to reach the US, or in boats trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea.

Their fight must be taken into their hands by the world working class, which are winning the streets in Iran, Iraq, fighting against General Motors in Matamoros calling for a general strike, rising from the camps to demand decent living conditions, or chewing their anger because the exploiters want to make them work without any security measure. It is the same fight for freedom of the political prisoners in Chile or the Basque prisoners, that organize an international fight for their freedom, or that in the Spanish State where migrants have managed to get several CIEs (Internment Center for foreigners) to be closed.

Any migrant worker will feel identified with their call, since they know that as a result of the colonization and looting of the imperialist countries, they have had to leave their

country devastated by hunger or war. The black vests in response to this say: "We denounce colonialism every time, wars and economic looting carried out by France and other regional or world invading powers."

Their program is a call to unify the fight of all the migrants in the world and that is why, from the International Workers' Organizer, we will take it to the last corner of the five continents, to make it known to every migrant, and

all the workers' organizations, so that they can make it their own and organize a world struggle together with the black vests..

"All those who fight against the state, exploitation and racism make up our side"

Uniting our combat from the most exploited sectors of the world, hitting like a single and firm fist, the exploit-

ers will tremble and we will shout all together:

Fear has changed sides!

We are all Black Vests!

The same class, the same fight across borders, races, languages and cultures!

For internationalist unity and solidarity among the oppressed!

Manifesto of the Black Vest of France in struggle

Fear has changed sides, the gilets noirs are here!

IMMIGRANTS' SELF DEFENSE, THE GILETS NOIRS FIGHT BACK!

1. The Gilets Noirs will rise up alongside any immigrant who is in distress. The French national motto for us is: humiliation, exploitation, deportation.

2. We organize night and day, in immigrant workers' hostels and in the streets against State racism and its accomplices. We come from all backgrounds; we debate in several languages. Despite what the State wants us to be, we are living an intense and independent political life. We're done hiding.

3. We're here to defend our homes against police raids. We're here alongside the rejected immigrants of Porte de la Chapelle or Porte d'Aubervilliers, where they've suffered under the sticks and mace of the police.

4. We are ready to rise up and be a thousand-strong whenever a boss is shown to be exploiting an immigrant!

5. We are mobilized at airports whenever the French State decides to deport an immigrant to his or her country, whether it's Afghanistan, Sudan, Senegal or any other.

6. We use every opportunity to speak out against colonialism, wars and economic looting led by France and other regional or global imperialist powers.

7. Whether we are first, second or third generation, we will destroy detention centres.

8. Fear has changed sides. By leaving our families, making it through the desert, crossing the sea, attacking the préfecture, attacking the Défense business district, attacking the airport, attacking the Pantheon. The Gilets Noirs are here.

9. In France, an immigrant's work is more often than not done via the black market. We are the Yellow Vests blackened by anger..

GILETS NOIRS - WHAT DO WE WANT? DOCUMENTATION!

We want documents for all, whether we've been in France for a day or for 10 years, with or without work, and for all of those who will come after us. We will not be split up into "asylum seekers", "refugees" or "undocumented workers." **We are all immigrants.**

We will no longer fear the police, nor death; we are only afraid of being humiliated. We are proud of who we are, we are proud of our skin; we take our pride and we run with it. Day and night. We were born with our pride and we will die with it.

We are not just fighting to obtain documents, but against the system that keeps us undocumented. We are fighting for a life with dignity.

All those fighting against the State, exploitation and racism are on our side.

We are living a historic moment, in which oppressed peoples are rising up by the millions around the globe.

We support any grassroots attempt to organize against racism and exploitation,

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We are part of all those struggles.

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June 13th, 2020

Exploited and oppressed blacks and immigrants take to the streets of France again

against the violence of the racist and murderous police of the 5th Republic and the USA

Convened again by the Truth and Justice Committee for Adama, as a continuation of the June 2 march, tens of thousands demonstrated once again throughout France to the cry of "Justice for Adama Traoré, Justice for George Floyd!"

The same feeling of hatred for the oppression of this system that in the imperialist powers kills immigrant and black workers with its forces of repression runs across both sides of the Atlantic.

Along with the exploited who continue to revolt in the US, they are at the forefront of the fight. **A single class, the same fight, a single international fight!!!!**

**Black lives matter!
Fear has changed sides!**

France June 13

Intervention of the Black Vests addressing the tens of thousands march of today in Paris for Justice for Adama (young black man killed by the gendarmerie in 2016):

"Thanks to the Committee for Adama, thanks to everyone who believes in unity. We believe in unity.

We say NO to police violence!

We say ENOUGH of racism!

We have no papers, but today we are here for the Traoré family and for all those who suffer violence. We are all victims. We are also victims; they control us here and at work.

*We say to France: Stop racism!
We are not going to lose our lives because we are black.*

Color says nothing.

The Black Vests are proud of what we are, we are proud of our skin, of our color.

Long live the Black Vests and all those who believe in freedom.

Many people were killed just for being black.

France does not think about justice, it does not believe in unity. Any country that



does not have justice is not a country.

Justice for Adama, Justice for all of us here today!"

#ComunidadNegraResiste
#BlackLivesMatter
#GeorgeFloyd
#NoJusticeNoPeace

[See the video of the intervention](#)

From Southern Africa

May 28th, 2020

Letter from the socialists of WIL (Zimbabwe) to the Black Vests

To the Black Vests:

The revolutionary workers of Zimbabwe, from the WIL (Workers International League) with great joy have received your paper Le Papier #0. We are filled with emotion that your cry of "Fear Changed Sides!" has reached every immigrant in the world, as our black brothers in Minneapolis rise in the face of the brutal murder of George Floyd by the racist United States police.

Your battle cry and the call to organize must be heard by the exploited around the world. From the International Workers' Organizer of which we are part, we are at the service of your struggle

We take your paper as our own because it expresses the suffering and the struggle of the most oppressed sectors of the world.

We have reproduced your paper and we will translate it into English, because we want it to reach all workers' organizations and the immigrant movement on 5 continents.

We salute your struggle and we hope to strengthen revolutionary ties in this fight so that the entire working class and its most subjugated sectors have decent jobs, houses and living conditions.

Fear changed sides!

Justice for George Floyd! Enough black deaths! Black lives matter!

We are all Minneapolis! We are all



January 2019: protests in Zimbabwe

Black Vests! The same class, the same fight over borders, races, languages and cultures! For internationalist unity and solidarity among the oppressed! The rebellion of the slaves is not a crime, it is justice!

WORKERS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Under this rotten world capitalist system...

Nowhere on the planet can the exploited breathe!

*Yesterday Mohammed Bouzazi was the spark that set Middle East on fire...
Today the murder of George Floyd has set the US and the world on fire*

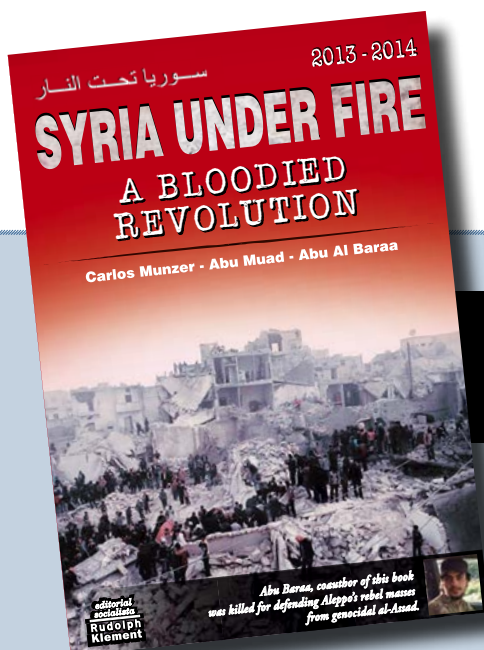
SYRIA

June 5th, 2020

Protest in Idlib for the fall of the regime and to support the struggle of the workers and oppressed of the US

**No to racism!
I can't breathe!
People of the US,
we are with you!**

From Idlib to Minnesota, a single
struggle with a single enemy,
US imperialism that murders the
black oppressed and slaughters
in Syria through its agents,
Al Assad and Putin



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Syria

June 2nd, 2020

Appeal from the heart of the resistance in Idlib, under the rubble of the cities devastated by the fascist al-Assad

**Both in the US and Syria we are hit by the same enemy...
We have to respond with the same fight**

For a Day of International Fury!

Let's win the streets to the cry of "No justice, no peace!"

From the slaves of martyred Syria to the slaves of the metropolises that are revolted in the heart of the US and French imperialist beasts.

This stinking capitalist system won't let us breathe! We are murdered here and in the US like our brother George Floyd. You and we are thousands of outcasts looking for a place to give our families a piece of bread and even that is denied us.

In 2011, when we began our revolts against the most authoritarian regimes on the planet, many rich people in jackets and ties were shouting at us that what we needed was "electoral democracy." And they were obfuscated or attacked us when we set up the coordination committees with direct democracy.

Today, in the face of the murder of George Floyd, it has been clearly demonstrated that the "most democratic country in the world" does not respect even the skin color of its oppressed, whom it murders not only with its police. The highest proportion of deaths from COVID-19, are blacks and immigrants, because they were put to do the jobs most exposed to contagion, without personal protective equipment.

Today, you have rebelled, together with the whole of workers in the US, who can no longer endure the millions of layoffs, the lack of health insurance and housing. More than ever, we join with all our forces in that fight you are carrying out against American regime that loots and makes people starve.

You are suffocated by the police with their knees like the forces of the murderous state. Here they smother us with sarin and mustard gases with their agent Bashar, under the cloak of the Sochi peace accords between Erdogan and Putin, blessed by Trump. There you are evicted from their homes for not paying the mortgage or the rent. Here they are bombing us out leaving our homes dusty and rubble, therefore without justice against Assad there is no Peace.

You have been ripped from your homeland in Africa and taken as slaves to the fiercest imperialist state. Our luck here in Syria is similar in that bombings have destroyed our homes and they use us as slave labor in Turkey and in different parts of Europe.

We are united with you a thousand ties more than what we can have in common with the bourgeois generals of the military factions in the liberated territories, who have only dedicated themselves to doing business at the cost of our blood and our hunger and have given in our rebel cities one by one.

We see the brightness of the flame of our revolution in the revolts that are taking place throughout various states of the United States. Their success will be key for us to being able to fulfill our demands for a decent life. The same American State with its weapons and soldiers



have occupied our territory, plundered our oil and annihilated hundreds of thousands of brothers and sisters. There we will avenge all our martyrs, George Floyd as well as the 600 thousand slaughtered by al-Assad on behalf of Wall Street!

So today more than ever we must be a single fist hitting in unison, because if you are hanged there, we will soon stop breathing.

We call our Syrian, Iraqi, Iranian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Yemeni siblings, our siblings refugees in Europe, our siblings the black vests, the African-American workers and the entire American working class, and every worker who wants to defeat this system, to fight together. Let's make a Day of Fury against the oppression exercised by those who have the most against those who have nothing.

We have plenty of reason to be furious. Let's take a breath and scream together: "We can't breathe anymore in this filthy system! Fear changed sides! If there is no justice, there will never be peace!!"

Without homes, there will be no peace!

Without freedom for prisoners for fighting, there will be no peace!

Without living wages, there will be no peace!

Without health or medicine, there will be no peace!

As long as there are invaders in our lands, as long as they continue to create thousands of refugees, as long as they continue to plunder the riches of the planet for the benefit of the powerful, they will never, never have peace!

The peoples want the fall of their regimes... in the Middle East, in the US and in France!

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PAPER "THE TRUTH OF THE OPPRESSED" FROM THE TRENCHES OF THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION

SOUTH AFRICA

We reproduce a statement by SAFTU (South African Federation of Trade Unions), where 21 unions are grouped, including NUMSA, the powerful metalworkers union. Therefore we give a voice from our press to a large section of the South African working class.

