

# No to the Lockdown Policy!

**Stop the Policy of Lockdowns against the Global Working Class under the Pretext of Covid-19! Down with the Austerity Plans, Plundering of Resources and Capitalist Super-Exploitation!  
For a May Day to Organize New Rebellions and a Worker and Socialist Solution!**

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The global capitalist system, dominated by the strongest sectors of imperialism, is trying to take advantage of the wave of contagions of Covid-19. They sow fear within the popular mass movements and they deploy a gigantic campaign. The objective of this campaign has nothing to do with "taking care of the health" of the workers and popular masses. Their goal is rather to demobilize them, to prevent them from organizing to fight against the savage austerity plans, against the plundering of resources and against super-exploitation.

The capitalists use this deception, because it is not easy for them to resort to the most classic instruments when their system is in crisis, such as those applied in the two world wars or in countries where fascism and Bonapartist dictatorships reigned. The fact is that in the period after the crisis of 2008-09 the popular masses have launched massive battles and started dozens of rebellions. The most important of these has been the Arab Revolution which started in 2011 and, despite defeats and setbacks, continues with mass struggles and armed resistance in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and other countries. Although these struggles were stopped or partially diverted, they are starting to resurface again and will explode in a very short time with more force than before.

The bourgeoisie has tried to stop this process with quarantines, curfews or lockdowns in order to face the devastating economic recession ("*Third Great Depression*"), the destruction of the productive forces and to impose very high levels of super-exploitation of the working class. To do this, the ruling class deploys a series of anti-democratic attacks on a scale not seen in the imperialist countries since 1945 and unleashes a – conjunctural – turn of the world situation towards chauvinist state bonapartism. At the same time, all ruling classes of the imperialist Great Powers (U.S., EU, China, Russia and Japan) are accelerating their aggressive foreign policy characterized by chauvinism and militarism.

Although the wave of infections affects millions and endangers many lives – mainly of the poorest sectors – its dangerousness has been exaggerated to sow fear, to divert attention from the capitalist causes of the economic crisis and to justify the shift towards Bonapartism. Although such policy partially stopped the insurrectional dynamics, they did not achieve a strategic victory, therefore the current Bonapartist impasse will quickly

give rise to new rebellions. Authentic revolutionaries are preparing to lead them!

The current reality has similar features like the situation in 1914, after the start of the First World War, which pushed the majority of the left to support bourgeois policies. 107 years later we see a similar process – different in forms but with the same counterrevolutionary substance – which results in mass confinement and suppression of democratic rights. From the RCIT and CS we repudiate the leadership of these parties! We call on their membership to break with such leadership and to turn to a process of unity of those socialists who really fight for a revolutionary change.

The conditions are more than ripe, because despite the temporary advances of the class enemy, the wave of rebellions is resurfacing and will explode again, in a context of deep crisis of the Global Capitalist System. This crisis is so devastating that no government will be able to satisfy any of the elementary demands of the popular masses. Only the socialist program will provide them with solutions, offering them a program that the big left organizations have abandoned. No doubt, these organizations will fall into the dustbin of history due to their capitulation!

From the RCIT and CS we call on workers and oppressed peoples from all over the world, to join this May Day with all its acts and actions in order to advance their struggles for work, wages, health, education, housing, etc. We also tell you that in the period that is coming, you will not only have to defeat the plans of the capitalist governments, you will also have to replace them with your own governments, established in the workers' assemblies and other democratic bodies! That is socialism, the system that knocks on the doors in the face of the terminal crisis of capitalism, which becomes more and more dangerous with each day that it continues to exist!

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