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TOWARDS THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION, a slandered and betrayed revolution soaked in blood

Putin, the hitman on behalf of imperialism, imposed a genocide in Syria with al-Assad, and now invades Ukraine

Ukraine and Syria:

**One single working class, one single
international struggle against the same enemy!**



**Stop the massacre and defeat the Russian invasion to Ukraine!
Stop the NATO war machine!**

**OPEN THE FRONTS IN SYRIA NOW! OUT WITH ALL THE INVADER TROOPS FROM SYRIA!
OUT WITH AL-ASSAD! OUT WITH THE GENEVA PACT!**

Kazakhstan:

Putin crushes the workers
revolutionary uprising on
behalf of imperialism

Cuba:

**Free all the imprisoned for
fighting for bread against the
new Castroite bourgeoisie,
supporter of al-Assad!**

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Presentation

We present this issue of The Truth of the Oppressed, the paper of the socialists of Syria and Middle East, in moments in which there is an ongoing invasion to Ukraine by the Russian genocidal army. Putin has proved himself as a hitman of imperialism in Kazakhstan, crushing a revolutionary uprising, massacring in Chechnya, now taking over Belarus and of course in Syria supporting the regime of Bashar and drowning the glorious Syrian revolution in a bloodbath.

This paper sees the light in the 11th anniversary of this great revolution in moments where Putin's bombs fall now on Ukraine as yesterday in Syria, and they still keep on falling in the refugee camps. The whole world, even the mainstream media of the world bourgeoisie and imperialism have their eyes fixed on Ukraine and they appear as shocked before the horrors of war. But in Syria, where the horrors have been a million times worse than the ones we are seeing in Ukraine, they did not do the same. In here, they have concealed the genocide that the Syrian, Russian, Iranian and Hezbollah armies have done, leaving hundreds of thousands of dead and 60% of the country displaced as refugees that still today live in tents in the borders. In Syria, there were not even a 10% of the correspondents that there are now in Ukraine covering everything that is happening at the moment, neither by the bourgeois media not even by the parties and organizations that claim to defend the working class in the world. They also contributed to conceal the crimes of al-Assad, for him to remain unpunished.

The reformist leftist currents launched all types of slanders to the Syrian masses, calling them "terrorists", "backward", "barbaric". They made the world working class believe the ones dying there were not workers, also that al-Assad and Putin were "confronting terrorists" or that both genocidals were "anti-imperialists" fighting against "NATO ground troops" or "US-backed rebels", while they unconditionally supported and branded as "the only progressive in Syria" the true NATO ground troops, namely the YPG, armed and commanded directly by the US, and they are now the security guards of the US oil companies that today plunder the oil of Syria in Raqa and Deir ez Zor.

Syria was a revolution drowned in bloodbath because it was a betrayed revolution in the first place, where al-Assad and his allies had impunity to carry out the genocide, on behalf of imperialism, the main winner and benefited of it, which kept the oil.

Syria and Ukraine were the two focuses of the world revolution where imperialism focused its forces in counterrevolutionary pacts to crush the revolted masses

Syria was one of the focuses where imperialism concentrated its forces to cut the chain of revolutions that shook



Demonstration in Binish in support of Ukraine against the invasion of Putin

the world as response to the 2008 crash, in this case, the one of Middle East, which broke out in 2011 from Tunisia to Libya, from Egypt to Bahrain, from Yemen to Iraq, and from Syria threatened to reach Palestine and unify the struggle of the whole region to destroy the Zionist occupier, which would have been a strategic defeat of imperialism. **The other focus where imperialism concentrated its forces was in Ukraine** in 2014, a hinge revolution between Eastern and Western Europe.

Counterrevolutionary pacts acted there. Imperialism couldn't act there directly with its troops because the American working class and its anti-war struggle ties its hands and does not let them go to new counterrevolutionary adventures. For this reason, it couldn't also use its Zionist gendarme, as it was seen in 2012 and 2014 where it had to retreat from their respective offensives "defensive pillar" and "protective edge". US imperialism and its gendarme lost firepower to crush the revolutions that were unleashed and therefore it relied in the other agents it had, in counterrevolutionary pacts.

In Syria, we see the conference of Geneva-Astana-Sochi, integrated by al-Assad, Putin, Turkey commanding the generals of the Sunnite bourgeoisie of the former Free Syrian Army, under the US command. In the case of Ukraine, it was Minsk pact between Putin and the imperialist powers of Maastricht and America.

Each one of the agents of these counterrevolutionary pacts fulfilled their role. The generals of the Sunnite bourgeoisie handed over the rebel cities in Syria one by one. In the areas occupied by Turkey in the north of Syria after their operations "Olive Branch" and "Euphrates Shield", as in the areas they couldn't hand over because of the resistance, as Idlib (now under HTS control), they became jail keepers, imposing a regime of terror that has nothing to envy to Bashar. Putin and al-Assad massacred ruthlessly, destroying entire cities.

In Ukraine, amid the mass uprising in 2014 against the pro-Russian government of Janukovic, who applied all the plans of the IMF to starve the people, the US imperialism formed a "democratic front" which hijacked the uprising in Maidan Square with deception and lies that they would bring prosperity, when the only thing they brought is more hunger and crackdown. When the miners in East Ukraine rose up in arms with their militias to confront the pro-US fascist of Kiev,

who wanted to shut down their mines, Putin came to contain and with the fifth column of the brigades sent by the Communists Parties of the world, they slaughtered everyone who did not surrender to Minsk agreements by the back.

As we've seen in the case of the massacre of al-Assad, all these counterrevolutionary actions could only take place because they had the left support of the parties and organizations that spoke on behalf of the international working class, which supported Putin, al-Assad, PKK, etc.

Thus, in Syria and Ukraine, it resulted in the defeat of the revolutionary processes, and **partitioned nations living in barbarism** as colonies and protectorates were imposed. We see this in Syria, partitioned between Turkey, USA, al-Assad and Putin, and other part under HTS control in which they live under the most heinous misery, in tents, without even dreaming in covering the basic needs. We publish an article on this matter on page 6. Ukraine was also partitioned by the Minsk pact. There had been tens of thousands of dead before the current war, workers having 200 euro wages which are no good for anything, miners risking their lives to work having to descend in an obsolete decaying infrastructure and even without collecting their wages, like the Iranian workers. We publish articles showing the hell in which the workers of Ukraine live on page 15, and on this situation in Iran and the huge struggle the workers are waging against the dictatorial regime of the Ayatollah who massacre in Syria, on page 20.

The current war in Ukraine

The US imperialism saw that the revolution was out of the scene and started an offensive to advance and take over the whole Ukraine, Pushing Putin away from Donbass (which he controlled in fact) and from Crimea, occupied by his army and military bases. USA saw the chance to step on Ukraine with NATO and keep that country, which is crucial for the gas pipeline from Russia to Europe and advance in a military encirclement on Russia in its European borders. USA wanted to advance in colonizing Russia, take those vast raw material sources, and all the business deals, without Putin making business deals on his own with other imperialisms, as he has been doing, like the direct gas supply to Germany throughout Nordstream 2.

The response of Putin was to negotiate to keep on playing his role of gendarme inside Ukraine, as in Syria, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Caucasus, etc. He doesn't want to lose his status. That's why he does not accept leaving Ukraine and being surrounded by NATO and he wants to continue doing business deals. **Putin is the guardian of the business deals of imperialism and all the capitalists**, and as such, he had been playing his part crushing and slaughtering the masses with his fascist army. He made this known when he exposed the weapons in the Ukrainian border and it is what he wants everyone to know in the invasion he is carrying out. The war is for this, to show Putin still can and should be the one playing that role.

On page 8 there's an article about the current war, explaining the beginning, the development, the background and the tasks of the international working class.



Putin and al-Assad

In Syria, open the fronts! Now's the time!

The Syrian resistance is taking to the streets against Putin in defence of the slaughtered Ukrainian people. The artist Aziz al Asmar painted a mural (see page 7) expressing this feeling of solidarity facing the bombardments and artillery fire and invasion of the same butcher Putin we have been suffering in Syria for years. They know that **a defeat of this hitman of imperialism in Ukraine will weaken him in Syria**, and will make the main support of the fascist of Damascus, Bashar al-Assad, to tremble.

Unite the struggle of the Syrian resistance with the Ukrainian people! **Now's the time to open the fronts against al-Assad, which are kept closed by HTS and the generals of the National Army! Down with the pact of Geneva! Let's recover the weapons, taken by the generals of the Sunnite bourgeoisie!** An uprising in Swayda has started, under control of the fascist Jackboot of al-Assad. In Daraa, the resistance has retreated and is being chased house by house, and it makes actions in defence, intercepting the repression groups.

The key to stop the war in Ukraine, to defeat Putin and NATO, to expel all the invader troops from Syria and make Al-Assad fall is in the unity of the international working class. We call on the workers of the world, the Russian, the European, the American in particular, to take to the streets and paralyze the war machine of Putin and NATO. They are the best allies of the Syrian resistance and the workers in struggle in Iran and the working class in the entire Middle East, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

We then present this paper in the face of the 11th anniversary of the Syrian revolution, including articles on Ukraine and Syria, as we mentioned, but also on the struggle of the workers in Iran and its vanguard, the teachers, of the uprising that took place in Kazakhstan and the fight to free from jail those who stood up for bread and confronted another main supporters of al-Assad, the new Castroite bourgeoisie of Cuba, who have put the authority of the Cuban revolution at the service of supporting the fascist of Damascus for more than 11 years.

Today's partitioned Syria under fascism

After the genocide of al-Assad and Putin and the betrayal of the Left

In Syria, since March 15, 2011, the day the Syrian revolution started, the regime of al-Assad and his allies Iran, Hezbollah and Russia has destroyed Syria and murdered and displaced the Syrian people. The bombings of al-Assad and Putin left hundreds of thousands of dead, millions as refugees in other countries and in tents across the borders. They destroyed the cities of Syria and drowned in blood a people that rose for bread and dignity.

Today, Syria is partitioned in different areas, each one under different authorities, all of them are agents coordinated in Geneva-Astana-Sochi Conference, under US command. Every region has a different authority, and each area is divided by borders.

In the south and centre of Syria there's al-Assad's regime, who does not hide his crimes and his allies' and how he destroyed the cities in which he recovered control where he killed and displaced his people. They justify this behind an "anti-terrorism" applauded by the entire social-imperialist left, which also labels al-Assad and his ally Putin as "anti-imperialists". Al-Assad still rules with his regime of security forces of oppression for those who are still in the areas under his authority, supported mainly by Putin. In there, all the institutions are meant to support the regime of al-Assad. The imprisonments and tortures carried out there



Displaced in refugee camps in the Syrian border

are still killing all those who criticize the corruption and brutality of the chief of the authority, Bashar al-Assad, and the world sees how those who are still in Syria are trying to flee the country to escape from this brutal repressive regime and the hunger it causes on the civilian population.

Al-Assad could retake control in these territories after losing control of 80% of the country in the 2011's Revolution. He has done so due to the sellout of the bourgeois generals of the former Free Syrian Army (FSA), who today are wearing Bashar's army uniform. This is something that happened all across Syria, where the generals of the Sunnite bourgeoisie sold out the rebel cities one by one and

then they returned to the place where they came from: Bashar's army. In particular, the generals of the so-called "Southern Front" of the FSA (Ghouta, Daraa and surroundings), when they returned to al-Assad's army, they were organized in the "Fifth Corps", which is directly under Putin's command. Their commander in chief, Ahmed Awoda, travels regularly to Moscow to coordinate how they keep on crushing the masses under al-Assad and Putin's fascist jackboot.

