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Netanyahu/Trump Plan to Annihilate Gaza – Mobilise to Stop the Monsters!

Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 13.02.2025

The serial killers Netanyahu and Trump want to kill and expel the Palestinian people from their homeland. The devil duo threatens the Palestinians with “all hell” if all Israeli prisoners of war are not released by Saturday midday. They even phantasies obscenely that the U.S. would “own” the enclave and transform it into a real estate project for the super-rich – a “*Riviera of the Middle East*” as the crazy clown in the White House called it.

In short, after committing one of the worst genocides in modern history – slaughtering at least 61,000 people since 8 October 2023 – the Zionist Zealots and their American ringleader plan an even bigger crime!

The Palestinian people, the Arab and Muslim ummah, in fact the whole world condemns this monstrous massacre! Only in Israel does the large majority of the population support such a genocide but this is hardly surprising as this is a colonial settler state based on the expulsion and oppression of the Palestinian people. Even in the U.S. only 13% of the people support Trump’s vile plan.

However, we are not living in a world where the popular masses make government decisions. This is rather done by a small clique of rulers who are close-knit with the rich and powerful. These potentates either have been elected but ignore the will of the people (as long as they can) or simply act as brutal autocrats.

Hence, we have the bizarre situation where all Arab and Muslim regimes and most governments around the world reject Netanyahu/Trump’s Plan to annihilate Gaza but, still, the gangsters might be able to carry out their monstrous plan!

The same is true for Israel’s ongoing occupation of South Lebanon as well as the Golan Hight which violate all international laws and are opposed by nearly all governments around the world ... but still Israeli troops keep these territories under control.

Why is this possible? The reason is that the opposition of these rulers is limited to empty words without any decisive actions. In many cases, they directly or indirectly support the Zionist killers. Several Muslim states have normalised relations with Israel in recent years and continue to trade with this terror state while the Palestinians are slaughtered. Just a few days ago, the Moroccan kingdom made an arms deal with Israel’s Elbit Systems and, according to Trump, it is prepared to take Palestinian refugees as part of the Zionist plan to expel the native population from Gaza.

Military dictatorships like General Sisi’s regime in Egypt or the monarchies in Saudi Arabia and the Emirates brutally suppress any public expression of support for the Palestinian people. While Europe has been rocked by mass demonstrations – more than 30,000 protest events in 619 cities have taken place since 7 October 2023 – governments continue to aid Israel and persecute pro-Palestine solidarity activists.

The Zionist monster and its American master must be stopped! And it can be stopped! How? By mobilising the masses around the world to aid the Palestinian resistance by all available means and to sabotage the Israeli terror state.

1) The biggest fear of Israel and the U.S. is the Arab Revolution. They worry that the Arab masses could threaten and overthrow the autocratic rulers and open the gates for a revolutionary flood which would break the imperialist grip on the Middle East and smash the Zionist state. Let’s be clear: there can be no liberation of the Palestinian people without the victory of Arab Revolution! A successful Arab Revolution is also the precondition to shatter the Israeli society and break a sector of the Jewish workers from poisonous Zionism.

The Arab rulers try to contain revolutionary upheavals by repression, on one hand, and verbal commitment to the Palestinian cause, on the other hand. The Egyptian and Jordanian regime publicly oppose Trump’s plan – despite their dependence on U.S. financial and military aid – because they are scared by their own people. If the Arab masses enter the streets, they could force their rulers to shake off the Zionist-American pressure and to aid the Palestinian resistance by any means necessary. This would immediately help the Palestinian people in this difficult hour, and it could open the road for the revolutionary overthrow of these regimes and the creation of workers and peasant governments.

2) The Palestinians in the Westbank must get rid of Abbas’ so-called “Palestinian Authority”. This is a corrupted body serving the interests not of their own people but those of Israel and the U.S. See how they have collaborated with the Zionist killers in attacking the heroic resistance fighters in Jenin! The masses must rise up, disarm the PA troops and expel the Israeli settlers and occupation forces from their territory!

3) The workers and popular organisations and the pro-Palestine solidarity movement in Europe, America and in all other parts of the world must mobilise in the streets and organise strikes and direct actions against support for the Zionist terror state. They must overcome the reluctant support or even outright hostility by pro-Zionist leaderships in reformist parties and trade unions.

Dockers should boycott arms deliveries for Israel, bank workers should sabotage financial transactions with the monster, Israeli goods should be boycotted and any form of collaboration in science, culture, sport and education must be stopped. The serial killers must feel the clinched fist of global solidarity!

No doubt, the situation is very serious! The bestial clique around Netanyahu and Trump are bent on to carry out one of the worst genocides in modern history. The heroic Palestinian resistance has accomplished superhuman things in the past months and years and that they are determined to fight back the cannibals. The Arab and Muslim masses, the free people of the world – they all must rise up and aid their brothers and sisters in Gaza!

All out on the streets – for Palestine’s freedom and ours!

Down with the Israeli Terror State! Boycott the beast and sabotage the Zealots!

Support the Palestinian resistance with effective support – from aid to arms!

Palestine, red and free – from the River to the Sea! For a socialist federation of the Middle East!

What Can We Learn from the Exchange of the Zionist Captives from Gaza today?

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 30 January 2025

Three Israeli and five Thai nationals held as prisoners of war in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, were released by Hamas and the Islamic Jihad on Thursday in exchange for Israel releasing 110 Palestinian prisoners.

The three Israelis are civilians Arbel Yehud, 29, and Gadi Mozes, 80 from kibbutz Nir Oz, and female soldier Agam Berger, 19, from her base, Nahal Oz.

The release took place in stages and in different locations, with Berger the first to be released on Thursday morning in Jabalia, in northern Gaza, followed later by the release of the remaining hostages in Khan Younis, in the south. Berger was held by Hamas, the other two by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The two Israeli hostages were surrounded by a large, angry crowd and dozens of gun-toting militants as they were escorted to be handed over to the Red Cross. The Israeli mass media did not pay any attention to the 110 Palestinian prisoners released from the Zionist jails.

So, what we can learn from the exchanges so far.

1. The Israeli captives looked very healthy unlike the Palestinians that many of them were tortured and humiliated and some died in the Zionist Jails.
2. Jabalia is totally in ruins.
3. The release of Berger was well organized by Hamas.
4. The release of Yehud and Mozes held by the PIJ was very chaotic.
5. The masses of the people of Gaza that suffered so much, hate the Israelis and it will take a strong effort by the Israelis to convince the Palestinians to let them live in a Palestinian state from the river to the sea!
6. For the Israelis, as Gidon Levy, observed the Palestinian prisoners are not human beings but a price to pay for

the release of the Israelis.

7. The reaction of most Israelis to the angry Palestinians that surrounded the Israeli captive is that the Palestinians should die and no piety for the tens of thousands of Palestinians murdered by Israel. And in addition, that Israeli culture is a high culture unlike the low culture of the Palestinians. That Hamas is responsible for the genocide and the destruction not Israel backed by the USA.

Here is a typical Zionist reaction:

"Those who opposed the deal are callous and lacking any empathy? No. The deal is terrible, freeing hundreds of murderous terrorists, and from the footage coming out of Gaza, leaving Hamas in control in some kind of October 6 rewind.

But like in any democracy, the majority view that the huge sacrifices required to save the hostages by accepting the ceasefire was incumbent and necessary was accepted. It's what separates us from our enemies. We've forgotten who the real demons are.

We've spent so long demonizing the "other" in our own country that we forgot who the real demons are. But Thursday morning, some of the haze dissipated, and we saw the real enemy for who they are. Seeing the images of frenzied throngs of Gazans who jostled to get a look at Gadi Mozes, Arbel Yehoud, and Agam Berger, it was clear that contrary to what the Biden administration attempted to frame, there is no division between the "Gazan people" and the terrorists who brought such tragedy upon the enclave". [i]

*The Zionist monster -the Israeli state must be destroyed!
For Palestine, red and free from the river to the sea!*

Endnote:

[i] <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-839969>

On the PA in Gaza and the Zionist Monster in Lebanon

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 23 January 2025

As a prize for its betrayal of the Palestinian people, the PA gets to control the Rafah Crossing.