May 31th, 2020

SAFTU condemns the continued killing of the black people in the US

Why the World Must Learn to Say #BlackLivesMatter

The South African Federation of Trade Unions (SAFTU) is utterly disgusted by the continued maiming of unarmed and defenceless black men and women in the hands of racist white police in the United States. The brutal and merciless killing of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police serves as a reminder of the daily levels of open, naked but sometimes subtlet racism that black people are subjected to all over the world, from Minnesota to Marikana and everywhere in between.

SAFTU stand in solidarity with the family of George Floyd and with the masses occupying the streets in the US and other parts of the world. This is by no means an isolated tragedy. See the list of black people killed by the police over years. <https://newsone.com/playlist/black-men-boy-who-were-killed-by-police/item/19>

Racism, xenophobia, narrow nationalism, fascism, regionalism, sexism and tribalism are direct products of poverty and inequalities that continue to grow under today's global capitalism. They are all on the rise.

There are approximately 315 000 black residents of the city of Minneapolis, making up 8.7% of its total population. (Nationwide, Black Americans account for 12.7% of the population.) The black people have not benefited from the recent economic growth in their region.

Many scholars have analysed the recent trends which shows that the coronavirus disproportionately kills the black minority in the US because of the underlying socioeconomic conditions they face. They are, like our proletariat, the stepsons and daughters of a capitalist economy mainly dominated by the 1% of mainly white males. See this analysis of how COVID-10 will affect black America and Black America in particular: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/who-are-the-workers-already-impacted-by-the-covid-19-recession/>

Nationwide, the net worth of Black Americans is staggeringly low compared to white Americans. The median wealth for a white family was \$171,000 in 2016, according to the Federal Reserve Board (the U.S. central bank). That number was \$17,600 and \$20,700 for Black and Latino or Hispanic



SAFTU protest in 2018

families, respectively.

In South Africa, the black-led government has, over the past 26 years, mirrored the oppressive U.S. in terms of the humiliation, suffering and discrimination against the black majority on behalf of the still white minority in charge of the economic levers.

South Africa has had a fair share of killings of black people by the black state. We recall our own list of shame over just the past decade. Three dozen Marikana mine workers were killed in 2012 for demanding a living wage; Andries Tatane of Ficksburg was killed a year before in a service delivery protest, as were four residents of Mothotlung just west of Pretoria, killed in 2014 making demands simply for water (demands still not satisfied going into the lockdown). And last month, Collins Khosa of Alexandra was beaten to death by of the South African National Defence Force in his own backyard. Last week, the SANDF declared itself innocent of any wrongdoing.

Saying “Black Lives Matter!” is not just about opposing police brutality though. It is also about the structure of society: the political and economic systems that devalue black lives, black land, black culture, and blackness. If we are to truly recognise that black lives matter, then we must work to fix and if necessary overturn those systems. •

AFRICA

April 4th, 2020

The exploited are subjected to social catastrophe, slavery, pandemic and counterrevolutionary wars...

Black Lives Matter

Imperialism takes slaves and steals coltan, lithium, gold, copper, oil, rubber and the whole wealth of black Africa.

A handful of Black millionaire foremen, just like Uncles Tom, manage the slavery of the workers and poor peasants of Africa with the whip, on behalf of the transnationals of London, Paris, Frankfurt...

This is how the exploited in Africa live and die.

Coronavirus, which is keeping the planet's population on edge, is just a tiny plague compared to the plagues and pandemics suffered by the Black peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa due to hunger, malnutrition and lack of water, minimal health services and vaccines.

Diseases that have been eradicated in the West coexist with a population that sees millions die each year from malaria, marsh fever, AIDS, tuberculosis, diarrhea...

Malnutrition and lack of attention to the mother in childbirth claim 1,000 times more lives than the coronavirus worldwide.

Miserable, infamous scoundrels! This rotten capitalist system must die!

So much hypocrisy must cease! Black lives matter!

Death to imperialism, Uncles Tom and slavers!

The traitor workers' aristocracies and social-imperialist parties, that anti-Marxist trash of the imperialist West, do not care about the lives of the workers and exploited in Africa.

The reason is they live on the crumbs that fall from the feast of the super-exploitation and looting of the semi-colonial world by their imperialist bosses.

We must defeat the trash-left that are tied to the apron-strings of the pi-

rates of Frankfurt, Paris, London, Tokyo and Wall Street!

In figures, less than 1% of the number of human beings who die in the south of Africa die of disease in the north of the continent. The five deadliest diseases in black Africa kill more than 3.5 million people a year, up from 60,000 people in Northern Africa, according to 2012 data.

* **TUBERCULOSIS:** Every year about 2.4 million cases of tuberculosis are registered in the African region - 24 percent of all reported cases in the world - and half a million deaths for this reason.

The reality is that both meningitis (a viral / bacterial infection that inflames the meninges) and tuberculosis (a bacterial infection that affects the lungs and can infect other organs) add up to more than half a million deaths each year in Africa.

* **AIDS:** The African region concentrates 60 percent of people living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) worldwide, although it only accounts for 11 percent of the world population.

Specifically, in Africa there is a large percentage of cases of deaths from HIV-AIDS: 1,110,141 in the sub-Saharan zone and 2,829 in the north; To these, we must add the 420,788 that the disease causes in other parts of the world.



* **Lower respiratory tract diseases** are the first cause of death in the world and the second in Africa, where the difficult access to antibiotics and the habitual contagion of this type of disease (bronchitis, pneumonia) make treatments difficult to carry out in many circumstances, resulting in rapid spreading. In sub-Saharan Africa they are responsible for more than 1.1 million deaths per year: three times more than the deaths of all developed countries together per year.

* **DIARRHEA:** the sad reality of hunger and thirst in Africa

Diarrhea is far from the first sixty causes of death in western countries, but, in Africa, it is in the third place, linked to the problems entrenched among the world's poorest countries: dehydration, poor water quality, famine and malnutrition...

Diarrhea usually occurs due to an infection (usually rotavirus or bacteria) and results in the deaths of tens and hundreds of thousands of children due to the loss of salts, electrolytes, and nutrients. South Africa and Southwest Asia

are the areas that account for almost 80% of all diarrhea deaths in the world.

* From the more than half a million deaths from malaria a year in sub-Saharan Africa (in the north it is considered eradicated, as in developed countries, although in recent years there have been return alerts) 75% of the deaths are children.

* **MATERNAL AND NEWBORN MORTALITY RATES:** Of the twenty countries with the highest maternal mortality rates, nineteen are in Africa. In 2002, some 231,000 women died in the region from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. The newborn mortality rate in the African region is the highest in the world. An estimated 43 out of every 1,000 babies born in 2005 died during their first twenty-eight days of life.

Sub-Saharan African women have a lifetime risk of dying during pregnancy or childbirth of 1 in 37. By contrast, a woman's risk in Europe is 1 in 6,500. Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia represent around 80% of the world's maternal and infant deaths. Countries in conflict or humanitarian crisis situations often have poor health systems that prevent women and children from accessing the essential care necessary to save their lives.

Compared to high-income countries, maternal mortality levels are nearly 50 times higher in women in sub-Saharan Africa, and their children are 10 times more likely to die in the first month of life.

* **CHILD MORTALITY:** Child mortality is on the rise in the region. While in 1960 in those countries there was a 14 percent of all deaths of children under the age of five occurring in the world, that percentage increased to 23 percent in 1980 and 43 percent in 2003.

In 2018, 1 every 13 children in sub-Saharan Africa died before their fifth birthday: this risk is 15 times higher than that of a child in Europe, where only 1 in 196 children dies before the age of 5.

Imperialism must die!
Socialism or barbarism!

In Africa, Stalinism aborted all the WW2 post-war revolutionary processes. The CP imposed the political swindle of the "reconciliation plan" with the apartheid regime in South Africa.



They saved the businesses of Anglo-American and other transnationals that commanded a 4 million genocide in DRC to keep the lithium from African nations.

From the beginning of the 21st century, imperialism fueled the oil wars in North Africa and the Middle East. With its assassins, it crushed heroic revolutions in the region, such as in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Syria...

In China and Russia, semi-fascist regimes survive, starving and enslaving millions of workers.

This is how this rotten system endures, while in bankrupt due to the parasitism of that 1% of the global financial super-oligarchy in the metropolises.

This is how it is sustained: both with the states' gunboats and thanks to the betrayals of the leaders of the proletariat.

The working class have fought fiercely a thousand and one times.

But the bourgeoisie has shown that it knows how to use and take advantage of the working class weakness, which is nothing else than their **crisis of leadership**.

There you can see the "socialists" of the Queen, the English SWP (friend of the PTS of Argentina), who are dedicated to bringing alms to martyred Africa together with the NGOs.

For its part, the French NPA plays a sinister role in supporting all invasions by French imperialist troops into Chad and Mali, from where cobalt and uranium are brought in for French nuclear and military industries.

In the United States, the fight of the black workers movement was handed over by Castroism to Obama, who took all the conquests from the North American working class and the black movement that had revolted to the cry of "Black lives matter!"

Today the ISO and the entire American left support Sanders, that Wall Street bourgeois, who wants to increase the figures of the alms for the punished US labor movement, at the expense of multiplying by one thousand the looting of the semi-colonial world.

As Rosa Luxemburg put it, on the possibility that the Russian Revolution of 1917 might not spread to Europe: *"This will not be due to the poor economic development of Russia, but because the social democracy of this highly developed West is made up of cowardly abjects who as passive spectators will let the Russians lose all their blood. But that death is better than preserving one's life for the imperialist homeland."*

So it is not about the backwardness of the semi-colonial countries but about the cynical betrayal of the Social Democrats, Stalinists and renegades of the Trotskyism of the imperialist countries and their cowardice.

The task of the Fourth International is to settle accounts with these traitors and those who sell out our program, that of the Federation of Black, Peasant and Workers' Republics of North, Central and South Africa.

**WORKERS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
(WIL) OF ZIMBABWE**

Against the unified party comprising Trotskyism renegades and Stalinism that support bankrupted capitalism...

For an internationalist bloc of the revolutionary forces of the world working class!

LETTER TO THE JRCL-RMF OF JAPAN

June 15th, 2020

Dear Comrades of the JRCL-RMF,

How are you all? We hope you are well.

We are following the events of the USA to the day. We have sent you the last note we have published, about the joint fight of black people and workers in Seattle.

Likewise, we are sending you as an attachment a video that we received from one of the leaders of the Black Vests of France, of the demonstration that took place last Saturday in Paris. The comrade, who has fraternal relations with us, spoke in that action. We are sending you the transcription, translated into English.

Today we have just found out that there were demonstrations also in Tokyo and South Korea for the murder of George Floyd. We hope to hear from you in this regard.

Likewise, the struggle of Nissan and Renault workers in Barcelona, France and England, fighting against the reconversion and restructuring plan of the automotive industry -which will leave thousands of workers on the street- puts the European proletariat on its feet as well. In addition to this, there is the call for an international fight made by the GM workers in northern Mexico.

Undoubtedly, the auto workers, metalworkers and also workers in the big steel mills -like the struggling ArcelorMittal workers in Italy- have their eyes set and are waiting for the response that the Japanese workers of Mitsubishi and Toyota.

We send you again the statement that we have written around the combat of the auto workers, around the Nissan in Barcelona. We are eager to know your position in the face of these events and also your views of how the working class is in Japan in the face of this centralized attack plan by the imperialist transnational companies, which also deserves a coordinated and centralized response from workers at the international level.

It would also be extremely important for us to be able to coordinate with you the battles of the workers in this branch of production that have their main focus of struggle in France, Barcelona and Mexico. But above all, it would be qualitative for the working class of this branch of production, where there is reconversion and concentration of capital and a brutal attack on the workers. They need an international centralization of their combats.

Today the working class has left-beaten at the international level all the treacherous leaders of Stalinists and rene-



The black people and workers win to the streets of Bronx

gades of Marxism and has surpassed them both in the USA and in France and to a large extent throughout Western Europe. As reflected in the fighting of the black movement and the solidarity that it has developed, there is a revolutionary awakening of the masses in the countries that are now coming out of quarantine. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the exploited have suffered the worst inequities on the part of this rotting capitalist system that is in open decomposition and crash and of the governments and bourgeois regimes that seek to lead them to produce under conditions of hunger, layoffs, labor flexibility, etc.