In Northeast Syria, there's Hayat Tahrir al Sham (HTS), formerly known as Jabhat al Nusra, ruling the city of Idlib and northern countryside. It also rules the people by force, with a security apparatus that takes all the material and human advantages to keep themselves in power. It has terminated every organized opposition, like brigades or activists groups, and it suffocates anyone who dares to criticize them, even arresting many fighters of the revolution. For that reason, many revolutionaries fled from those areas it controls. HTS has formed the Salvation Government, which is a civilian government but it is a part of its regime. It has civilian and military courts, but all of them work under the security apparatus, which has secret jails and makes fast trials without justice.

In northern Aleppo countryside, the National Army controls. The National Army is a union of all factions of the FSA who didn't return to al-Assad's army after they handed over the rebel cities. In here, the FSA is



Putin, Erdogan and Rouhani in Astana conference

directly commanded by Turkey, which is occupying this area with its army too. The leaders of the fractions became war lords. Originally, they were not military, although there are also some officials that defected from the regime who are inside these factions. In this area, there are secret prisons, handled by the Turkish intelligence. They are not subjected to any authority but Erdogan's. They don't even take the detainees to court, which is controlled by the war lords, under Erdogan's command. They carry out forced disappearance and torture is practiced when they investigate in the majority of the detention centres.

In Northeast Syria, the area where the oil is in Syria, there are the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), headed by the Stalinist Workers Party of Kurdistan (PKK), a party directly commanded by the United States from their troops and military bases there. They control the justice, the army and all the institutions of that area, whether political or military. The control of that party is based in the leadership of one sector against the other sectors and against the members of their own sector who do not agree with their policy. It has several secret jails and uses torture and forced disappearance of the detainees. All kinds of the world left parties have called this "the Rojava revolution", and praised it as "the only progressive place in Syria" and called for a world support, when PKK is nothing but the security guard of the US oil companies that plunder the black gold. The results are in plain sight. PKK was only a force that besieged Aleppo, and attached liberated areas, it signed an agreement with al-Assad and placed itself under the US command for the plundering of Syria.

There are borders that divide these four areas in which Syria is partitioned and there are taxes on the goods transported from one area to the next one. The people can only move across different areas area throughout smugglers, where casualties are very common. The authorities want to avoid smuggling from one area to the other at all costs, which means, as we've seen, shooting to kill those who try to get an extra income to fight against starvation, as they work for the traders that want to jump taxes.

This is the partitioned Syria after the victory of the forces that the Left called "progressive" and "anti-imperialist". They are also responsible for fascism, partition, the millions of refugees, starvation, secret jails, disappearances, tortures and massacres. •

Editorial Board of the paper The Truth of the Oppressed

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Uprising for bread in Swayda, southern Syria, in the territories controlled by the fascist al-Assad

On Sunday, February 6, a gigantic uprising of the workers and exploited began in Swayda, in southern Syria, who by thousands took over the city centre. The claim was for dignity, against hunger, poverty and misery to which they have been subjected by the Bashar regime. They affirm that 10 years of revolution have already passed and the regime can be no longer. This is an uprising for dignity!

The Syrian revolution is the revolution for a decent life! Let the fascist regime of Bashar al-Assad fall!

The forces of repression came to disperse such a mobilization, which withdrew, but did not give in. The next day they took over the city down town again, interrupting trade and the activities of the local government office, imposing a strike in that area. They also cut the highway that connects that city with Damascus. They once again faced the crackdown of the fascist forces of al-Assad, claiming that they will not back down, that this is their fight for their dignity, for their lives. They claimed that they will return stronger tomorrow.

Once again all the deceptions of a left that slandered the masses calling them "terrorists", "barbaric", "backward" are now exposed, as it is clear that the uprisings belong to those exploited against the fascist regime of al-Assad, that they defended as "anti-imperialist".

The uprising in Swayda has the same demands as the marches that have been taking place in northern Syria, in cities in the province of Idlib or Al Bab, for increased wages and against the rising prices of electricity, bread, rents... and even for having to live in tents buried two meters under snow after the intense storm of recent weeks. The conditions of hunger and misery once again push the masses to take to the streets. The working class must be the vanguard, setting up unions, demanding wages at the level of the family basket and distribution of working hours so that there is work for all.

Only the working class fighting for its demands can re-unify Syria, which was partitioned from the Geneva conference



Uprising in Swayda

between al-Assad, Putin, the Sunni generals of HTS and the FSA under the command of Turkey, and the US who steals the oil from Raqa and Deir ez Zor.

Al-Assad out! Out with the U, Russian, Iranian, Turkish troops and all the invading forces! Down with the Geneva Pact! We must recover the weapons to confront al-Assad! We must disarm the generals of HTS and the FSA who, instead of opening the fronts, direct their weapons to impose iron-fist control against the masses, with a regime of persecution and prison that has nothing to envy to al-Assad!

We must set up unions and coordinate at the local and national levels to fight for decent wages, work for all and end misery in a unified fight! It is necessary to reestablish the coordination committees with direct democracy, expelling the local bourgeoisie who agreed with al-Assad!

In order to achieve a decent life, it is necessary to expropriate the businessmen who got rich from the war and continue to profit from the prices of basic goods, Al-Assad and his gang, the banks, the oil wells that the US now occupy with their YPG Gurkhas, and take back the wealth of the Syrian people.

This can revolt Daraa, Damascus, and all the areas under the fascist jackboot of al-Assad, supported by Putin, the Iranian Ayatollahs and Hezbollah mercenaries. Swayda's uprising cannot be isolated as Daraa was yesterday. We must open the fronts and expel from the resistance any bourgeois who makes an effort to honor the Geneva Pact.

The revolution continues, until conquering the fall of the regime, freedom and dignity. •

January 30, 2022

The counterrevolution in Syria led to barbarism of the working class

The exploited in the freed areas in northern Syria not only are attacked by local governments servants of Turkey that treat the people just as bad or worse than the Basharist regime, not only are they massacred by the bombs of Putin and the bullets of the mercenaries of Hezbollah and Iran, not only are starved by US imperialism that steals all the oil using its agents of the Kurd PKK but now the hardship of a snow storm never seen before is tearing apart, destroying and crushing the tents of hundreds of thousands of Syrian living as outcasts inside the refugee camps in the national territory and in neighbouring countries. It is a true catastrophe caused by the counterrevolutionary forces on behalf of imperialism that took the Syrian country to barbarism and backwardness, even partitioning its territory.

The heroic revolutionary Syrian people, after almost 11 years of fighting against Bashar the dog for dignity, work and freedom, today are living in tents under almost a meter of snow, which threatens to exterminate as many people as the covid did, or the last bombings of Putin on civilian houses.

In addition to this, there are killings and selective kidnappings carried out by HTS to the best of activism and the vanguard of the revolution, those who were at the forefront against Bashar giving their lives and



Millions of refugees live in tents covered in snow in winter

today they refuse to give up and stop fighting, not only for the true Syrian revolution and dignity, but for real justice, for all the fallen martyrs, and the appearance of all the imprisoned and disappeared.

Amidst an international context in which Putin, the butcher of Middle East, in Ukraine is trying to negotiate with imperialism to keep its place as gendarme in the whole Eaurasia as he is in Syria, the world left raises policies that only legitimize the license to exterminate that the Russian government has in Syria, by making it appear as anti-imperialist.

The uprising in the free areas as well as those under Bashar's rule is a first need. To

coordinate again and fight as in the beginning of the revolution is a task placed in the agenda and for the working class in Syria to deal with the expropriation of the war lords and the big Syrian bourgeoisie to guarantee houses, work and food for all Syrians.

This won't be possible if we don't expel out of the national territory all the invader armies, from the Turkish, Russian, Iranian up to the American.

To reverse through revolutionary actions this calamity that the oppressed in Syrian are suffering is to favour the evolution of society. •

Abu Yazan al-Homsi

January 22, 2022

Demonstration in Deir Hassan - Idlib for the freedom of detainees

Demonstrations took place in this city to demand the freedom of thousands of detainees in HTS prisons. They denounce in their are subjected to torture in which they remove their nails.

HTS has subjected the partisans of the revolution to the worst tortures, like Al-Assad, as the resistance denounces. Everyone who does not subject to the authority of Jolani, a general of the war businesses of the Sunnite bourgeoisie, who controls Idlib under terror, ends up in his prisons, as the masses denounce in their actions. HTS has filled its prisons with Syrian revolution fighters. These army-parties of the Sunnite bourgeoisie such as the National Army (former FSA) or HTS (former Al Nusra) are military arms of occupation forces, subjecting the masses to the worst sufferings, unleashing the crisis on them.

Free all the revolutionaries imprisoned in Jolani's jails!

Out with all businessmen of HTS and the National Army!



Demonstrations in Idlib countryside against dire conditions

January 7, 2022

Northern Syria

HUGE WAVE OF STRIKES, WALKOUTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Now, it is the working class in the cities the one taking to the streets against the murderous hunger regime of al-Assad. The struggle is against the cost of living, for the houses of the refugees. This is driving the masses to combat. They are confronting the war lords, the millionaires of al-Assad, the partners of the US or Turkey, the repressors of HTS... ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PARTITIONED SYRIA AND SLAUGHTERED THE PEOPLE GOT RICH.

Now, with the method of the struggle of the working class, with strikes in the cities, clashing with local governments, the working masses start to make the occupation regime to tremble from its bases.

In these struggles, and not separated from them, the partisans of the Syrian revolution should get organized. WE NEED TO BREAK WITH THE ARMY PARTIES OF THE THIEVES OF THE PEOPLE AND THE OCCUPIERS.

For a workers and peasants militia!

This class struggle FOR BREAD, LAND AND HOUSES CAN UNITE

ALL THE MASSES AND SAVE THE NATION EXPELLING THE OCCUPIERS THAT HAVE PARTITIONED IT AND TORMENTED THE PEOPLE!

THE FRONTS ARE OPENED!

In Kazakhstan, the revolutionary masses rose up against the government puppet of the imperialist oil companies and Putin the murderer, the guardian of the oppressors of the Muslim masses.

In Kazakhstan, Syria and in the workers combats of Iran, we need to set up the councils of workers, peasants and the workers militias. Expel the invader troops!

Let all the counterrevolutionary regimes fall!

THOSE FROM BELOW, RISE!

BREAD, LAND AND FREEDOM!

OUT WITH IMPERIALISM!

Expropriation without compensation of all the companies of electricity, water, telephone and oil companies under control of the workers!

Disarm the occupation armies! Out with al-Assad! Expropriate his fortune! May the thieves of the people pay!



Teachers strike

One single state bank!

Emergency workers plan to rebuild the houses and conquer decent wages, at the level of the family basket!

Open the road to the Syrian working class!

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Aziz al Asmar's mural in Syria in solidarity with Ukraine against Putin's invasion



Binish – northern Idlib

Demonstration for Ukraine

The Syrian people marches in favor of the Ukrainian people, against the invasion carried out by Russia. In Syria and Ukraine they confront the massacre of the same terrorist criminal Putin, who, from the Geneva conference, entered Syria with blood and fire to support his ally, the genocidal al-Assad, together with Iran and Hezbollah. With his indiscriminate bombings, they left hundreds of thousands of dead and millions of refugees in a partitioned Syria, as today is suffered by the

Ukrainian working class. Out with the Russian troops and military bases from Syria! Putin out of Kazakhstan and Belarus! Out with al-Assad and all the invader troops! Down with the counterrevolutionary pact of Geneva, under the US command! For the defeat of NATO and the forces of the imperialist power that occupy Syria and enslave the working class and plunder the wealth of the world!