According to Israel Today, Palestinian Authority official Ahmed Majdalani said this morning (Thursday) that the agreement regarding the reopening of the Rafah Crossing was finalized a few days ago at a meeting in Cairo in the presence of Egyptian, Palestinian, and Israeli representatives.

According to him, the agreement stipulates that Palestinian Authority officials will return to the Rafah Crossing with international observers according to the 2005 agreement.

In May 2024, Israel took control of the crossing and has since demanded that it have representatives when it reopens, which Egypt has refused for months.

"In an interview with the newspaper "Asharq Al-Awsat," Majdalani says that on the previous day, EU representatives and Hussein al-Sheikh, a senior PA official, met to make logistical arrangements for the opening of the crossing" and the return of the PA traitors. [i]

At the same time, according to reports, Israel asked the US to extend the withdrawal date from Lebanon for an indefinite period.

"UN sources said that Israel informed the committee supervising the ceasefire agreement that it must remain "for an additional time" in the southeastern sector. The Al-Akhbar newspaper, which is close to Hezbollah, reported this morning (Thursday) that Israel asked the US to extend the 60-day deadline for withdrawal. for withdrawal for an indefinite period." [ii]

It was also reported that the Lebanese authorities did not address Hezbollah's position, but they drew the attention of the Americans and the French to statements by senior Hezbollah officials, who threatened that Monday would be "a different day" if there is no full retreat.

*Down with the Zionist monster and its Palestinian servant!
For Palestine, red and free from the river to the sea!*

Endnotes:

[i] <https://www.israelhayom.co.il/news/defense/article/17213539>

[ii] <https://www.israelhayom.co.il/news/defense/article/17213756>

Gaza War: The Israeli Prisoners of War and the Palestinian Prisoners

By Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine), 17 February 2025

On Saturday the Gazan resistance freed three Zionists that looked very healthy even though they lost some weight in the conditions of starvation that Israel forced on the Gazans.

News 12 reporter Yael Odem caused a stir yesterday morning (Saturday), once again, when she said in a conversation with Avital, Sagi Dekel-Chen's wife: "Say something to the girls of Israel who are now crushing on your husband from the moment he came on stage and looked so good."

The shocked Zionists viewers did not remain indifferent to her comment – and the network is buzzing Condemning her as one who sabotages the Zionist propaganda on the torturing and starving of the Israeli prisoner of war.

369 political prisoners will be released from Zionist jails including more than 30 life prisoners, were released from prison in the sixth stroke More than 330 of the Palestinians who were released went to Gaza. 24 are deported abroad, ten to the West Bank and 1 to East Jerusalem.

The Prisons Commission instructed to change the set of release clothes of the prisoners to shirts with the Jewish symbol Magen David and are written in Arabic: "We will not forget and we will not forgive". A prison authority official rejected the criticism of the decision: "This is a historical trial that has accompanied the people of Israel since the day of its inception"

Israel attacks the mass media outside of Israel that tell about "four freed Palestinian prisoners who are in critical condition" The Zionist state claims that one of them is Nader Hussein who suffers from muscular dystrophy and mental problems and was transferred to Gaza and the other was shot during the maneuver in Gaza, is now in a wheelchair and deported to Egypt. This lie was exposed by another Zionist article that says: "In the meantime, three terrorists from Ketziot Prison were slightly injured and treated on the spot after a group of prisoners disobeyed instructions, and this, according to a Shavas official, required immediate and uncompromising intervention from the fighters on their part.

"Four Palestinian prisoners, recently released as part of the sixth batch in a prisoner exchange deal with Israel, were rushed to the hospital after arriving in Ramallah due to serious health complications, a humanitarian organization said on Saturday, Anadolu reports." [i]

In a statement, the Palestinian Red Crescent confirmed that its medical teams transferred the four freed Palestinians from the reception site in Ramallah to the hospital due to their deteriorating health conditions.

Palestinians released from Israeli jails have been subjected to hunger, physical abuse, and psychological torture in custody, with their physical appearances indicating maltreatment.

At the same time Ronen Bergman in Yediot Aharonot writes: "Lies and double play: this is how the government works to thwart phase two of the deal. Flooding the public with lies and manipulations, violating the agreement while blaming Hamas and pushing the professionals out of the negotiating team: Netanyahu is doing everything to not end the war – even at the cost of releasing the hostages who are supposed to be released in the next phase. A senior security official who is very familiar with the abductee deal said that "every time you think you can't go any lower, neither with the lies, nor with the complete reversal of the order of priorities – first politics, then the lives of the abductees, it turns out you were wrong, that indeed it is possible. Israel has no problem accusing Hamas of violating the agreement. One of the proofs that Netanyahu is trying to thwart the deal is his statements and those of people close to him, and of ministers in the government, that Israel either intends to return to fighting or conditions its signature on the second phase on Hamas surrendering unconditionally, handing over its weapons and the Strip being demobilized – a condition of course that Hamas will not agree to. "With high words, sharp threats and violation of the agreement, Israel is moving towards its explosion and the danger of a return to fighting increases accordingly. The Prime Minister's spokesman gave five recent examples of lies and spins all aimed at hiding the fact that Israel has no intention of signing the second phase, or even rowing in that direction." [ii]

Exchange all for all!

Israel out of Gaza now!

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

Endnotes:

[i] <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250215-4-freed-palestinian-prisoners-transferred-to-hospital-due-to-poor-health-condition/>

[ii] <https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/yokra14261639>



Publications of the RCIT

The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism

Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism

Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution:

Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

On the International Holocaust Remembrance Day

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 27 January 2024

Today (Monday) marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day around the world, which was decided by the United Nations, even though it was observed in various countries even before that. On this day, the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp was liberated by the Red Army.

It should be noted that the Gypsy holocaust is not part of Holocaust Day, nor are other Holocausts. The terrible thing is that the State of Israel, which calls itself a Jewish state, commits the genocide of the Palestinian people, and when the Zionists say “no more”, it means that only Jews will not be harmed, and others can be harmed. The Zionists exploit the genocide of the Jews in WWII as a shield to defend themselves from their war crimes.

Today, the International Holocaust Remembrance should focus on the genocide of the Palestinians rather than an event that took place 80 years ago

Today it is the time to speak on the collaboration of the Zionists with Nazi Germany that cost the lives of many Jews.

The Haavara (Transfer) Agreement was a wealth transfer financial instrument that was negotiated between David Ben-Gurion and Adolf Hitler a few months after the Nazis rose to power in early 1933, and it continued non-stop (even after Nuremberg Laws & Kristallnacht pogrom) until December 1941 and was designed to:

* Relieve Nazi Germany from the crippling spontaneous worldwide boycott & rise in unemployment that hit Germany soon after Hitler became chancellor in early 1933.

* Stimulate the German economy and decrease unemployment by the Zionists selling German goods in the Middle East and North Africa.

* Help Nazis implement their racist policies aimed at “cleansing” Germany of its Jewish citizens.

In return, the Zionists who sabotaged the boycott on Nazi Germany channelled a fraction of the liquidated German Jewish wealth to build the foundation of their Zionist state. Zionist leaders attempted to provoke antisemitism to create a Jewish refugee crisis, which could act later as the lever (using David Ben-Gurion’s sinister terminology) that would create their “Jewish state.” Soon after Nakba, a similar sinister strategy was employed to cause an Arab Jewish refugee crisis when Ben-Gurion & Co. discovered that Europe’s Jews were voting with their feet and immigrating to the Americas and not to the emptied country of Palestine. The Jews from Arab states were used as cheap labor until 1967, when Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza and super-exploited the Palestinian workers.

The Zionists tried to hide this agreement with Nazi Germany. Still, it became known in the book *“The Transfer Agreement: The Dramatic Story of the Pact Between the Third Reich and Jewish Palestine”* written by author Edwin Black, which documents the transfer agreement.

Down with the Zionist monster!

Down with all the states that support the monster!

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.

A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis.

Palestine and Zionism shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the “Nakba” in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland.