The working class is bursting into a wave of international struggle to stop the offensive of imperialism, that is throwing all its crisis onto the masses.

The Minneapolis spark spread throughout the United States and internationally, despite and against all Stalinist, social-imperialist and Marxism renegade leaders. As we stated in our last statement on the Seattle combat, the masses drew a 180° angle with their leaderships at a time when Sanders and the entire reformist left were trying to hand the American proletariat back to the Democratic Party and deflect the terrible social, economic and political crisis to the electoral trap of next November. The working class and the laws of history were more cunning than the cynical plan of the imperialist bourgeoisie to throw all its crisis and economic catastrophe on the masses in the US and in entire regions of the planet.

The outbreak of the black movement in Europe, especially in France and England, is also an open break with the union bureaucracy. In France, the black and immigrant movement plays a fundamental role as part of that country's working class, which Stalinism constantly tries to divide from the rest of the struggling workers. In England today the masses are breaking out against the two bourgeois alternatives that the treacherous leaderships impose on them: either the proletariat continues to suffer an ordeal under the imperialist Maastricht or it ends up in the boiling embers of the London pact with Wall Street. We are facing real independent action by the working class and the exploited in England, who have opted for the path of knocking down the statues of slavers and throwing them into the water.

These combats had repercussions in the enormous mobilization that took place in the Spanish State led by the black movement, as well as in the general strike that took place in Italy in support of the ArcelorMittal workers. This shows that the working class after the quarantine is not willing to pay for the economic crisis, much less to withstand the new attacks that the big employers and their governments want to impose on it.

From our point of view, in the United States independent mass revolutionary days are taking place. The containment walls that the bourgeoisie wanted to impose have been broken "from the left" due to the rise of the black people, who are accompanied by the workers, the unemployed and the rebel youth. All of them see that if they defeat the police and hit the government hard, they will be in unbeatable condition, weakening the regime and the state, in order to achieve their most pressing demands, such as health, work, housing, wages, etc.

In the semicolonial world, in many countries the pandemic is still striking together with the crisis that it opens. The unprecedented sufferings of the exploited multiply by a thousand under these conditions. The masses of Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina prepare for tough class fighting. Many of them are already anticipating.

We write to you with some anxiety and a lot of enthusiasm since we know that the intervention of the proletariat of the metropolises places the uprising of the Japanese proletariat at the order of the day.

We consider your responses to these events very important. The world working class needs the Japanese, Chinese and Pacific-wide working class and the voice of the revolutionary Marxists in Japan. We are waiting to know more about your positions and your current combat. They must be known to workers around the world.

We believe that the struggle of the workers of the auto-makers in Japan will play a decisive role in the next period for the proletariat of the big transnational companies that is entering the battle.

Comrades, not only the exploited enter the fight in the central countries, but also in the Middle East the processes of rebellion and mass revolution are still open. The fall in the price of oil is causing enormous economic catastrophes and famines in all the countries of the region. This situation has sparked new revolutionary eruptions, as in Lebanon, where the currency has been brutally devalued (from 1,400 Lebanese pounds to the dollar to 7,000 in a few days). This has made food inaccessible and the masses have taken to the streets and burned the Central Bank.



Barcelona: Nissan workers in struggle

Likewise, the exploited Iraqis and Iranians are in a state of combat, while the Syrian exploited again rise in the territories controlled by al-Assad himself. The engine is again hunger and a huge resistance fight that is developing at a time when Idlib has not fallen.

In this regard, we have sent you the latest statement of the latest uprisings in Lebanon on 6/6/2020, the call from Syria to fight together with the US on 6/2/2020, the May manifesto of Abu Muad and Steif Abu Izen from Syria and a note on the demonstrations in Iraq.

As we said before, in Latin America, although the processes of struggle have slowed down as a result of the catastrophe of the pandemic, hatred continues to accumulate in the masses for the terrible inequities to which they are being subjected.

The spark of the uprising after the murder of George Floyd, has set fire to a ready prairie internationally, where there was dry firewood and a state of the masses ready to enter the battle, pushed by unprecedented suffering. This threatens the generalization of a mass offensive internationally. We guess whether we are perhaps in the first steps of a tendency towards a generalized revolutionary struggle, that will put a new 1968 -'74 of the exploited on the order of the day, if the treacherous leaders fail to divert, interrupt or abort it.

We have already sent you our materials on the vision of the crash of the world economy that opened this year as a new heart attack from the crisis of 2008, as well as from the acute crisis that imperialist Maastricht is undergoing and the bankruptcy in which the United States is immersed. Surely this has consequences for Japan's position in its alliances at the international level, at a time when US imperialism seeks to dispute alone the world market that it may lose. Is the Nissan-Mitsubishi-Renault agreement perhaps anticipating that Japanese imperialism is acting more independently with respect to the United States and is seeking different alliances to accommodate its multinationals in the concentration processes that are taking place in the different branches of production and even in the dispute of the areas of influence? A crisis of inter-imperialist relations and imperialist blocs is ongoing. The disputes between them become and will become a thousand times sharper.

Meanwhile, China has been prostrated by a harsh recession and the imperialist powers will go for it. We are on the threshold of new and profound changes in the world situa-

tion. Conditions are objectively revolutionary and are already decomposing rapidly. They will be completely rotten if the proletariat does not give an answer to the current catastrophe. Capitalism does not and will not fall alone. The deepening of the world depression is opening and will still open new opportunities and businesses so that capital, by concentrating itself can reactivate here and there different poles or branches of production in small sectors of the world-economy, while the vast majority of the latter will be in conditions of chronic destruction.

Undoubtedly, the Chinese proletariat and the Eastern European working class have yet to join the revolutionary torrent. We know that today in the Donbass there is a huge mineworkers' struggle. The reason is that the scam of the "Republic of Novorossia" has only served for Putin and his gang of oligarchs to loot the mines in the region. Meanwhile, the US was supported by Kiev fascism, controlling the gas of a split and bled Ukraine, with a working class that has been divided.

A stiff resistance has been developing from the Chinese working class, hit by the recession and the cruelty with which the regime exposed them to the pandemic, which has led to a new martyrdom for the Chinese people. We know that new mass outbreaks are taking place there, though the authorities are constantly trying to keep them hidden.

Comrades, the new international conditions are once again turning into a red hot imperative the need for a regrouping of all the internationalist revolutionary forces to fight common battles.

Reformism has already set up a "progressive international", which is a parody by reformist bourgeois intellectuals who belatedly seek to deceive the masses. This "progressive international" has already been tried: neither Sanders, nor Chomsky nor any of them could contain the uprising that has begun in the US and in Europe.

The Bolivarian bourgeoisies and the old World Social Forum have given in all the anti-imperialist struggles of the masses and no longer have the authority to expropriate any revolutionary combat from the oppressed peoples.

Meanwhile, the so-called "anti-capitalists", both in Greece and the Spanish State, are trying to separate themselves from the open support they gave to the Syriza government and also to Podemos, which has proven to be the Bourbon's bourgeois left, while maintaining their pacts and agreements with the Stalinists in the unions.

Likewise, the renegades of Trotskyism and Stalinism advance in different parts of the planet to set up common blocks and parties to contain and betray the working class. That is what they have prepared for and that is the role they play in the so-called New Left.

This is the case of the deal among Savas Matsas' EEK of Greece, their partners in Turkey and the divided Argentine Partido Obrero (Workers' Party) with Mitina and Russia's Unified Communist Party (OKP), which have become a true counter-revolutionary pole. These renegades of Marxism have just sent greetings to the Donbass oligarchs, Putin's allies, on the anniversary of the founding of that fictional "Novorossia" republic. They have done so at a time when, as we have already said, a huge mining strike is taking place there.



Ukraine, June 12th: protest in the main square of Antratsit in Lugansk, in solidarity with the miners strike

This "left" of Putin is in charge of controlling the workers' movement in Greece and the Balkans and of painting red the Stalinist rascals in Moscow, who are nothing more than bourgeois secretaries of the counter-revolutionary clique of Russian oligarchs.

Cuba finds the renegades of Trotskyism with a sector of the Cuban CP founding a common international current to intervene in Latin America, with a magazine called "La Comuna". This policy aims at whitewashing Castro's face, which can no longer directly intervene in any other revolutionary process in Latin America since he is no longer credible. The Castroes come from supporting Obama, supporting the millionaire Bolivarian bourgeoisie, and becoming a new possessing class with the restoration of the capitalist on the island.

That is why Castroism has detached a sector of Cuban university professors who, together with the PTS of Argentina, the English SWP and the current of Alan Woods, march to make a unique party of Stalinists and renegades of Trotskyism to contain on the left the masses already radicalized in Latin America and the USA. This was founded in the forum that was held last year in Havana, where the alleged "Trotskyists" embraced a fraction of the Cuban Stalinist party, the same one that received Mercader, Trotsky's murderer, with honors when he was released from prison in Mexico.

For their part, not only in Spain, but also in France, the "anti-capitalists" openly support the Stalinist bureaucracy of Martínez of the French CGT.

All of them together at the international level continue to support al-Assad's murderous army in Syria, the Iranian ayatollahs and Hezbollah who are confronting with bullets the revolutionary uprisings of the masses.

Meanwhile, the LIT-CI with the CSP-Conlutas union center in Brazil, allied with Solidaires in France and the neo-Stalinist current of the Spanish CGT, with their so-called "International Union Network", monitors all the processes to the left of the union movement worldwide, to control and suffocate them from the beginning. We are facing a rare "International Trade Union Network" that since it exists, more than a decade and a half ago, has not organized a single centralized and coordinated action on the streets by the 70 union organizations that it groups worldwide. We are before a real relief wheel of the renegades of Trotskyism to save the Stalinist bureaucracy in the unions around the world.

These currents play their entire role in the name of "Marx-

ism", at a time when imperialism in crisis is forced to wear up, expose and burnout leftist and reformist bourgeois leaderships that are quickly repudiated by the masses. That's because in this period of crash, catastrophe and bankruptcy of the world capitalist system, an era of counter-reform has deepened and continue deepening. We revolutionary Marxists must boldly intervene in it, since the masses that enter the battle do not deserve these leaderships that put themselves at their head to betray them.

Then there is an urgent need for a revolutionary regrouping and the setting up of an internationalist bloc of Marxist currents and revolutionary forces that has led the workers' movement at home with its struggles at the international level. There is no time to lose, because an enormous process of radicalization is underway, which is beyond the control of the treacherous leaderships.

Comrades, on the other hand, and as an expression of these new phenomena unfolding in the world situation, the "International Network for the freedom of the world's political prisoners" is playing an increasingly dynamic role in trying to coordinate the struggle and the demands for the freedom of all the imprisoned fighters who have been taken hostage by the bourgeois states.

The Association of victims, deceased, wounded and prisoners of the Senkata massacre in Bolivia has been strengthened, while the struggle of the commission that has stood up in Chile for the freedom of more than 2,500 political prisoners is deepening. We always remember that in both places we have fought together, against the governments and regimes that have imprisoned and murdered the best fighters.

Today there is a true awakening, which is generalized throughout the world, of the fight for the freedom of political prisoners as the bourgeoisie increasingly represses the masses, and its governments and regimes have Bonapartized and armored.

A huge mobilization has begun in the Basque Country for the freedom of prisoners. Also the fighting for the freedom of George Abdallah, a fighter for the Palestinian cause, who has been detained in France for more than 30 years. The fight for the freedom of Mumia Abu-Jamal and all the Black Panthers prisoners who are still in prison in the United States is the order of the moment. We have also just received a call and request for solidarity for the freedom of Iranian prisoners. We are sending it to you here as an attachment. You will see there how Ayatollahs and clerics torture prisoners worse than Nazi generals, just as al-Assad also does in Syria.

In addition, we wanted to tell you that Sebastián Romero, a labor leader of the GM of Argentina who had an arrest warrant by Interpol, was arrested a few days ago in Uruguay. The extradition process is already underway to take him to Argentina and punish him for the "crime" of fighting the theft from retirements by the capitalist government two years ago.