February 25, 2022

Russian troops invade Ukraine and fighting breaks out in Kiev

While encircling Russia, NATO cynically lets Putin do the “dirty work” of massacring the masses and complete the enslavement of that nation. Then, they will go for everything.

Let's stop the massacre and defeat the Russian invasion and the murderous NATO troops!

Revolutionary General Strike in the whole Europe!

Neither Biden nor NATO have stopped this invasion and they will not. They are not willing to go into a direct military clash with Putin today. Their strategy is to wear him down and encircle the “great” Russia politically and economically. Imperialism knows that Putin's weapons and his powerful army are not there to confront NATO, but rather to crush the revolutionary processes of the masses and the national rebellions of the subjugated peoples.

Putin is the guardian of the businesses of the capitalists and imperialism in Eurasia. He is defending to play that role also in Ukraine. Hence his devastating offensive in that nation already divided and oppressed by imperialism and the same “great” Russia.

Russia demonstrated its role as a counterrevolutionary gendarme in Kazakhstan, in Belarus, in the Caucasus, previously in Georgia and since 2015 in Donbass, massacring the best of the revolted working class in those former Soviet republics, just as the fascists in Kiev did it under the US command. They all acted under the umbrella of the Minsk Pact of the Maastricht powers, NATO and Putin.

For years now, Russia has agreed with Turkey and NATO to crush the revolutionary masses of Syria together with the fascist al-Assad. In a pact with Erdogan, Putin has surrendered Armenia and guaranteed that British Petroleum can steal all the oil from Azerbaijan and the Caucasus.

The imperialist policy is to use this counterrevolutionary role of Putin and while doing so, he seeks to corner Russia to its borders in Europe. Ukraine is a battle that today, and for now, imperialism is not willing to fight militarily to the end. There's a risk of weakening Putin, his counterrevolutionary gendarme in Eurasia, to the extreme, and even of weakening imperialism itself, since the imperialist powers and the US in particular do not have mass support in their countries to go on new military adventures, as they withdrew their troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Wall Street pirates did make decisive progress in putting the Europe of Maastricht and Glacis under the command of NATO, that is, under the political, military and economic leadership of US imperialism with the excuse of “fighting against Russia”. Thus Biden divided the European market controlled by the Franco-German axis and broke their sphere of influence and vital space throughout Europe, in particular in the East and next to the borders with Russia. From this point of view, this was also a very heavy blow to the gas business, not only in Germany, but fundamentally in Russia.

The US did this in the way that the imperialist powers dispute the spheres of influence: putting the weapons, the bayonets, NATO



Ukraine bombed by Putin

and its role as victorious in the Second World War on the table of the imperialist Maastricht.

As a result, as we have already said, the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline was stopped, which was a super business of Germany, supplied by Russia, to control the energy of the entire Europe. US-UK imperialism did the same thing with its Pacific fleet: England took the business of building 14 nuclear-powered submarines for Australia, in fact stealing it from the imperialist France and causing it to lose more than 20 billion dollars.

US imperialism has gone through three serious crises (that of 1997-2001, that of 2008 and the last stock market crash of 2019-2020) in the 21st century. Those crises blew up the world economy and the US wants to make the whole world to pay for their crisis.

The Europe of Maastricht closed the European market, while maintaining an open dispute over the spheres of influence in the semi-colonial world. In the last two decades the great Germany together with France conquered a vital space and a division of labor from Russia to Portugal. Thus, Maastricht acted defensively in the face of the successive crises that hit US imperialism and threw them to the world and Europe.

The US policy in Europe is to besiege Russia and to complete the colonization and control of the former Soviet republics in Eastern Europe that became independent from the Russian Federation in 1989. This is what they have already done in all the nations of the European Glacis, which have been transformed into the “backyard” of the imperialist Maastricht or are under the political, economic and

military tutelage of NATO, under the Anglo-American command. Now imperialism is seeking to advance on Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine -which are already true semi-colonies with their economies totally controlled by transnationals and imperialist bankers- to turn them into colonies under the direct command of NATO, as Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

Today, Ukraine is the battle of a war for the complete colonization of the former Soviet republics that the US needs to lead in order to, in the future, advance towards the submission of the “great” Russia. This offensive war of Anglo-American imperialism, to corner Russia within its borders and to break the political, economic and military balance of Europe, is a strategic battle of the imperialist gangs of Wall Street to make Russia, the working class, the oppressed peoples of the world and their competitors the ones to pay for the crash of the world economy.

But today’s battle to crush the working class and finish destroying the Ukrainian nation, under these conditions, has been left in the hands of its executioner, Putin, with whom a new pact and agreement will be negotiated again, while imperialism continues to surround it economically and politically. Meanwhile, the dead belong to the working class and the exploited masses of Ukraine.

All the contradictions of world politics and economy have been concentrated in Ukraine

These last weeks we have seen Germany and France to plead for a “peaceful” and “diplomatic” solution to the crisis, but they collided with the irreducible position of NATO to force them to break with Russia.

The Franco-German axis was and is eagerly seeking to maintain the status quo and negotiate with Putin -even if Kiev is taken- a new Minsk 2 Pact that recomposes the European division of labour.

After losing Nord Stream 2, Germany is reluctant to advance more economic and military measures against Russia. As a great power, it has denied Ukraine the entrance to the European Union, an issue that would be a very heavy blow for Moscow. Germany is even against removing Russia from the SWIFT system of international banking connections, since it would put at risk collecting the millionaire loans that Germany provided to Putin. Seeing this, the US sent the presidents of Latvia and Poland to Frankfurt to demand this measure to be applied immediately. At every step inter-imperialist tensions erupt under US command, and Germany is reluctantly drawn into this NATO offensive.

With Biden, Wall Street Establishment is achieving what Trump could not do with his trade war to increase tariffs on Maastricht products entering the US. The trade war, without being supported by bayonets, is only smoke that is dissipated by the wind

Putin saw this imperialist offensive by NATO and at the same time these inter-imperialist contradictions. Supported by broad layers of the middle classes of the “great” Russia and in a ferocious repression and crushing of the masses (which for now leaves him the hands free to fight at international level), Putin moved 150,000 men to the border, invaded Kazakhstan to crush the revolted workers, occupied Belarus and prepared his counterattack in the Ukraine. No class or class sector gives up without a fight, let alone if it has 13,000 nuclear warheads behind it and one of the most powerful armies in the world, inherited from the former USSR. And this is so, despite the fact that the “great” Russia depends on the exports of its wheat, gas, oil and minerals to trade as a major supplier of raw materials and commodities in the entire world market, particularly Europe. Likewise, Russia also decisively needs the world economy, controlled by



Ukrainian people taking shelter in Metro

imperialism, to import machinery, machine tools and even technology for its military apparatus.

Contrary to what the bourgeois press affirmed that we were facing “war games” and despite what the world reformist left said, namely that there was a “clash between NATO and Russia”, there’s the battle for Ukraine ongoing, which for Putin means his survival as the gendarme of the businesses of the capitalists and imperialism in the European republics of the former USSR, while for the US and NATO, Ukraine is one more pawn on their offensive board against Russia and the European market.

Today, Putin and his army are at the gates of Kiev. He demands that the Ukrainian army’s officer caste take over the government there... That is, a Russian military attache that allows him to open a new negotiation with imperialism about his role in the western republics of the former USSR.

Russia was suffocated in this imperialist offensive and attacked. And by doing so, **it is doing imperialism’s “dirty work” of causing a national defeat for Ukraine and massacring its working class.** If Russia takes Ukraine, it will leave it colonized with double and triple chains, and a thousand times more subject to imperialism when it sees the conditions to take it. In other words, the US allows Putin to attack Ukraine and when conditions allow it, it will enter to keep an already oppressed and crushed colony. Meanwhile, they announce that Sweden and Finland will join NATO and keep Russia in a permanent state of war in order to undermine its home front, wear it down economically and subject it to a war of occupation in which it may suffer heavy losses.

In this cruel invasion, the workers and the poor of the colonized Ukraine are the ones bleeding in the disputes over the spheres of influence between the imperialist powers of Maastricht and USA, and in Putin’s ‘battles’ to defend his right to oppress all the nations of the former USSR around him.

**To stop the massacre, expel Russian troops from Ukraine, stop Putin’s counter-revolutionary war machine and defeat NATO:
Revolutionary General Strike in the whole Europe!**

The coward fascist generals in Kiev and their government, submitted to NATO officers, have already begun to make deals with Moscow and are ready to surrender. It is the masses resisting hard who are really fighting the invading troops.

On the one hand, President Zelensky has already started a negotiation with Russia, while the rank-and-file soldiers put up a tough fight. Thousands of workers and poor peasants sign up to resist.

The tragedy that drags down the Ukrainian working class is the fratricidal war imposed by Kiev and Putin's Black Hundreds in Donbass, to divide and strangle the Ukrainian proletariat, which had risen up united and overthrown the pro-Putin and pro-IMF government of Yanukovich in 2014. The division resulted very bad for the Ukrainian proletariat, whether from East or from West, leaving more than 14,000 dead in this fratricidal clash.

We must recover the unity of the Ukrainian working class! For a provisional revolutionary government of the resistance workers' committees, the trade unions, the poor peasants and the rank and file soldiers

The workers, the poor and the rank and file soldiers **should take into their hands the control of the armament of all the barracks in Ukraine, ousting all the officers**, always ready to negotiate and agree with Moscow and imperialism.

The Ukrainian resistance is standing up and with a workers' militia it can already be centralized with committees by neighborhood, city, region and at the national level.

EXPROPRIATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND PLACE UNDER WORKERS' CONTROL THE BANKS AND THE BIG PROPERTIES OF THE UKRAINIAN BILLIONAIRE OLIGARCHS who for decades have enslaved the working class, to put all the resources of the nation to get weapons and feed the people!

The demand "arms for Ukraine", as an appeal to the world working class and its organizations, is the task of the moment.

The defeat of the invading troops at the hands of the exploited masses will be won by civil war in the cities and not by NATO puppet generals.

The European workers and those of the whole world should only ship the weapons that go directly to the Ukrainian resistance and not the military supplies that go to the counterrevolutionary troops of NATO or to those of Putin.

The workers of Kiev must call on their class brothers and sisters in Donbass to break with the fascist forces of Putin's Black Hundreds, who have closed their mines and starved them to death, as it happens to all the Ukrainian workers who today they see their children emigrate by millions to the Europe of Maastricht due to lack of bread and work, while earning a miserable 200 euros wage, the lowest wage in the whole Europe.

The murderous and coward Putin claims that he invades Ukraine to "put an end to the neo-Nazis of Kiev", when his government in Donbass is just as fascist than that of the comic actor and the paramilitary gangs that rule Ukraine, or more.

Putin's government is no less counter-revolutionary, since he is a **true Franco** from the Russian steppes and has imposed a ferocious dictatorship; his counterrevolutionary troops massacred the entire male population over 14 years of age in Chechnya; they bombed entire cities in Syria; they entered to kill, repress and torture with hot iron the oil workers of Kazakhstan; they repress and detain tens and tens of thousands of Russian workers in their prisons and imprison them when more than two workers get together to make a claim... The oligarchs of Moscow are a bourgeois class that came out of the Stalinist scum that took over the businesses of the former USSR, crushing the working class with blood and fire. The bourgeoisie wants to hide that the assassin Putin is an exponent of the capitalist restoration of the USSR, which everyone applauded, and an excrescence of the



Russian army

world policy of imperialism.

