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# Revolutionary New Year Greetings for 2025

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 27.12.2024

The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) sends its warmest New Year greetings to all activists fighting against oppression and exploitation!

The dramatic events in the last 12 months have demonstrated that we are living in a period characterised by catastrophes, wars and revolutionary uprisings. There is no doubt that the profound underlying contradictions of capitalism will provoke similar explosions in 2025.

The RCIT – an international Trotskyist organisation with sections and activists in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Israel / Occupied Palestine, Russia, Ukraine, South Korea, Nigeria, Britain, and Austria – states that imperialist domination, national oppression, dictatorship, and capitalist exploitation can only be abolished by the overthrow and expropriation of the capitalist class via international socialist revolution. We call socialists to join the struggles of workers and oppressed all over the world and to advocate a revolutionary program of struggle.

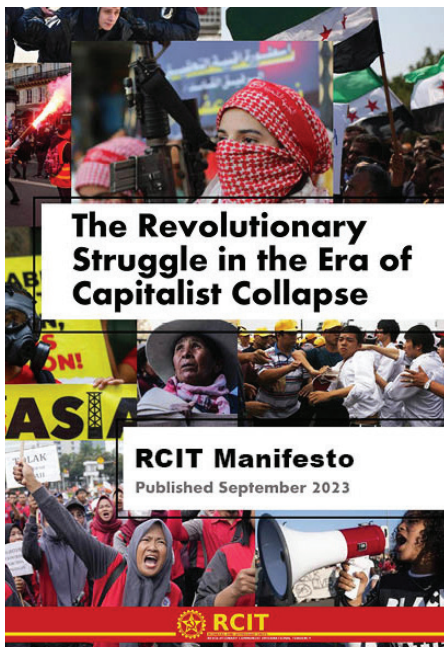
The *Syrian Revolution*, which started in March 2011 and finally succeeded in bringing down the Assad tyranny on 8 December 2024, is one of the greatest revolutions in the first quarter of this century. In this long period, the masses made the greatest sacrifices as the brutal regime and its Russian and Iranian masters slaughtered hundreds of thousands of people. However, overthrowing the regime can only be the first step. The task now is to organise the masses in independent popular councils and militias, to convene a *Revolutionary Constituent Assembly* and to replace the al-Julani government with a *workers and fellahin government*.

The RCIT has supported the Syrian Revolution since its beginning in March 2011. Its Austrian section – the *Revolutionär-Kommunistische Organisation BEFREIUNG* – has been involved in numerous solidarity activities and one of its comrades recently addressed a mass demonstration of 30,000 Syrians celebrating the downfall of the regime.

In *Occupied Palestine*, our comrades in the *Internationalist Socialist League* – withstanding the massive pressure of the Zionist society – oppose the horrendous genocide of the Israeli terror state and support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian resistance (led by Hamas). Likewise, we side with all other forces in the Middle East which confront the Zionist state. We call workers and popular organisations around the globe to support the Palestinian liberation struggle and to organise an international boycott campaign against the Zionist state. In Arab countries, the masses need to enforce an end of any attempt for “normalization” with the Zionist monster and push their governments to help the brothers and sisters with aid and arms. We call for the revolutionary destruction of the Israeli Apartheid state and the creation of a *free and red Palestine from the River to the Sea*. Such a secular and democratic Palestinian state would enable all refugees to return to their homes. At the same time, it would guarantee equal cultural and religious rights for all citizens (including the Jewish minority). It should be a *workers and fellahin republic as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East*.

Comrades of the RCIT in Austria, Argentina, Britain, Mexico and Brazil are actively participating in the pro-Palestine solidarity movement. Michael Pröbsting, a regular speaker at Gaza demonstrations, had two trials in 2024 because of his public support for the armed resistance of the Palestinian people which ended with a guilty verdict and a suspended prison sentence of six months.

*South Korea* is in the midst of domestic turmoil after the failed coup d'état by President Yoon Suk Yeol who tried to suppress democratic rights and dissolve the parliament by imposing martial law and deploying special forces on the streets. However, spontaneous mass mobilization and threats of a general strike by the KCTU forced Yoon to retreat within a few hours. Our comrades in the *Workers' Revolutionary Party (Preparation Group)* warn against any illusions in the bourgeois-liberal opposition parties and ad-



## New Program of the RCIT

# The Revolutionary Struggle in the Era of Capitalist Collapse

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

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

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vocate the methods of mass struggles to bring down Yoon. In *Russia* and *Ukraine* our sections – the *Communist Tendency* respectively *Spalakh* – are forced to work under de facto illegal conditions given the repressive nature of the bonapartist regimes of Putin and Zelensky. Recognizing the imperialist nature of Russia and its war against Ukraine – a capitalist semi-colonial country – our comrades jointly advocate the defence of Ukraine against Putin’s invasion. At the same time, they oppose the policy of the U.S. and EU imperialism to subjugate the Ukraine as a pro-Western semi-colony.

The RCIT states that an internationalist and anti-imperialist program implies consistent opposition against all imperialist powers – those from the West (U.S., Western Europe, Japan) as well as those from the East (China and Russia). In any conflict between these Great Powers, we advocate Lenin’s policy of *revolutionary defeatism*, aimed at utilising such a conflict to weaken and overthrow the ruling class of these powers.

In Argentina, our comrades in *Convergencia Socialista* as well as in the women’s organisation *Defensorías de Géneros* continue to advocate the policy of independent mass mobilisations and organisations against the ultra-liberal austerity program of the right-wing Milei government. They call for the creation of self-organised grassroots organizations in workplaces and neighbourhoods in order to lead the struggle from below and without domination by the corrupted bureaucratic cliques which control the trade unions. Our comrades agitate for a general strike and call workers to force the bureaucratic leadership of the CGT and the CTA – the two main trade union federations in this country – to support such actions. At the same time, they warn against any support for bourgeois-populist Peronist party. Based on such a policy, our comrades help to organise mass struggle in several factories, neighbourhoods, schools and universities in the provinces of Buenos Aires and Corrientes.

In Sub-Sahara Africa, the RCIT and its comrades in the

*Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard* (Nigeria) warn against the increasing war danger in the region of Horn of Africa which could involve Ethiopia, Somalia, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea and outside foreign powers. We oppose reactionary wars aimed at expanding the sphere of influence of individual states. However, we support just liberation wars of oppressed peoples against national and foreign oppression (e.g. in Somalia against the Ethiopia-led occupation forces) We welcome the expulsion of French imperialist troops in several Western and Central African countries but, at the same time, we warn against attempts of Russia to impose its own hegemony.

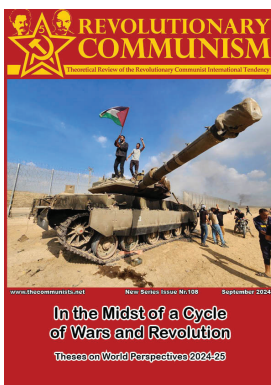
In the U.S. the workers movement must prepare for the looming racist offensive of the incoming Trump Administration which threatens to expel millions of “illegal” migrants. In order to stop this attack, socialists advocate mass mobilisations and organised self-defence against these attacks. At the same time, we warn against any support for the Democratic Party which is no progressive force but rather represents a faction of the ruling class.

Faced with massive struggles ahead, it is more urgent than ever to overcome the deep crisis of revolutionary leadership as the workers and popular organisations remain dominated by social democratic, Stalinist, left-populist or centrist organisations. Such forces usually lean towards one or the other imperialist power, look for alliances with sectors of the bourgeoisie, impose bureaucratic control over mass struggles or spread confusion with advocating non-revolutionary methods and tactics.

Hence, it is crucial for socialists is to unite and to aid building a new *Revolutionary World Party* – a party which can lead the masses towards revolutionary insurrection against catastrophic capitalism and for a socialist future! The RCIT calls all those who share our perspective to join us in order to advance the construction of such a party!

