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MASS REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAK

They fight for bread, water and against the regime of the dictatorship of the Ayatollahs



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THE RESISTANCE DOES NOT SURRENDER



HUGE REVOLUTIONARY UPRISING FOR WATER IN KHUZESTAN PROVINCE

They cannot be isolated!

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Faced with the repression of the Ayatollahs ... Self-defense committees!

Let's march to the barracks to find the common soldiers so that they go over to the side of the people!



Roadblock in Khuzestan

For 8 consecutive days, in the province of Khuzestan (located in the south-west of Iran, on the border with Iraq) the exploited masses have revolted against the murderous regime of the billionaire Iranian ayatollahs. There they fight in the streets, in the pickets, facing the forces of repression. Roads are blocked. The rulers are denounced publicly. The entire province is on fire. The masses have taken to the streets in the cities of Ahwaz, Susangerd, Hamidiyeh, Chamran, Khorramshahr, Shadegan, Mahshahr, Hoveyzeh, Ramhormoz, Izeh, Karon and Abadan. They are true revolutionary days.

The exploited of this province, an Arab minority within the Persian country, are rebelled because they no longer have water due to the ayatollahs having diverted the course of their rivers, so depriving them of water for drinking and irrigation. The land in that province, which is rich for crops, is drying up. Farmers' cattle die of dehydration. There is a lack of drinking water in the houses.

The oil workers in this province (home 80% of Iran's reserves) are part of the national oil strike throughout Iran, which has been going on for more than a month, for decent wages and for the end of job insecurity. Workers at Iran's largest steel mill and Haft Tappeh sugar mills (both also in Khuzestan province) are on strike too and have joined this fight. Actually, in this province that produces 16% of Iran's GDP, the second most important in

production after the capital Tehran, there is no water, no electricity, unemployment is rife and wages are not enough for making ends meet! The clergymen live like kings and the people live like beggars!

The ayatollahs respond to the mobilizations with bullets of their Islamic murderous guard. They brought in reinforcements from all over the country to carry out this brutal repression. Five young workers have already fallen dead in the fighting and there are hundreds of wounded. The injured must be treated at home, for they cannot go to the hospital because they would be detained immediately. Massive arrests have begun.

Intense clashes with the forces of repression are worsening. Ayatollahs are trying to reach agreements with oil workers and other sectors in Iran to isolate Ahwaz and massacre there bloodily as they did in 2019, or now in Syria and Iraq. But there have also been mobilizations in support of Ahwaz in other parts of Iran.

The Ahwaz uprising should not be isolated! Their demands are the same which the working class and the exploited people of Iran have been fighting for. For a national strike committee that coordinates all oil workers and sectors to achieve decent work with a monthly wage equal to the family basket for all!

For self-defense committees to face repression! Let us march to the army barracks

to look for the rank and file soldiers, the workers' and poor peasants' children under arms, so that they can take their weapons over to the side of the people! For committees of common soldiers! Let's coordinate the factory, workplace, and poor peasant committees to set up the shoras, the workers' and soldiers' councils of the 1979 revolution coordinated at the regional and national levels!

The working class has in its hands the possibility of breaking the siege that imperialism imposes on Iran, and defeating the starving and repressive regime of the Ayatollahs who have done huge and very profitable business while the masses suffer the worst of miseries.

We must expropriate the banks and the oil, petrochemical, and all companies to have funds to guarantee wages, water, electricity and decent living conditions for all the Iranians! People in Iran, Lebanon, Iraq and the Syrian resistance face the same enemy: the imperialist oil companies and their local partners such as the Iranian ayatollahs. The same fight against the same enemy! Let the Ayatollahs and all the regimes in the region fall! Out with the Iranian Guard and its brigades from Syria and Iraq! Out with imperialism and its embargoes and looting! Throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East, the same Intifada!

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Insurrection for water in Khuzestan, in the middle of an oil strike that is shaking Iran

Revolutionary uprising of the masses against the multi-millionaire Iranian theocracy

A great uprising is shaking Khuzestan province. For 3 days straight the masses took to the streets in all the cities of that province surrounding the police stations, the rulers offices, blocking routs, confronting the repressive forces. They fight for water. So much the regime of the Ayatollah has put the weight of the crisis on the masses (see article....) that they have no water! There is no water for crops; cattle are dying of thirst and there is no drinkable water in the houses. For this reason there were also demonstrations of peasants in other regions such as Isfahan. In other cities there are demonstrations calling for "Death to Khamenei!"