A clear way to win the war and the resistance that will open in the occupied Ukraine will be to fraternize and call to the rank-and-file soldiers of Russia, who are workers and poor peasants under arms, to defect, to issue, together with them, a call for the Russian working class, the workers and oppressed peoples of all the former Soviet republics to rise up, to fight alongside their class siblings in Georgia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and to break with NATO in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

This will be the way to restore the dictatorship of the proletariat in the former USSR as in 1917, when power was seized under the revolutionary leadership of the Bolsheviks and the Third International. They, supported by the European proletariat, were able to break the siege and defeat the invasion of 14 imperialist armies to the USSR.

In this war of colonization and oppression in Ukraine, only the workers die... They cannot continue to bleed for their exploiters and executioners and to continue living with hunger, misery and the migration of their children.

As Trotskyism stated in the Spanish Civil War, a program of social reform, of attacking the businesses of the capitalists and imperialism, is necessary to win the war.

Let's open the fronts!

In Russia, the workers and the people are already going out onto the streets, as in Moscow and St. Petersburg, to stop Putin's murderous war machine.

In Tbilisi, Georgia, the uprising against the war has begun.

The oil workers and the entire working class of Kazakhstan have in their hands the possibility of entering into combat for their claims against the imperialist oil companies and their gendarme Putin. This is the moment. This is how the workers of that country announce it in the company assemblies and in the oil wells.

Russia invaded Belarus to support the Lukashenko dictatorship, cornered and surrounded by the general strike of the working class. He took that country to suffocate the struggle of the workers and from there enter Ukraine with his troops. We must take to the streets in Belarus again! Lukashenko out! Putin out!

The Europe of Maastricht has launched a ferocious attack against the working class. Layoffs have deepened. There's a collapse of wages and all the workers' gains. The infamous Bourbon monarchy has crushed Catalonia and the Basque people and, as it did in the Cadiz metalworkers' strike, threatens to violently attack any decisive workers' action.

The workers of the imperialist powers and of Eastern Europe

must look at themselves in the mirror of the Ukrainian working class, which receives the worst wages in Europe and has the largest number of migrants on the continent.

The proletariat of the imperialist Maastricht, its trade union centers and workers' organizations must call to coordinate the struggle and its action with the workers of the Glacis.

The demand for **"equal pay for equal work"** by the trade unions and workers' organizations of Maastricht, can rise up and lead to unity with all the workers of Eastern Europe.

Ukraine, like Syria, is being martyred by Putin and fascist counter-revolutionary bourgeois forces. Ukraine and Syria have been twin revolutions and counterrevolutions, where with the traps of counter-revolutionary pacts like the one in Minsk and the one in Geneva and Astana, the masses were disarmed, divided and massacre, genocide and partition were imposed on those nations.

The flame of the Syrian resistance is still burning and deserves to be part of the same resistance of the masses in Ukraine.

The fight against the imperialist oil companies such as British Petroleum, Exxon and Total, which plunder the former Soviet republics and all of Eurasia, is the same one that revolts the martyred masses of the Maghreb and the Middle East.

It is the traitorous cadres of the workers' organizations, tied to the imperialist gangs, that prevent the irruption of the European and international working class to stop the war.

***It is time for a great internationalist action of the European and US working class!
It is only prevented by the servile character of its leadership before the bourgeoisie.***

What prevents a great action of the working class of the whole Europe, from opening the fronts in Russia and in the European Old Glacis, what prevents the American proletariat to re-enter the scene to confront the pirates of Wall Street and NATO, as they did against Trump, is the social-imperialist leaderships, the trade union bureaucracies and Stalinism.

The irruption of the European working class is a question of life and death in the first place for the Ukrainian working class. Because **the more the reformist left, the trade unions and workers' organizations of the world that are under the leadership of Stalinism and Castroism that handed over the Cuban revolution, support Putin, his invasion and massacre in Ukraine, the more they push the Ukrainian masses to the burning embers of imperialist Maastricht and NATO.**

The "political backwardness" of the Ukrainian working class is none other than the treacherous betrayal of the counterrevolutionary leaderships that support Putin or seed open illusions in the "democratic goodness" of the European Union and Biden.

These are the two ends of the same rope that strangles the working class of Ukraine. The only thing that can break this is the decisive irruption of the European, Russian and international proletariat on the streets, which would paralyze Putin's war machine and call for open combat against NATO and Maastricht.

Most currents of the reformist left today support the assassin Putin in his invasion of Ukraine. In 2015-2017, Stalinism, supported by the renegades of Trotskyism, sent counterrevolutionary brigades as a fifth column to kill the most hardened and combative of the Lugansk and Donetsk working class and the leaders of the militias whose fighting program was to unite the workers Donbass and Kiev and the return of the millions of migrant workers treated as slaves in imperialist Europe.



Russian casualties as they tried to invade Kharkiv

These same currents today continue to support the fascist al-Assad and brazenly **dress themselves as "anti-NATO" when they are the ones who called in the US to vote for Biden "against Trump."** HOW MISERABLE.

These leaderships are what divides the working class in the US, Europe and internationally, tying their fate to that of their executioners.

An entire wing of ex-Trotskyists that also upholds this policy has become a link in this chain that strangles any independent intervention of the international working class in the war.

Likewise, the **pro-social democratic and social-imperialist currents** also prevent a unified irruption of the European working class. They, like Melenchon, Varoufakis, the "socialists" of the Queen of England, subjected to the Labor Party, etc., have created in the great masses illusions over it is possible to "democratize Maastricht" and "build a social Maastricht", though it is, as we see today, submitted and subordinated to the counterrevolutionary bayonets of NATO, monitored by the Pentagon.

Other currents - like every reformist who is lost when the war begins and who does not distinguish the interests of the working class in it - maintain that the way out would be given by conquering a "unified Ukraine, free from Russian oppression and outside NATO and the European Union", as if this were possible without the working class taking the political and military leadership of the war and intervening together with the European proletariat, cornering the imperialist powers. In the midst of a country at war and occupied, this is a social democratic policy with a fever of 40°C (104°F).

In this era when no new nations can emerge in a world economy and politics totally controlled by imperialism, there will be no national independence of Ukraine without the success of a workers' and Soviet revolution, that is, without the working class leading all the oppressed and exploited classes of the nation in the national war against the occupying troops and imperialism, a class war that will only get victory with the exploited taking power.

This is why the position and program raised by an Argentine current, the PTS, fully integrated into bourgeois parliamentarism, draws attention. They wrote a 600-page book trying to crudely link Clausewitz's manual on the military question and the technique of war with the political struggle of Marxism. They entered into a controversy over the policy of "war of maneuvers" and "war of positions" that developed in the Third International after the defeat of the German revolution. This pacifist current, enemy of intervening in any civil war, thus tried to shine as "military spe-

cialists”, when every day of their militancy they go out of their way to win a new parliamentarian in the bourgeois Congress of Argentina.

The proof is in sight: the “military policy” that they propose in their different declarations to win the war and end the oppression of Russia, is a “mobilization”... What mobilization? There are many types of demonstrations, strikes, marches, strikes, pickets, militias, boycotts of military machines, sending international brigades to fight, insurrections... We all know that the PTS refers to peaceful demonstrations. Moreover, they are afraid, due to their submission to the bourgeois regime, of proposing a minimum military program so that the Ukrainian proletariat frees itself from the Russian invasion and the NATO encirclement. Giving a “little jump” to the left, they argue that we must confront the “Ukrainian oligarchs” (sic). How? Remaining totally quiet. Ooh yes, all this in the “perspective”, nobody knows for how many years, of “conquering socialism”.

When the war, the crash and the revolution arrive, the dust dissipates and the reformist and revisionist character of those who have liquidated all continuity and vestiges of the Fourth International and the military program of the proletariat is seen with total clarity.

For their part, the self-proclaimed “anti-capitalists” in Europe call for the “UN to intervene” to mediate in the war. These people no longer have any shame in being servants of imperialism. They propose to that den of bandits, where Russia and the US have veto power, that they end the war and the massacre in Ukraine. Whom are these self-styled “anti-capitalists” kidding?

There are also currents that proclaim that in Ukraine **there is an immediate war between NATO and Russia**. For now, this is not the case. **Today’s war is over who gets Ukraine**, who crushes the working class of that country and colonizes that nation, either under a new Minsk Pact 2 between Putin and Biden, or under full control of a military agent in Kiev protected by Moscow, which continues to guarantee the business of the imperialist gas barons throughout Ukraine. Meanwhile, NATO will continue to join forces, incorporating Finland and Sweden as it is proposing today, imposing sanctions and militarily fortifying the countries it controls in Eastern Europe. NATO and the imperialist powers will use Moscow’s current “dirty work” to make Russia pay the political and economic costs of this war, continue to corner it towards its borders and prepare new military counter-offensives going forward.

These currents raise the slogan of “peace”, as if this were possible without crushing NATO and sweeping away the counterrevolutionary Franco from Moscow. There is not and there will be no peace without the victory of the European working class in the class war that the bourgeoisie, imperialism, their murderous governments and regimes have declared against it.

The demand for peace without stating that the enemy is at home and must be defeated is a flagrant betrayal of the struggle to defeat the NATO war machine and end the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

NATO has cynically let Putin and his counterrevolutionary troops do the “dirty work” in Ukraine

The Zelensky government of Ukraine screams from the rooftops that they have left him alone. What did he believe? That NATO troops are national liberation troops? how cynical! NATO troops are just as murderous and oppressive as Putin’s. They are the ones who massacred a million Iraqis. The ones that invaded Vietnam and



Moscow: demonstration against the war

sprayed it with Napalm. Those who put a protective umbrella with Turkey to al-Assad and Putin so that they could send Syria to the Middle Ages. They are the ones that occupied Afghanistan... They are the ones that for now let this “dirty work” be done by the invading troops of the “great” Russia, **so when they finally enter they will already have a torn, massacred and crushed working class and also a protected colony, which will have changed of oppressor and in this case, also of owner.**

The members of NATO and its leader, the United States, as we have said, **still do not have the mass social base in their countries that would allow them to go on new warmongering and military adventures.** The American, French, Spanish, and German working class would not allow themselves to go and die for the business of those above. As we said, this is the most serious “military limit” that the US and the imperialist powers of Maastricht have. That’s because they would need, as Russia has, a new Franco crushing the masses with sabers and boots.

That is Putin’s “military advantage” as the gendarme of capitalism’s businesses, which he wants to assert.

We say that this military advantage is for now, because it is not the same to win a war of positions, of armies, and even occupy a nation, than to take full dominion and control over it. Or is Putin going to put a soldier pointing his gun next to every miner, every worker, every teacher, every doctor, to work and produce under Russian control?

That is the contradiction that the “super” armies have when they face the masses in a civil war, as happened to US imperialism that suffered serious defeats when it came to wanting to crush the oppressed peoples.

The battle for Russia’s entry into Kiev is getting much tougher than the Kremlin anticipated. This is normal. Absolutely normal. The reason is that the worker who defends Kiev and the cities of Ukraine is defending his family, his home, his life, which he feels as his dearest responsibilities. On the other hand, the one who attacks defends nothing, except his ambition to win.

But this is not enough to impose the victory of the masses against the invading troops. For weeks, England and France have been announcing that they had donated 500 million dollars to the Ukrainian government to buy weapons... For its part, the US claimed that it had provided the country with state-of-the-art weapons. This is an infamy and a lie! The Ukrainian government has called every man over the age of 18 to join the militias to defend Kiev and only gives him a Kalashnikov with 2 chargers. Miserable. A thousand times miserable.

They send the masses to their death, while the bourgeoisie steal the money, which by the way was never intended to buy weapons.