*Unity – Struggle – Victory!*

*International Bureau of the RCIT*



## *Publications of the RCIT*

# World Perspectives 2024-25: In the Midst of a Cycle of Wars and Revolution

*Theses of the International Executive Committee of the RCIT, 19 August 2024*

**Introduction** \* Gaza War, the heroic Palestinian resistance and the looming war between Israel/U.S. and Iran \* World economy: From stock market crash to another recession? \* The decline of U.S. hegemony, inter-imperialist rivalry and accelerating tensions in the South China Sea \* The Ukraine War: Towards ceasefire negotiations or an unexpected turn? \* Popular uprisings in Bangladesh, Venezuela and Kenya and other countries \* Revolutionary tactics and mass struggles \* The character of the current period and the struggle for revolutionary leadership \* Appendix \* Footnotes What We Stand For \* Footnotes

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# The Ceasefire Agreement between Hamas and Israel is a Strategic Defeat for Netanyahu and, thus, for Israel

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 15 January 2025

A deal to end the genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza looks pretty close. This deal makes Netanyahu's statement promising the Israelis total victory over Hamas empty and ridiculous. Hamas can rebuild its power while Netanyahu is under pressure from the majority of the Israelis who want an end to the war and the Western imperialists, in particular by Trump, to end the war before his inauguration as President.

His pressure on Israel is shocking for the Zionists, who expect him to join a war on Iran and to support the complete ethnic cleansing of the Gazans.

The Electronic Intifada deals with the reasons for this agreement, which is Biden's plan from last May.

*"The two key factors are the strength of the resistance and Donald Trump, who returns to the White House as US president in less than a week (...) Contrary to conventional wisdom, Trump has been putting extraordinary pressure on Israel of a kind that is shocking Tel Aviv and that the Biden administration has refused to apply. After 15 months, Palestinian resistance fighters are still attacking Israeli occupation forces in every part of Gaza where they are present, including in the far northern areas that Israel entered and supposedly gained control of in the earliest weeks of its invasion... Netanyahu obeyed orders from Trump's envoy and showed up at his office as commanded "for an official meeting with Witkoff, who then returned to Qatar to seal the deal. The result of that meeting, according to Haaretz, is that*

*"Witkoff has forced Israel to accept a plan that Netanyahu had repeatedly rejected over the past half year," making a serious concession to a Hamas that has not budged from its position that the release of Israeli captives must be conditioned on the release of Palestinian prisoners, an end to the war and a complete – albeit phased – Israeli withdrawal from Gaza." [i]*

So, how do you explain Trump's policy? Trump will be president of an empire, and the interest of American imperialism following the victory of the political revolution in Syria is to stabilize the region, contrary to Netanyahu's plans for endless war that will destabilize the region.

The idiots who fail to realize that a revolution took place in Syria and its effect is terrifying American imperialists should try to explain why Trump is applying such pressure on Israel to end the war.

This agreement can be another step in the process that leads to the end of Israel, which is now likely to be perceived by the Western imperialists as a heavy burden rather than a strategic asset for Western Imperialism.

*Down with the Zionist monster!*

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

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## Vienna: Rally in Solidarity with Gaza

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 15 January 2025

More than 250 people gathered in Vienna's city centre on 11 January, despite freezing temperatures, to protest against the targeted destruction of the health sector in Gaza by the terrorist state of Israel.

The rally was organized by the *Careworkers4Palestine* initiative and the *Association of Palestinian Doctors and Pharmacists* and supported by PSÖ, Handala and PGÖ. A Palestinian doctor, a medical female student and solidarity activists spoke, including Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT.

In his speech, Michael pointed to the fate of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, a Palestinian paediatrician and director of the Kamal-Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza. Through his

tireless and selfless commitment to the victims of Israeli bombing terror, he has become a symbol of the humanity and courage of the Palestinian resistance. The Israeli army has arrested him and is denying lawyers any access to him. He is most likely currently being tortured by the Israeli occupation forces and is threatened with murder, as has happened to numerous other Palestinian doctors and nurses. However, Michael also stressed that the Palestinian resistance to the occupation remains unbroken, as the numerous dead Israeli soldiers in Gaza testify.

See photos and video clips here: [https://www.thecommu-nists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2024-part-4/#anker\\_4](https://www.thecommu-nists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2024-part-4/#anker_4)



## Why Does Israel Not Have Fixed Borders or a Constitution?

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 29.12.2024

The Zionist state cannot have a constitution because, being an apartheid state, it cannot guarantee equal rights to the Arab Palestinian citizens and, of course, not to the Palestinians under the 1967 occupation.

When Israel proclaimed independence in 1948, there was an assumption that it would soon have its constitution in the form of a consolidated legal act. It became apparent early on that reaching any consensus on the document's text would be challenging. This realization led to the endorsement of a rule in 1950, stipulating that the constitution would be adopted "piece by piece." The Knesset was to pass subsequent chapters as separate acts, and one day, they would make up the Israeli constitution. This legislative process is still ongoing. Each chapter is called the Basic Law. Currently, there are fourteen of them. The last one was adopted in 2018. This is the basic law: Israel – the nation-state of the Jewish people.

Originally adopted in 5778-2018, It states:

*"A The Land of Israel is the historical homeland of the Jewish People, in which the State of Israel was established.*

*B The State of Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish People in which it realizes its natural, cultural, religious and historical right to self-determination.*

*C The realization of the right to national self determination in the State of Israel is exclusive to the Jewish People" [i]*

You might ask if the Basic Laws of Israel have a higher normative status than other regular laws. Formally, they don't – they are voted through with a majority of votes, and a qualified majority isn't required for amendments. However, in 1995, the Supreme Court worked out an interpretation under which the Basic Laws have higher precedence over other legal acts; therefore, every newly enacted law must be congruous with the Basic Laws. No one can change the old laws. The Supreme Court ruled that it holds the authority to erase new laws contradicting basic laws. The doctrine has not been accepted by many Israeli politicians, who perceived the Court's decision as an act of usurpation. Recent mass protests in Israel against the intentions of Benjamin Netanyahu's government to curb the Supreme Court's influence stem directly from the coming to power of political forces eager to limit the Court's authority.

The Zionists claim that the lack of a constitution does not prevent Israel from being the only democracy in the Middle East, a special kind of democracy.

The Zionists will reply to the question: Why is there no written constitution? *"Democracy does not require a constitution. The proof is that GB does not have a constitution, and it is a great democracy."*

Why does GB not have a constitution?

One explanation is that *"the country has been too stable for too long. The governing elites of many European nations, such as France and Germany, have been forced to draw up constitutions in response to popular revolt.*

*Great Britain, by contrast, remained free of the revolutionary fervor that swept much of the Continent in the 19th century. As a result, this country's democracy has been reformed incrementally over centuries rather than in one big bang. For younger countries, including the United States and Australia, codifying*

*their citizens' rights and political systems was essential to independence. Ironically, several based their written constitutions on Britain's unwritten version."* [ii]

In addition, England had slavery, and many people were colonized without legal equal rights. South Africa did not have a constitution until the end of the apartheid.

*"The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, was approved by the Constitutional Court (CC) on 4 December 1996 and took effect on 4 February 1997. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. No other law or government action can supersede its provisions".* [iii]

Toward the 1980s, there were attempts to have a racist constitution in S.A.:

*"Before P W Botha came to power in 1978, the government of John Vorster had begun a process for constitutional reforms. A commission headed by Erica Theron was appointed to improve the affairs of colored people in South Africa. The Theron Commission (1977) argued that the Westminster system was an obstacle to good governance in a multicultural and plural society like South Africa as it caused political conflict and cultural dominance by one group. The report called for the replacement of the system. However, the commission did not have a problem with the concept of racial segregation or laws like the Group Areas Act that forced different race groups to live in separate designated zones. As a result, the effect of the recommendations was limited because they did not question apartheid.*

*When Botha came to power, he created a parliamentary select committee to look at the reforms proposed by the Theron Commission, which were now gazetted as the Constitutional Bills. On 08 May 1980, the select committee tabled a report suggesting the creation of a tri-cameral or three-tier parliament to include the participation of Coloured and Indian people and exclude Black people. The proposal maintained the central control of the white minority in the South African government as the proposed inclusion of other races was not equal to the full representation carried by white members. Despite this, the Conservative Party opposed the reforms, believing they undermined apartheid. The Progressive Federal Party (PFP), a parliamentary opposition party against apartheid, also opposed these reforms, convinced that they would deepen hostilities with the Black people who were excluded. The PFP was not pleased with the constitutional reform because they also wanted a bill of rights protecting individual freedoms against state abuse.*