These sectors were promoted and are headed by the working class in struggle. An oil workers strike was unleashed. It has entered its 27th day, paralyzing 105 facilities (among refineries, fields, petrochemical complexes and power stations) in 35 cities of 8 provinces, and keeps on expanding to each time more parts of this sector. The Iranian economy is based mainly in oil and gas production, for which paralyzing a large share of it is a great blow dealt by the working class against the starvation regime. Together with the oil workers, different sectors like the metalworkers, sugar cane workers, truck drivers, bus drivers and municipal workers joined the strike. They fight to collect the wage arrears, for decent wages and to end labor outsourcing and temporary workers to be permanent.

The workers have set up committees in factories, companies, neighborhoods where they organized the strikes and demonstrations. These organisms are the ones that we need to extend, develop and coordinate regionally and nationally. Forward to build up the shoras (workers and rank and file soldiers councils) as in 1979!

From here, we need to march to the headquarters to win over the rank and file soldiers, the children of the workers and poor peasants in arms, to set up their committees, disobeying their officers and putting the guns at the service of the rising people.

Build up self-defense committees to confront the police, the Basij and all the Iranian repressive forces! Dissolve the praetorian counter-revolutionary Islamic Guard! Out with their troops, gurkha of imperialism, from Syria and Iraq!

The multimillionaire Ayatollah, seeing the siege, got richer and threw the crisis to the workers.

The clerics live as kings and the people live as beggars! Down with the murderous regime of the Iranian theocracy! Out with imperialism



Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers on strike marching and joining the struggle

with its blockade and plundering!

The working class has in its hands the possibility of putting an end to the blockade and a way out of the crisis by expropriating the banks, oil and gas fields and all factories, putting all resources to guarantee decent wages, wage for all, give cheap loans to the peasants and renew infrastructure to guarantee water and electricity supply.

The workers, which today are rising in Iran, have a great task of great significance for all the masses in Maghreb and Middle East: to defeat the Ayatollah and their counterrevolutionary guard that scourge all the oppressed in the region. They went to Syria as hitmen to support al-Assad and massacre the revolution. In Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine, whether they are partners of the local bourgeoisies or they are integrated to the different regimes that are supported even with their special forces.

In this entire region of the planet there is the same enemy: imperialism and its different agents and partners of the local bourgeoisies, which have dedicated to massacre the masses, to plunge them in misery while guaranteeing the plunder of the oil companies and they keep a juicy cut. The revolutionary struggle against them is a single one. The victory of this struggle, together with the fight of the working class in USA and Europe that can hit imperialism from within are the key to end once and for all the blockade to Iran, the plunder of the region and to have a decent life. In the entire Maghreb and Middle East, one single intifada!

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Under conditions of economic crash, starvation, miserable wages, unemployment, while the country's wealth is stolen...

The powerful Iranian working class has risen up

And drags with them the poor peasants and the ruined middle classes of the cities to the fight

The revolutionary general strike to defeat both the hated regime of the theocracy and the imperialist plunder is at the order of the day

Those who are fighting are the allies of the Syrian resistance, the Palestinian people, the Iraqi and Lebanese uprisings

A huge strike has been unleashed in Iran in the oil, gas, energy and petrochemical sector since more than a week ago. It is a strike in a key sector, since Iran is the second oil exporter in the world and possesses the second largest natural gas reserves in the planet. The demands are mainly the payment of wages in arrears, an increase in wages as the cost of living has been constantly increasing over these last years, and a contract with job security against outsourcing or temporary employment.

The strike began in Tehran and soon it started spreading throughout the country. Thousands and thousands of workers joined, in dozens of companies, oil fields, refineries, petrochemical plants, power stations, etc., in more than 8 provinces.