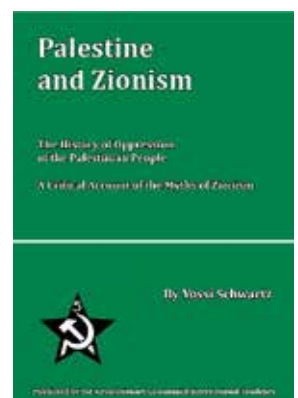
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and outlines

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

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

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



Syria: “People See the Fall of Assad as Part of the 2011 Revolution”

Interview with Fabio Bosco (LIT-CI) about his recent visit of Syria, 6 February 2025

Note of the Editor:

Below we publish an interview with Fabio Bosco, a member of the LIT-CI (International League of Workers – Fourth International, www.litci.org) about his recent visit of Syria a few weeks after the revolution of 8 December. He also wrote an account of his trip in Spanish language (<https://litci.org/es/relato-de-viaje-sobre-la-siria-pos-assad/>).

The RCIT recently issued a joint statement with LIT-CI and UIT-CI about the Syrian Revolution (<https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/joint-statement-on-syrian-revolution>). Both LIT-CI and UIT-CI are international Trotskyist organisations from the Morenoite tradition which are mostly based in Latin America.

We also collaborated with the comrades of LIT-CI in organising a solidarity convoy at the beginning of Putin's war against Ukraine in spring 2022 where we also met comrade Fabio (see e.g. https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/international-workers-aid/#anker_1 and <https://litci.org/en/may-day-in-ukraine-celebrates-workers-international-solidarity/>; see also a joint statement with LIT-CI and UIT-CI, <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/joint-statement-on-ukraine-war-13-3-2022/>).

Question: Hi, comrade, thanks for taking the time for this interview! You recently travelled to Syria. How do the Syrian people view the revolutionary uprising which led to the downfall of the regime on 8 December 2024?

Answer: The Syrian people were surprised by the end of Assad's dictatorship. After the defeat of the oppositionists in Aleppo in 2016, it looked like Assad and their Iranian and Russian allies would rule for a long period. People are very happy and there is a lot of hope in the air despite the tremendous challenges.

Q: Do the people see the revolution of December last year as fulfilment of the demands which were raised at the beginning of the revolution in March 2011?

A: They definitely see the fall of Assad as part of the 2011 revolution. Despite of the fact that the demands for freedom, bread and social justice were not achieved yet, they feel that the Assad downfall is a critical step forward. There are de-facto democratic freedoms now that didn't exist before, like free speech and the right to peaceful assembly and protest. I attended a protest for the disappeared ones at Marjeh in downtown Damascus.

Q: How do people view the new governing party HTS?

A: The HTS was not popular among Syrians due to their negative role during the first years of the revolution. The HTS predecessor, Jabhat al-Nusra as well as other groups like Jeish al-Islam and Ahrar al-Sham, were funded by the Gulf countries and Türkiye to turn the nature of the revolution from a democratic uprising to a religious war. After they seized power on December 8, they have stood for a capitalist reconstruction in alliance with all imperialist countries (the U.S., Europe, Russia and China) and major regional powers like Türkiye and Saudi Arabia. Unfortunately, the majority of the people do not figure out any other way to overcome the economic disaster and poverty. Ahmed al-Sharaa has also committed himself to “protect” all religious communities and oppressed nationalities. These two commitments increased their popularity which is on the rise.

Q: How tense, in your view, are currently the relations between the different sects (Sunni, Shia, Alawi, etc.)?

A: There is a wide feeling for unity and for respectful relations between all Syrians, irrespective of their religions background. Any breach is not seen with good eyes. On the other hand, when I was there, there were criticism on the abusive way HTS militias chased former regime officials in the small cities around Homs, killing 14 military - mainly top officials from Alawi background. Even so, there is a growing demand for transitional justice, i.e., to arrest and put on trial all officials of the old regime responsible for crimes against the people. This national demand for accountability may make some excesses currently acceptable for many people. At last, it is important to have in mind that the imperialist powers were responsible for “divide and rule” politics placing one confessional group against the other, and even imposing sectarian regimes like the Lebanese and Iraqi ones. It is in their interest to promote sectarian strife, but it is not in working people's interest.

Q: How tense are currently the relations between the Arabs and the Kurdish minority? How do the people view the issue of Kurdish independence?

A: It is tense. The majority of the working people considers the Kurds as part of the social fabric of Syria. Yet they do not like the SDF due to SDF authoritarian behaviour in places like Raqqa where the majority of the people are Arabs. On the other hand, I could feel a kind of toxic Arab nationalism against the Kurdish right to self-determination, under diverse narrative from “the Syrian people is one” to “Türkiye will not allow any kind of autonomy for the Kurds and we do not have the means to stop them”. The Kurdish issue is one of the most sensitive challenges for the future of

The Syrian Revolution

All RCIT documents on the Syrian Revolution since 2011:

www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/collection-of-articles-on-the-syrian-revolution/

the Syrian Revolution.

Q: What do people think about the Israeli occupation of Syrian territory and resistance against it?

A: They definitely oppose the Zionists incursions into Syria. On the other hand, the people would rather prefer to prioritize reconstruction instead of wars. I think it is a question of time for this mood to change into fighting back the Israelis.

Q: How do people view the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people and, in particular, the Gaza War and the need for solidarity?

A: The Syrian people stand in solidarity with the Palestinians. The Gaza cease-fire agreement was commemorated in the Syrian cities. I was told by the Palestinians while visiting the devastated al-Yarmouk camp that they held a protest in front of the embassy of the Palestinian Authority in Damascus against the shameful aggression on Jenin carried out by the PA forces since December.

Al-Sharaa efforts to get close to the imperialist countries makes any open support from Syrian regime for the Palestinian resistance less probable. That is not the case with the Syrian street which does not accept the genocide going on in occupied Palestine.

Q: What is the state of the trade unions? Are new unions emerging?

A: The unions were totally subordinated to Assad regime. I have no information about new ones, but I feel they will emerge soon.

Q: What is the situation of the left in Syria which was independent of the Assad regime?

A: The most important communist parties had positions in the government since 1973 and supported the totalitarian dictatorship. The leftwing dissenters were in exile or

under strong repression. Now they are starting to show up.

Q: Can you tell us a bit about the reconstitution of a "civil society", i.e. public meetings, demonstrations, non-government organisations, etc.?

A: There is a dynamic process of self-organization. I attended a very lively meeting for women's rights and another called by the lawyer's union to talk about the constitution. Human rights and democratic organizations are on the rise.

Q: How do people view the need to topple other dictatorships in the region like General Sisi in Egypt or the Gulf monarchies?

A: The working people would love to topple all Arab dictatorships, but the provisional government is openly against. There is a HTS member who disappeared for stating that al-Sissi would follow suit.

Q: How do people see the role of Türkiye and the Erdogan regime?

A: Positively due to Turkish support for HTS and for Turkish exports.

Q: What do you consider as the main demands for the class struggle in the coming period in Syria? What is the way forward?

A: The main demands will be around democratic rights and survival needs. Independent workers' self-organization is the way forward.

Q: Are there any final words which you would like to add?

A: There is a huge contradiction between the Revolution's potential, and the bourgeois leadership who works to limit it. It is critical to build a revolutionary party to help the Syrian workers into full liberation.

Online Forum about the Syrian Revolution

Report (with video) by the RCIT Media Team, 5 February 2025

On 25 January, an interesting online forum about the Syrian Revolution took place. It was part of the series of Marxmail Online Forums and was chaired by the comrades Ted Zuur and Mark Baugher.

The four speakers at the forum were Ramah Kudaimi, Michael Pröbsting, Michael Karadjis and Chris Slee.

Ramah Kudaimi, a Syrian-American activist and former member of the National Committee of the War Resisters League, spoke about the experience of the Syrian Revolution and the unbroken desire of the people for freedom and dignity.

Michael Pröbsting, the International Secretary of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT), addressed several questions about the character of the Syrian Revolution and its perspectives. As a regular speaker at solidarity demonstrations since March 2011, he also reported about his experience of the shameful role of large parts of the "left" which refused to support the popular uprising. (The RCIT's documents and reports on the Syrian Revolution have been compiled on a special subsection on our website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/collection-of-articles-on-the-syrian-revolution/>.)