*The government excluded the Bill of Rights from the final draft of the Constitution because it required lifting repressive laws such as the Internal Security Act of 1972. The Internal Security Act gave police powers to arrest and detain people without trial for ninety days. With its general claim that no man shall be denied a fair trial for an unreasonably long time, the Bill of Rights would have made this act unconstitutional or challenging to maintain. The government also refused to include the Bill of Rights, arguing that South Africa is made up of racial and ethnic communities, not individuals. As a result, they preferred a constitutional reform that would give autonomy to different racial groups. However, this autonomy was not equal. Whites still had control of the country, with coloreds and Indians serving only a token role.*

*In reaction to criticism that he had no mandate to pursue these reforms, Botha proposed a Referendum in which White people*



could vote on their position regarding the Tricameral Parliament. On 2 November 1983, about seventy percent of white people voted in favour of the reforms. The outcome of this was the establishment of a tri-cameral parliament with an executive president. The position of Prime Minister created by the South African Act of 1909 was abolished. The abolishment of the Prime Minister's position and its replacement with the executive presidency created a compelling position for one person and it weakened the parliament" [iv]

At the end, Racist SA passed Act 110 of 1983 as a form of racist constitution:

"The Tricameral parliament drafted the Indian and Coloured communities into the National parliament without any real sharing of political power or decision-making. These race groups were allocated a separate tier from the Houses from the House of Assembly that represented Whites. The House of Delegates was created for Indians and a House of Representatives for Coloureds. There was an angry reaction to the proposal from those who did not support the Government and from within the National Party. A breakaway group of those strongly opposed to racial integration formed the Conservative Party. The Indian and Coloured community also refused to participate in a segregated national parliament where the House of Assembly had more powers. African people were excluded from these reforms. National Statutory Council was established to look into the affairs of the African people. This statutory council was solely in the hands of the president himself. However, black people rejected it."

It is known that Ben Gurion, the first PM of Israel, refused to recognize borders for Israel. For him, Israel should expand its territory in any war and occupation of Arab lands. There is a myth that Ben-Gurion opposed the annexation of the West Bank. In his last speech in April 1973 he said: "The Six-Day War created new trends, or what seem to be new ones: [of] lovers or seekers of peace and [lovers of possessing] the whole Land of Israel. I don't know to which of them I belong. I was for both things all my life. . . . As long as these two things, peace and the whole Land of Israel, were attainable and possible, I supported them wholeheartedly, and therefore, I don't see any contradiction between these two things. It's not [an issue of] two parties but [of] two different situations" [v]

Rosen, who was the first Minister of law and who par-

icipated in writing the statement of the declaration of the Zionist state, asked Ben Gurion whether the Declaration of Independence should not recognize the borders of Israel. Ben Gurion told him like the US, we will expand time and again with every war.

"Ben-Gurion read the Declaration of Independence at a festive meeting of the People's Council, held on Friday, May 14, 1948, at the Tel Aviv Museum building on Rothschild Boulevard. A few hours earlier, various parties were still trying to change some of its clauses. Some asked that the declaration determine the country's borders. Ben-Gurion vehemently opposed this, hoping that the war would expand the territories granted to the state in a 1947 UN resolution, as indeed happened. Meir Willner of the Communist Party sought to condemn the colonialism of the Mandate government, and Aharon Zisling (Mapam) objected to the mention of Israel's production and redemption" in the declaration's wording. All the reservations were rejected, but an amendment was introduced declaring that there would be freedom of language in the new state. Ultimately, the text was approved unanimously" [vi]

Since 1948, Israel has expanded its territory, and now it wants to annex the North of Gaza, where it commits genocide and ethnic cleansing. Possibly South Lebanon and South Syria – Quneitra.

*Down with the Zionist apartheid state!*

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

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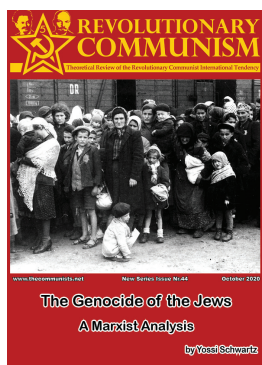
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## Publications of the RCIT

# The Genocide of the Jews A Marxist Analysis

By Yossi Schwartz

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

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## The Zionist Criminals in Uniform Who Have Committed War Crimes Are Afraid to Visit Latin America

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 09.01.2025

A wanted Zionist soldier who escaped from Brazil continues to be pursued by the Hind Rajab Foundation in Argentina. A complaint was filed last week against another soldier, a suspected Givati murderer traveling in the South American country.

The Hind Rajab Foundation filed a lawsuit today (Tuesday) against the wanted soldier from Brazil who fled to Argentina after a federal court issued an investigative warrant against him on suspicion of participating in murder and crimes against humanity.

Also, two days ago, we learned that last week in Argentina there was another lawsuit against another Israeli soldier, a Givati criminal. The Foundation states that they have evidence of his crimes.

Hind Rajab was established in September 2024 in Brussels as a non-profit organization named after a Palestinian girl who was murdered by the Zionist army during the "Iron

Swords" war. The foundation is a branch of the March 30 movement, which has been active for over three decades in the legal pursuit of murderers in uniform, headed by two activists of Lebanese origin: Diab Abu Jahaja and Karim Hasson. These two brave men are endangering their lives.

The foundation collects visible information on the Internet about IDF soldiers, including information about military activities in which they took part, with the aim of prosecuting those soldiers in foreign countries. So far, the foundation has filed lawsuits against at least 28 soldiers in eight different countries. But it is not only this, it turns out that the organization submitted to the International Criminal Court (ICC) information about "war crimes" committed by over a thousand soldiers and officers during their activities in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon.

*Down with the Zionist's war criminals!*

*Palestine Red, Free from the river to the sea!*

## The Election of General Joseph Aoun to President is Terrible News for Lebanon

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 10.01.2025

General Joseph Aoun, a Maronite Christian right winger and the Lebanese army commander who was elected president on Thursday, kept the Lebanese army on the sidelines during the war between Israel and Hezbollah; he is the darling of American and French imperialism. The imperialists support his declared intention to disarm Hezbollah.

He said, "I will work to ensure that the right to carry arms is exclusive to the state," . "I promise to reconstruct what Israel destroyed in the south and Beirut's southern suburbs. We will work towards the best of relations with Arab countries," he continued. "We have a historic opportunity to reestablish relations with Syria." [i]

He must thank Iran for winning the election after Lebanon had not had a president for two years. This victory reflects the shift in the balance of power in Lebanon. Iran's pressure on Hezbollah to accept the ceasefire in favor of Israel weakened Hezbollah.

His policy is to deploy Lebanese troops in south Lebanon instead of Hezbollah. This will give Israel a powerful position in Lebanon.

"Christophe Lemoine, spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry, said that the result opened a new page for Lebanon, calling for Aoun's election to be followed by the appointment of a strong government capable of carrying out reforms for "Lebanon's eco-

nomie recovery, stability, security and sovereignty.

US ambassador to Lebanon Lisa Johnson attended Thursday's session at the Lebanese parliament and other foreign envoys and said she was "pleased" about Aoun's election. Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman congratulated Aoun on his election, according to Saudi state media.

Iran's embassy in Beirut also welcomed Aoun's election, stating on X that it was looking forward to working together and hoping "to cooperate in different fields in a way that serves the common interests of our countries" [ii]

His economic policy will attack the working class and the poor peasants' living level: "Aoun said one of his main priorities was repairing the destruction caused by "Israeli aggression" in southern Lebanon, Beirut's southern suburbs and the eastern Bekaa Valley during the war, which the World Bank estimates will cost \$8.5bn (£6.9bn). He also promised to push through the political and economic reforms widely seen as necessary in a country affected by multiple crises" [iii]

*Down with the imperialists and their servants!*

*The only solution is the Arab revolution!*

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# Israel: Stalinist Hadash Supports Reactionary Agreement between Israel and Lebanon and Advocates similar Deal in Gaza

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 02.12.2024

The cease-fire agreement between Israel and Lebanon is based on the retreat of Hezbollah to the north of Litani. Replacing Hezbollah with the fragile army of Lebanon supervised by American and French imperialism. At the same time, Hezbollah deserts Hamas to fight alone against the Zionist monster. To add another counter-revolutionary position, Hadash wants a similar agreement in Gaza, which raises the question of how far Hamas will have to retreat. Maybe from the North of Gaza. Hadash does not demand the return of the Palestinian refugees, many of them in Gaza, not to speak of the demand to support Hamas in the war without giving it political support. Their position on the ceasefire is similar to the support of the Egyptian Stalinists, who supported the el-Sisi coup as a democratic step. Or as they are presenting Assad the butcher as anti-imperialist while he is supported by Russian imperialism.