Also, other workers from different sectors joined the now called "Campaign 1400", as it is a campaign of strikes and struggles in the year 1400 in the Islamic calendar used in Iran. Recently graduated teachers marched to the education ministry demanding jobs. Truck drivers went on strike. Cement workers in Isfahan also went on strike. The sugar cane workers of Haft Tappeh and bus drivers in Tehran issued statements in support and went on strike, as well as the metalworkers.

On the other hand, in the face of water scarcity, the government decided to close the river Zayandeh, leaving the water canals without supply for the farms, ruining crops and pushing the poor peasants to the struggle. In Isfahan the peasants have been surrounding the regional water department offices for days.

In this Iran, whose infrastructure is falling apart, power is no longer in the cities, which has caused repeated protests against the blackouts. During those blackouts, every night, the masses take advantage of darkness so they are not exposed before the fascist repressive regime of the Ayatollah and march to the war cry "Death to Khamenei!",



Oil workers strike all across Iran

the supreme ayatollah and Iran's top ruler.

Each day that passes, more workers join the fight, the crowds become thicker, the poor peasants keep fighting for water... It is a great revolutionary struggle headed by the working class with its methods of struggle, directly confronting the Ayatollahs, as they plunge the masses into misery.

Iran is blocked by imperialism and its economy is declining. The Ayatollahs throw the crisis on the working class and the poor people

All sectors in struggle have the same demands: end of outsourcing and temporary contracts, a decent wage and a necessary infrastructure where there is at least water and electricity. They are suffering the worst hardships, which were worsened over the last years. The country has 11% unemployment rate and a fall of 6% in the GDP in two years in a row, according to official data. The exports (mainly oil) have dropped since the economic sanctions imposed by the US to anyone that buys from Iran. This reduced the

revenues in state treasury and they started to "cut expenditure"; the first thing was not to pay wages. They printed Iranian currency without backup to afford other expenditures and the inflation sky-rocketed. In official figures, Iran's inflation is 40%.

US imperialism imposed a blockade to Iran that plunged its economy and the Ayatollah unloaded the burden of this crisis on the masses, by not paying wages or pension funds and with the cost of living increasing exponentially, so the workers and the people each day that passes can afford for less things. At the same time, they are imposing temporary labour contracts, for which workers can be jobless at any minute.

On the other hand, the Ayatollah have a lavish wealth. With their companies, they made juicy businesses with France and Germany, which are some of the main trading partners of Iran and have made huge investments in the oil and petrochemical industrial sector. The Ayatollahs collect euros while the people live with rials, each time more devaluated. They control the black market, where the scarce products (due to the blockade)

have absurdly high prices. They decide the state contracts. They kept the privatized companies. They own the contractor companies, profiting from the precarious working condition of many Iranian workers. **In Iran under the blockade of US imperialism, the Ayatollahs get richer and the workers and the people sink in misery. The US siege is against the masses! That's why the war cry of the Iranian masses "the clerics live as kings and the people live as beggars" is so accurate.**



turn a blind eye when Zionism massacres the Palestinian masses. They are a key counter-revolutionary factor in the entire region, which has served imperialism as a force to defeat the revolutions that were unleashed since 2011.

This is what this theocracy is about: a bunch of multimillionaire murderers and repressors of those who only seek for bread in the Middle East and in Iran. There are thousands and thousands of political prisoners in jail, convicted to death, many of them have been executed. The union activity is suppressed. There are jail sentences under torture for everyone who stands in opposition. In the first days of the current oil workers struggles there were 750 dismissed.

General strike until the Ayatollah regime falls! Out with imperialism and its blockade and plunder!

The only way of solving this pressing situation of the masses is taking the fight of the Iranian workers to victory. Long live the "Campaign 1400"!

This great action of the working class that has started to drag all the oppressed of the farms and the cities must transform now into a **general strike until the Ayatollah regime falls.** From the sectors in struggle and their factory and workplace committees that are calling and carrying forward the strikes, we need to organize this general strike. This is the way forward to set up the **shoras**, the workers councils, as in the '80s revolution, coordinated by town, province and nation-wide.

Attack the property of the capitalists! Expropriate all the oil and gas companies, the banks and every factory that shuts down, furloughs or lays off! From there we will have funds to impose a workers' plan to come out of the crisis, starting with reducing the working hours so all the unemployed can work, sharing the hours, guaranteeing wages equal to the family basket with increases ac-

ording to the increase in the cost of living and with all the temporary workers to become registered and full contracted permanent workers.