The fight then for the freedom of the political prisoners of the world is another task that we have planned to deepen in common, as we have been doing. We hope that the latest statements from the "International Network" have already reached you, such as the one calling for the freedom of Sebastián Romero, which we believe is key for you to know so that we can continue to intervene together in this fight throughout the world.

Comrades, we are awaiting your response to this letter and the proposals that we are making in it. We are con-



vinced that the time has come to deepen the struggle that we have been giving in common at the international level. It is necessary to extend and generalize the internationalist fighting of the working class, which at every step breaks the fences and levees of the treacherous leaderships, threatening a widespread offensive by the exploited throughout the planet. Capitalist bankruptcy can no longer be sustained. The masses are no longer willing to bear it. The cry of "no justice, no peace" resounds in dozens of capitals in countries of the world. The fight against slavers is already here. Workers revolt in the great concentrations of workers in Europe and the US, which breaks the isolation of the struggle of the oppressed peoples against imperialism. We affirm that the fighting of the Pacific workers is decisive and that the positions of the revolutionary Marxists in Japan can and should play a central role in a new revolutionary regroupment of the world working class.

The catastrophe is already here, but the fight for the socialist revolution is also open, while the class enemy prepares new wars, fascism and counter-revolutionary blows against the exploited. The alternative of socialism or war is already open. But the working class has not yet said their last word.

Comrades, we look forward to hearing from you. We are communicating and coordinating revolutionary actions, as we have done at key moments in the class struggle.

The Syrian comrades send you a great and affectionate greeting from the resistance, where our forces are regrouping. Chile finds us in a common fight for the freedom of political prisoners and for organizing the resistance of the working class in the face of the humanitarian catastrophe experienced by the poor people. Your positions have reached the commission of relatives of political prisoners and the Pinochetista regime prisons where more than 2,500 of them are found. Our comrades in Africa, under conditions of unprecedented hardship, are organizing the fight to get the black working class in the continent on their feet. And of course, all FLTI members are sending a big hug to all of you.

We hope you are all in good health. You know that we are always at your disposal, and also how much we appreciate you, because we feel you are our comrades.

Let's fight together!

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LEBANON

June 6th, 2020

In the face of hunger, devaluation and the high cost of living,

The masses win the streets and clash against Hezbollah

In order to eat, the regime must be toppled!



The Lebanese masses uprising is still ongoing. **Pushed by the incessant increase in the cost of living, the exploited have returned to the streets since last April**, in successive marches, road blocks, clashes with the police and the army. They are looking for bread and the bare minimum income to be able to eat and maintain hygiene in the face of growing cases of coronavirus. But even that is denied, with high dollarized prices and a very strong devaluation, added to the growing unemployment, aggravated by the layoffs in times of quarantine due to coronavirus. The refugees, both Syrians and Palestinians, are who suffer the most from these conditions, as their wages are already less than half the average, they have higher unemployment and live in precarious, overcrowded homes in subhuman conditions, and often without drinking water.

For this reason, during the last weeks there were not only mobilizations in the main cities, but also all the routes in the country were blocked. The great call was for today, to march from all the cities to the Martyrs' Square in Beirut for the fall of the regime.

In the previous days, the government took advantage of a resurgence of COVID-19 cases to return to strict quarantine and ban mobilizations. It has militarized the streets, mobilizing the Army. Hezbollah paraded, guns in hand, threatening to shoot anyone who dares marching on Beirut. After all, **Hezbollah is part of the Lebanese government and one of the main pillars where the power of the exploiters is sustained.**

But the exploited did not retreat and reached the capital, since the case is about the bread of their families. Hezbollah tried to disperse them and the fighting began. The exploited defended themselves with stones and erecting barricades. The army then took advantage of the situation to pose as neutral and "separate the sides", which means using their force to evacuate the streets. But the fighting continues, as the workers and the people refuse to return home empty-handed and go on contemplating their hungry children.

The endless suffering of the masses in Lebanon, broken and plundered by imperialism

Lebanon is a broken country due to imperialist looting. Its external debt represents 170% of GDP. Dollar reserves have been emptied as much as the Lebanese pound has been devalued, leaving today at 1400 pounds a dollar at the official price, and 4300 on the parallel market. It should be noted that it is almost impossible to get dollars at official price in exchange houses or banks and it includes great restrictions to withdraw savings from bank accounts. Thus, the true value of the Lebanese pound is that of the parallel market.

This leads to the average salary being 150 dollars a month, half that if we speak about refugees. And, as we said above, prices are dollarized, reaching \$ 2 for a bar of butter, \$ 1 for a liter (0.26 US gal.) of milk, almost \$ 1 for a kilo of bread, \$ 1 for a kilo of most fruits and vegetables, just to only mention some examples.

The infrastructure is destroyed. The government only guarantees 8-12 hours of electricity a day at \$ 30 a month. Any extra hour has to be provided by a private generator that runs on fuel, so its cost can only be covered by those who earn above average. This means that most of Lebanon does not have electricity in more than half the day.

Lebanon is broken. Even the last penny was to pay the foreign debt, and however Lebanon is in default, which means that imperialism did not have enough and wants more. The IMF demands debt repayment at the cost of further entrenchments, but the masses do not allow it.

Last October the Government had launched a brutal attack on the masses, even putting a tax on WhatsApp calls. The masses rose up and ended throwing down Prime Minister Hariri. During the ebb of the upheavals in times of pandemic and quarantine, the government appointed another prime minister, Hassan Diab, who took office last February. He began to deepen the plan to attack the masses to pay the IMF, taking the suffering to unsustainable levels. Then the exploited responded.

Today, the government speaks of a "negotiation with the IMF" and promises that a new "aid package" will come to activate the economy and ease financial suffocation. But this no longer fools anyone. The exploited know that the IMF is only there to take the dollars, the banks are only there to steal their savings and wages, and the Central Bank, Hezbollah and the government are all corrupt, doing nothing but pocketing big fortunes while the people is left into misery. What the government and the IMF are discussing is how to defeat the masses and make them pay even more for the external debt.

To have bread, Hezbollah and its millionaires' government must be defeated!

The situation can not bear any longer. The masses do not leave the streets. They have identified their enemy: **the banks** -which in recent weeks have been the target of the hatred of the exploited- **imperialism, the government and Hezbollah**, those billionaire clerics who live like kings and support the government with their guards to repress the people, as they support al-Assad massacring in Syria.

The government wants to re-impose quarantine so that the masses get off the streets. But with hunger there is no quarantine! **To conquer bread, the government and the entire regime must be overthrown, starting with its main support and armed guard of Hezbollah.** The disarmament of the latter's anti-worker brigades is the main slogan that resonates today in the streets of Beirut.

The people want the fall of the regime!

We must expropriate the banks to recover the wealth that has been stolen from the people! No to external debt repayment! Out with the IMF!

Decent work for all, with a salary equal to the family basket, starting with the refugees! Equal pay for equal



work and full rights and papers for all refugees!

For **Price Control and Supply Committees** in each locality to fight against the high cost of living and ensure that every Lebanese working family has bread.

For **Self-defense Committees** to defend ourselves against the repression of Hezbollah and the Lebanese State!

From the barricades, mobilizations and road blocks are beginning to organize and coordinate. That is the embryo of power of those below. These bodies where the masses organize to take the resolution of their problems in their hands need to be extended, developed and coordinated at the local, regional and national level. The bourgeois power must be destroyed! **Let's open the path to the power of those below!**

Out with the government of Diab, Hezbollah and the Christian bourgeoisie, all of them local operators of the IMF!

For a revolutionary provisional government of workers and peasants!

With a victory of revolution in Lebanon, we would do justice for the Syrian martyrs massacred by Hezbollah and its allies al-Assad, the Iranian Ayatollahs and Putin. The Lebanese uprising is a sibling of the Syrian resistance in Idlib, of the exploited in Iran, and of the enormous revolution in Iraq that does not leave the streets. It is the same fight as that of the Palestinian people, facing the guardians of the northern border of the Zionist state. **Let the oppressive regimes of the Middle East fall! For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel!**

It is the same fist of the exploited hitting the exploiters, their governments and regimes of oppression, whose vanguard is today standing in revolt in the heart of the imperialist countries. Great rebellions shake the main cities of USA, as well as Paris in France. They are the greatest allies of the Lebanese exploited, as they hit the heart of the imperialist beast and the IMF, the heads of the Lebanese government!

From Lebanon to Iraq, Syria, Iran, Palestine, France and USA... The same fight against the same enemy!

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SYRIA

June 8th, 2020

In the face of the collapse of the Syrian economy, the masses take to the streets all across the country to the cry “The people want the fall of the regime!”

On the first anniversary of the death of the Syrian martyr Abd el Bassett Sa-rout, hundreds of thousands of Syrians have risen with his face. Abd el Bassett was the goalkeeper for the national soccer team and was distinguished for his courage and conviction in the Syrian revolution against Bashar al Assad, as well as for his euphoric voice that raised the morale of the fighters by singing songs against the Syrian regime.

Syria's currency has plummeted, leaving millions of exploited without the possibility of even buying a piece of bread.



The Syrian people have been suffering for 9 years the worst of the counter-revolution carried out by Bashar, Putin, Erdogan and the United States. Thousands of Lebanese Hezbollah and Iranian Guard mercenaries have massacred millions of exploited Syrians and occupied, looted or destroyed their homes.

In addition to the bombings of the regime and Russia over the liberated territories, the misery of wages and shortages has arrived. But the collapse of the Syrian currency is the straw that breaks the camel's back. Thus, hundreds of thousands have risen up against the regime even in the heart of Damascus, the capital city of the country. The most surprising thing is that the inhabitants of Sueyda, a town in the outskirts of Damascus whose inhabitants are from the Druse minority ethnic group, took to the streets. The Druse bourgeoisie had sealed a non-aggression deal with the Syrian president in early 2011 when the first demonstrations of the Syrian revolution started. A similar deal was carried out between the Kurdish bourgeoisie and Bashar's regime. It is evident that the high cost of living cannot be endured any longer in a country plagued by the counter-revolution and the indifference of thousands of leaders of workers' institutions worldwide.

Out with Bashar! The people want the fall of the regime! Both slogans were together on June 8 in what the Syrians define as “the hunger uprisings that will lead the victory of the revolution”.

The United States, which held possession of the oil zones Raqqa and Deir ez Zor, is dealing now with the uprising of the most exploited sectors and the entire working class of that country, such as the black workers and the Latins, so the juicy business of rebuilding ruined Syria is on standby. Favorable conditions are developing so the masses could break out with their actions.

Something similar has happened in Lebanon where, as a result of the sharp fall of that country's currency, millions have taken to the streets clashing against Hezbollah.

The entire region returns to the streets taking up the demands of the 2011 uprisings, as none of them have been solved.

Far away is the pernicious hypothesis that the masses were asking only for more democracy or that they were only barbarians fighting among themselves or simply terrorists. The picture is more than clear and the Syrian revolution puts in check not only the government of that country, but all the devices of imperialism's domination in the region. Today more than ever we must fight side by side with the exploited masses from Los Angeles, California, to Beirut, from Idlib to Paris, from Exarchia to Damascus.

The people want the fall of their regimes!

ABU MUAD

Syria

May 5th, 2020

The following is a call from the Syrian resistance that was written when the masses in Idlib were blocking the M4 highway, preventing the Sochi pact of partition of Syria from being applied. This blockade was brutally suppressed by Turkey and over that basis, the bourgeois generals of the NSA (former FSA) and HTS (former Al Nusra) took care of evicting it completely afterwards. Today, the Turkish and Russian troops patrol the highway together, but also today thousands of exploited march even in the areas under the control of the fascist Al Assad.

Idlib revolutionaries' manifesto to fighters from all over the Maghreb, the Middle East and the World

By Steif Abu Izen and Abu Muadz

*From Lebanon to Palestine to Iraq to Tunisia to Idlib to Berlin,
we are links in a single revolutionary chain...*

To have bread, work, land, freedom and a decent life...

In worker's month, let's unite more than ever internationally to defeat those who starve and massacre us

We have heard the news that a judge in Germany has set out to try a general of the Basharist regime as a war criminal.