Here is what they write (translated from Hebrew):

*From cease-fire in the North to the end of the war in Gaza*

*"During the night came the cease-fire agreement concluded between Israel and Lebanon, under the guarantee of the USA. According to the terms of the agreement, Israeli forces will gradually withdraw from southern Lebanon and be replaced by Lebanese army forces, while Hezbollah forces will move north of the Litani River. Following the signing of the cease-fire agreement in the north, many good people are asking – why wasn't a similar agreement signed in Gaza? According to a survey published by Channel 13 this week, 66% of Israelis support a comprehensive agreement to end the war and return the abductees.*

*The answer to this lies in the interests of Netanyahu and the*

*right-wing government and the laziness of the Zionist opposition. For Netanyahu, the continuation of the war on Gaza and the non-return of the abductees guarantees the stability of his rule, and pave the way for a permanent occupation and the establishment of settlements in the Strip. For the government, signing the agreement with Lebanon is a concession to focus on occupying Gaza. In front of her, the leaders of the opposition, who are disconnected from the public's will for a total ceasefire, are not leading a determined and consistent struggle.*

*It is important to note that even the agreement signed with Lebanon is not a guarantee for the security and restoration expected on both sides of the border. Without a complete withdrawal of the military forces from southern Lebanon and Gaza, and the signing of permanent agreements with the Palestinians and other countries in the region, the citizens of Israel would not know true security. This is the time to strengthen the struggle to stop the war on Gaza, the return of the abductees, the full return of Israel to the 67 borders and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state" [i]*

*No to the reactionary deal!*

*Israel out of Gaza!*

*Exchange all for all!*

*Support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian masses!*

## Footnotes

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

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

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

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

### Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People

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# The Fall of Assad is a Victory for the Syrian People and the Oppressed of the World!

*Joint Statement by Socialist Organizations (see the Note at the End of the Text), 3 January 2025*

1. The Syrian Revolution which began with the popular uprising in March 2011 led on 8 December 2024 to the fall of a 54-year dictatorship, with advances and setbacks over these thirteen years. This is a historic event – both for the country itself as well as for the Middle East and globally. It liberated the popular masses from the yoke of the Assad tyranny and smashed one of the longest-lasting and most brutal dictatorships in the world. It destroyed a pillar of imperialist order in the Middle East which was a puppet of Russian imperialism (Putin was one of the most important supporters of Assad) as well as of the bourgeois-repressive Iranian regime and which made sure that Israel did not have to worry about its northeastern border. It inspires the masses in the region and makes the dictators tremble as they fear a revival of the Arab Revolution. The revolutionary overthrow of Assad – irrespective of its unfinished democratic character – is a victory for the workers and oppressed all around the world!

2. While we have supported the liberation struggle against the Assad regime since, we never harboured any illusions or gave political support to the leadership of the movement for its overthrow. We now share the jubilation of the masses about the downfall of the dictatorship, but we do not inspire confidence or give political support to the new government headed by al-Julani. We recognise that al-Julani's HTS and other factions are pro-bourgeois nationalist and Islamist forces. The overthrow has opened a revolutionary process in the country in which the masses spontaneously try to organise themselves and to punish the killers and torturers of the old regime. However, the new rulers in Damascus oppose a deepening of such revolutionary process and want to build a bourgeois regime which is accepted at the table of imperialist and regional powers. For this purpose, al-Julani tries to pacify the revolutionary process and to disarm and demobilise the masses.

3. We denounce those "socialist", "communist" and Bolivarian parties which supported the Assad dictatorship as a so-called "anti-imperialist force", and which now mourn its downfall. They spread slander against the overthrow of Assad, claiming ridiculously it would have been a conspiracy of the U.S. and Israel. These friends of Russian imperialism and its allies "forget" that the Assad regime never fired a single shot against the Zionist state of Israel for more than half of a century. And if Israel would have orchestrated the downfall of the regime, why does Israel's foreign minister denounce the new rulers in Damascus as a "terrorist gang"?! And if the Zionists would welcome the new government, why does its air force launch hundreds of attacks against civilian and military targets in Syria in order to disarm the revolutionary forces?! In fact, the Israeli Apartheid state clearly would have favoured the continued existence of the Assad regime. It is no secret that it held close ties with Assads intelligence apparatus as it had been recently reported by various news outlets like *Middle East Eye* and even the reactionary Zionist *Israel Hayom*. It will be forever a badge of shame of Stalinism

that the two Syrian "Communist" parties were part of Assad's regime until the bitter end and supported its counterrevolutionary war against the Syrian people since 2011.

4. We do not agree with those socialist organisations which, while opposing the Assad dictatorship, refuse to support the Syrian Revolution. They denounce the struggle between the rebels and the regime as a conflict between "reactionary forces" in which socialists could not take a side. They claim that the revolution was merely a coup d'état by separating the profound popular and democratic struggle of the masses which began in 2011 from its result – the civil war and the final offensive of the rebels from 27 November to 8 December 2024 which was supported and cheered by millions of people on the streets. They wrongly deny the fact that the popular victory against Assad is an unfinished democratic revolution which socialists need to drive forward in the process of permanent revolution. It is the duty of revolutionaries to support revolutions, even if they have an unfinished and limited character.

5. The key task for the masses now is to defend, to deepen and to expand the Syrian revolutionary process. It must be defended against counterrevolutionary attacks by remnants of the Assad regime. All reactionary attempts to stoke sectarianism and to discriminate ethnic and religious minorities must be repelled by popular mobilization. Likewise, the newly conquered democratic liberties must be defended against authoritarian measures of the new regime. In order to withstand al-Julani's attempts to hijack the revolution, the masses have to build their own independent organisations, taking up the experience of the coordination committees from the beginning of the 2011 revolution, in workplaces, neighbourhoods and villages, armed militias which are subordinated to such councils, as well as trade unions, student associations, women's organizations, etc. As revolutionary socialists, we advocate the formation of a workers and popular government which should nationalize the key sectors of the economy under workers control and open the road to a socialist Syria.

6. Along this path we must support the Syrian people's struggle for emergency measures driven by popular mobilization. Among these measures is the demand for trial and punishment of the torturers, the creation of conditions for the return of millions of refugees, full right to protest and to organize politically and socially, free and democratic elections, guaranteeing full equality for women in all spheres of society, recognizing the rights of ethnic and national minorities – such as the Kurdish people – to autonomy or even a separate state, if they so demand, and respecting the rights of all religious communities in the country. Urgent measures should include the nationalization without compensation of all the assets of the Assad oligarchy, the cancellation of debts to Iran and Russia – the powers which are mainly responsible for the devastation of the country – the expropriation without compensation of companies related to these countries, the suspension of payment of public debt in order to use these resources to



meet the immediate needs of the Syrian people.

7. A truly free Syria must be independent and expel all foreign powers. This means it has to close all imperialist military bases (those of Russia as well as of the U.S.). Likewise, it should kick out the Turkish military which only serves Erdoğan's goals to oppress the Kurdish people and to subjugate Syria. It is of particular importance to liberate all occupied territories of Golan and to drive the Israeli forces out.

8. The fate of the Syrian Revolution is closely linked to the liberation struggles across the Middle East and to the emergence of a revolutionary political alternative in Syria. It is therefore indispensable that the Syrian Revolution links with the Palestinian liberation struggle and declares its unambiguous support for the heroic resistance against Zionist occupation. Likewise, it needs to reach out to the oppressed masses in Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Türkiye and the whole region and support their desire for freedom, justice and dignity. Down with all Pharaohs, Kings and Sultans! Smash the Zionist state, the aircraft carrier of imperialism in the region! For a free, secular, and democratic Palestine from the River to the Sea.

9. The task of the most advanced forces of the Syrian workers and oppressed is the formation of a new revolutionary socialist political alternative which aims at driving forward the struggle to defend, deepen and expand the revolutionary process and supports the independent organisation of the masses. Such a new political leadership

must be built in opposition to the new regime and fight for workers' power in a socialist Syria as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East.