In this fight, we have to release from prison all the hostages the Ayatollahs have, which are those thousands and thousands arrested and jailed for fighting. **Free the political prisoners!**

In their struggle, the Iranian workers are confronting the Ayatollah regime, the US blockade and the businesses of France and Germany.

Out with imperialism, its plundering and blockade that starve the workers and the people!

The struggle of the Iranian working class is the sibling of the uprising of the exploited in Iraq and Lebanon, the struggles that the youth and unemployed staged in Tunisia, Algeria and Sudan for the same demands: a decent wage, a decent life, to escape from hunger and misery. **Today, the Iranian workers are at the vanguard of the struggle in the entire Middle East to put an end to the Iranian theocracy, a key pillar of the counter-revolution.**

They are a great ally of the Syrian resistance, because if they succeed in their struggle they can knock down one of the genocidal forces that invade Syria, putting an end to one of the greatest supports to al-Assad. They are a great ally for the Iraqi uprising. They are a great ally of the Palestinian people that fight against the Zionist occupier, whose borders are guarded by the Ayatollahs' partners: al-Assad and Hezbollah. **Throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East, one single intifada!**

Out with the Iranian Guard from Syria and Iraq!

The working class of the imperialist metropolises, especially USA and Europe, have the key to end the embargo to Iran, the business made by the Ayatollahs with French and German imperialisms and to strike against the headquarters of those who plunder the Maghreb and the Middle East.

Let's take to the streets in all the imperialist centres in support to the uprisings in the Middle East, to expel imperialism from the region and put an end to the blockade in Iran! Long live the internationalist unity of the working class!

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The US, now with Biden at the helm, takes advantage of this situation to let the Ayatollahs to continue throwing all the crisis to the working class. They leave the Ayatollahs to apply the worst plans of starvation and misery so they guarantee slave labour force. Thus, the US will negotiate with them later to end the embargo and enter with investments also and do business together. Investments in Iran are needed to update the whole industrial sector and the obsolete infrastructure it has, and to continue modernizing the oil, refineries and petrochemical sector. Besides this multi-millionaire business, Iran is part of the "Silk Road" from China, a trading route for the products made in the far east, of which Iran is a central part of it with borders with 7 countries and ports in the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea. These are the business deals that Biden wants, and he has already sent fleets armed to the teeth to the Persian Gulf and the Sea of China. They are the imperialist butchers of the Democratic Party negotiating at gunpoint.

The Ayatollahs are junior partners of imperialism and they slaughter and starve the masses of Iran, Syria, Iraq and the rest of the Middle East

The Ayatollah are junior partners of imperialism. They have agreements with France and Germany and they are now negotiating with Biden as they keep starving the masses. They sent their (counter)revolutionary Islamic Guard as imperialist gurbans to do the dirty work of massacring in Syria, and support al-Assad there. They are cracking down with live ammunition, together with the paramilitary guard of the Iraqi Shiite bourgeoisie they command, on the Iraqi exploited that fight for decent work. They slaughter the masses of the Middle East on behalf of the imperialist powers. They support Hezbollah to suppress the uprising of the masses in Lebanon. They

Syria

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After the phony elections of al-Assad

COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY OFFENSIVE TO SUBJUGATE AND CRUSH THE RESISTANCE

In Idlib and in the besieged sold-out Daraa demonstrations continue and they don't surrender the weapons

The exploited don't give up!

The recent elections of the regime, which were held over the basis of hundreds of thousands of dead, 15 million refugees, thousands and thousands of political prisoners under torture, gave a clear result which was not seen in the ballots but in the streets: **al-Assad has no legitimacy among the Syrian people.** In the streets of Idlib and in other countries where the Syrian refugees are concentrated there were huge demonstrations rejecting al-Assad and his elections, while in Daraa there were also confrontations with his genocidal forces. In the ballots there was only a number fabricated by al-Assad which is not good enough to settle a stable counterrevolutionary regime.