It was time for someone to think of us! Our revolution began more than 9 years ago and what we started with enormous enthusiasm and joy suffers with the counter-revolution and the massacres, leaving tears, blood and death.

Even so, our hope is not placed in the hands of this judge or bourgeois justice, but in the actions and struggles that we carry out day by day. It is in the thousand and one ways that we seek to resist hunger with our devalued currencies and a dollar going through the roof, with generalized shortages, with 95% of workers suffering unemployment and those who get jobs doing so for wages of U\$ 2 per day.

Since the resistance in Idlib, about a month and a half ago, we have been blocking one of the main roads in the country, the M4 road, which runs from the west to the east of the country. This is where, as



agreed at the Sochi Putin and Erdogan Conference under Trump's approval, patrols of Turkish and Russian convoys had to pass.

But we have prevented it. Only us, as there was neither HTS (ex Al Nusra) nor the Syrian National Army (SNA, ex FSA) to support us. The workers of Syria, we only suffer misery, but we are convinced, above all

things, that the revolution will live as long as we continue fighting. That is why we stand firm in the middle of that road to the cry of: **Out with the invading troops!**

But instead of leaving they came all the way. Turkey beat us and repressed us with its security forces, they gased and live-shot us. They

even killed 4 of our brothers. But we still resist, alone, holding and supporting each other.

SNA generals and officers only spread propaganda for Turkey. Meanwhile, on the other hand, HTS pretends to be on our side but only seeks to join our fight, as it has always done, to end up negotiating its share at the Sochi Conferences.

It causes us anger and impotence that having had so many weapons from the thousands of battles in which we defeated the dog Bashar and his mercenaries, today we have to resist in the worst conditions stripped of what little we had with millions of our people piled up and dying of cold and hunger in the refugee camps, just because that weaponry was taken along with the food by HTS and the NSA, and hidden Allah knows where.

It generates hatred, having had the possibility of controlling both our country's wealth and oil wells, such as, for example, in Raqqa and Deir Ezzor. On the contrary, today we are starving because US imperialism and its invading troops arrived to appropriate these riches in the eyes of the world reformist left that was observing from afar, but without remaining silent, shouted instead: *The Enemy is ISIS!* Thus, it legitimized the role of the US army in our soil. Today we can see how, even in its worst crisis, US imperialism very well orders its dogs like Putin or the Iranian ayatollahs to do the dirty work here, massacring our people.

Taking advantage of that crisis, Germany has entered the scene and made its move, trying to win our hearts and our trust, bringing this general to trial. But **THERE HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF BASHARIST ARMY OFFICERS KILLING US AND TORTURING US TO DEATH.** We cannot allow ourselves, as Germany sponsors its judges, to be deceived and reconcile ourselves to judging one or two officers in order to save the entire lot of genocide actors. **WE DEMAND JUDGMENT AND PUNISHMENT**



FOR ALL MURDERERS AND TORTURERS! THEY ARE ALL GUILTY UNTIL THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR INNOCENCE: Bashar, Putin, Trump, the Ayatollahs and Hezbollah who massacred us here and now go on massacring in Iran and Lebanon...

Therefore, **we know that true justice will come when those who judge and punish all the murderers of the Syrian people are courts made up of our representatives. Those who represent the massacred, the tortured and all the refugees.**

Furthermore, if, after 9 years, we must put our trust in something else that is not our own strength or that of the peoples who suffer like us, then it has to be serious. **Let the judge call an exemplary trial like the one in Nuremberg against the Nazis.**

For our part, we prefer to continue betting on our Iraqi brothers and sisters, who have been fighting for years against the protectorate regime and the invading troops.

We are betting on our comrades in Lebanon, who are one step away from moving on to the next stage of their revolution in which they must, as we did, arm themselves to get bread and to survive such an attack by imperialism and the government over them.

We rely on the millions of brothers and sisters who have been crowded

into refugee camps on the borders. In the same way that we always trust the forces of the Palestinian intifada against the Zionist invader.

We prefer not to give up on our dream of once again tearing down the borders that separate us from a promising future in Europe, uniting with our brothers and sisters from Europe to be able to hit imperialism with a single fist, as the Greek youth and our brothers and sisters of the Cités de France have been doing.

One thing that was more than clear to us in these 9 years of revolution: we are only one link in a single chain of revolutions, one of the strongest, but, nonetheless, one more link that should serve as a pivot to extend this chain to the entire planet.

For the working class and the exploited of the world to live... Imperialism and its murderous and people-starver regimes and governments must die!

From Syria to Iraq to Lebanon to Palestine to Tunisia to Algeria to Sudan to Europe... a single working class, a single struggle, a single revolutionary chain.

PAPER "THE TRUTH OF THE OPPRESSED"

Only the working class through an international fight at European and global scale can save laid off Nissan and Renault workers!

LET'S COORDINATE NISSAN WORKERS' STRUGGLE WITH THOSE OF THE WORKERS AT ALCOA, FRENCH RENAULT AND GENERAL MOTORS OF MEXICO!

For the occupation of factories! For expropriation without compensation, and state-ization under workers' control of the transnationals Nissan and Renault in France, in the Spanish State and at continental level!

We are all Nissan-Renault workers!

The same class, the same fight against the same enemy!

Globally, the transnational Nissan has planned a retrenchment of production, the closure of several plants that will mean the layoff of 20,000 workers, especially in Europe, and the cut of 15% of its workforce worldwide. This restructuring plan is accompanied by a joint plan of the alliance of Nissan with Renault and Mitsubishi, which seek to relocate their production to focus on the United States and Asia. Some of the victims are the Nissan plants in Barcelona, which will be replaced by the Renault plants in France. This will mean that in Barcelona the employers will leave 3,000 direct workers and 20,000 indirect workers from supply companies unemployed.

The response of the workers at the Montcada, Zona Franca and Sant Andreu plants in Barcelona has been an indefinite strike. The employers have refused to dialogue with the workers and also to create a feasibility plan for the different plants. To avoid layoffs in the face of the global economic and health crisis, Nissan could have converted its production to make artificial respirators for hospitals in the face of the pandemic. But it has not.

What is happening in this new world crisis, in which the Coronavirus has only been the cherry on top, is a new restructuring in which the transnational corporations are concentrating in a context in which the market is shrinking even more. There is a reconversion of transnational companies like in 2009, which is now also technological, as is the dispute over electric cars. In fact, Nissan, merged with Renault, as automotive transnationals, regroup within and from the EU to compete with transnational companies in the US sector and with Toyota and the rest of the Japanese automakers.

The victim this time will be, above all, the working class in the industrial centers of the metropolises of the imperialist powers, mainly in the European Union.

This concentration plan means increasing production with high technology for the development of electric cars, making 50% less workers work to produce a thousand times more than the current workforce of those compa-



nies and under conditions of absolute slavery. Capitalists need to dispute the market, invest in new technology, destroying what does not rend them profit and laying off workers mercilessly, who will become chronically unemployed.

Nissan does not fire or reorganize its production in Spain and the rest of Europe depending on what it decides in Barcelona. On the contrary. Everything is decided in the merged board of Nissan-Renault that is both in Paris and Tokyo.

The struggle of the Nissan workers is a great challenge, first of all, for the entire working class of the Spanish State and also of the whole European continent. Transforming the European proletariat of Western countries into maquila workers is the immediate objective of finance capital. The attack with labor flexibility on workers in France, Belgium, Portugal, Italy and throughout Europe is part of this Nissan-Renault offensive against its workers. The battle of the Nissan workers is that of all the European workers against the transnational companies and imperialist Europe, who concentrate their businesses and their attacks against the working class.

This struggle that the workers have undertaken has incredible potential. They are not alone, as we see in the combats that are taking place in more than 50 US cities, in Paris, in Greece and those that are waged by all the most precarious sectors of the European cities, as is the case of the Black Vests that march now in Paris. Nissan workers are now immigrants in their own nation... with no job papers, laid off and no life ahead.

The working class of Europe and the whole world must adjust the program to regroup their forces to strike hard at the class enemy on the continental and global level. GM workers from Silao, in Mexico, have made an international appeal to all workers in the automotive industries to fight together to stop the layoffs and to end labor flexibility and the jail-factories. A combative regrouping of international fighting by the working class to fight for their most immediate demands has become a matter of life or death.

This is opposed by the union bureaucracies and the social-imperialist parties, which betray the workers because they live on the coins that fall out of the pocket of the millionaire shareholders of the transnational corporations and the imperialist bankers.

There is an urgent need to update this program of the international proletariat in the face of this crisis of capital concentration, which occurs at a time when the world market has fiercely shrunk due to a new crisis of overproduction, which is a great blackmail to the working class that will suffer this great recession. Every worker in each factory will receive the entire concentrated weight of this crisis.

Years ago, the workers of the Renault of Romania (Dacia factory, NT) revolted demanding that they wanted to earn like the workers of the Renault of Paris. The union leaders prevented this unity and a common fight to hit the big bosses everywhere and at the same time. The war cry of the workers of the Renault of Romania was not heard. Today there are thousands of layoffs at the Renault in France... and in Romania... and at the Nissan in Barcelona.

Let's unite the struggle of Nissan-Renault workers across borders! Capitalists come for all our conquests, for our work, our life and our dignity. Let's strike together! They are not in crisis. They merge based on a new accumulation of wealth and capital extracted from the sweat and blood of all the workers. We workers do not have to pay for their conversion and their new and good businesses.

The unions of the regime and the bourgeois "left" of the Crown represent the interests of Nissan and the transnational corporations against the working class

In the face of this huge Nissan attack on the Barcelona plants, the union bureaucracies of CCOO and UGT



Demonstration in France against the closure of Renault

have proposed a new ERTE. This measure, promoted in the midst of this pandemic by the bourgeois government of PSOE-Unidas Podemos, guarantees the benefits of the capitalists through the state, that is, the own workers, paying payrolls almost completely, instead of the businessmen. Because we are facing a government representing the big capitalists and the financial capital of the Bourbons, which only defends the interests of the imperialist transnationals and bankers under a benevolent disguise, these subsidies to the capitalists would save Nissan the costs of all the subsequent layoffs that the company and the government are preparing.

The other proposal for Nissan by the collaborationist union bureaucracy of CCOO and UGT, is requesting that the central governments and the Generalitat aid the company. Everyone seeks to support the company and not the workers, whom it is firing. The company will put the money of the subsidies in its pocket and leave thousands of exploited people on the street, as they did openly in 2008. The CCOO and UGT directorates have not even thought of calling a minimum solidarity strike in the automotive and metal sector as a whole. Their leaders are only there to divide our struggles.

The rest of the trade union left, like CGT, unfortunately, has limited itself to calling for the nationalization of factories and machinery, but they do not defend that it has to be an expropriation without compensation and under workers' control, nor does it place on the table the obligatory occupation of the factories to defend the jobs of thousands of workers. Neither does it speak of the international perspective of such nationalization or of expropriation, or the demand for the opening of the accounting books and the liquidation of the trade secrecy of the entire industry at European level, issues to which we will refer further below.

The union leaderships have managed to encircle for now the struggle of the Nissan workers and the tragedy is that if they lose, this will mean a hard blow to the working class of the entire Spanish State.

The resolution of any workers' organization that really wants to defend the interests of all workers is that any factory that closes, furloughs or dismisses its personnel must be taken over and put into production under the control of its workers, uniting its struggle with that of the workers of all the branch of production that, as with the automotive industry, is organized and centralized around

imperialist Maastricht or the City of London, Tokyo or Wall Street.

Every serious fight must appeal to solidarity, coordination and unity, along with the millions of workers who can no longer bear unemployment, the wages of misery or live risking their lives in the factories for the profits of the capitalists.

It is a lie that there are no conditions to coordinate and extend Nissan's workers' fight. There is not a single sector of the working class or youth of the oppressed nations that does not have accounts to settle with this infamous regime of the monarchy and the politicians representing the capitalists and bankers. There are plenty of conditions to prepare and organize a great fight, as in the USA, as in France, as in Lebanon, as in Iraq, as in Chile and as yesterday in Catalonia.