10. We, the undersigned organisations, call for an international solidarity campaign with the Syrian Revolution in defence against its internal as well as external enemies. Such a campaign should be linked with solidarity activities with the Palestinian liberation struggle. We demand an immediate lifting of all sanctions against Syria. Likewise, the workers and popular organisations in Europe, Türkiye and other countries should oppose any attempts by reactionary governments to expel Syrian refugees. Furthermore, we also call the Syrian working people to advance their self-organisation, fully independent from the HTS-led government, to fight for the most critical demands for the working people, as well as for workers' power!

#### Signatories:

*International League of Workers [International Secretariat] – Fourth International (LIT-CI, [www.litci.org](http://www.litci.org))*

*International Unity of Workers – Fourth International (UIT-CI, [www.uit-ci.org](http://www.uit-ci.org))*

*Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT, [www.thecommunists.net](http://www.thecommunists.net))*

P.S. We invite organizations that agree with it to join this declaration and campaign.



## Publications of the RCIT

# Is the Syrian Revolution at its End? Is Third Camp Abstentionism Justified?

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2017

*An essay on the organs of popular power in the liberated area of Syria, on the character of the different sectors of the Syrian rebels, and on the failure of those leftists who deserted the Syrian Revolution*

Introduction \* The Nature of the Local Coordination Councils in Syria \* The Contradictory Nature of the Petty-Bourgeois Rebel Factions \* A note on the adjectival juxtaposition of “progressive” to liberal democrats versus “reactionary” to Islamists \* Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham and Other Islamist Militias \* The Role of Religion in Democratic and National Liberation Struggles \* Some Arguments on the Ongoing Progressive Character of the Syrian Revolution \* Have the Rebels Become Agents of US Imperialism and Regional Powers? \* On Foreign Powers' Support for Liberation Movements p\* Lenin and Trotsky on Liberation Struggles and Imperialist Interference \* What Did Lenin and Trotsky Say about Getting Support from Imperialists? \* Imagining Two Different Scenarios of the Revolution's Success & Failure \* A Period of Defeats and Retreats: What Are the Reasons? \* Some Thoughts on the Future Prospects of the Arab Revolution \* The Urgent Need for a Revolutionary Party \* Footnotes

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## Syria: Every Revolution has its Counter-Revolutionary Elements

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 26.12.04

Clashes took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> day in the Alawite region in the west of Syria between local Alawis and members of the Interior Ministry of the Islamist government.

A source in the Ministry of the Interior in the new government claimed to the Al Jazeera network that certain elements who survived the Assad regime set fire to an Alawi Mosque to incite sectarian conflicts. Against this background, the source said some demonstrations degenerated into exchanges of fire between the parties.

According to the report, two members of the internal apparatus of the new Syrian government were killed in the exchange of fire with armed men in the city of Tartus in western Syria. At the same time, pro-Iranian channels published a record of live shooting at Alawite demonstrators in the city of Homs by members of the Islamist government. Iran is likely involved in this event.

Later, the Saudi channel "Al-Hadith" reported from its sources that six members of the Ministry of Interior were killed in the exchange of fire in Tartus. Also, it was reported at the headquarters of the Islamists that armed men opened fire in Homs, and a curfew was decided between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00

Royalists attacked the French Revolution in support of the old regime. This led to a civil war and white and red terror. The Russian Revolution was assaulted by the whites with the support of imperialist forces. It led to white, and red terror.

In the meantime, the Zionist army, for the second time, opened fire on demonstrators who opposed the new Zionist occupation of the Golan

*"The Israeli military said its forces shot a protester during a demonstration against the army's activities in a village in southern Syria on Friday, injuring him in the leg. Since Islamist-led rebels toppled Syrian president Bashar al-Assad on 8 December Israel has carried out hundreds of airstrikes on Syrian military facilities in what it says is a bid to prevent them from falling into hostile hands.*

*In a move widely condemned internationally, Israel also sent troops into a United Nations-patrolled buffer zone in the Golan Heights and beyond, calling it a defensive and temporary measure. "During a protest against IDF's activities in the area of Maariya in southern Syria, IDF [the Israeli military] called on protesters to distance themselves from the troops," the military told Agence France-Presse. The village is just outside the southern point of the UN-patrolled zone." [i]*

The Zionist army said on Wednesday afternoon that it was investigating an event in which troops in the buffer zone fired warning shots at approaching protesters in southern Syria.

*"Earlier today, several gatherings were identified in southern Syria, approaching IDF forces operating in the area. After calling on the protesters to move away, the forces responded with warning shots," ...The claim of casualties in the area is under investigation," the IDF said" [ii]*

*"Ibrahim al-Dakheel, 55, watched in despair as an Israeli bulldozer demolished his 40-year-old home, claiming it was necessary to secure borders. He and his family live in al-Rafid, a village in the Quneitra governorate. Al-Dakheel used to sit in his front yard, enjoying the lush green fields and a flowing spring nearby. Nothing brought him greater joy, he said." [iii]*

But now, he and his family are seeking refuge at his parents' house in the village while he continues to watch Israeli forces advance. Thus, murdering Arabs is a fun game for the Zionist soldiers.

*Expel Israel from Syria and Gaza!!*

*Down with the Zionist bloody monster!*

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## Syria: The Counterrevolution Incites Ethnic Conflicts

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 31.12.2024

The interest of the counter-revolution in Syria is to create a bloody conflict between the religious and ethnic minorities and the new Islamist authorities.

On Saturday, clashes took place in the Alawite region in the west of Syria between local Alawis and members of the Interior Ministry of the Islamist government. A source in the Ministry of the Interior in the new government claimed to the Al Jazeera network that certain elements who survived the Assad regime set fire to an Alawi Mosque to incite sectarian conflicts. Against this background, the source said some demonstrations developed into exchanges of fire between the parties.

On Monday, we hear that *"protests have broken out in Syria over the burning of a Christmas tree, prompting calls for the new Islamist authorities to take steps to protect minorities. A video posted on social media showed the tree on fire in the main square of Suqaylabiyah, a Christian-majority town in central Syria. Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the main Islamist faction*

*that led the uprising that toppled President Bashar al-Assad, said foreign fighters had been detained over the incident. HTS representatives have promised to protect the rights and freedoms of religious and ethnic minorities in Syria." [i]*

For the first time in 13 years, the few Jews who remained in Syria can now pray in the ancient synagogue of the prophet Eliyahu.

We do not know yet who is behind the counter-revolution, but we will not be surprised to discover it is Iran and maybe Israel that wants to justify the occupation of South Syria. Israel is also worried that the new Islamist regime will have good relations with the U.S.

*Down with the counterrevolution!*

*To complete the democratic revolution a socialist revolution is a must!*

### Endnotes:

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## The New Regime in Syria Tries to Please the U.S. and Israel

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 02.01.2025

**A**fter more than 13 years of civil war, Syria is unable to go to war with Israel. Yet, the declarations of the new regimes of readiness to have normal relations with Israel and the appeal to the U.S. to influence Israel are worrying signs of the direction the HTS wants to go. This direction will enable Israel to continue the new occupation of the Golan and attack any attempt of Syria to arm itself with heavy modern weapons that Israel attacks.

The governor of Damascus, Maher Muhammad Marwan, said this during an interview with the NPR on December 24, 2024:

*"Our problem is not with Israel," Governor of Damascus Maher Marwan, appointed by the new administration in Syria, tells NPR. "We don't want to meddle in anything that will threaten Israel's security or any other country's security." At the same time, Israel has been striking strategic military installations in Syria since the regime of former President Bashar al-Assad fell earlier this month. The governor said it was understandable that Israel was concerned when the new Syrian government took power because of certain "factions." "Israel may have felt fear at the beginning," Marwan said. "So, it advanced a little, bombed a little," Marwan called on Washington to share HTS' message with Israel. "There exists a people who want peace and not disputes. [i]*

In addition to Israel's strikes on military installations, it also has seized parts of the Golan Heights, stoking fears in Syria of annexation. And yet Marwan called Israel's fear "natural."

*"This is good news ... very, very remarkable," Uzi Rabi, a senior researcher at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University in Israel, said of Marwan's remarks to NPR. Rabi said the overture is noteworthy considering Syria's historic opposition to Israel's existence and reflects the pragmatism of Syria's new leadership: it must rehabilitate the country and cannot afford a war with Israel"*

A U.S. delegation met with Sharaa in Damascus last week and announced that a \$10 million bounty would be lifted

off the Syrian leader's head. A U.S. official told NPR that the U.S. relayed HTS' message but that Washington has not urged either country in any direction.