Al-Assad is supported only by the treacherous leaderships of the working class in the world, and also Russia, Iran, Hezbollah and imperialism and the UN that cleared the skies for him to make a mass slaughter and commit the worst war crimes. **The Assadist army is nothing more than an occupation force, one of the many that have invaded Syria, on behalf of imperialism.**

Despite such counterrevolution in ten years, of the aforementioned international support to al-Assad, of the siege to the revolution in Syria and the handing over of the rebel cities one by one by the Sunni bourgeois generals, the Syrian resistance marches over and over again with the war cry "the revolution continues" in Idlib. In Daraa, despite the city being handed over by the FSA 3 years ago, the resistance keeps marching against the regime. There are daily protests and clashes with al-Assad's army, sometimes cities of the southern governorate have been liberated with huge uprisings. The counterrevolution is not settled completely.



Month-long daily bombing on Jebel al Zawiya by the war criminals al-Assad and Putin

Recently, Biden met representatives of the European imperialist powers and then Putin. His statements showed his goal is China and Iran, and for that he needs in Middle East the masses not to remain in the streets. **In Syria he needs a complete defeat of the resistance so al-Assad's regime is not destabilized.**

That's why he leaves those who are operating in Syria (al-Assad, Putin, Turkey, etc.) to play each one their counterrevolutionary role and do what they need to crush the resistance completely. As long as USA keeps occupying the oil wells and taking the black gold, everything is valid to crush the masses, and if there's a dispute among USA's different agents, let them solve them among themselves.

Thus a few days ago al-Assad and Putin launched a campaign of bombings and artillery fire on the cities of Idlib neighbouring M4 and M5 highways in the border of that region, mainly Jebel Al Zawiya. At the same time, there's a rumour they will launch an offensive to enter Idlib, or at least, keep those highways, roads and crossings that

connect the region, leaving it isolated.

Synchronized with this, and using it as a "gun to the head", inside Idlib HTS has started to threaten every brigade or independent group that is still there to be subjected directly to its discipline, or else they would be dissolved, disarmed, vanished from Idlib or put into jail. HTS says it will "open the fronts" against al-Assad's attack but only with those under its direct command, which means this "front opening" is an attempt to subjecting the resistance that wants to fight against al-Assad.

In Daraa, the regime and Russia imposed a siege, isolating the city, without letting anyone in or out, until the resistance, which has been in uprisings and clashing against the regime there, disarms and surrenders.

The offensive they have launched is clear: the resistance must surrender and submit to one of the forces that are occupying and splitting Syria, otherwise they will end up in jail or killed. This is what al-Assad and Putin are looking for, as well as HTS or even the National Army, under the Turkish command, which is occupying

the Syrian north, where they persecute everyone that does not accept its discipline.

Al-Assad and Putin attack Idlib and besiege Daraa, but **the resistance does not surrender!** It's still on the streets of Idlib and they don't accept subordination to HTS. In Daraa they don't surrender the weapons, and march against the regime. We won't be able to defeat Al-Assad while subordinated to a bourgeois general that has made a common government agreement with him or is his partner in Geneva conference, from which they partitioned Syria under the US command. We need to regroup and unify the Syrian resistance under a program for victory, putting an end to all the sellouts we have suffered for 10 years.

To defeat the offensive of al-Assad on Daraa, to defeat him in Idlib and for the revolution to continue and reach Damascus, we need to **expropriate all the factories and banks to put all the available resources to win the war and for the people to eat.** We need to call the people in Daraa, Damascus, Quneitra, Ghouta to rise up, as well as in the cities that are suffering the fascist boot of al-Assad and the starvation and misery it imposes, to make a joint struggle with Idlib. **Open the fronts in al-Assad's rearguard!**

In Idlib, to open the fronts we need to **conquer the generalized arming by opening HTS arsenals,** which are keeping away the best of the weaponry and don't let us confront Bashar all the way. **We need to set up the workers, poor peasants and soldiers' coordination committees back again.**

Open the fronts with the **refugees and displaced for them to enter the fight for a decent living, recovering the houses**



Daraa resistance does not give up

usurped by al-Assad, and expropriate the houses and mansions of the multimillionaires in the Assadist gangs that got rich with war and the blood of the martyrs.