Michael Karadjis, who is a long-time solidarity activist and academic (<https://theirantiimperialismandours.com/>)

spoke about the history of the Syrian Revolution and its regional implications.

Chris Slee, a member of Socialist Alliance in Australia, focused on the struggle of the Kurdish people in Syria and their experience in the de facto autonomous region Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (DAANES), also known as Rojava.

Several participants in the forum asked questions or presented their views on the Syrian revolution, to which the four speakers responded in a final round.

Our comrade Michael speaks at minute 00:20:09 and 01:31:52.

Marxist Views on Syria

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Defend Ukraine against Putin's invasion! U.S. and Western Europe: Hands off Ukraine's resources! For a workers government!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 21 February 2025

1. As the 3rd anniversary of the Ukraine War is approaching, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) – including its sections in Ukraine and Russia – sends its greetings to the Ukrainian people who are continuing to heroically resist against Russian imperialism! Despite the huge military superiority of the Russian army, Ukraine managed to stop Putin's attempt to conquer the country.

2. Together with our comrades in Ukraine and Russia, we have always supported Ukraine's war of national defence against Putin's invasion. In spring 2022, the RCIT (co-)organised three solidarity convoys to aid the Ukrainian resistance and participated in a May Day conference in Lviv. As we support Ukraine's national liberation struggle, we recognise the country's right to get weapons from wherever possible, including from Western powers. As our comrades in Russia, working under the most difficult conditions of a dictatorship, rightly point out, a defeat for Putin's army would weaken his bonapartist rule and improve the conditions for democratic and economic struggle of the masses.

3. At the same time, we always pointed to the dual character of the war as NATO has tried to utilise the conflict for its own imperialist interests against the Russian rival. Hence, we have combined our support for Ukraine with opposition to the policy of imperialist aggression and armament by any Great Power. Likewise, while we side with Ukraine's military struggle, we refuse any political support for the bourgeois, pro-Western and anti-democratic Zelensky regime.

4. Despite the heroic efforts of the Ukrainian people, the country's national sovereignty is in grave danger today. The invaders are slowly advancing in Donbass and destroy the country's infrastructure. At the same time, the Western imperialists – in particularly the Trump Administration – are determined to impose a devastating dictated peace on Ukraine. It is evident that the White House wants to strike a deal with the Kremlin as it recognises the end of U.S. hegemony and the need to reduce its global reach. At the same time, Trump and his greedy oligarchs are determined to shamelessly exploit Ukraine's resources which are estimated worth about \$15 trillion (incl. graphite, lithium, beryllium, uranium, rare earths, and other critical minerals). A few days ago, the U.S. tried to impose an agreement granting them 50% of Ukraine's mineral, oil, gas, and infrastructure revenues! A former Ukrainian official correctly called the U.S. proposal "*a colonial agreement*".

5. The European imperialists are enraged that Trump wants to keep them out from peace negotiations and future influence in Ukraine. However, they share the same basic motivation with their American "ally"/rival: to utilise Ukraine as a buffer against Russia and as a source of cheap raw materials. This is the real reason why they are discussing a plan to send tens of thousands of soldiers to Ukraine.

6. The Trump administration represents a milestone in American policy since it fully recognizes that the Unit-

ed States is no longer the hegemonic power in the world. This has been reflected by two major events. On one hand, its failure to help Ukraine winning the war and, on the other hand, the defeat that the genocidal Netanyahu government has just suffered, at the hands of the Palestinian resistance, Gaza. These two defeats, political and military, add to the long-term economic decline that has been taking place in the United States. In fact, Washington has lost a lot of ground to its greatest rival, Chinese imperialism, which, by supporting Russia financially and militarily, is the main winner in the Ukrainian conflict.

7. The biggest loser among the Great Powers are the European imperialists, which, in one way or another, will be forced to join more actively in the ongoing trade war between the US and China, taking side of one of the camps or acting as an independent pole. The latter will be more than difficult for Europe because it is not a unified bloc, but rather each power, such as Germany, France or England, or smaller powers, such as the rest of the imperialist states that dominate the EU, have their own interests that are contradictory to those of the rest. These fundamental contradictions will result, no matter what happens, in political, social and economic deterioration of the European Union. The ruling class will have to face an experienced proletariat in these countries, and we can therefore expect sharp class struggles in the period ahead which could result even in a revolutionary situation.

8. If Trump and Putin succeed in imposing a dictated peace on Ukraine, it would represent a victory for Russian imperialism. Nevertheless, Russia's economy has experienced massive difficulties since the beginning of the war, and it has become much more dependent on China. Furthermore, Putin just suffered a major defeat in Syria, where his lackey, Bashar al Assad, had to flee to avoid being executed by the revolutionary people, opening a period of unprecedented democratic freedoms. This development coincided with the Palestinian victory, which also hits Russia, since Putin is, like all Yankee presidents, a faithful defender of the Zionist State. It is possible that the end of the Ukraine War will result in political ruptures in Russia as the Putin regime faces several important challenges: a) the conversion of the war economy and the negative consequences for the workers, b) the return of hundreds of thousands of embittered war veterans and c) the change of the political-ideological situation as the Kremlin will no longer have an excuse for abolishing the few democratic rights under the pretext of the war.

9. The looming dictated peace, imposed by Trump and Putin, demonstrates the bankruptcy of Zelensky's servile orientation to Western imperialism! He claimed that advocating Ukraine's membership in NATO and EU, i.e. making it a proxy of the U.S. and Western Europe, would ensure the country's independence. In fact, this pro-Western policy has only served the interests of a small clique of officials and oligarchs who profit from the country's approach to NATO and EU. However, for the mass of the

Ukrainian people, such a policy only means a) becoming dependent on foreign policy decisions in Washington and Brussels and b) becoming an economic colony of the Western pirates. Zelensky's policy has not strengthened but rather weakened the country's national independence!

10. Many Ukrainian soldiers, workers and youth have recognised that they can not rely on NATO and Western Europe. One important conclusion from this is the growing popularity of the demand that Ukraine acquires nuclear weapons so that it can independently deter future aggression of Russian imperialism. Naturally, the most effective weapons against imperialism are popular mobilisation and an internationalist policy which appeals to the oppressed masses in other countries (including in Russia). Nevertheless, wars have to be waged with the best-of-breed technologies, and we recognise the necessity for all forces fighting against imperialist aggression to get the best available military equipment (e.g. Ukraine has already achieved important progress in the fields of drones). There is no doubt that Russia would be more cautious in attacking Ukraine if it would possess nuclear weapons. The experience of North Korea which achieved some deterrence power by building nuclear weapons and the huge fear of Israel and the U.S. that Iran could replicate such an achievement, confirms the validity of such a demand in semi-colonial countries facing imperialist aggression. The RCIT has always defended the right of North Korea and Iran to get nuclear weapons, and we support the same right in the case of Ukraine.

11. Our comrades in Ukraine are right to say that as long as Zelensky or other bourgeois politicians remain in power, Ukraine will remain trapped between Russian and Western imperialism. The way forward is to organise a popular war against Putin's army, to break Ukraine's subordination to the U.S. and Western Europe and to remove the country's domination by corrupted bureaucrats and greedy oligarchs. How can this be done? By overthrowing the Zelensky government and replacing it with a workers government based on popular councils and militias.

Such popular councils should be built as direct democratic assemblies of the masses in workplaces, neighbourhoods, schools and universities as well as among soldiers.

12. Such a workers government should expropriate the oligarchs and foreign corporations and nationalise the key sectors of the economy under workers control. It would combat corruption by building popular councils which control all departments of public services. It would replace the police by militias created and controlled by popular councils. Such a workers government could open the road to overcome Ukraine's status as a capitalist semi-colony and create an independent and socialist workers republic!

13. A workers government of Ukraine would guarantee equality for all ethnic and religious minorities in Ukraine. It would remove all obstacles for the use of native languages in public administration and education. It would wage a national liberation war against Russian imperialism not on a chauvinist but on an internationalist basis. It would reach out to the masses in Russia – including the numerous national and ethnic minorities – who are suffering from the brutal dictatorship of Putin. It would state its internationalist support for the liberation struggles of other oppressed peoples like those in Chechnya, Palestine or Burma/Myanmar.