*"Israel is taking measures to ensure that the security of its citizens is maintained," the statement from the Foreign Ministry said. "We advise the international community to remember that Syria's new ruling power seized large parts of Syria by force. It was not democratically elected. It has long-standing historical ties to al-Qaida. This is an extremist Islamist regime that simply moved from Idlib to Damascus." The statement added: "The USA has not pressured Israel to act differently."*

*"Rabi said Israel's cautious response reflects a "loss of confidence" in the viability of peace after the Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. However, he predicted Israel might engage in dialogue with the new Syrian leadership through confidence-building measures in the coming months, leading to "semi-normalization" of relations through security cooperation along the border."*

The statement of Marwan did not mention one word on the genocide of the Palestinians. It is one thing not to go to war with Israel today, but a very different one to want normalization with the Zionist monster.

Lenin gave an example: If a robber demands money and you are unarmed, you give him the money, but it is very different from joining him. We are warning the Syrian workers and poor peasants not to trust the direction the HTS is leading. Demand a revolutionary constituent assembly and organize action committees in every village and neighborhood. Do not give up your weapons.

*To complete the revolution, a worker backed by the poor peasant's government is a must!*

*Nationalize the large factories and banks under workers' control!*

*Land to the poor peasants!*

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# China: "Communist" Party, Capitalist Class and Marxist State Theory

By Michael Pröbsting, September 2024

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# Trump: The Dysfunctional Disruptor

## Some notes on Trump's threats against Canada, Greenland, and Panama

By Michael Pröbsting, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 10 January 2025

For three weeks, Trump threatens to annex Canada, Greenland, and Panama and explicitly does not rule out the use of military force – except for Canada where he wants to use only “*economic force*”.

Initially, it seemed to be one of the endless series of “jokes” which have become the trademark of the orange man. Readers might remember, that only a few days ago Trump demanded an investigation of Hezbollah's role in the riots of his right-wing supporters at the Capitol on 6 January 2021 which he himself had orchestrated! But since the incoming U.S. President and his crazed parrots in Fox News and on social media promote these imperialist projects now every day, one has to take these undisguised threats seriously.

Of course, there exists a certain element of logic. Trump wants to “Make America Great Again” so he hopes to fulfill this promise – after his blatant failure during the first term – at least in a geographical sense. So, he hopes to expand America's territory. Putin did it for Russia in Eastern Ukraine so, why shall it not work also for “the greatest of all nations”?!

More seriously, it is true that America's trade relies a lot on container trade via the Panama Canal so taking it over might reduce the tariff for the U.S. and, at the same time, would allow Washington to raise it for other states.<sup>1</sup>

Likewise, Greenland – which belongs to Denmark and, hence, the EU – is strategically located for control of the Arctic, a shipping route of increasing importance thanks to climate change. An American occupation would also bring the U.S. military closer to Russia and China. On the other hand, however, the U.S. has already a military base in Greenland – the Pituffik Space Base – since many decades.

In any case, Trump's desire to annex Greenland is certainly also motivated by the fact the island is exceptionally rich in so-called “critical minerals.” According to a 2024 report in *The Economist*, the island has known deposits of 43 out of 50 of these minerals.

Another reason is that Trump has nothing to offer to the American people but massive attacks against their democratic and social rights. So, in order to deflect popular anger, he has to wipe up chauvinism against migrants at home and other countries abroad.

In any case, it is astonishing how the incoming President manages to provoke the most important allies of U.S. imperialism – Canada and the EU powers which, by the way, constitute four of the other six members of the Western core alliance G-7. It is an ABC for all strategists of Western imperialism that its main enemies are China and its ally Russia. As we have explained many times, the U.S. is a declining hegemon.<sup>2</sup> It is too weak to contain the new Eastern imperialist powers alone. For this it will need other Western powers. But it seems that Trump and his circle of power-hungry clowns have decided to attack America's own allies first. With friends like this, who needs enemies?!

We will see if Trump will carry out his threats. What is already certain is:

1) Trump successfully undermines the Western imperialist alliance by threatening the Canadian and European allies.

2) He shows the imperialist nature of the U.S. naked and unadulterated and thus undermines its ideological legitimacy as a hegemonial power even more.

3) Trump destroys the last remaining illusions in the Western concept of a “rule-based order” – something which has already been totally undermined by America's and Europe's unlimited support for Israel's genocide in Gaza. Even mainstream media like *Associated Press* call Trump's threats to annex Canada, Greenland, and Panama “*imperialism*”!<sup>3</sup>

This is no small achievement for a President who has not even formally entered the White House! Recently, we called Trump “the Great Disruptor”.<sup>4</sup> We should add now that he is also a dysfunctional disruptor!

Lenin used to say that honourable people can only welcome if robbers fight each other. And so it is. If American and other Western imperialists have a go at each other, socialists have no side to choose. If Washington invades Panama, or any other semi-colonial country of the Global South, workers and oppressed must rally in their defence against the imperialist monster!<sup>5</sup>

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# Panama: Yankees, Hands Off the Canal!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 7 January 2025

1. In the last weeks incoming U.S. President Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened to take over control of the Panama Canal – something which could only be done by military invasion. Trapped in his bizarre parallel universe, Trump justified his threats by falsely claiming that Chinese soldiers would “lovingly, but illegally, operating the Panama Canal”. He accused the Central American country of “ripping off” the US on the Panama Canal. If Panama would not meet his unspecified demands, Washington would send its troops. (“Welcome to the United States Canal!”)

2. Trump’s threats were met with patriotic outrage in Panama. Demonstrators gathered outside the US embassy in Panama City, chanted “Trump, animal, leave the canal alone!” and burned a picture of the incoming US president. Panama’s President Jose Raul Mulino resolutely brushed off Trump’s accusations. He rejected the possibility of reducing canal tolls for US vessels and denied that China had any influence over the vital waterway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. “The canal is Panamanian and belongs to Panamanians. There’s no possibility of opening any kind of conversation around this reality, which has cost the country blood, sweat and tears. (...) If there is an intention to talk, then there’s nothing to talk about. (...) Every square metre of the Panama Canal and the surrounding area belongs to Panama and will continue belonging [to Panama, Ed.]” Manuel Alberto Samaniego Rodriguez, a member of Panama’s National Assembly, posted on X: “This young Panamanian independent deputy will defend his country with his life if necessary.”

3. Given the semi-deranged state of the old man with orange hair, it is difficult to say how serious his threats are. However, it would be wrong to simply shrug off Trump’s idea to recolonize the Panama Canal. First, U.S. imperial-

ism – the long-time hegemon of Latin America – did already control the Canal after it was built between 1904 and 1914 and handed it over to the Central American country only in 1999. Secondly, the Canal is of strategic importance for Washington since more than 70% of all ships transiting the canal are going to or from a U.S. port, representing 40% of all US container traffic.

4. Furthermore, Trump’s threats fit into his overall chauvinist “America First” policy which he combines with attempts to expand the U.S. Empire. Hence, he has also stated his desire to take over Greenland (“the United States of America feels that the ownership and control of Greenland is an absolute necessity”) and to annex Canada to the U.S. Likewise, leading figures from the Trump camp have repeatedly threatened to send troops to Mexico in order to “combat narco-terrorism”.

5. Given the small geographical size of Panama and a population of less than 4.5 million people, Washington would not have much difficulty to conquer the country (at least at the beginning of the occupation), as it did already in December 1989. However, it is equally certain that if Trump seriously attempts to colonise the Panama Canal, it will provoke mass resistance in the country itself as well as in the whole Latin American continent. Likewise, it would also enrage large sectors of Latino migrants in the U.S. (who constitute about 1/5 of the total population) as well as progressive-minded people. It is the foremost duty of socialists to support any anti-imperialist struggle against the U.S. and its colonialist policy! The RCIT joins the Panamanian people, Latino patriots and socialists all over the world in declaring: “Yankees, Hands Off the Panama Canal!”