2018: struggle of the Catalan masses

The reformist “left”, hanging on the coattails of the monarchy, closes the way for the internationalist struggle of the working class in the Spanish State

The government of the PSOE, the Podemos and the traitors of the PCE-Izquierda Unida today centralizes the attack of the transnational corporations and the capitalists against the working class. All of these parties are spokespersons for the bosses and representatives of the Ibex 35 and an infamous regime that controls the union bureaucracy of the CCOO and UGT. On their shoulders the Bourbon monarchy rests, which is nothing more than the “conductor” of the financial capital of the Spanish State, associated with imperialist Maastricht.

Nor can we place much hope in what the alternative left, located to the left of Unidas Podemos, proposes.

If the position of Podemos and the PCE-Izquierda Unida is shameful, bowing to the designs of a PSOE totally handed over to the bosses and the Ibex 35 and to the proposals of the unions of the regime that controls the union bureaucracy in CCOO and UGT, we cannot either place high hopes on what the alternative left proposes, situated to the left of Unidas Podemos.

Neither the ultra-Stalinists, such as the PCPE, “Red Roja”, “Iniciativa Comunista” or PCTE, nor the ex-Trotskyists, such as Anticapitalists, “Izquierda Revolucionaria” (The Militant), “Corriente Roja” or CRT (Izquierda Diario), propose a position that is not social-imperialist and nationalistic; nor do the various anarchist groups. In all their declarations, a proletarian internationalism is conspicuous by its absence.

Neither is the false Catalan “independence” of the party of the petty bourgeoisie of the ERC going beyond proposing, in the Commission for the Social and Economic Reconstruction of the Spanish courts a timid concept of nationalization, void of content, without any support for the Catalan workers in fight.

Let us take as an example the “Left syndicalists” fraction that ex-Trotskyists of the “Izquierda Revolucionaria”

have within the CCOO. They demand from the government of PSOE-Unidas Podemos and the Generalitat the immediate nationalization of the company under the control of the workers and also they call for extending the fight at the regional level within the Spanish State and for this they say that pressure must be put on the CCOO and UGT. But achieving this is only a starting point.

None of these currents says anything about coordinating the struggle of the workers of the transnational Nissan and Renault from Barcelona to Paris to Tokyo, which would make the working class invincible and allow it to fight as equals against the great bosses of monopolies. They turn a deaf ear to the appeal of the workers of General Motors in Mexico who call for a coordinated international struggle. And what is more serious, after the workers of General Motors in the US had won the streets to recover their wages, pension fund and health insurance that in 2008 the employers and the Obama administration had taken from them; union bureaucracies like these have now signed agreements to reduce wages to 75% for workers in the 4 factories of GM in Brazil.

Like the entire working class during and after the exit of the pandemic, and in the midst of a deep recession, it is the union bureaucracies sold to the companies that say to the workers, in a true blackmail: “*accept the reduction of wages or you will be fired.*” Thus, in the hands of these traitors, the workers' organizations turn against us. Divided and betrayed country by country we cannot win.

Like the rest of the union and political left, they do not even call to coordinate with the Renault workers in the EU. It cannot be ignored that the Renault of France has been taken over by its 5,000 workers; neither the huge mobilizations such as that of Maubeuge (France) with more than 8,000 people who took to the streets to protest against the Renault relocation plan, which means 4,000 layoffs, can be put aside.

They complain that the CCOO, UGT and CGT do not even call to coordinate the struggles within the Spanish State and accuse them of treating the struggle as isolated conflicts. But they don't go much further. They refuse to see that this is going to a situation with no way out, towards the final closure of Nissan, without turning back. This policy leaves the workers with no way out. Like the rest of the union and political left, they seem to be unaware that Nissan and Renault are going to merge in Maastricht Europe.

Proposals of nationalization in a single country or in several plants have a limitation in the imperialist Europe of Maastricht

The slogan of nationalization of a factory in a single country, as also maintained by Miguel Urban, the MEP for Anticapitalists, is impossible in the European Union of imperialist Maastricht. A conjuncture of factory takeover and factory-to-factory nationalization can only be a conjunctural way out and it will be brought to failure unless a single fight and protest throughout Europe is organized. The fight to disclose trade secrets and a workers' claim to the entire branch must be European and international, not state-by-state or regional. If three plants of a transnational company like Nissan are nationalized in Barcelona, the company will take the production to other plants in another country or to another transnational company with which it merges, as is the case of Renault. That is why the perspective and the solution must be international, towards the expropriation without compensation and under worker control of the transnational company as a whole. And, for this reason, the demand to request the accounting books and settle the commercial secrecy must not be from a transnational company but must extend to the entire automotive branch because the workers are not interested in accounting for bankrupt or loss-making companies, but rather the accounting of all operators.

There are few voices that suggest a coordination of Nissan of Barcelona workers with those dismissed from Alcoa in the region of A Mariña, in Lugo (Galicia), which has left 534 workers unemployed and which may lead to the total closure of the aluminum plant of the American multinational. The workforce has been on the warpath for years and its economic impact represents 30% of the GDP of the province of Lugo.

Under these conditions, a single list of demands must be one drawn up to unify the claims of all sectors of the class. Workers control is key, but it must be one of the entire production branch of the transnational Nissan.

We revolutionary Trotskyists know that in order to face the threats of factory closures, we must defend the factories, occupy them, prevent the bosses from taking the machinery, put these factories to produce under the control of the workers themselves and demand their expropriation without compensation from an international perspective.

The accounting books must be opened and the trade secrecy of the entire industry on a European scale (including in the maquilas of Eastern Europe) must be liquidated!

End with Nissan's trade secret!

For a sliding scale of wages and hours of work on a European scale to break the scheme of concentration of monopolies that will leave a trail of layoffs across the continent!

For the occupation of factories!



Alcoa workers in struggle

Out with the union bureaucracy from CCOO and UGT!

For the expropriation without compensation and nationalization under workers' control of the transnational Nissan on a continental level!

For a list of demands against layoffs and for wages and health!

Let's organize a workers' counteroffensive to stop the capitalists, who are coming all the way at the coming out of the pandemic!

For a coordinator of labor movement assemblies throughout the state, with one delegate for every 1,000!

Everyone to Nissan!

For the **reinstatement of all those fired!** The pandemic must not be paid for by the working class!

Nationalization without compensation of any factory that closes or lays off!

Equal pay for equal work for migrants! **As the Black Vests say: Fear has changed sides!**

For a day of struggle and strikes across the old continent!

Get out, Maastricht's imperialist Europe! For the workers' unity of the continent!

For a revolutionary and internationalist workers' pole!

Everything is at stake in the European metropolises!

For a Federation of Socialist Republics of the Iberian Peninsula!

For the Socialist United States of Europe!

DEMOCRACIA OBRERA - SPANISH STATE
ADHERENT TO THE COLLECTIVE FOR THE
REFOUNDATION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL / FLTI

MEXICO

International appeal of General Motors workers in México

We reproduce this call to carry out an international fight in defense of workers' gains. Across the continent we face the same enemy: Wall Street. The militant workers' organizations, such as the SUTNA (Argentina) or the CSP-Conlutas (Brazil) must respond to this appeal and use all their strength to make it true. There is no time to lose! From Alaska to Tierra del Fuego: a single class, a single fight!

Mexico, Silao, Guanajuato - May 9, 2020

International Appeal for the Laid Off Workers of General Motors

NOW IN "SILAO, GUANAJUATO, 7 THOUSAND WORKERS MEXICO

International call for solidarity and action in support of the workers' struggle at General Motors for the defense of life, health and solution to their demands



To the authorities if the signatory T-MEC countries

To workers' organizations

To social and politica organizations in defense of labor rights

To collectives, groups and solidarity citizens

To the media

To international trade unions

As Members of *Generando Movimiento*, both active workers and those that have been fired from General Motors, Silao complex, located in the state of Gua-

najuato, we are writing to you in the midst of an economic crisis that is looming worldwide and in a state of alert to the crime that the owners and managers of the General Motors company are ready to commit by forcing our fellow workers to return to work on May 18, in

the midst of the peak of the coronavirus pandemic (SARS-COV-2), and the most vulnerable ones to being infected, on May 30.

The protocols that they intend to implement at General Motors do not meet the minimum recommendations of the health sector, nor do they even respect the healthy distance to avoid contagions. We express our total rejection of these measures, which only lead us to the slaughterhouse, as has happened in other maquiladora companies in northern Mexico, such as Tijuana, Mexicali, Ciudad Juárez, among others, where they forced workers to return to work in conditions of total or disguised exposure, circumstances that have generated deaths from COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) of infected workers in those work centers. Government authorities and the media have confirmed that maquiladora companies have been a major factor in the increase in coronavirus infections to date.

We publicly denounce that amidst this period of social restrictions by the health sector, massive layoffs have been carried out in the plants and will continue in the coming days. Not satisfied with the cost savings of production and cheap labor in Mexico, it is clear the company is not considering our lives and that of our families and therefore that of the general population, in its obsession to prioritize profit at our expense.

We make a broad call to all unions, social, political, human rights, non-governmental organizations, associations, collectives, groups, movements, nationally and internationally, to act in solidarity with our cause to demand respect for our lives and our rights.

We demand that the lives of all of us be prioritized as employees, workers with full labor rights and as citizens with non-negotiable human rights. In the same sense, we demand an immediate solution to the list of demands raised since



September 2019:

- NO RESTARTING OF WORK UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY FREE OF DANGER AND THE WORK SAFETY OF ALL OUR FELLOW WORKERS ON EACH PLANT IS 100% ENSURED.

- NO TO MASSIVE AND UNJUSTIFIED DISMISSALS IN GENERAL MOTORS COMPLEX IN SILAO.

- REINSTALLATION OF DISMISSED COMPANIONS: CESAR MACHUCA, ISRAEL DOLORES CERVANTES, PILAR DE LA LUZ TORRES, JUAN CARLOS MENDOZA, RAMON RODRIGUEZ, FERNANDO MORENO MOYA, CARLOS MARQUEZ, ARTURO MARTINEZ, JAVIER MARTINEZ, MAURICIO NEGRETE, PEDRO MACIAS, MARIA GUADALUPE IBARRA, ANA MARÍA GONZALEZ TORRES AND HILDA CASTILLO.

- PAYMENT OF 100% OF THE WAGES IN TECHNICAL BREAK

DAYS IMPOSED BY THE COMPANIES.

- FREE ELECTIONS OF TRADE UNION REPRESENTATION WITHOUT RETALIATION TO THE ELECTED TRADE UNION.

- STOP THE REPRESSION OF BOTH THE UNION AND THE COMPANY AGAINST THE WORKERS.

- RIGHT TO ONE HOUR OF PAID MEAL BREAK.

- COMPLETE PANTRY VOUCHERS FOR DISABLED COMPANIONS.

That said, we demand that both General Motors executives and government authorities promptly resolve our demands, basic human and labor rights.

ATTENTIVELY
GENERANDO MOVIMIENTO
(Generating Movement)

Hunger, overcrowding, military siege and death in the working class neighborhoods

This is how Fernández and the capitalists prepared themselves for the “peak of the pandemic”

Fernández said they gained time with the quarantine... and left millions of workers crowded and without electricity, water or food in neighborhoods surrounded by police and gendarmerie. Yes. They gained time to close the neighborhoods and open true concentration camps for the confinement of the exploited, such as Villa Azul, Quilmes (Buenos Aires Province).

The bourgeoisie has a plan: restrict circulation of people to protect the slaves it needs to produce; and those whom it doesn't need, let them die. This rotten system has 9 million off-the-book workers. A reserve industrial army to be put to work in maquiladoras when the entire economy opens.

They suspended and liquidated the operation of the collective bargaining and reduced the wages. This is the Kirchners' golden dream. They will do what they did in 2003, when they put the working class to produce as slaves.

Today they have sunk the salary with the peso devaluation, skinned the retirements and put the whole retirees fund to finance the capitalists.

THIS IS CALLED LABOR FLEXIBILIZATION.