The wars against oppression and colonialism are not won by means of submitting to the bourgeoisie, much less to some gang of imperialism. There is no other way out than making the workers' organizations, the unions, the poor peasants and the common soldiers take the direction of the war in their hands and control all the weapons, which are now surely well-guarded by the Ukrainian generals, who are negotiating their surrender to the Russian officers.

The "great" Russian military offensive in Ukraine is far from over, even if it managed to take Kiev. There is the fascist beast of al-Assad that even after 11 years of massacre together with the Russian, Turkish, American army and with Gurkha troops like the YPG, has not yet been able to finish liquidating the resistance of the Syrian people, as the US imperialists could not either do in Iraq or Afghanistan.

What the "great" Russia and NATO deserve in Europe are new Iraqs and new Vietnams that finish arising the workers of the imperialist metropolises in Paris, Frankfurt, Berlin, New York, and also inside Russia, in Moscow, Saint Petersburg, etc. The path to victory will be there, leading to a class civil war and socialist revolution to crush the imperialist beast and its executioner in Eastern Europe.

The revolutionary uprising of the masses in Ukraine in 2014, which was quickly sidetracked, betrayed and crushed, drew the veil off the fact that the Ukrainian revolution was, is and will be a pivotal revolution of the revolutions of the East and the West of Europe.

Hence its strategic importance, not only for Putin and NATO, but fundamentally for the European and world working class.

From the Russian steppes to Portugal, from the Glacis to Maastricht... throughout Europe we must open our fronts! The same working class, the same struggle, the same enemy!

Against counter-revolutionary wars and the invasion of Ukraine, civil war throughout Europe against NATO, imperialism and Putin's assassin!

From Kazakhstan and Belarus, from Ukraine and Moscow, from Syria and from Georgia... Putin's bloody war machine must be defeated and crushed!

It is necessary to put an end to NATO and the imperialist Maastricht that put the gun to the temple of all the workers and oppressed peoples of Europe and the whole world!

The lives of the workers of Ukraine matter too!

Against the counterrevolutionary forces of the imperialist Wall Street gangs, against the attack on their conquests, against hunger and unemployment, **the American working class must win back the streets!**

The enemy is at home! The enemy is Wall Street! The enemy is Biden, the commander of the murderous NATO troops!

Independent Ukraine was not a misunderstanding of Lenin and the Bolshevik revolution of 1917, quite the contrary. Because **only under the revolutionary government of the Soviets in the USSR, the oppressed peoples of Eurasia and Eastern Europe were able to achieve their self-determination and even the foundation of their nations.** This is so because the working class is the only class that does not live from the work of others, but from their own work. It is not a class that oppresses, contrariwise, it is an exploited class. Hence, the war cry of the Bolsheviks of 1917 must reach the workers of to-



Russian bombing of Kiev

day's "great" white Russia and of the imperialist countries: **any people that oppresses another will never be able to liberate itself!**

That is why also **only a provisional revolutionary government of Ukrainian workers and poor peasants would be able to give the right to self-determination and autonomy to the peoples of Donetsk and Lugansk and the broadest democratic freedoms to all the oppressed within the Ukrainian nation.**

Russia has invaded Ukraine. The resistance of the Ukrainian masses has already begun.

If Putin's occupation is imposed, Ukraine will be tied with double and triple chains and will be handed over as a bargaining chip by murderous Putin to the imperialist butchers of Maastricht or Wall Street.

Yesterday it was Syria... Today it is Ukraine... If we do not stop the imperialist beast and its counter-revolutionary partners, the path to war and fascism will certainly be opened.

The US is already announcing the mobilization of huge military contingents of 150,000 men to the Mediterranean, the Baltic Sea and the NATO countries that have border with Russia. For imperialism Ukraine is a "pearl for its crown", which it hopes to recover as a colony and crush it, so fencing Russia; far from returning to the time of the tsars, the latter will have to look at itself in the mirror of the former Soviet republics that have been totally colonized or semi-colonized by imperialism.

In Latin America, in the US, in Europe, in Africa, the working class has not given up. Those who have long ago done that are the treacherous leaderships that surrender and betray their class fights.

It is necessary to put up a fight! For the international revolutionary unity and struggle of the working class!

For a working class, united, Soviet and independent Ukraine!
For the Socialist United States of Europe!

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Ukraine: a nation split by Putin and imperialism, a strangled revolution

Ukraine has once again become a “hot zone”, but this time it is not the masses with their revolutionary offensive that put Putin and imperialism in check, as they did between the end of 2013 and 2015, but rather the counterrevolutionary blows and the claws of U.S. imperialism that has come for everything, after strangling the revolution -with the invaluable help of Putin-, those who put Ukraine up against the ropes.

If today Anglo-American imperialism can go till the end over Ukraine, it is because they have been able to strangle and suffocate the enormous revolution of 2014.

Ukraine went up in 2014 as a “capital of the revolution”, a key revolutionary focus, as we will see here, due to its strategic location, its genesis, its heroism with which it managed to set up true soviets of workers and soldiers. **That is why it was one of the points where imperialism focused all its forces to crush it, just as it did in Syria.** It was about dealing certain defeats to the proletariat so that the revolution does not spread like wildfire, as it did in the Middle East. **Ukraine was a hinge revolution, which proposed expanding to Europe and Russia.** Imperialism risked everything to stop this path and, as we shall see, it used its two agents: the activity of fascism whose role was to massacre from Kiev to impose IMF’s plans, but also that of the “popular front” in Donbass that Putin imposed together with the pro-Russian oligarchy from the east -which instituted a real hell of hunger and death on the masses-. **They were the two ends of the same rope to strangle the revolution. The partition, the robbery and the distribution of the nation that imperialism imposed together with Putin is what allowed the development of the current situation.**

The genesis of the current disputes and the events of 2014

At the end of 2013, Ukraine went into default, drowned by the fraudulent debt with the IMF. The then president of Ukraine, Yanukovich, was negotiating with the EU so that the latter lend him the millions of dollars for the repayment of the external debt. Putin offered to be the guarantor of the repayment to imperialism, with 15 billion dollars. **A huge gap opened up between the different Ukrainian bourgeois gangs, the**



European rulers and Putin in the Minsk agreements

Western gang, which is linked with Europe both commercially and financially, and the Eastern gang, wholly linked to Russian industry. The conditions for the revolution to emerge in the midst of these gaps and brutal crisis were more than ripe, so the “pro-European” bourgeoisie of Kiev went ahead and took advantage of the just hatred of the masses against the Yanukovich government that had unloaded the entire attack of the IMF on their shoulders. This cynical bourgeoisie rode on the mass movement in Maidan Square, promising that Maastricht would end the hardships they suffered out of their miserable \$300 wages. As we said then, it was the brutal scourge of hunger, misery and exploitation of the Putin-allied government against the masses for imposing the IMF plans, which pushed the masses more and more into the arms of Maastricht that promised them the “paradise of goods displayed on full supermarkets shelves”, saying that this was their way out. **The exploited masses then fled from the hot coals of Putin to the boiling pan of European Maastricht.**

In the eastern part of the country, at that time the masses did not come out to defend the “pro-Russian” president as they had once done in 2009 in the so-called “orange revolution”. The reason is they felt the same hatred as their brothers in Kiev against the attack of the executor Yanukovich, on behalf of the IMF.

The bourgeoisie, imposing the democratic counterrevolution, closed the gaps at the heights with a policy of pacts in 2014, agreeing on the resignation of Yanukovich, the appointment of an interim president, and then calling for some early elections - super-

vised by NATO - that erected the puppet government of chocolate tycoon Poroshenko.

This new government deepened IMF’s attack already underway. But this time the masses of Donbass, the miners who saw that their mines were going to close, came out to fight in defense of their lives and their work. Poroshenko launched a ferocious counterrevolutionary attack against the workers and revolting masses of the east as early as 2014, but the army quickly split down horizontally by its base and the common soldiers of Kiev went over to fight on the side of the masses, with the emergence of true workers’ and soldiers’ committees. The Ukrainian workers refused to go to a fratricidal war and Poroshenko could not recruit soldiers. **The policy of using the assorted fascist paramilitary from Kiev was then combined with a policy of class collaboration in the east, with Putin and the top Ukrainian “pro-Russian” oligarchs and businessmen framing the “republic of Novorossia” fallacy, separating the the Donetsk and Lugansk provinces from the rest of the country and leaving them under the Russian orbit. So they divided the Ukrainian proletariat, now promising that as allies to Putin, they would avoid the collapse of their lives that the “pro-European” Poroshenko was imposing. Just as in 2013, what the Ukrainian revolution had planned for succeeding was the unity of the East and West proletarians.** What they sought to prevent with the partition of Ukraine was the joint fight of the workers from the east arriving in Kiev, together with their siblings from the west, raising the same demands that they had and still have for decent wages, work and

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bread, the only way to free Ukraine from IMF, the clutches of Maastricht and the jackal of imperialism, Putin.

To stop the mass offensive and strangle a revolution for bread that tried to stand up at every step, German, French imperialism and Putin signed the Minsk Pact, managed from behind by U.S. imperialism. In this way they split Ukraine in two: the western region was left in the hands of the Kiev gang, a NATO puppet, and the eastern region was controlled by Putin. Moreover the latter was left with the control of the Crimean Peninsula for his services to defeat the revolution. Stalinism, applauded by all the renegades of Trotskyism, sent “brigades” that strictly guaranteed the fulfillment of the Minsk pacts and the imposture of the “Republic of Novorossia”, acting as a true fifth column, assassinating stealthily those who dared not respect the pact and wanted to advance their offensive towards Kiev.

If this deception could be mounted on the masses, it was essentially due to the actions of the treacherous leaderships, i.e., the European labor aristocracies and bureaucracies -and the social-imperialist currents- that had assured for years that Maastricht “could be democratized” and so it was necessary to fight “for a more social Maastricht”. On the other hand, Stalinists and renegades of Trotskyism painted the jackal of imperialism Putin as “anti-imperialist” and “friend of the peoples”. At the same time, they said that Biden was “progressive” and “democratic” and that he was the best option against “fascist Trump”. In this way they subjected the world proletariat to the bourgeoisie at every step, passing off their enemies as allies, separating the struggle of the central countries from that of their brothers and sisters in the semi-colonial world... And after imposing their outrages, they blamed and still blame the masses “for not intervening independently in their struggles.”

On the basis of a split Ukraine and with the revolution strangled, imperialism, as we see today, deepens its offensive.

The Ukraine alternative was and is clear: either the Ukrainian working class unifies its ranks and a Soviet, socialist and independent Ukraine succeeds, or Ukraine will become a colony or protectorate of the IMF and Wall Street. **Ukraine, today as yesterday, either becomes a bastion of the revolution to the West towards Europe and to the East towards Russia, or it will be a bastion of the counter-revolution on the continent against the world proletariat. •**

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The life of the workers and masses of Ukraine: A hell in Kiev, a hell in the Donbas



Coal miners

Between the end of 2013 and 2015, the Ukrainian masses, from Kiev to Donbass, tried to set up their revolution. They were a thousand times betrayed. In the western zone, fascism and in the Donbass the popular front were the two ends of the same rope to strangle and crush the Ukrainian revolution that threatened to spread to the Europe of Maastricht and to the Russia of Putin.

The revolution was removed from the scene with a well-aimed blow by imperialism, which concentrated its forces there so that this possibility would not become a reality. It made all its agents play for this objective and with the agreements of the Minsk Pact between Kiev, France, Germany and Putin, and managed behind the scenes by the US, Ukraine was left as a divided nation and turned into a true protectorate, doubly plundered and subjected to imperialism, even more than before the revolution.

Ukraine remains one of the poorest nations in Europe. The country's external debt still constitutes 51% of its GDP and the imperialist powers and the World Bank continue to inject millions to redouble the plundering and subjugation of the nation.