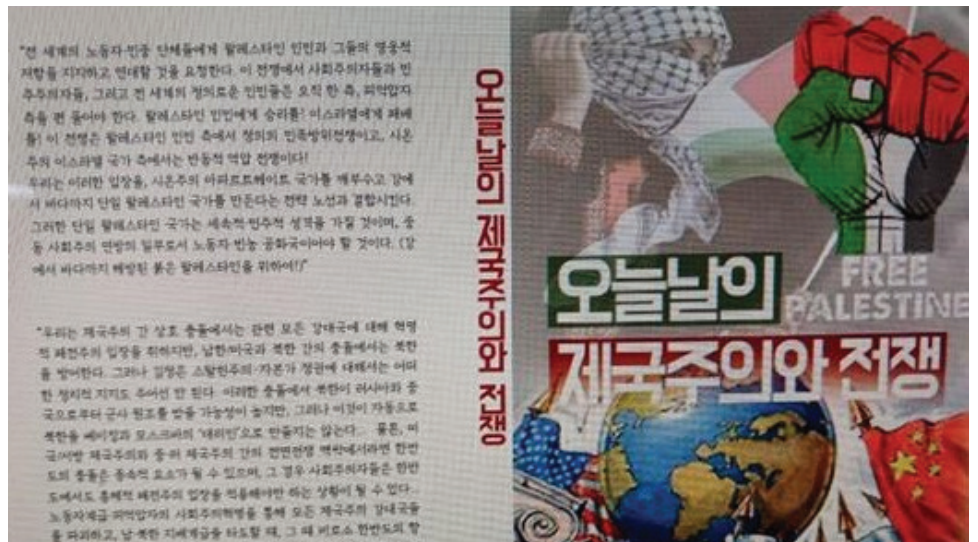
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## Imperialism and War Today (Book in Korean Language)

The Korean section of the RCIT has published a new book titled *Imperialism and War Today*. The book has 235 pages and includes both articles written by our Korean comrades as well as translations of other RCIT documents.

At the following link, you can read the contents of the book in English and Korean language as well as download the book as a PDF: [https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2023-part-4/#anker\\_13](https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/rcit-activities-in-2023-part-4/#anker_13)

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# The Former American Evangelist President Died, No Tears for Him

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Jimmy Carter was presented as a champion of human rights. This was a myth created by the imperialist Media.

This media lauded Carter's "remarkable resurgence" as a freelance diplomat. A network like CBS reported that "no-body doubts his credibility or contacts." In December 1990, Carter traveled to Haiti, where he worked to undercut Jean-Bertrand Aristide during the final days of the presidential race.

Sending the American imperialist army to Haiti has been presented as an outstanding achievement of his long career on the global stage as a self-appointed diplomat. Since then, Carter has developed a warm regard for Haiti's bloodthirsty armed forces. Returning from his mission to Port-au-Prince, Carter actually expressed doubt that the Haitian military was guilty of human rights violations.

During his presidency, Carter proclaimed human rights "the soul of our foreign policy." Although many journalists promoted that image, the reality was quite different.

However, becoming a president 13 months after Indonesia's December 1975 invasion of East Timor, Carter stepped up U.S. military aid to the Jakarta regime as it continued to murder Timorese civilians. By the time Carter left office, about 200,000 people had been slaughtered.

Carter backed U.S. despotic clients, from Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines to the Shah of Iran. In Salvador, the Carter administration provided key military aid to a brutal regime. In Nicaragua, contrary to myth, Carter backed dictator Anastasio Somoza almost until the end of his reign. In Guatemala, Carter sent major U.S. military shipments to the bloody tyrants.

He formed the political Evangelist movement in the Democratic party, the hard supporters of the Zionist monster. After moving out of the White House in early 1981, news media often depicted Carter as a skillful negotiator for human rights.

In the real world, Carter's image as "a peace mediator, impartial electoral observer and promoter of democratic values" clashes with the experiences of several democratic semi-colonial leaders struggling against dictatorships and pro-U.S. clients.

From Latin America to East Africa and the Middle East, Carter functioned as "a defender of repressive state apparatuses", a willing consort to electoral frauds, an accomplice to the U.S. Embassy efforts to abort popular democratic movements.

If there were God, Carter would have a place in Hell.

## Books of the RCIT

### Michael Pröbsting: Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.  
A Critique of the Left's Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting analyses the accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, EU, Russia, and Japan. He shows that the diplomatic rows, sanctions, trade wars, and military tensions between these Great Powers are not accidental or caused by a mad man in the White House. They are rather rooted in the fundamental contradictions of the capitalist system. This rivalry is a key feature of the current historic period and could, ultimately, result in major wars between these Great Powers.

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

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

strates that most of these organizations fail to understand the nature of the Great Power rivalry and, consequently, are not able to take an internationalist and revolutionary stance.

The author elaborates the approach of leading Marxist figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Luxemburg to the problems of Great Power rivalry and imperialist aggression against oppressed peoples. He outlines a Marxist program for the current period which is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future.

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

#### Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

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## Russia: Report on the Main Events (Autumn 2024)

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This autumn has only exacerbated the negative trends that have existed in recent times and tightened the knot of contradictions, which will be extremely difficult to cut. Here are the main events of autumn 2024:

1. The Bank of Russia raised the key rate from 19 to 21% at its meeting on October 25. Against this background, the Central Bank updated its forecast for its future decisions. The rate is expected to rise to 23-25%. Inflation is growing at a monstrous rate. Mortgages for real estate are issued at very high interest rates, which primarily affects young families. Against this background, officials' calls to have children and the legislative ban on propaganda of the childfree "movement" look especially cynical. The ruble exchange rate against the dollar and the euro began to fall sharply at the end of November.

2. On November 13, a notice was sent to the Ural plant management that the workers intended to go on strike. The workers at the Ural plant are fighting for a fair collective agreement for 2025-27. They found out that the employers signed it without consulting the trade union and without taking into account the interests of the workers, although this is a direct violation of Russian law. The organizer of the strike and trade union leader, Anatoly Bannykh, was detained by the police. Bannykh, "tried to deprive the front in dire need of several dozen cars, stop production, disrupt the state defense order during a difficult period for the country, and is also allegedly connected with the Main Intelligence Directorate and the Security Service of Ukraine," the employer's group said. The authorities and capital in a single impulse attempt to destroy any opposition.

3. Donald Trump's victory inspired the Russian authorities and nationalist patriots. They are already rubbing their hands and imagining how they are dividing Ukraine. However, for now these are just dreams - the Ukrainian Armed Forces are firmly holding on to the Kursk region

of Russia and are not withdrawing their troops, and Putin makes it clear that he is ready for a truce only on his own terms. Revolutionary socialists are firmly in defeatist positions, continuing the fight against their main enemy - Russian and world imperialist capital - for more than 1000 days.

4. The military conflict has escalated again. North Korea has sent a contingent of troops to the Kursk region. It is difficult to determine the number of DPRK troops, but this has already raised concerns about the combat readiness of South Korean troops. Photos of killed Korean stormtroopers have already appeared online, although their authenticity is difficult to judge at the moment. It is obvious that more and more participants will be drawn into the conflict, which may affect its very nature, but at the moment our analysis of the confrontation remains unchanged.

5. In addition, the current US President Biden, as well as the leaders of France and Great Britain, have given permission to fire long-range missiles deep into Russian territory. On November 20, the first Storm Shadow missiles hit the Kursk region. On November 21, the Russian Armed Forces hit Ukraine with an intercontinental ballistic missile "Oreshnik", this was the first use of such missiles in human history. Vladimir Putin made an extraordinary address to the citizens of Russia, in which he made it clear that such weapons will be used on a larger scale. There is an opinion that in the next couple of months, the parties may, in a sense, go for broke in order to get as many territorial acquisitions as possible before Trump's inauguration.

The imperialist redistribution of markets is drawing more and more states into the conflict, which threatens the working population of all countries with ever greater losses and victims. The choice between socialism or barbarism is becoming increasingly obvious.



### Publications of the RCIT

## The Peculiar Features of Russian Imperialism

A Study of Russia's Monopolies, Capital Export and Super-Exploitation in the Light of Marxist Theory

By Michael Pröbsting, August 2021

Introduction \* Another Denial of Russia's Imperialist Character \* The Methodological Failure of our Critics \* Russia's Economy: Dominated by Domestic, not Foreign, Monopolies \* Capital Export and the Problem of "Round-Tripping" Foreign Direct Investments \* "Phantom FDI": No Russian Peculiarity but a Global Phenomenon \* Russia's Leading Multinational Corporations and their Foreign Investments \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Capital Export \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Migration \* Conclusions \* Footnotes

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# Russian Socialists: Open Letter to Anti-War Left Emigration Forum

## Leftists for Peace without Annexations

31 October 2024

### Preamble

Russia has been in a state of large-scale war with Ukraine for more than two and a half years (more than 10 years since the start of the undeclared war).