The governors and the president are the public face, the puppets of the “Group of Six” and the IMF. **THEY COMMAND** and they do it through a police regime: repression, militarization, imprisonment, and proscription of the unions, in a true state of siege against the workers and the exploited.

Fernández's famous “advisory committee” is nothing more than a group of scoundrel epidemiologists who don't care a bit about the lives of workers... they only worry that they won't occupy hospital beds for the bourgeoisie and the middle classes



anymore. They are scoundrels who do not care that those who die from other diseases fall as flies.

They call the working-class neighborhoods “slums” and “popular neighborhoods”: the “Villa 31”, the “1-11-14” and hundreds of them the whole country. “Popular”? Behind that name, the capitalists want to hide the living conditions in which they have the unemployed, the construction workers, the off-the-book workers, the workers of the cleaning companies and even the female workers who clean the bathrooms in their homes.

The government restricted everything but let reopen more than 1,000 companies to which they subsidize, risking workers to become infected at the peak of the pandemic. The union and piquetera (unemployed workers' movement's) bureaucracies are guarantors that this plan is applied!

The “peak of the pandemic” is the death of slaves today discarded by rotting capitalism. Not even half of them have been able to collect the promised AR \$ 10,000 (around USD 80) in two months.

They are cynical. Let the non-essential workers return to quarantine!

The deputies of the left are babbling in parliamentary sessions that discuss the most bizarre and idle matters. Their militants speak in conferences by Internet, but they say nothing of the workers' fights, not to speak of coordinating them.

They have called for the bourgeois Congress to meet, but never for a National Coordination board to meet in order to unify the workers in struggle, the slaves led to death.

Despicable Fernández said yesterday that the army entered the working class neighborhoods “to take care of the houses of the infected” slaves who were taken at gunpoint to their detention centers. PO (T)'s Altamira -who called “the Armed Forces (to) exercise coercion consistently”- is surely applauding.

The parliamentary left leaves the life of the workers to this murderous state.

Even more terrible times are coming for the working class. If the “peak of the pandemic” becomes general, both those who work and who do not will become infected.

That's the truth. This is how the ruling classes treat their slaves: to produce and to die.

The bosses are fine, subsidized

even in their millionaire incomes, in their well cared for luxury properties.

For the workers: ghettos, slave labor, supermarket shelves blown up by inflation.

They want to scare us saying: “we don’t want Ecuador and New York (tragedies) to happen.” How cynical! They want to bury the workers little by little, stealthy, in silence. That is their “flattening of the pandemic curve.”

The pandemic makes us sick...

Capitalism kills!

With hunger there is no quarantine!

The “peak of the pandemic” will be the death of thousands of workers in “ghettos”, to which some food bags will be thrown.

And while Fernández “tightens” the quarantine for the most exploited of the working class, he “frees” it to send millions of workers to the factories. That is what they want for us and our families!

Enough is enough! Quarantine must be imposed on all non-essential workers with 100% of the salary paid by the employers!

Enough of salary reduction! Down with job flexibility!

Out with the union and piquetera bureaucracies!

Minimum, vital and mobile salary of AR \$ 72 thousand, as got by the oil mill workers, for everyone, the employed, unemployed and retired!

Out with the soldiers from the working class neighborhoods! Down with the state of siege!

Let the crisis be paid by those from above!

Thousands of workers are on the warpath, in the meat plants such as the Penta, in food and health, teachers and state enterprises and institutes, transportation, metalworkers, etc.

Whereas those from above gather their puppet Parliament, enemy of the people, whereas they hold meetings of the government, the capitalists and the oligarchs... then we should set

up a congress of base delegates of employed and unemployed workers in struggle to defeat the attack by Fernández, the IMF and the great employers

A great fight must be prepared. Let the Popular Assemblies, the factory and shop committees and the piqueteros movement of 2001 Argentina return, that of Teresa Rodríguez and Aníbal Verón, that of Kostequi and Santillán, who fought for genuine and decent work!

A revolutionary leadership must be brought to the forefront to unite the ranks of the workers!

They make way for our slavery and our death. Let’s make way for a victorious Argentinazo! Let’s make them all go, let not a single one of them remain!

We are not alone: the workers of the world engage in battle

The exploited of the United States are revolting in Minneapolis, St. Paul, New York. The workers of General Motors and the maquilas of Mexico are fighting against labor flexibility and, like hundreds of thousands of Detroit workers in the United States; do not accept a return to work risking their lives in the face of the pandemic, as happened with the workers in Italy and the Spanish State.

Immigrant workers, the “Black Vests” of France, have risen up against slavery. They are the ones who do the worst jobs in the imperialist metropolises, the ones who die of Covid by the thousands in New York. Black and all immigrants lives matter!

From their jails, Basque prisoners and Chilean political prisoners call for the broadest international solidarity fight for the freedom of political prisoners in the world.

People are fighting in the Chilean



Chile: uprisings against hunger

populations and on the streets of Ecuador and Colombia.

The Middle East is still ablaze as in Iraq, Lebanon and the Iranian resistance, as the fire of the Syrian revolution continues burning.

The masses of the world are engaging in the battle. The workers of Argentina and Latin America are not alone.

Those at the top say that there is a crisis worldwide. The capitalists centralize their attack at the international level against the exploited, seeking slaves for their transnational corporations and redoubling the plundering of the oppressed peoples of the world.

They deserve a blow of the same magnitude, and even greater, than the one they are delivering to the oppressed masses.

Workers fired from General Motors in Matamoros, Mexico have launched an international call to fight together against attacks on workers’ conquests. That is the way! From all the sectors that are fighting and the combative workers’ organizations, we must take in our hands that brave call of our class siblings in Mexico.

WE HAVE TO COORDINATE A DAY OF FURY OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS AGAINST THE 1% OF PARASITES THAT RUIN OUR LIFE AND ONLY BRING DEATH!

Neither bread nor life are guaranteed to us. For the working class to live, the imperialist capitalist system must die!

A single class, the same fight against the same enemy worldwide!

Open the way to the socialist revolution!•

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE WORLD POLITICAL PRISONERS AND JUSTICE TO OUR MARTYRS

The rebellion of the slaves is not crime, it is justice!



[International Network for the Liberation of Political Prisoners](#)

Free all the political prisoners of the world!

**For an international day of struggle to take all the comrades
out from prison and for justice for our martyrs!**

We hereby present a set of publications from the *International Network for the Liberation of the World Political Prisoners and Justice for Our Martyrs*. In these pages, the reader may find the huge struggle in the world for the freedom of our comrades, hostages of our class in the jails of the states.

Iran

Call for a global day of action in support of political prisoners in Iran

Join us on June 20th, 2020

The International Day in Support of Political Prisoners in Iran

To demand the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners and to end the death penalty in Iran.

This year, we are holding a virtual event which will be broadcast live on the following TV channel & social media. The event consist of messages of solidarity from political prisoners, families of political prisoners and human rights activists from Iran and other countries.

People in Iran are standing up against the brutality of the Islamic regime which has been committing crimes against humanity for four decades. Thousands of men, women, boys and girls have been arrested, tortured, imprisoned. Thousands more have been executed.

The never-ending nightmare

Beatings, solitary confinement, weeks and months without contact with another human being, crawling on broken glass, electric shocks to the genitals, rape, mock executions... this list is not taken from a horror film. This is everyday life for thousands of political prisoners in Iran. Imagine waking up every morning only to be reminded that last night's nightmare is there waiting for you. Hundreds of men and women and juveniles do not have to imagine this. They live it. Thousands of families wake up every morning wondering what happened to their loved ones. Currently, thousands of people, including lawyers, university students, journalists, Facebook users, filmmakers, LGBT people, artists, women's rights activists and labour activists, children's rights activists, members of religious minorities, environmental activists and members of banned political parties have been arrested, brutally tortured, given long jail sentences and even sentenced to

execution. These are just a few of the people currently in prison:

- Atena Daemi (Children's rights activist)
- Esmael Abdi (Teacher, labour activist)
- Mohammad Habibi (Teacher Activist)
- Golrokh Ebrahimi (Women's rights activist)
- Jafar Azimzadeh (Labour activist)
- Soheil Arabi (Blogger, atheist)
- Arash Sadeghi (Student activist)
- Zeynab Jalalian (Political activist)

Political prisoners and their families have not stopped fighting against injustice. There are ongoing protests and resistance in Iran in factories, universities and on the streets. During the protests in Iran in December 2017 people were chanting: 'Down with the dictatorship' 'down with Rouhani', 'We don't want the Islamic Regime'. People were protesting against more than 40 years of poverty, suppression, human rights abuse, imprisonment, torture and execution imposed on them, by the Islamic regime. During these protests, 3000 were arrested. In November 2019, the security forces of the regime, shot 1500 and arrested more than 8000 protesters. Many of them are still in Prison. Their continued fight for freedom in Iran is a call to people around the world to stand up against the tyranny of the Islamic regime in Iran.

**Join us o 20th June 2020 and Stand up
for humanity!**

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Get involved

CONTACT us today & lend your voice to those that have been robbed of theirs.

SEND us a message of solidarity

SEND a message to @Rouhani_ir and demand the release of political prisoners

SIGN the following petition:

<https://tinyurl.com/ya6mr6uo>

**The event will be broadcast live by the
following TV channel & on social media:**

[Facebook/IranZendaniSiasi](#)

[Facebook.com/Twenty.June](#)

Telegram: @CFPPI / Instagram: CFPPI

ARGENTINAJune 11th, 2020**Argentinean justice requests the extradition of Sebastián Romero from Uruguay**

Macri began the persecution of Sebastian and Fernandez jailed him through Interpol and the CIA!

Unconditional freedom for the comrade, right now!

We are all Sebastian!

For Sebastian, for all the political prisoners from our class, and for our martyrs...

A single fight in the whole planet!

The *International Network for the Liberation of the World Political Prisoners and Justice to Our Martyrs* is entirely at the service of the struggle for the immediate and unconditional freedom of comrade Sebastián Romero and all the political prisoners and persecuted people of Argentina and the world.

On May 30, the terrible news was announced that Sebastián Romero was arrested in the city of Chuy in Uruguay and today there's a request of extradition to Argentina.

Along with hundreds of thousands of workers and young ones, the comrade participated in the huge uprisings and the general strike of December 18 and 19, 2017, against the attack on pensions by Macri, PJ and IMF government.

We cannot let another day pass without fighting globally for all our fellow workers and people taken hostage in the jails of the regimes and states and for justice for our martyrs.

In Minnesota and in dozens of cities in the United States, the streets are already being taken for justice for comrade George Floyd, as we are already seeing in different countries of Europe and around the world... THAT IS THE WAY FORWARD!

The fight to win the freedom of Sebastián Romero is the same one to release the thousands of comrades in Chile under the clutches of the Pinochetista regime, as well as comrade Facundo Jones Huala extradited to Chile by Argentinean Videlista justice and sentenced to 9 years, from the dirty prisons. It is a single fight to free the comrades arrested in Senkata (Bolivia), the Basque political prisoners, Georges Abdallah in France, Mumia Abu Jamal and all the leaders of the Black Panthers in the United States, the young anarchist rebels in the Greek cells, the Palestinian political prisoners in the jails of the Zionist occupiers and the political prisoners who by thousands fill the dungeons of the al-Assad genocidal regime in Syria.

THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH FORCES TO DO IT. The workers of the maquilas of General Motors (GM) in Guanajuato (Mexico) have called to face the attack of the monopolies such as the GM against the workers' gains, the attack on wages and against the non-existent sanitary con-



ditions to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sebastián worked in GM and was a shop steward, in the province of Santa Fe, Argentina, where he was fired along with hundreds of fellow workers. Mexico GM workers' call to unite our struggle should be adopted by workers around the world, from Detroit to Mexico to Brazil and Argentina to France and the entire Europe to Africa to Japan!

From the PIT-CNT of Uruguay, from the CSP-CONLUTAS in Brazil and the INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION NETWORK, FROM ALL TRADE UNIONS AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS of the Americas and the world, we need an international day of struggle in defense of our gains and for the freedom of all our comrades and justice for our martyrs!

An injury to one is an injury to all!