** Down with the dictated peace! For a Popular War to defend Ukraine against Putin's invasion!*

** No subordination of Ukraine to NATO and EU! No sell-out of Ukraine's resources to foreign corporations! No stationing of European or any other foreign troops in Ukraine!*

** Down with all imperialist powers – NATO and EU as well as Russia! In all conflicts between these powers, socialists oppose both camps!*

** For a workers government based on popular councils and militias! For an independent and socialist Ukraine!*

** Down with the bonapartist dictatorship of Putin! Defend democratic rights! For the right of self-determination for all national minorities in Russia! For a socialist Russian Federation!*



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Putin's Poodles (Apologies to All Dogs)

*The pro-Russian Stalinist parties and
their arguments in the current NATO-Russia Conflict*

by Michael Pröbsting, February 2022

Introduction * 1. NATO is the sole aggressor! Really? * Is it relevant for Marxists who is the aggressor? * What is causing the escalation of tensions between Great Powers: the party of warmongers or the imperialist system? * Can socialists defend "legitimate spheres of influence" of Great Powers? * Putin and Great Russian Chauvinism claim that the Ukraine is not an independent nation * Stalinism versus Bolshevism: The Ukraine and the right of national self-determination * From Kazakhstan to Syria: Stalinism is siding with the counterrevolution * Is Russian imperialism a "force of social progress"? Discussion of a remarkable Stalinist document * Stalinism and social-imperialism: concluding remarks * Footnotes

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Three Years of the Russian-Ukrainian Crisis

Article by the Communist Tendency (RCIT Section in Russia), 20 February 2025

The bloody slaughter on the territory of Ukraine has been going on for three years. The oppressed Ukrainian nation continues to resist Putin's imperialist invasion. The scale of destruction, victims and broken lives is hard to overestimate as hundreds of thousands have been killed and millions became refugees.

"In times of peace, the capitalist system takes away all joy in life from the worker. In times of war, it takes away everything, even life," said the revolutionaries in Kienthal in April 1916.

After Trump came to power in the United States, journalists increasingly write that American and Russian imperialists will simply divide Ukraine and that bargaining is underway. This may be true. At the moment, negotiations between the Putin and Trump administrations are very intensive, which suggests that a deal to divide Ukraine is possible in the near future. The European Union and China may play a certain role.

In essence, a classic imperialist plunder of the country is taking place; almost everyone has turned away from Ukraine. Since February 2022, we have been warning about such a development, and now even narrow-minded centrists are beginning to suspect something and agree with the arguments of internationalists.

Unfortunately, we see the most likely scenario as the outcome of events that will lead to Ukraine being forced into an unfavourable "peace". Such a peace can be generally considered a victory of Russian (and American) imperialism over an oppressed nation. But there are different ways to win or lose. Obviously, there will be no total defeat of Ukraine; it can retain its subjectivity, independence, and non-alignment, and this will already be a kind of victory over the voracious Western and Eastern predators. However, the war is not over yet.

"The capitalist governments tremble with fear that they will have to return from the bloody battlefields without booty, with only the burden of billions of debts and the curses of millions of widows and orphans. They tremble before the inevitable day of the end of the war, which threatens to become the day of retribution" - so said the third Zimmerwald (Stockholm) Conference.

Our ideological inspirers, the Bolshevik-Leninists and related revolutionary-Marxist groups, gave us an example of consistent internationalism back in 1914, refusing to vote for the military budgets of their countries and paying dearly for it. They always emphasised: the main enemy is in your own country! In direct conflicts between imperialists, they fought for the defeat of all camps. In conflicts between an imperialist and an oppressed country, they supported the latter. Revolutionary opponents of the war held three anti-war conferences at the beginning of the 20th century, where the foundations of a new future international were laid: in Zimmerwald in 1915, in Kienthal in 1916 and in Stockholm in 1917.

The current war, of course, has a dual character and is not yet a new world war. On the one hand, it is a war of national defence against colonial imperialist invasion, on the other hand, it is taking place against the backdrop of increasing inter-imperialist contradictions, an economic cold war and sanctions.

If in the first year and a half of the war, Ukrainians experienced a rise in national spirit and faith in victory, the mood began to change after the unsuccessful counteroffensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the summer of 2023. It also changed due to the political and economic situation in which the pro-Western neoliberal government of Zelensky has led the country. The centrist and pacifist who claim that supporting Ukraine's national defence makes no sense because the morale of the army and the nation as a whole is declining are pure hypocrites - they have failed to support Ukraine from the very beginning of the war, since February 2022! They agitated for sabotage of arms supplies, called for defeatism, thereby playing into the hands of militaristic and chauvinistic circles. Their "socialist strategy" is not only a fiction but also lacks inner logic!

These centrist social pacifists also often apply the slogan of national self-determination to oppressor nations. Lenin repeatedly warned that a mechanical analysis of the imperialist system is unacceptable; that under imperialism national democratic wars and revolutions are possible. If we recall Lenin's works on national self-determination, it becomes clear that this right is not an abstract democratic slogan, but a slogan that is integrated into the program of the revolutionary liberation struggle. The right of national self-determination is the right of oppressed nations, not oppressor nations. The right of national self-determination of oppressor nations can easily lead to the oppression of other, weaker nations.

For example, communists do not support the "right of national self-determination" of the white population of South Africa, because this would consolidate their ownership of African land.

Likewise, they do not support the "right of national self-determination" of the Protestant population of Northern Ireland (an artificial enclave created by British imperialism), which would consolidate London's plunder of this land.

In the same way, the communists did not support the "right of national self-determination" of the French settlers in Algeria or the white settlers in Rhodesia (today Zimbabwe), who demanded to be part of France (in the first case) or to have their own apartheid state (in the second case; they implemented this demand, by the way, between 1965 and 1979). These white settlers lived in these countries much longer than the Israeli Jews in Palestine.

On the other hand, the Marxist positions were attacked by the ultra-left, repeating since 2014 that they do not care where exactly the border of this or that bourgeois state will be. They still do not understand that the duty of the proletariat is to fight against any annexation efforts of the imperialist invader. The revolutionary class fight annexations not because it considers the geographical map of the world to be in the interests of the peoples and therefore not subject to change. However, socialism itself strives to eliminate all national oppression by means of the economic and political unification of peoples on democratic principles, which is not feasible within the framework of capitalist states.

Annexations, in whatever form they may take, make it difficult to achieve this goal, because the violent dismemberment of a nation, its arbitrary division and annexation to foreign states worsen the conditions of the proletarian class struggle.

Until socialism has achieved freedom and equality for all nations, it is the constant duty of the revolutionary class to fight energetically by developing the class struggle against all national oppression, to resist violence against weaker nations, to demand the protection of national minorities and the right to independence on the basis of full democracy.

Those who oppose Lenin's policy of national self-determination, openly or disguised, have departed from Marxism and this has been reflected in the opportunist approach to the Russian-Ukrainian crisis. Giving a class assessment of this or that state, they forgot that the class nature of a state is determined not by its political forms, but by its social content, i.e. the nature of those forms of ownership and production relations that a given state protects and defends. Marxist axioms have again passed by the ultra-leftists and centrists.

The low level of understanding of Marxist theory and the political infantilism of self-proclaimed "communists" is often justified by some "dialectics" understood only by them. But dialectics are not all the same. The dialectic

of these self-proclaimed "Marxists" is the dialectic of phenomena close to their thinking. This is the dialectic of pseudoscientific geopolitics, the dialectic of the world-system "struggle of civilizations", the dialectic of social patriotism and adaptation to the national imperialist bourgeoisie.

The dialectic of internationalists is the dialectic of the struggle of the world working class, the dialectic of the anti-imperialist struggle of oppressed nations, the dialectic of the struggle for democratic rights under the conditions of the impending right-wing dictatorship.