This brings incalculable suffering, first of all, to Ukrainians. Their cities are being destroyed, industry and infrastructure facilities are being destroyed, millions have become refugees, tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers who defend the country are dying.

The Russians themselves are also suffering, whom the Putin regime sends by force and bribery to seize and die in the territory of a neighbouring country. They are faced with a decline in their standard of living and the elimination of almost all political freedoms, who have been saddled with the shame of an unjust war against a kindred people.

In this situation, the *"Forum of the Anti-War Left Emigration"* is planned for November 2-3 in Cologne. Unfortunately, its preparation is not entirely democratic, and among its organizers there are Russians who intentionally or unintentionally play along with Russian imperialism.

It is also obvious to us that many European leftists, accustomed for years to being against NATO and the US, in the current situation, which does not fit into the old patterns, have consciously or unconsciously become allies of Putin's dictatorship. They need to hear the voice of Russians who are unconditionally against "their" imperialism.

However, this voice must be heard, first of all, by the Russians themselves. For too long, in the name of leftist unity, serious contradictions were hidden between those who spoke from formally anti-war positions and those who sincerely wished for the defeat of the imperialist aggressor.

In addition, this open letter will form the basis for a draft resolution at the *"Forum of Anti-War Left Emigration"*.

### The nature of the war

The war on the part of the Russian Federation is imperialistic and was started based on the interests of capital, imperialistic logic and the opportunistic political interests of its ruler, the usurper Putin. Russia bears responsibility for inciting and continuing the war.

The Kremlin's military aggression began back in 2014. At that time, the Russian Federation lost to the European Union in the imperialist struggle for Ukraine (the Ukrainians themselves were more pro-European). Hopes for the subjugation of Ukraine collapsed when the Ukrainian people, during the Maidan, overthrew Yanukovich, who had finally turned to the Russian Federation (by that time, his dictatorial tendencies had clearly manifested themselves). Such an example from a kindred people was terrible for the Putin regime.

The Euro-Association instead of joining the Customs Union became inevitable. In addition, Ukraine independent from the Kremlin does not fit at all into the imperial and revanchist sentiments of the ruling class and parts of the

Russian population.

Then the Russian government decided to try to keep Ukraine in its zone of influence by military means (to remove concerns about the operation of the naval base in Crimea), to prove that revolutions do not lead to anything good. The Russian Federation annexed Crimea, ignited a war in Donbass, using a limited contingent of the Russian Armed Forces, imperialist-minded volunteers, and internal contradictions in Ukraine.

The West, since 2014, has pursued a policy of appeasement of Putin, played the "Normandy Four" and the "Minsk Agreements".

The Putin clique, seeing the dead end of the "Minsk Agreements", the expulsion of its capital from Ukraine, the connivance of the West and hoping for an easy victory, began a full-scale aggression on 24 February 2022.

The adventurous nature of this step is a consequence of inevitable degeneration, loss of adequacy and full feedback with the world, as well as the political system of the Russian Federation, built on an irreplaceable dictatorship and personalism.

### Our decision and actions

- Russia started the war and its end depends on it, by withdrawing troops from the territory of Ukraine.
- Therefore, the Russian left should concentrate on bringing this condition closer - the real struggle of Russians for peace can consist, first of all, in the struggle for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine, for Russia's exit from the war.
- It is unacceptable to demand from the Ukrainian people a truce, capitulation or concessions of any parts of Ukraine, even (and especially) under the cover of slogans of a speedy peace.
- We unconditionally recognize the right of the Ukrainian people to defend themselves from Russian imperialism. Only the Ukrainian people have the right to decide how long and how to continue the struggle.
- The left should not sabotage aid to Ukraine (including weapons). It must criticize the US and EU for insufficient support, readiness to surrender Ukraine for the sake of profit, secret diplomacy behind Ukraine's back.
- The left and workers of the West must expand workers' and public control over aid supplies to Ukraine in order to increase their effectiveness, as well as to prevent capital from enriching itself on supplies.
- The left must demand the writing off of all debts to Ukraine and compensation for damages from the Russian Federation, primarily at the expense of capital involved in unleashing the war.
- Fight for the dismantling of Putin's dictatorial state-monopoly regime.
- Work with all categories of Russian citizens to bring them closer to anti-war, leftist organizations, to explain the reasons for the war and ways out of it.



### Criticism of the centrists

Knowing about the idea, widespread in some circles, to force Ukraine to recognize the annexations through an immediate ceasefire and new “referendums” in the occupied regions, we declare:

- The Ukrainian people implemented their self-determination in 1991. All regions, including the Donetsk and Lugansk regions and Crimea, voted for independence and the creation of an independent Ukrainian state.

- It is unacceptable to demand a ceasefire from Ukraine. The demand for an immediate ceasefire without preconditions, directed from Russian politicians to Ukraine (when Russian troops are on Ukrainian territory), looks like imperial impudence and is an attempt to consolidate the annexations.

- The Ukrainian state renounced nuclear weapons, counting on guarantees of sovereignty and territorial integrity. Consequently, in the current situation, it has the right to restore its nuclear status.

- The principle of the right of nations to self-determination cannot be used to legitimize Russian annexations, since the occupied zones are part of the Ukrainian nation (in the overwhelming majority of cases, the Ukrainian population predominates and/or they are integrated into the Ukrainian economy and Ukrainian culture). In addition, since the very question of self-determination of individual parts of Ukraine arose as a consequence of the use of camouflaged and overt military force, it should be perceived as a continuation of aggression against Ukraine.

- Russian anti-war forces cannot and should not welcome Russia’s withdrawal from the war while it continues to keep parts of the internationally recognized territories of Ukraine annexed.

We also ask why Russian politicians who raise the issue of self-determination for regions of Ukraine (mostly populated by Ukrainians) do not raise the issue of the right of nations to self-determination in relation to regions of Russia that are mostly populated by non-Russians, but by other peoples?

### Humanitarian aspect

Since the Russian regime, having seized the Ukrainian regions, forced collaboration on a large part of the population, forcibly drove men to war, we, as Russians, also consider ourselves partly responsible for the fate of these people. Therefore, we ask the Ukrainian people for leniency and the implementation of the principle of broad amnesty (with the exception of the leadership of the so-called “people’s republics”, malicious collaborators, participants and organizers of war crimes, etc.).

### Prospects

If the Russian regime manages to somehow retain the seized regions, this will mean, on the one hand, suffering and national oppression in relation to the Ukrainian population, and, on the other hand, the Russians themselves will find themselves in a position of triumph of imperialism (the regime will pass off these acquisitions as a great victory) and an even greater strengthening of the regime. Here it is absolutely appropriate to recall the famous phrase:

*“A nation that enslaves another nation forges its own chains.”*

This scenario would also create a threat of new wars in the post-Soviet space initiated by the Russian Federation and would strengthen the right-wing forces in Europe.

And, conversely, the liberation of the occupied territories by Ukraine, the defeat of the Putin government and Russia’s withdrawal from the war would allow millions of Ukrainians to return to their homes, begin to restore what was destroyed, and would give a chance for the weakening or fall of the current Russian regime.

Another positive development scenario is also possible: The Russian people, tired of war and injustice, dismantle the Putin regime, and establish a revolutionary democratic power of the working classes, and withdraw Russia from the war with Ukraine.

This would also make the space of the former Soviet Union more secure, deprive the right-wing forces in Europe of support from Russia and make it possible to restore solidarity between Ukrainian and Russian ordinary wage workers.

In order for this scenario to become possible, we must wake up Russia. Now it is captured by the dictatorial regime of Putin, who on behalf of Russia, on behalf of you and me, commits his crimes both outside and inside the country. But tens of millions of ordinary employees, workers, entrepreneurs, youth, and intellectuals do not want this madness to continue! For now, they are inactive. For now, Russia of employees and workers is dormant. But it will wake up, it is already waking up. And our task is to wake it up!

### Who is the letter from?

For security reasons, with the exception of some emigrants, we are forced to use pseudonyms. But you can judge the support and significance of this open letter by the resources and pages on which it is posted.

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