NO BREAD AND NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!

WE ARE ALL SEBASTIÁN ROMERO!

**The rebellion of the slaves is not a crime,
IT'S JUSTICE!**

IN ARGENTINA AND WORLDWIDE, THOSE ABOVE KNOW THAT WE WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS TO RECOVER WHAT THEY HAVE STOLEN FROM US... WHAT IS OURS

The State attack does not stop. The former drivers of the East Bus Line of La Plata are still in house arrest, the case of the 25 students of the National University of Córdoba for fighting in 2018 has been re-opened; Las Heras oil workers remain sentenced to life in prison and years in prison for fighting against the tax on wages and outsourcing.

With Romero's arrest they prepare the conditions to advance on comrades Daniel Ruiz, César Arakaki, Dimas Ponce and all the comrades who were arrested for rising on Dec 18 and 19, 2017, and the more than 7,500 prosecuted for fighting.

We cannot let another day pass without preparing a DAY OF RAGE to conquer the freedom of all the members of our class taken hostage by the exploiters throughout the world and end with the persecution of the fighters.

The murderers of Rafa and Santiago, the murderers of Luis Espinoza and all our comrades are still free!

Fernández has Felipe Solá in his government, the assassin of Maxi and Darío in Puente Pueyrredón in 2002. The government is not our friend. It is our jailer and the one that

starves the poor. It is the one that besieges and militarizes, as in Villa Azul! WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL WE HAVE JUSTICE FOR ALL OUR MARTYRS! DARÍO AND MAXI, SANTIAGO AND RAFA, PRESENT!

The comrades of the Penta meat processing plant, the textile and fish workers of Trelew, the state employees of Chubut, the workers of General Motors of Santa Fe, the municipal workers of Cordoba, the mine workers of Andacollo, the oil workers who were handed over by the bureaucracy, the militant piquetero (organized unemployed) movement, need to take the fight to free Sebastián Romero as an immediate demand.

Unconditional freedom to Romero! Drop the charges of the more than 7,500 prosecuted workers and popular fighters!

Let the FIT-U, headed by Del Caño and Del Plá, the leaders of the militant trade unionism, the human rights organizations, call to take to the streets of Argentina for the freedom of Sebastián and for all the political prisoners of the working class and the persecuted for fighting!

UNITED STATES

Unconditional freedom for comrade Mumia Abu Jamal sentenced to death and all comrades of the Black Panthers incarcerated in US imperialists' prisons!

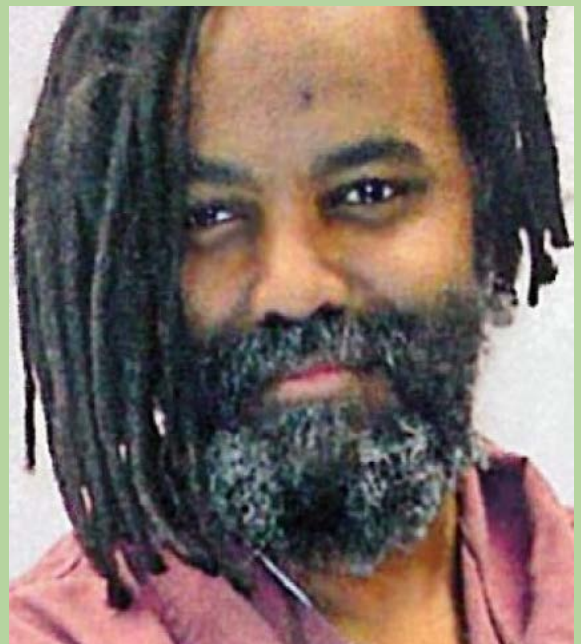
Unconditional freedom for the more than 10,000 comrades detained in the revolutionary action days that spread throughout the United States to get justice for George Floyd!

Disband the police, the FBI and the CIA!

For the defeat of the Pentagon's fascist officer caste!

Self-defense committees of the black people and all sectors of the working class and the exploited who are taking to the streets inside the imperialist beast!

Out with Trump, the leader of the imperialist bandits!



Chile

Emergency appeal to all the workers, students and human rights organizations of the world

Mapuche political prisoners have started a hunger strike against the Piñera government that keeps 2500 workers and rebel youth fighters imprisoned in inhuman conditions, exposed to coronavirus contagion

**Immediate and unconditional freedom for all political prisoners in Chile!
Let's make that cry be heard in the entire world**

In recent days, 9 Mapuche political prisoners have started a hunger strike fighting for their freedom and that of all political prisoners in Chile. In the Angol prison, comrades Sergio Levinao Levinao, Víctor Llanquileo Pilquimán, Sinécio Huenchullan Queipul, Freddy Marileo Marileo, Juan Queipul Millanao, Juan Calbucoy Montañares, Danilo-Nahuelpi Millanao and Reinaldo Penchulef Sepúlveda have been on a hunger strike for almost a week, just like comrade Celestino Córdova, who is currently imprisoned in Temuco prison.



The banner reads, "Organization of Relatives of the Political Prisoners from the Revolt"

ple of this is that the Mapuche political prisoner Facundo Jones Huala recently had to be isolated because he had been put in contact with prison staff infected with coronavirus.

From the Africa Coordination for the Freedom of Political Prisoners, which brings together relatives of political prisoners and fighters for their freedom as well as dozens of organizations, the fight to release the comrades from jails to preserve their health has been intensifying.

As the comrades denounce, in Chile there are more than 2,500 political prisoners of the working class and the rebel youth who have been taken hostage by the murderous state for having rebelled since last October against the Piñera government and the damn Pinochetista regime, servants of imperialism. While 50 fighters were killed by the repressive forces, thousands were wounded and more than 450 suffered eye damage.

Today, the political prisoners continue to rot in prisons, in inhuman conditions, overcrowding and lack of minimum hygiene, leaving them exposed to the coronavirus pandemic that continues to spread quickly in the country. One exam-

From the "International Network for the Liberation of the World Political Prisoners and Justice for our Martyrs", we stand in solidarity and make their struggle our own. We call on all unions, workers, students, struggle organizations, human rights organizations all around the world to promote an international campaign for the freedom of the comrades.

Therefore we call for immediate release of all the political prisoners in the world and for conquering the trial and punishment for the murderers of our fallen comrades in Chile, Bolivia, Marikana (South Africa) and all our martyrs.

Chilean political prisoners must not be behind bars a minute more! Freedom now!•

Huge international solidarity for the freedom of Chile's political prisoners

From Japan, solidarity of the Revolutionary Marxists of the JRCL-RMF



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From Mexico, support from Mario Gonzalez, father of Cesar Manuel, one of the 43 missing students from Ayotzinapa



[See full endorsement](#)

From Bolivia, statement of the Association of Victims, Dead and Injured of the Senkata Massacre



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Below we publish the manifesto for the international campaign for Patxi Ruiz, issued by the organization Friends of the Basque People in Argentina. Today, the comrade is no longer in hunger strike, but it continues the fight for his freedom and that of all the Basque political prisoners, for which we reproduce this manifesto

Spanish State

May 17, 2020

Release Patxi Ruiz, Basque political prisoner!

Freedom for the more than 400 Basque prisoners!

We reproduce below the Manifesto for the international campaign in favor of Patxi Ruiz of the organization Friends of the Basque People of Argentina, to which we call to adhere

INTERNATIONALIST S.O.S. TO AVOID THE DEATH OF THE BASQUE POLITICAL PRISONER PATXI RUIZ.

For several days, a Basque political prisoner has been waging a tough battle for life, against prison repression and for achieving minimal demands in the context of a global health crisis that is affecting severely in prisons. This is Patxi Ruiz, imprisoned in the Murcia II prison-grave, persecuted endlessly by the director of that prison establishment and the rest of the jailers. Patxi Ruiz had to self-injure to protest a chain of systematic attacks, he was rushed to the infirmary, there he suffered insults and neglect from the prison doctor and nurse, and when returned to his dungeon he decided to start an indefinite hunger and thirst strike, the most extreme response that a political or social prisoner can make. In this strike, the prisoner risks his life without further ado.

What are their demands?: a) the freedom of the sick prisoners and those who have almost completed their sentences, b) that visits can be made, c) receive material to avoid being infected by the virus (masks, gloves, etc), c) carrying out the test



on prisoners and jails, d) in the event of the death of a relative, having the possibility of going to the funeral, something that Ruiz himself was denied on a previous occasion when his father died. As a result of his extreme measure, Ruiz has stopped urinating for six days and suffers from severe kidney pain.

It is worth asking, then, to what extent should prison suffering be for a young man to decide such an action? Spanish prisons are, like so many others, destructive, annihilat-

ing and destructive establishments of the person, hence the only and dramatic protest must be to rebel and continue fighting as it may.

In solidarity with Patxi Ruiz and his demands, another Basque political prisoner, Mikel San Sebastián, has just started a similar strike, and others have locked themselves indefinitely in their dungeons and reject the food tray. In the streets, solidarity activists have started fasting in several towns and there are protests.

We, the undersigned, demand that the Spanish government comply with the common sense demands made by Basque prisoners and stop the violations of their rights. It is time for more than two hundred Basque prisoners to return home.

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France

Immediate freedom of Georges Abdallah!

Prisoner in the jails of French imperialism for 36 years and in danger by the Covid-19

In the current situation of health crisis, the French State refuses, once again, to release Georges Abdallah, a prisoner for defending the Palestinian cause since 1984, being the oldest political prisoner in Europe. Georges has already served his sentence and has been ready to be released for 20 years. Even so, French imperialism keeps him hostage in prison to punish all the fighters who dare to rise up for their rights.

The comrade is 69 years old, so this political decision of the state, to keep him in prison, today is threatening his life, due to the danger of contagion from Covid-19.

Enough! We demand the immediate release of Abdallah! He cannot spend a minute more in the jail

of the French imperialist butchers who never tire of massacring and exploiting in Africa, of persecuting and killing working-class youth in the *cités* with their damn murderous police, of locking up immigrants and refugees in the "Administrative retention centers" that are true prisons where they are crowded, to suppress protests, to imprison fighters and a very long etcetera.

Release all political prisoners now!

Slave rebellion is not a crime, it is justice!

International Network for the Freedom of the Political Prisoners of the World and for Justice for Our Martyrs



[See full campaign](#)

Greece

Letter of the Commission of Convicted Workers, Families and Friends of Las Heras (Argentina) calling to fight for the freedom of the Greek rebel youth, persecuted and imprisoned by the Troika regime.

To the cry of "*The passion for freedom is stronger than all cells*", the youth and the workers of Greece have taken to the streets for the freedom of the anarchist political prisoner Vasilis Dimakis. Vasilis has started a hunger strike against the inhuman conditions of the jail regime in the midst of the pandemic COVID-19, against tortures and humiliations exerted on him and the other political prisoners.

The rebel youth of Greece, as comrade Giannis Michailidis, fought together with us when the Videlaite court, under the command of the oil companies, sentenced us to jail and for life sentences. Today, we have to

be alongside them until gaining their unconditional freedom.

An injury to one is an injury to all!

Unconditional freedom to Vasilis Dimakis, Giannis Michailidis and all the political prisoners in the Greek jails of the Troika regime!

We will fight together for their freedom, for the freedom of the Basque political prisoners, the more than 2,500 Chilean prisoners, thousands of comrades detained in the Syrian regime jails, the more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners in the jails of the Zionist occupant!

ONE SINGLE STRUGGLE, ONE SINGLE CRY OF FREEDOM!



Greece: demonstration for the freedom of Vasilis Dimakis

Nissan/Renault – Barcelona

June 2nd, 2020

Only the working class through an international fight at European and global scale can save laid off Nissan and Renault workers!

Let's coordinate Nissan workers' struggle with those of the workers at Alcoa, French Renault and General Motors of Mexico!



For the occupation of factories!

For expropriation without compensation, and state-ization under workers control of the transnationals Nissan and Renault in France, in the Spanish State and at continental level!

We are all Nissan-Renault workers!

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MEXICO

International appeal of General Motors workers
for the defense of life, health and solution to their demands

One single class, one single fight against the same enemy!

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