And once the counterrevolution was imposed, what remained for the masses was hell on both sides of the line of fire imposed by imperialism and its henchmen to strangle the revolution. Inflation is high and eats away at the meager salaries of the starving masses. But the greatest impact occurs in food, with an inflation of 20%. One fact is conclusive: Ukraine has one of the worst suicide rates

in the world per inhabitant.

Life in the region controlled by the Zelensky government is very difficult. In the region controlled by Putin and the pro-Russian oligarchy, it is impossible.

In the Donbass, many of the mines are exhausted or has been abandoned and the miners are forced to exploit them outside any framework and legal protection in order to eat, and in the area that depends on Kiev, the conditions are not much better and the mineworkers' wages are sent to the mines, which remain state-owned, every four to six months, as authorized by the Kiev Parliament, which refuses to raise wages despite inflation. Last December, hundreds of miners in Kiev carried out protest actions to get their wages back. After the protests that were seen in cities like Lviv or Dobropolye, most of the state-owned coal mines received budget funds and miners' back wages were partially paid, totaling UAH 335.8 million (US\$ 12.4 million). However, unpaid wages still exceed UAH 2 billion (US\$74.3 million).

The Don Basin is one of the largest mining basins in the world. 2 of the 5 million inhabitants of the region work in the mines, hundreds of meters deep, in unsanitary conditions. Many of them have silicosis at an early age and their life expectancy barely exceeds 60 years.

As we said, living in the Donbas today is living daily martyrdom. Actually, the cities

that make up this region, hit by the scourge of the Kiev bombings, are true ghost cities. Hundreds and hundreds of buildings, factories and establishments were abandoned and shell impacts can still be seen on the walls left standing. A nightly curfew that lasts from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. still today leaves the streets of Donbass deserted. This is strictly enforced and people have been known to be pulled over at night just for going out to take out the trash.

After the Russian occupation of Crimea in 2014 and the civil war that broke out, around 1.5 million Ukrainians were initially forced to leave their homes and move within the country. To date, it is estimated that there are more than 800,000 IDP. Thousands and thousands of Ukrainian workers are enslaved in Western Europe for a few euros that they send to their relatives in Ukraine. Remittances are a significant factor in the country's economy. Only last year these rose to the exorbitant figure of USD 15 million.

Basic and essential services for life are a luxury good. According to estimates, around 400,000 inhabitants of Donbass are in a "food emergency", that is, they do not even have access to a crust of bread. 1.6 million inhabitants of the Don region do not even have access to water, which means there is no possibility of heating in a region where frost and snowfall are common currency and the temperature quickly drops below zero. The water and sanitation infrastructure is practically non-existent: it was destroyed by the Kiev bombings and was never rebuilt.

Meanwhile in the Donbass the average salaries are around 50 euros per month. Donbass pensions are an absolute pittance: they are around 46 dollars. In Kiev things do not improve much: they are around 65 dollars. Ukrainian banks do not operate in separatist territory and to be entitled to receive a pension from the Kiev government you have to pretend to live in an area controlled by it. If you manage to register successfully, be prepared for someone to knock on the door of that address every 60 days to make sure that, in fact, you live there. That is why several thousands of Ukrainians crowd into checkpoints every day in very long queues trying to cross the contact zone to collect their pensions. Many times the cost is high: hundreds of people have died queuing for hours on end. But the option of not doing this is death by starvation.

If a starving citizen from Donbass asks the Kiev government for help, he/she will find that they are offered 26 euros.



Donbass Buildings destroyed

In the Donbass region they first banned the use of hryvnias - the currency - then people started using Russian rubles. Then repeated problems with communications ended with local governments creating their own telecommunication companies and their own networks. Later they made it difficult to obtain any type of documentation and the republics began to make their own documents.

What is happening in Donbass is an unprecedented suffering for the masses and can only be understood in the following way: it is the punishment for having dared to rise up for bread, setting up workers' and soldiers' committees. It is the punishment for the uprising of the masses and who imposed it was Putin, along with the pro-Russian oligarchy in the region. They imposed the partition of Ukraine and the tearing apart of the ranks of the working class of the nation who faced the same enemy and had the same demands.

With the boot of his government and his Black Hundreds, Putin crushed the masses of Donbass in a way that the government of fascism in Kiev could not have done. The pro-Russians with hundreds of Stalinist militants who traveled from Europe and Russia, like a fifth column, liquidated the vanguard of Donbas who had sought their victory in Kiev and did not submit or accept the partition of the nation. With massacres and blacklists, dividing the Donbas working class from their Kiev brothers, they crushed the proletariat and imposed a veritable hell on earth.

And the workers who in the Don region rose up in these years against such ignominy, were persecuted, tortured and imprisoned like the Antrstii miners in 2020. Images of one of Putin's secret prisons in the Don River basin were recently released. Having the nickname of 'Abu Ghraib', it's a prison for political priso-

ners where they are brutally tortured.

The more Putin crushes and subdues with his boot the Ukrainians, the more the masses fall in the arms of the democratic counter-revolution. Later, those who dress Putin as "anti-imperialist" will speak of the "backward consciousness" of the masses who do not propose an "independent way out".

Today the butcher Putin has declared the Luhansk and Donetsk regions under his control as "independent". His troops are already walking the streets.

DOWN WITH THE MINSK COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PACT!

NATO out of Ukraine! Out with the troops of Putin's fascist black centuries from the Donbass! Out with the Russian military base in Crimea, Crimea is Ukraine!

The only class that is capable of conquering independence and freedom, work and bread, is the working class, by uniting its ranks from Donbass to Kiev and setting up the revolution again.

From Donbass to Kiev, the same class, the same enemy!

For an All-Ukrainian National Congress and National Workers' and Peasants' Assembly!

In the Ukraine divided and colonized by imperialism and its henchman Putin, life is a martyrdom for the working class. **For a working class, united, Soviet and independent Ukraine!•**

Nadia Briante and Eliza Funes

Kazakhstan

February 21 2022

Putin is the murderer on behalf of imperialism in Eurasia, a jailer of the revolted workers of Kazakhstan and torturer of the miners of Donbass

Putin's prisons in Kazakhstan are filled with thousands of oil workers, metal workers, gas workers, etc. who rose up against imperialist companies like ArcelorMittal, Exxon Mobil, etc.

Putin, a murderer on behalf of imperialism in Eurasia, is the torturer of the Donbass miners who had risen up for only wanting to collect their due wages.

The executioner of Moscow wants to assert his role in the deal with the US imperialists around the Ukraine split with the Minsk Pacts...

The guardian of the imperialist companies in Eurasia, Putin and his black hundreds, is the partner in Gazprom (the Russian gas company) of Germany and BP.

And now Putin wants a small part of the loot in Ukraine, as he already conquered it with Crimea and Donbass, and he is not willing to hand over Belarus, which has already occupied, much less hand it over to the masses who have risen up against the murderous and repressive government of Lukashenko... *"Alas! We did more than enough to deserve not to be overwhelmed by NATO that stepped on our borders"*, says the Moscow butcher. Actually, the "great" Russia was the great partner with Turkey to divide Syria and demolish it with bombs, leaving along with the fascist al-Assad millions of refugees and hundreds of thousands of murdered Syrians,

People is feeling nervous in Moscow. The bandits of the former KGB, supported by the counterrevolutionary forces of Stalinism that in '89 handed over all the former workers' states to Citibank and world imperialism (with the entire territory of the USSR included, for the transnationals), wonder why they receive such a punishment from NATO, if they with Turkey surrendered Armenia so that Erdogan and his troops could keep all the Azerbaijani oil pipelines in the Caucasus, which are stolen by him together with British BP.

Along with mobilizing 150,000 men to its borders with Ukraine, Russia moved one of its key regiments: it put Schroeder, the former German chancellor, as Gazprom president. But Anglo-American imperialism gives no respite to its "squeezed lemons" and is now going all out to finish colonizing Ukraine and break the vital space that the Franco-German axis has cultivated for itself from the Russian steppes to Portugal... Rome is ungrateful...

In Kazakhstan, Putin's counterrevolutionary troops entered with iron and fire. Thousands of workers and their families are looking for their loved ones in the prisons of the infamous regime of Kazakhstan.

Putin's troops are not on the border with Ukraine to wage war against NATO... they are there to shoot every last bullet, as the pro-



Russian army crushing the uprising in Kazakhstan

USA fascists in Kiev will also do, so that the Ukrainian workers massacre each other.

Like the NATO bandits, the imperialists and their guardians are all murderers.

LONG LIVE THE GENERAL STRIKE OF KAZAKH WORKERS!

NEITHER WITH NATO, NOR WITH MAASTRICHT, OR THE EXECUTIONER PUTIN!

WITH THE UNITED UKRAINIAN WORKING CLASS!

SOVIET, WORKING CLASS AND INDEPENDENT UKRAINE!

FOR THE UNITED SOCIALIST STATES OF EUROPE!

There is not, there will be no peace for the working class, if it does not transform these counterrevolutionary wars into the beginning of the civil war against imperialism and the capitalists in all the countries of Europe, in the USA, and against Putin and his fascist black centuries in the "great" Russia.

There will be no peace unless the American working class finishes the task that it began by confronting the repressive, imperialist and anti-working class government of Trump, to defeat his successor, the owner of Ukrainian gas, Biden and his gang of Wall Street looters.

Against counterrevolutionary wars, unity and civil war of the international working class to defeat imperialism and all its executioners!

Correspondent

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The unprecedented hardships of the masses led to a huge revolutionary uprising

The oil workers, the most powerful battalion of the insurrection that shook the entire Eurasia

Putin, as the gendarme of imperialism in the region, with his fascist black-hundreds seeks to crush the insurrection

In , a mass uprising began. In 6 days, not only it made the law of the huge hike of fuel to be repelled, repelled it made the regime of the oligarchs of the country and the region, and imperialism, to tremble.

In the main cities of this former workers' state, the masses marched on the institutions of the hated regime inherited from the capitalist restoration, which they righteously identified with their sufferings.

The protests began on January 2 with a strike of the oil workers in Zhanaozen, in Mangystau province, where 10 years ago there was a huge workers' strike that lasted more than 7 months, with occupations of plants and the main square of the town, which ended with a fierce crackdown and murder of dozens of workers and hundreds of wounded, known as the Zhanaozen Massacre. Now, like 10 years ago, the workers played a decisive role in the organization and magnitude of the strikes and demonstrations that quickly spread throughout the country in 24 hours in local insurrections, opening an **insurrectionary phase that threatened to inaugurate a dual power and overthrow the regime**. By January 3, the general strike had spread to the entire Mangystau region and also to Atyrau. On January 4, the oil workers from Tengizchevroil, Aktobe, Western Kazakhstan and Kyzylorda joined the strike, together with the ArcelorMittal Temirtau miners from the Karaganda region. Between January 4 and 5, the indefinite strike was declared throughout the country. It was a true **revolutionary general strike** that paralyzed the country with fighting in the streets, confronting the police, storming police stations and arming themselves, splitting the army and attacking the institutions of the hated regime. It was transformed into a **national insurrection** that had its head in **Almaty** where it took up arms, attacking the mayor's office, the old National Parliament building, the headquarters of the KNB (former KGB), the headquarters of the ruling party, and the main airport, which after clashes with the murderous police came under the control of the rebellious masses. The masses wanted the fall of the regime.