To sum it up, we will say: the struggle is not over yet. In Ukraine, Syria, Palestine, the working masses have faith in a bright future and weapons. And this is worth a lot. And to all who are not yet completely demoralized and whose Marxist worldview has not been completely deformed and distorted by ultra-leftism, centrism-pacifism or social chauvinism we say:

** Long live the democratic rights and legitimate national defence of oppressed nations!*

** Freedom for Ukraine!*

** Long live the new revolutionary world party!*

** Fight for a new, just world! No to imperialist war! Long live class war!*

** Build grassroots organizations and initiatives!*

** Join RCIT!*



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Ukraine: A Capitalist Semi-Colony

On the exploitation and deformation of Ukraine's economy
by imperialist monopolies and oligarchs since capitalist restoration in 1991

By Michael Pröbsting, January 2023

Introduction * I. The Marxist Theory of Imperialism and the Concept of Semi-Colonies * II. The Dead-End of Bureaucratic Stalinism * III. The Devastating Social & Economic Consequences of Capitalist Restoration * IV. The Semi-Colonial Deformation of Ukrainian Capitalism since 1991 (1. Oligarchs: the creation of a comprador bourgeoisie; 2. A semi-colonial supplier of raw materials for the capitalist world market; 3. Deep in the trap of foreign debt; 4. Foreign investment: the imperialist plunder of the Ukraine; 5. Migration: the Ukraine provides cheap labour force) * V. Ukraine: A Dependent Country Torn between Great Powers in East & West * VI. Russia's Push to Colonise the Ukraine since February 2022 and NATO's Efforts to Increase its Influence * VII. The Way Forward: From National Liberation to Social Revolution * Footnotes

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The Role of the Zionism in Helping the far-right AfD in Germany

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine)*, 24 February 2025

The financial reports of Mercedes, one of the most important industries in Germany, creates a panic in Germany and may be in other euro-imperialist states. According to the reports, the company is expected to suffer a 30 percent drop in profits compared to 2024, which was a bad year for the company.

This report is going to influence the federal election in Germany, taking place yesterday (Sunday) and it is possible that the far right, the Alternative for Germany (AfD), will become the strongest party in Germany, a very strong pro Zionist state.

The German Social democracy party maintains a staunchly pro-Zionist attitude. Scholz has steered Germany away from the prevalent European calls for an arms embargo against Israel. In defiance of the order by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Scholz is one of the few European heads of government who has publicly declared that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will not be arrested by authorities if he sets foot in Germany. Still more surprising, Scholz's position is virtually unchallenged in the Bundestag. This helps the AfD.

The AfD is not only pro Zionist but rides on pro Zionism to attack immigrants from Muslim states to increase its influence.

"According to a report by Drop Site News An event featuring Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, at the so-called Free University of Berlin had been cancelled after the German capital's mayor called her appearance "a disgrace"; the Israeli ambassador to Berlin is reported to have requested the cancellation because of Albanese's critical comments about Israel. A re-scheduled event at Junge Welt was only permitted with the presence of police" [i]

"Talking about Israeli violations of Palestinian rights has always been sensitive in Germany. But the problem has escalated to the point that it is really, really scary," Albanese told the press before her talk. Germany's support for Israel, known as the Staatsräson, has become a major domestic political issue in recent years and especially since the Israel-Gaza conflict escalated after the Hamas attack on October 7 2023, with the country using harsh laws intended to combat neo-Nazis against Palestinian activists. "After a while it really gets under your skin," Albanese added. "There has been a crackdown on freedom of expression, of freedom of assembly" [ii]

The German mainstream's rejection of international law and civil liberties and the rise of its far right are intrinsically linked. Germany's far-right party, the Alternative for Germany (AfD), has played a key role in Staatsräson for its own purposes – using the topic as an issue to demonize migrants from Muslim countries as well as left-wing activists.

Almost all German political parties, media, police, citizenship authorities, and even universities and cultural institutions are working together to suppress activists, scholars, and even the UN's special rapporteur.

"I was really shocked by the political pressure on the universities and the anti-Palestinian racism, and I intend to write a report about it," Albanese, told Drop Site after the event. "It's clear that there is racism against the Palestinians here, negating their identity." [iii]

Under the mayor Kai Wegner of the Christian Democrats, known for his denial of the genocide in Gaza, Berlin has become a city of prosecuting pro-Palestinian speech, with protesters regularly brutalized, including Jewish students at a university occupation and women at marches protesting violence against women, as well as at a memorial for people killed by a right-wing terrorist.

The AfD has also get explicit support from Elon Musk who, according to the Washington Post, has used X to amplify AfD, tweeted multiple times that *"only AfD can save Germany,"* and invited its candidate for chancellor Alice Weidel to a discussion on X.

"It appears that Israel's government and Germany's far right share an interest in portraying Palestinians as today's Nazis with global or Israeli leftists as their collaborators" [iv]

At the end of 2024, the AfD became the first far-right party to win a state election in Germany since the Nazis. In 2025, a post-war political taboo – known as the "fire-wall" – against collaboration with the far-right was loudly broken with the conservative Christian Democrat opposition working with them to a resolution about restricting the right to asylum. Liberal Germans were outraged, with hundreds of thousands going out on the streets to protest.

"Though openly embracing Nazism is effectively illegal, the party's co-founder Alexander Gauland notoriously downplayed the Nazi dictatorship as a mere "birdshit" in one thousand proud years of German history—allowing the party to flirt with Nazi rhetoric and advance a xenophobic nationalist politics." [v]

"Almost all German political parties, alongside local authorities and even cultural institutions have joined together in an alliance reaching from right and far-right through the center and the SPD to defend the "Reason of State" and crack down on migration from supposedly antisemitic countries, citizenship for foreigners, and civil liberties such as freedom of speech and assembly and academic freedom" [vi]

"In November 2024 a resolution provocatively titled "Never Again is Now" applying the disputed IHRA definition of antisemitism—which clearly limits criticism of Israel. This time the AfD voted with almost all the other parties. When the law was passed, senior AfD politician and granddaughter of Hitler's finance minister Beatrix von Storch celebrated the motion, claiming in a speech to the Bundestag that its "suggested solutions go in our direction." The law promises to "exhaust repressive possibilities, especially in criminal and citizenship law" to fight antisemitism, which von Storch translated into "put Muslim Antisemites on the plane and, bye, back home." [vii]

Down with the pro-Nazis!

Down with Zionism!

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

Endnotes:

[i] <https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/germany-election-afd-israel-palestine-free-speech> [ii] Ibid [iii] Ibid

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[vi] Ibid [vii] Ibid

Public Meeting in Berlin: Debate about the Class Character of China

Report (with photos and videos) by the RCIT Media Team, 22 January 2025

On 18 January, a highly interesting debate took place in Berlin about the class character of China. About 70 people participated in the meeting, which was addressed by three speakers at the platform, representing different positions.

Philipp Clyde, representing the *Spartakist-Arbeiterpartei Deutschlands* (German section of International Communist League [Fourth Internationalist]), argued that China is still a deformed workers state. He emphasised that China's state apparatus would still be the same as the one which carried out the social revolution in 1949 under Stalinist leadership. (An extended version of the Spartacists' position can be read here: <https://icli.org/spartacist/en/69/china>)

Jan Weil, representing the Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany (which plays a leading role in the international alliance ICOR), argued that China (and Russia) has become capitalist and imperialist. However, the MLPD also believes that a number of other countries like Argentina, Brazil, India, Mexico, Indonesia, Türkiye, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Iran have also become imperialist. (An extended version of the MLPD's position can be read here: https://www.mlpd.de/english/literature/On%20the%20Emergence%20of%20the%20New-Imperialist%20Countries_EN.pdf)

Michael Pröbsting, the International Secretary of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT), defended our analysis that China has become capitalist in the 1990s and later even transformed into an emerging imperialist power. At the same time, Michael explained that while Russia has also become an imperialist power, the above-mentioned countries which the MLPD calls "imperialist" are in fact advanced capitalist semi-colonies. (Our extensive reply to the critique of the Spartacists can be read here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/china-does-the-stalinist-regime-support-or-oppose-capitalism/>; for an elaboration of our analysis of new imperialist powers we refer e.g. to our book "Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry", <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/anti-imperialism-in-the-age-of-great-power-rivalry/>)

The meeting was (very well) organised by the German Spartacists. It was chaired by comrade Renate Dahlhaus who ran the meeting in a highly democratic way with 23 different participants speaking. Despite the very controversial positions, the debate took place in a constructive and comradely tone.