The **increase in fuel prices** (liquefied petroleum gas, LPG) that on January 1 doubled its price in Zhanaozen and went from 50 tenge (USD 0.11) to 120 tenge (USD 0.28) **was the trigger, the spark that ignited the anger due to the hardships suffered by the masses** while the oligarchs, who stole all the properties and wealth that belonged to the people with the capitalist restoration, do not stop enriching themselves with the looting of the nation associated with the Russian oligarchs and imperialism. So much so that **162 people account for 55% of the nation's total wealth**, and it **has five billionaires on the Forbes World's Billionaires List**.

Kazakhstan is a country rich in resources. It has 40% of the world's



Almaty, Kazakhstan, the masses set on fire the government buildings

uranium production, which is mainly in the hands of the French business group Areva since 2009 (through the creation of a joint venture with the Kazakh government, Ifastar). Chevron and Exxon extract 1.7 million barrels of oil per day that will supply Europe (it is the 12th largest producer in the world), through Russian ports. It is the 29th world producer of natural gas (22.8 billion m³ per year) and the 18th world exporter (11.5 billion m³ per year). It is the 10th producer of coal, (111.1 million tons). It is the 10th world producer of gold and antimony; 9th world producer of bauxite and zinc; 11th world producer of copper; 3rd world producer of chromium; 12th world producer of iron and lead ore; in addition to producing manganese, phosphate, bismuth, sulfur.

In Kazakhstan, as in Syria, in Iran and throughout the Middle East, which is where the largest oil concentration in the world is, there is a powerful proletariat in the oil industry and in related industries such as construction, mining and the steel industry that are developed linked to the exploitation of oil. This is a fact, no matter if the treacherous world social-imperialist left does not like it, as it did not get tired of accusing of barbaric and culturally backward the workers who were the protagonists of the chain of revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East, which that left cynically called the "Arab Spring".

The majority of the population of Kazakhstan are workers. In fact, many cities were founded as a housing for workers who went to work in the oil fields and are true working-class cities. Large mining companies such as Glencore, Rio Tinto, Iluka Resources, Central Asia Metals Plc, Areva S.A, Russian Copper Company, operate in Kazakh-

stan, and **only ArcelorMittal has more than 30 thousand workers** (its Temirtau steel plant, in Karaganda, it employs 14,000 and the others work in the mines of iron ore and coal throughout the region).

However, this powerful proletariat that produces such enormous wealth, is left with nothing. Imperialism plunders the nation. **The workers, who are the vast majority of the 19 million Kazakh inhabitants, have extremely low living standards, with a minimum wage of less than USD 100 a month and oil workers earn no more than USD 500 a month.** Half of the population lives in cities and towns far from urban centers, and with almost no access to basic public services.

The powerful proletariat of Kazakhstan, in a decade of tough economic struggles, forged their hatred against the regime and government of Nazarbayev and the puppet Tokayev

The Kassak workers had been fighting under a **despotic, blood-thirsty regime**, in the style of Pinochet, Franco or Videla, but with **the jackal dogs that came from the old Stalinist parties** that were left with the companies and properties that belonged to the workers' state at gunpoint, associated to all imperialism, to be managers and front men of its businesses.

In 2011, 2019 and 2020 the industrial workers staged great economic struggles, which were **true anti-imperialist struggles**, because they know that they are who produce this enormous wealth that is looted by the big imperialist companies and their minor partners of the murderous Kazakh regime. They know that their work produces such enormous riches, and they refuse to do so for starvation wages.

In those harshly repressed struggles, without the right even to have their own unions, with their best fighters killed and persecuted, the working class of Kazakhstan deepened their hatred against the murderous regime and the government of Nazarbayev (who was president for more than 30 years) and his puppet the current president Tokayev.

These are the dire conditions that have shaped the current situation in Kazakhstan, and the temper of its fierce industrial proletariat.

The gendarme of imperialism, Putin intervenes to prevent the revolution from developing and thus safeguard the interests of his imperialist master

As we have stated, a revolutionary general strike that demanded the fall of the dictator, was performed through the whole Kazakhstan. First thing **President Tokayev did was an attempt to negotiate**: he cancelled the price increase and resigned the heads of the most hated figures of the regime such as Nazarbayev, the prime minister and his entire cabinet, and the head of the Security Committee (intelligence services) Karim Masimov, who was even arrested. But that **was not enough**, because it was no longer the case of just the price of fuel.

The government was in crisis, and the masses went for everything. An embryo of workers' militia was beginning to emerge and **the danger for the bourgeoisie of the emergence of a dual armed power of the workers' and soldiers' Soviets**, that is to say that **the workers' republic of Kazakhstan would return, expropriating imperialism**. Seeing armed workers speaking the language of revolution in a former Soviet republic freezes the blood of imperialism and the world bourgeoisie. The reason is the bourgeoisie knows very well what it is about, it still cries that there the workers rolled the heads of the tsar



Russian convoy entering Kazakhstan

and his offsprings, expropriating a third of the planet. There, **under the leadership of the revolutionary Third International and the Bolshevik party, the working class conquered its demands, including its own nation, and set up the USSR, with the victory of the proletarian revolution in 1917.** That enormous conquest that was the USSR was it lost at the hands of Stalinism that gave up the former workers' states, and was recycled into a new bourgeoisie that under its boot oppresses the workers with dictatorial regimes and white terror to guarantee the business of imperialism.

The **insurrection** that was beginning, threatened to sweep away the murderous regime and the government, and to leave no stone on stone of the domination of imperialism and the bourgeoisie in Kazakhstan, with the **methods of civil war and the dual power of the masses that began to arm themselves by taking the arsenals from the army.**

And that **threatened the property of all capitalists and imperialism in the region.** That is why the imperialist powers quickly condemned the insurrection and sent their fascist dog **Putin, the gendarme of imperialism in Eurasia** and guardian of the property of transnational corporations in the region, with 2,500 troops, trucks and tanks, and began **massacring, leaving hundreds of dead who are still counted on the streets of Kazakhstan, and thousands of political prisoners, to drown in blood the uprising of the workers** in this former workers' state and crush the masses by taking all the rebellious provinces.

But **the last word has not yet been said ...** The sufferings of the workers in Kazakhstan are the same as those of their brothers and sisters in the countries of Eurasia and Russia in particular.

KAZAKHSTAN JOINS THE TRADE ROUTE OF CHINA AND RUSSIA ... IT WILL ALSO JOIN THE ROUTE OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION THAT WILL SWEEP AWAY THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS OF BEIJING AND MOSCOW, WHICH CAME OUT OF THE GUTS OF THE STALINIST GARBAGE.

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By the editorial committee of
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Iran

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With the ongoing teachers' struggle at national level, coordinated in more than 125 cities, at the head

Huge workers' struggles shake Iran

It is necessary to unify all the sectors that enter the fight for the same demand for wages, against job insecurity and dismissals

General strike now!

Iranian teachers are in struggle. They are on strike in all the country unifying the fight in more than 125 cities. They regularly carry out demonstrations to local municipalities and the parliament in Tehran. Their demands are free education for the children of Iran, rights for active teachers and those who retire to have a salary equal to the family basket, opening of employment sources, and for the freedom of their colleagues that the regime has imprisoned, for carry out this fight.

Teachers are today the vanguard of Iranian working class that has been leading huge struggles sector by sector. In every part of Iran, we see a protest, a demonstration, a strike... There is not sector of the working class, of the ruined peasants, of the retired, of teachers, of the oil workers, of the students, of the nurses, of the workers of the sugar cane, of the construction workers who do not go out to fight for their demands.

In Tehran, construction workers, as the teachers, marched to the parliament calling for compliance with the construction job security law, denouncing government officials who refuse to comply it. Retirees also march to parliament for decent retirement.

On the other hand, petrochemical workers of the state company Razi Petrochemical, in the province of Khuzestan, went on strike to protest the dismissal of several workers and better security conditions in the complex. Another petrochemical plant, Morvarid Petrochemical, in the city of Assaluyeh, has also gone on strike over payment of back wages. Employees at the Barez tire factory in Kerman province are fighting for their wages. The sugarcane workers of the Mian-ab Sugarcane Company have been marching and striking for almost two weeks in search of an answer to the payment of wages. Nurses from Isfahan marched for full job contracts and ending job insecurity.

The clerics live as kings and condemn the people to live as beggars!

An enormous workers' response has risen up facing an oppressive regime that starves people maintains poverty wages, or does not even pay them, and throws the full weight of the crisis on the masses with layoffs, job insecurity and high cost of living, blaming to the US imperialism's sanctions, while the ayatollahs get rich doing business with the European imperialists. The clerics surpassed the siege of sanctions and live like kings, while they make the people live like beggars.

On the basis of starving the workers, imprisoning thousands of them, condemning them to death, and their counterrevolutionary massacres like in Syria or Iraq, the ayatollahs discuss their fabulous business in Vienna together with all the imperialist powers. And there are still currents that call themselves from the left or from the working class that defend these counterrevolutionary butchers, wanting to pass them off as "anti-imperialists"! They are servants of the repressive anti-worker clerics, junior partners of the imperialist powers.

Let the regime of the Iranian theocracy fall!

The Iranian working class is already fighting in the streets, with its



Iranian teachers on strike

vanguard being the education workers.

They have the authority to call for a Struggle Coordinator of those who are fighting, to unify the demands and from there to call for a **general strike now!** To unify all the sectors in struggle under a single set of demands for the payment of wages, a raise at the level of the family basket, full job contracts for all contracted workers, an immediate solution to the supply of water for the crops and livestock of the poor peasants and households, to stop layoffs.

It is necessary to call for a **National Congress of workers and peasants delegates in struggle to coordinate all those who are fighting and unify the combats. Let the factory and workplace committees be set up by neighborhood, town and province!** The shoras, the councils of workers, peasants and soldiers, return, with direct democracy, as in the 1980 revolution.

The self-defense committees and the fighting committees must be set up to defend themselves against the murderous dogs of the Islamic guard and their Basij.

Expropriation without payment and under workers' control of the hydrocarbons, metallurgical industry and any company that does not pay wages! There is money, the ayatollahs and their associates steal it. Let them pay for the crisis! Enough of hunger wages of misery, workers and retirees without being paid! Enough of unemployment and job insecurity!

Enough of clerics and their millionaire businessmen friends while the people live like beggars! Out with the ayatollahs and their Islamic guard! Let the regime fall! Freedom for the thousands of political prisoners in Iran!

That the right to self-determination be recognized for all minorities within the country with a Persian majority!

The struggle of the working class throughout Iran is a sibling to the Syrian resistance, to the struggle of Iraqi workers, and to the entire Middle East, confronting the murderous Iranian Guard that massacres in Syria and Iraq and supports Hezbollah in Lebanon. The same intifada from Gaza to Idlib, Baghdad and Tehran!

We hereby reproduce a message published from Argentinean teachers in solidarity with the Iranian teachers on strike

FOR THE VICTORY OF THE TEACHERS' STRUGGLE THAT IS SHAKING THE WHOLE IRAN

Let's unite the forces of all the workers fighting against the Ayatollah regime

From *Docentes por la auto-organización de las Bases* (Teachers for the self-organization of the rank and file) of Argentina, we are following the huge teachers struggle that has been unleashed in Iran, mainly for decent wages and the freedom of all the teachers imprisoned for fighting. We are touched and we are for the victory of the huge strike that started in over 100 cities in Iran, which is part of a wave of struggles of oil workers, sugar cane workers, construction workers, bus drivers, municipal workers, retirees, and other sectors that have been fighting against the Ayatollah regime.

Please receive our solidarity and support to the struggle you started against that dictatorial repressive bloody hunger regime of the clerics, as you properly denounce in your rallies. You are confronting a government supported by the Fernandez government of Argentina, which also brutally attack the education workers and destroys our public school. The current vice-president of the country (who is also a former president) openly supported the Iranian regime, as all the Bolivarian governments of the region, such as Chavez, Lula or Evo Morales did.