Our comrade Michael speaks at minute 36:55, 1:23:17, 1:52:05 and 2:13:50 (<https://youtu.be/EmzP-1QU-U>)



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

By Michael Pröbsting, September 2024

China: On the Relationship between the "Communist" Party and the Capitalists

Notes on the specific class character of China's ruling bureaucracy and its transformation in the past decades

China: On Stalinism, Capitalist Restoration and the Marxist State Theory

Notes on the transformation of social property relations under one and the same party regime

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

Latin America under Attack by Yankee Imperialism

For the second national and social liberation!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 05.02.2025

1. The Trump Administration has declared war against the peoples of Latin America. It has started to deport thousands of migrants in the U.S., it threatens to impose high tariffs on every country which does not subordinate to its wishes, it threatens to invade Panama and to take over the Canal and it threatens to violate the national sovereignty of Mexico by waging cross-border military raids against “drug cartels”.

2. The purpose of the new foreign policy of the White House is to whip up U.S. chauvinism and to intensify the imperialist subjugation and super-exploitation of Latin America – a continent of capitalist semi-colonies.

3. While bourgeois governments – like those of Claudia Sheinbaum in Mexico, of Gustavo Petro in Colombia or José Raúl Mulino in Panama – verbally protest against this imperialist aggression, they fail to organise any serious resistance. They humbly accept to receive the deportation flights from the U.S. or agree to mobilise 10,000 soldiers to the Mexican-U.S. border in order to “combat drug trafficking”. When there was an attempt to have a summit of Latin American states in order to organise a joint response to Trump, the meeting was cancelled soon after its announcement.

4. The Latin American bourgeoisie is divided between those sectors which are servile lackeys of U.S. imperialism (like the right-wing governments of Argentina, Paraguay or Ecuador), those which serve Chinese and Russian imperialism (like Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua or Bolivia) and those which try to do business with the Western as well as Eastern Great Powers without annoying one or the other. All of these governments serve the interests

of their bourgeoisie resp. their imperialist allies but are enemies of their own people.

5. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its Latin American sections denounce these pro-imperialist governments. We call workers and popular organisations to organise support for migrants in the U.S., to pressurize their governments to resist the Yankees and to prepare their country against a potential U.S. invasion. Furthermore, they should call for the expropriation of U.S. corporations and their nationalisation under workers control. They should also demand a rupture with the IMF, the cancellation of debt payments to imperialist financial institutions and the end of security agreements with the United States that militarize Mexico and Central America under the pretext of the War on Drugs (e.g. the *Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America*, the *U.S.-Mexico Bicentennial Framework for Security* (better known as the *Merida Initiative*) and the *Central American Regional Security Initiative*).

6. Workers and popular organisations should demand from governments which pretend to resist the pressure of the U.S. to put their words into deeds. While we unconditionally oppose all forms of imperialist tariffs as an instrument of Great Power aggressions, we defend the right of semi-colonial countries to impose tariffs against imports from imperialist countries as a (limited) instrument of anti-imperialist resistance.

Latin America for the Latin American peoples – not for Yankee imperialism!

For the second national and social liberation!

For a socialist federation of Latin America!

Massive Mobilization for Democratic Freedoms in Argentina

Report by Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina), 01.02.2025

On 1st February, a massive protest took place in Argentina, following President Milei’s speech in Washington, with attacks on the LGBT community. The largest mobilization took place in Buenos Aires, but marches were held throughout the country and in other parts of the world where Argentines and citizens of other countries gathered in solidarity with the march in Argentina.

It was a political event of great importance, because it went beyond the sectoral claim and became a point of unity of all the claims against the national government.

According to the organizers, they estimate the participation of about 800,000 people throughout the country, with slogans against the adjustment, and specific slogans such as “we will never return to the closet.” The march was called under the slogan “federal anti-fascist march.”

From *Convergencia Socialista*, the Argentine section of the CCRI, although we do not share the characterization of the government as “fascist”, we participate in the mobilization, which is the first of 2025 against the policy of adjustment and curtailment of rights of the government of Javier Milei.



Argentina: Justice for Male

Report by *Convergencia Socialista* (RCIT Section in Argentina), 24.01.2025

Comrades of *Convergencia Socialista*, the Argentine section of the RCIT, participated in a huge mobilization demanding justice for a femicide.

A brutal murder occurred on Monday 20th January in a hotel located in Ingeniero Budge, Lomas de Zamora, where Daniel Chamorro Enzón, a 26-year-old man, allegedly slit the throat of his partner, Malena Micaela Concha Soto, 25, inside the room where they had entered moments before the attack. The victim was the mother of at least one child, according to her records. She had been a pre-school student at the Institute 103.

The aggressor escaped, but personnel from the departmental DDI of the Buenos Aires Police arrested him a few hours later. The security cameras were the key: they showed the accused as he entered the hotel with the woman. They also reported his exit and his subsequent escape

through a side entrance of the place.

Police sources said that the incident was reported to 911 from the scene of the incident, the Satélite hotel, on Cosquín street at 18.00. Once there, the Buenos Aires Police interviewed the manager, who said that, around 2:30 p.m., a couple had entered room 17, which was where the femicide occurred.

On Tuesday 21st January, family and friends called for a demonstration at the house of the murderer, which we attended. It was a huge mobilisation of the neighbourhood since everyone attended, showing solidarity with Male. It was impressive to see children and women asking for justice, shouting MURDERER at Chamorro's family.

On Monday 27/1, there will be a march to the courts in Lomas de Zamora demanding life imprisonment for Chamorro. A huge turnout is expected.



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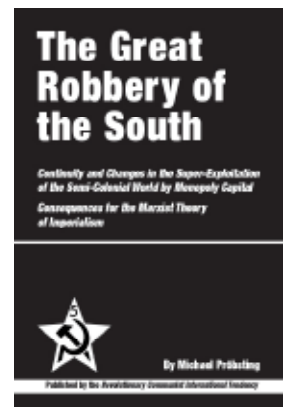
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

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

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On the Rwandan-backed Invasion of the DRC

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The Congo has been reduced to a dystopian nightmare, first by colonialism and now by imperialism and neo-colonialism. After the ruthlessly pernicious reign of Leopold II that turned the area the size of Western Europe into a slave-colony where the blood of 10-20 million Africans were ransomed for naked primitive accumulation of wealth and resources which still leaves its scar on the land and eco-system of the region till today. The colonizers had not had its fill of the resources of the Congo even after granting the colony formal independence in 1962, this time their sights were set on the solid minerals of the country. So they resorted to proxy actors who led a drive to continue the barbarous pilfering of the riches in the bowels of the country resulting in fresh rounds of never ending calamity for the Africans trapped in the successor state of the Belgian Congo that was marked by the execution of the first democratically elected prime minister of the Congo, Patrice Lumumba and the inception of the thirty-year long dictatorship of Joseph Désiré Mobutu.

As in all parts of Africa the European colonizers never truly left, they sustained their influence and consolidated their interests either as settler colonists or through proxy/junior colonizers. The current war – the capture of Goma by the M23 militia and its subsequent seizure of more territory – is a result of the interplay of the latter two forces represented by the comprador bourgeoisie of the DRC, Rwanda, with a host of other African countries, in the context of general shifts in the geopolitics of imperialism and Great Power rivalry. Needless to say, the war is another aggravated phase in a 30-year long conflict which cost the lives of at least 7 million Congolese and the displacement of at least 8 million others spanning majorly from the eastern provinces of the DRC that borders Rwanda and Uganda since 1996.

In the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide and collapse of the Soviet Union while Yugoslavia was imploding with member countries and nations at war, the US and other Western powers felt comfortable enough to try their hands on regime change anywhere they could. So, they backed the ouster of their now “unpopular” puppet in the Congo, Joseph Desire Mobutu. Led by Paul Kagame in Rwanda and Yoweri Museveni in Uganda, the general pretext, apart from bringing down the dictator, was vanquishing Hutu Interamwe cells that had participated in and led the Rwandan genocide who as public opinion would have it then did not only pose a threat to Rwanda but also have been launching attacks on Congolese Tutsis and against Rwanda. By 1997 the Mobutu regime had been swept away by a tidal wave of foreign African armies including Angola, Zimbabwe and Tanzania all of which had a score to settle with the dictator or eyed personal interests and mining concessions in exchange. Laurent Désiré Kabila was installed in his stead.