The struggle you are waging is against imperialism and the local lackey bourgeoisies which are taking care of the business deals of the oil companies and other transnational companies. Your struggle is the same one we have in Argentina and the world for a bigger budget for education, an anti-imperialist struggle. We therefore confront the same attack from governments that impose hunger wages, unemployment, schools that fall apart, and who expose us without any safe-guard to the new Covid-19 wave.

You carry forward the same struggle the Syrian teachers of Al Bab are waging. Let's unite all teachers, students and the working class of the whole Middle East that comes out to fight!

Your unified struggle is the same one we have ahead in Argentina and in Latin America, to conquer unity of the workers of education to impose the teachers national strike, as well as a general strike of the entire working class, which is crucial for attaining victory against the attack of the imperialist lackey governments, as that one of Argentina, which has imposed all the attacks dictated by the IMF together with the trade union bureaucracy.

We want to be your voice, because your demands are the same as those we have here. Millions of education workers around the world suffer the same blows of imperialism and its lackey govern-



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ments. The attack to the teachers, which is the same as that to the whole working class, has not ceased even in the imperialist countries such as France, where they have gone on strike to confront the new Covid wave. We are facing a huge labour flexibility they want to impose on us with crackdowns and jail, as in Iran.

Comrade teachers in Iran, both in activity and retirees: we stand in solidarity with you because we confront the same enemy internationally... Let's fight together above borders!

You show the way forward for the struggle of the workers in Latin America against the diversions posed by the reformist left to make instead demonstrations to put pressure on the bourgeois parliaments. Only with the revolutionary struggle of the working class with the general strike can we make the governments to yield, as they attack us on behalf of imperialism and the transnational companies.

We condemn the repressive forces that attack the teachers that struggle, meet in assemblies and march, by imprisoning their best fighters as in Farsg, Khuzestan, Isfahan and Bushehr. All the workers' organizations, left currents, human rights organizations should take a stand and fight together with the teachers and workers in Iran. Immediate release of the teachers and workers for fighting!

We take as ours the Iranian teachers war-cry...

"Equality is our right" "Free education for the children of Iran"

"The imprisoned teacher must be released" "The teachers would rather die than be humiliated"

Your struggle is the same as ours! We raise high the solidarity for your victory and for all the teachers of the world to put up your war-cry!

February 20, 2022

Free the Cuban workers imprisoned for confronting Diaz Canel and Castro, the supporters of al-Assad!

From The Truth of the Oppressed, we reproduce in these pages the statements of a campaign for the freedom of the Cuban workers imprisoned by the Communist Party of the new Castroite bourgeoisie for fighting for bread. The Cuban workers rose on July 11th, 2021, in defence of the Cuban revolution against the ones restoring capitalism, namely the Cuban CP.



The Castro and all that new bourgeoisie, from the first until the last one of the Cuban CP members, including Frank Garcia Hernandez, supported the Syrian dictator Bashar Al Assad, who didn't hesitate in massacring our revolution that stood up in 2011. The support they provided him was so big that there was a time it was believed that Cuban generals and military forces were in Syria as part of the Assadist forces and his allies massacring the rebel cities. Almost 11 years passed and our revolution suffered and is still suffering from one of the worst genocides in the 21st century, with hundreds of thousands of slaughtered, millions displaced that today are in tents in the borders under the snow of a harsh winter, with hundreds of thousands of political prisoners killed under torture in the human slaughterhouses of al-Assad's prisons. The Cuban regime did not only supported the murderous criminal Assadist regime in 2011 but also during all these 11 years, and is still supporting it, as in the last farce elections mounted by al-Assad to say he was staying. The Cuban regime used the authority of the great revolution that the Cuban workers did in order to deceive the workers of the world telling them we have an anti-imperialist anti-zionist government,

when it is just a loyal servant of imperialism and murderer of its own people.

The war crimes of al-Assad and his allies of Russia, Iran and Hezbollah were supported by the Cuban regime, showing the ones persecuting, imprisoning and repressing you are capable of the same atrocities, and they are already doing it, condemning starved workers that fought for bread to long years in prison.

We consider the Cuban prisoners as our prisoners. The demonstrations for their freedom are our demonstrations. We are one single fist fighting against the criminal tyrant regimes.

One of the slogans of our revolution is "we will not forget our martyrs and our prisoners" and we fight every day for the freedom of those who are imprisoned for fighting for bread in Cuba in the prisons of Castro, friends of the genocidal al-Assad.

Revolution till victory!

Editorial board of The Truth of the Oppressed

CUBA - URGENT

February 3, 2022

Emergency call to all the workers' and human rights organizations around the world

FREE ALL THE POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE 11-J UPRISING FOR BREAD, RIGHT NOW!

Down with the crackdown to the hungry Cuban people by the new infamous regime responsible of selling out Cuba to the capitalists and the transnational companies!

Everyone must stand with the mothers of the imprisoned comrades!

An injury to one is an injury to all!

The uprising against hunger is not a crime, it's justice!

Since mid-January the kangaroo courts are worsening against the exploited and the worker youth that in July 2021 took to the streets in their thousands, powered by hunger, lack of medicines, food and other basics scarcity, against the repression and for their rights. The exploiters' government of the new bourgeoisie of Castro-Canel then launched a brutal crackdown imprisoning and chasing hundreds of them. In these protests, young Diubis Laurencio was murdered by the police in the working class neighbourhood of La Guinera. There are 730 youth in detention centres, of which 72 are women. Those imprisoned who have been released are still waiting for trial to get bail or house arrest.

The mothers of these boys and girls denounce mistreats to their children, which are between 13 and 17 years old and some of them suffer diseases and have had previous surgeries, like under-aged Rowland Castillo Castro, who is not allowed to see his mother, much less for her to be near him. The same happens with some youth from the La Guinera neighbourhood, like Emilio Roman Rodriguez (25 years old), for whom the prosecutor asked 20 years of prison, Emiyoslan Roman (under 17 years old), whose sentence was reduced from 15 to 7 years, and Mackyani Roman (24 years old), for whom the prosecutor asked 25 years of prison. Those three siblings stand accused of "sedition", for which charge their mother, Teresa de Jesus Rodriguez, denounces publicly different irregularities in their trials. Likewise, in the trial that took place in Toyo on January 31, the families of the youth that were on trial there were repressed and imprisoned only for demanding freedom for their children.

In the face of these unfair sentences that the Cuban regime is applying to the youth, we echo the war-cry of the Cuban mothers against the unfair sentences to their children: *"May the whole world join us and support us", "We are not counterrevolutionary, we are public servants and workers of this country, social workers, teachers, nurses. We need to be heard. They can't convict them. We will be with them up to the end"*. For this reason, we appeal to all the workers' organizations, human rights organizations, militant students and relatives of political prisoners of the whole continent to make an international solidarity campaign, because we cannot let the fighters of the working class, which came out to fight against hunger, to remain locked down for another minute. We must not let them and their families remain alone!

They are part of the working class and militant youth that in Latin



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America have confronted the attacks of their governments, puppets of imperialism, which after starving the workers and the common people react to the Resistance of the exploited with imprisonment, persecution, mutilations and killings, as in Chile, where there are hundreds of prisoners taken hostage by the Pinochetista regime. The same goes for Colombia, where the workers and youth that rose up have been imprisoned, and the selective massacre of activists and social leaders is deepening. And also in Bolivia, where they went massacring with the fascist coup. In Argentina, the fighters of December 2017, such as Sebastian Romero, are still imprisoned, while hundreds of comrades are still prosecuted and convicted, like the oil workers of Las Heras. In the face of these injustices, the mothers and relatives in the continent keep a relentless fight for justice and freedom. The struggle of the mothers of Cuba for the freedom of their children should be a banner of the working class and the black movement in the US, who have also suffered the killing of their children by the police in that country.

This attack on the most militant sectors of the vanguard is an attack to all the exploited and the world working class, to try and punish all the exploited that march against hunger and repression. We can't allow it!

One single class, one single struggle! FREE THE ONES IMPRISONED FOR FIGHTING!

**International Network for the Freedom of the World
Political Prisoners and Justice to our Martyrs**

We hereby reproduce the denounce to the brutal persecution, crackdown and imprisonment that are taking place in Cuba by the hand of the anti-worker Diaz-Canel and the Cuban regime

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TRIALS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 7

The trial to the Toyo protestors in the Provincial Court of Havana will take place during the days between January 31 and February 7. 33 People will be on trial for "committing sedition", including 6 minors.

Following are the names of the workers and youth and the years in prison that the government is asking for them,

1. Juan Emilio Perez Estrada (27), 25 years deprived of freedom.
2. Asley Nelson Cabrera Puente (39), 25 years.
3. Donger Soroa González (30), 25 years.
4. Yoanky Báez Albornoz (27), 25 years.
5. Rowland Jesús Castillo Castro (17), 23 years.
6. Alexander Ayllón Carvajal (23), 23 years.
7. Ronald García Sánchez (28), 23 years.
8. Jorge Vallejo Venegas (35), 22 years.
9. Alexis Borges Wilson (57), 22 years.
10. Henry Fernández Pantera (40), 22 years.
11. Francisco Eduardo Soler Castañeda (49), 22 years.
12. Lauren Martínez Ibáñez (18), 21 years.
13. Duannis Dabel León Taboada (22), 21 years.
14. Adael Jesús Leyva Díaz (24), 21 years.
15. Dayan Gustavo Flores Brito (22), 20 years.
16. Oscar Bárbaro Bravo Cruzata (23), 20 years.
17. Yussuán Villalba Sierra (31), 20 years.
18. Daisy Rodríguez Alfonso (38), 20 years.
19. Kendry Miranda Cárdenas (17), 20 years.



Castro and al-Assad

20. Ricardo Duque Solís (55), 19 years
21. Edel Cabrera González (28), 19 years.
22. Luis Armando Cruz Aguilera (21), 18 years.
23. Kevin Damián Frómata Castro (19), 18 years.
24. Brandon David Becerra Curbelo (17), 18 years.
25. Yunior García Vizcay (27), 18 years.
26. Adrián Oljales Mora (23), 17 years.
27. Yunaiky De La Caridad Linares Rodríguez (24), 17 years.
28. Oriol Hernández Gálvez (48), 17 years.
29. Rafael Jesús Núñez Echenique (21), 16 years.
30. Brayan Piloto Pupo (16), 16 years.
31. Lázaro Noel Urgelles Fajardo (16), 13 years.
32. Nayn Luis Marcos Molinet (21), 17 years.
33. Giuseppe Belaunzarán Guada (17), 13 years.

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From the Syrian resistance in fight for bread and the revolution

Support for the struggle for the freedom of the workers detained by the counterrevolutionary gangs of Díaz-Canel and the CP, the party of the new Cuban bourgeoisie.

From the Syrian partisans that are confronting the murderers Assad and Putin who with their agreements with the US at the Geneva summit have massacred the Syrian people and split the nation.

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

"Hello to all the free people and especially I want to refer to the Cuban people. We from the heart of the Syrian revolution perfectly understand what is happening to you. Living and suffering under an immoral regime that is very similar to the murderous Syrian regime

To the detainees in the prisons of the criminal Cuban regime, we say that to get free we must join forces to the maximum and return the power to those who deserve it, the working class!!! Let's hit as a single fist!!!

We tell you from within the Syrian revolution that we are with you because our suffering is one and the same

And we salute all the revolutions of the world!

Revolution, revolution, revolution until all tyrants are in submission!!!!"