Now the invasion of the Congo in which Rwanda played a leading role started with a Tutsi armed group that was about 2000 strong commanded by James Kabarebe, a Tutsi army officer and close confidant of Rwandan ruler, Paul Kagame. After Kabila became the head of the Congolese government Kabarebe was made Chief of Staff in the mil-

itary alongside other Tutsi who were given key positions in the army but as pressure mounted on Kabila he began the unceremonious deportation of foreign troops and replaced Kabarebe and other Tutsis in position. This again incensed Rwanda and another rebellion of Tutsis in the Eastern Congo was underway under the Rally for Congolese Democracy (RCD). By the time the RCD was formed thousands of troops from Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi were under Kabarebe’s command, the rebellion spiraled into another effort for regime change in the midst of which Kabila would lose his life during a months-long stalemate made possible by his old African allies and some new ones joining the war on his side. Joseph Kabila, who brought the war to a close in 2003 was installed as head of state following his father’s demise.

The war to remove Kabila was responsible for 80 percent of the direct and indirect casualties from 1996-2003 and the millions of internally displaced, yet Rwanda and Uganda continued to back armed insurgents notably among the Tutsi population in the DRC. The enormous mineral wealth of the Congo is a major motivation for the neo-colonial scramble and war for the region. Buried in the soil are almost inexhaustible deposits of coltan, cobalt, tungsten, copper, niobium and semi-conductors which are vital in the IT industry and the production of electric cars and automated systems.

The drive for these minerals has reduced the people especially in the eastern part of the country to a population of scrap-eaters working with their bare hands in vast mining enclaves controlled by a multiplicity of armed groups who answer to and are funded by different African governments who in turn are merely puppets of multinational corporations and imperialists. The Congo is also home to the world’s 2nd largest rain-forest with thousands of wild plant and animal species and one of the world’s largest timber reserves, add to this the large gold and diamond deposits.

Paul Kagame the butcher of the Great Lakes region has been the conduit of all these resources and more to his imperialist masters in the EU; multinational tech giants like Apple and Tesla; and Arab gulf states like the UAE. His Tutsi-dominated M23 rebels are the hatchet men supervising the plunder. The M23 is an offshoot of the CNDP armed group and the grandchild of Kabarebe’s RCD. While the post-independence history of the central African region is replete with skirmishes and massacres by one ethnic-nationality against the other the decisive factor is what hegemonic structure the colonizers entrenched. It is on this that the foundation of all inter-ethnic conflicts are linked and the multiplicity of the various armed groups in any part of the continent can be understood. In the Great Lakes region it is the Tutsi hegemony which spans two countries in the region Rwanda, Uganda, and is trying to establish a foothold in the Congo.

We know that in Rwanda Germany, followed by Belgium, entrenched Tutsi dominance and aggravated already existing discrimination against, and subjugation of, the Hutu and the Twa before the 1959 Hutu revolt, when many Tutsi were massacred, led to the country’s independence from

Belgium in 1962. The Rwandan civil war which began in 1990 during the collapse of the Soviet Union was the attempt to re-establish Tutsi supremacy by the self-same Rwandan Patriotic Front, the one-party state that rules Rwanda to this day. By shooting down a plane containing the Hutu presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, Paul Kagame and the RPF triggered the fray with which they took power only now they seem to have erased their odious history with the Rwandan genocide that they likely partook in.

The M23 is the proxy militia of the Tutsi hegemony, the junior colonist in the region with blessing of the imperialists. The Congolese comprador bourgeoisie from Mobutu to Papa Kabila to Baby Kabila and now Felix Tshisekedi is incapable of stopping them because their hands are equally blotted with blood from the atrocities of neocolonialism.

At different times they played a conciliatory role to the hegemon's advance trying to negotiate and even ally with it in a bid to manage the neo-colonial model. For instance, Papa Kabila stood idly by as Tutsi militias massacred the Hutu population of the Kivus during the first Congo wars that toppled Mobutu. He would later arm and support the same Hutus to help him stall the advance of the RCD when his erstwhile bedfellows turned against him. In short, the Tshisekedi government like others before him never fought for the liberation and self-determination of the peoples of the Congo but to maintain their place as intermediaries or caretakers of a modern Congo Free State where the imperialists from East and West and multinational corporations play the role of King Leopold. Little wonder the country is crawling with foreign mercenaries and the largest UN "peace-keeping" force.

The region now known as the DRC was mapped out by Henry Morton Stanley as a gigantic resource crater for the King of the Belgians and its fate as that ready-made resource crater for the next authority or dominion was sealed when after 1908 the Belgian government took over from Leopold and there was little to no difference in the ruthless exploitation of the land and its people.

Just as the RPF saw an opening with the collapse of the Soviet Union when they started the Rwandan civil war so does the M23 hope to change the regime in Kinshasa during the protectionist solo-imperialist Trump administration. At least 3000 people have been killed with thousands more displaced while capturing Goma, another humanitarian catastrophe is impending should the M23 march on the Kinshasa. This is apart from the sexual terrorism of the M23, the Congolese army and its foreign allies like SADEC and the UN peace-keeping force against women and girls. Reports have it that hundreds of female inmates were brutally raped and burned alive at Munzenze prison during the M23 takeover of Goma. According to multiple surveys carried out by various advocacy groups 48 women (and girls) are raped every hour in the DRC.

We call for the defeat and expulsion of M23 from the eastern DRC without giving any support to the Tshisekedi government. Workers and youth must form independent armed self-defense councils and militias to resist the advance of M23 and to end all mining operations in the DRC. We call revolutionaries, activists and progressives to increase agitation among the Congolese military against the neo-colonial Tshisekedi government, multinational tech-giants benefiting from the resource war and imperi-

alism with an end to all mining cum exploration of natural resources in the DRC. Armed groups dominated by oppressed ethnic-nationalities in the eastern DRC must not be left out of this sensitization. Naturally ending all mining operations and resource exploration in the country cannot be actualized without the assent of the indigenous people of the different regions where these operations take place. That is why we support the self-determination of all oppressed ethnic nationalities in the DRC and the end of Tutsi supremacy in the DRC, Rwanda, Uganda and the whole Great Lakes region.

While we strongly oppose massacres and expulsion of other ethnic groups as a means of national liberation we stand for the highest form of autonomy for all oppressed ethnic groups on their native lands. The events in the Congo should by now sound the alarm to awaken those Pan Africanists who want a United States of Africa using the Berlin countries as building blocks from their delusional slumber since it is the largest of them – the DRC – that is most crises ridden. While small countries like Rwanda that is barely the size of a large state in Nigeria has held it to ransom for 30 years. This is consistent with the capitalist model where minority nations subjugate large nations or a vast number of smaller nations and is kind of a repetition of the rule of tiny Belgium over a region the size of Western Europe. The decisive factor for anti-imperialism in Africa is not the size of the country or the multiplicity of ethno-states but the dominance of the hegemonic nations backed by the Great Powers.

** For A People's War Against the M23! Form Independent Armed Self-Defense Workers' and Popular Councils and Militias to Defeat and Drive Out M23 From The DRC! These Self-Defense Militias Must Protect Women and Children from Rape and Sexual Assault and Mandate Death Penalty for Rapists!*

** Stop All Mining and Resource Exploration in the DRC! Out With All Mining Concession Companies in the Congo! Apple, Tesla and Google Hands-off the DRC! Support the Global Boycott Movement Against Apple, Tesla, Google!*

** Rwanda, Uganda, US, UK, Israel, EU, Hands-off the Congo! End All Purchase of Minerals from and Arms Sale to Rwanda! Disband MONUSCO and Drive Out All UN Peace-keepers From the Congo! Down With the Tutsi Hegemony in the Great Lakes Region!*

** Freedom and Self Determination up to Independence for All Oppressed Ethnic Nationalities in the DRC! Such Independent Nations or Autonomous Regions Must Be Run by a Workers' and Poor Peasant Government to Be Free from National Oppression and Imperialism!*