Expropriating oil and banks, we will have funds to make reality the war cry of 2011 that today continues, Dignity!

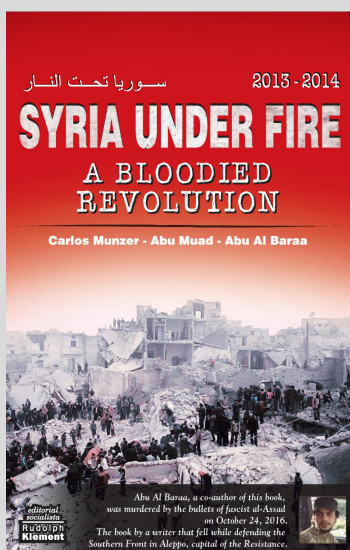
Out with al-Assad! Out with all the invader troops! Down with the Geneva conference! Free all the political prisoners!

The uprising masses of Lebanon and Iraq and the Iranian workers have opened the fronts in their countries. There are huge processes that continue today on the streets, fighting for bread and freedom, against the miserable living conditions to which they are forced. In Iraq there is no electricity, drinkable water or work. In Lebanon there is no way of buying even milk. In Iran, the workers aren't paid their wages while they see the prices rise exponentially day by day. All of them are taking to the streets with a single demand. In Lebanon and Iraq the uprising against the bourgeoisie and imperialism

continues. In Iran, a huge oil workers strike, which different sectors have joined, has paralysed the second largest oil producer in the world. In the latter, we confront the same enemies: the ayatollah that massacre in Syria and support al-Assad, they kill in Iraq, they support Hezbollah in Lebanon while they starve and suppress their own people. We need a unified struggle, going through the path we started with the Palestinian people, whose bourgeoisie tries to divide by supporting al-Assad. **In the entire Maghreb and Middle East, one single intifada!**

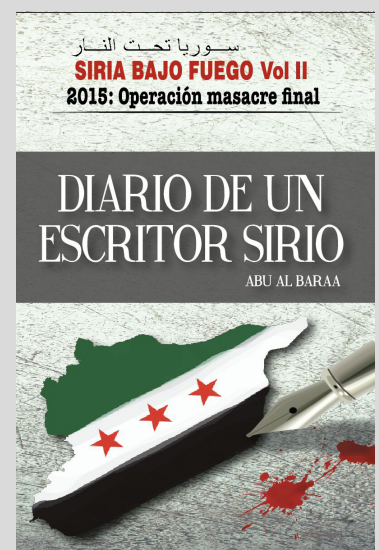
We need to break the siege to the Syrian revolution and break its isolation internationally! The resistance is still standing. Al-Assad receives the support of the treacherous leaderships of the working class and diverse governments of the world. We have to take to the streets in support to the Syrian resistance in the entire world!

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The US and the whole Geneva conference are the winners of the genocidal al-Assad's bloody elections

Last May 26, al-Assad held his totally fraudulent elections, with ballot boxes full of blood of hundreds of thousands of martyrs massacred by his, Putin's and the Iranian ayatollahs' troops along the last ten years. These elections were held on the basis of imprisoning and torturing hundreds of thousands of political prisoners; of bombing, demolishing and destroying a large part of Syria, especially the working class neighborhoods. It was a staged election, because it was held in a time there are 15 million refugees in a divided Syria, which is occupied by invading troops. Only those who lived in the areas controlled by the forces of the dog al-Assad and his mercenaries could vote. The candidates were him, his former chief of staff and another politician of the regime.

Of course such a farce could only have the result it had: 95% for al-Assad, a completely drawn figure, with a lie of a 78% turnout, since the vast majority of the population did not participate in the voting.

This shows that al-Assad has no legitimacy among the Syrian people. He has only known how to bring them massacre, destruction, dispossession of their homes, and also famine, misery, pestilence, high cost of living, shortage of basic necessities... and in the areas where his fascist boot treads harder, like Damascus, this is felt much worse. To get a crust of bread you have to queue for 12 hours behind a wire fence guarded by al-Assad's fascist forces. You can't get fuel either. Inflation has risen by 50% more so far this year.

In short, these elections were an attempt by the regime to legitimize itself and the long-awaited "transition".

These farcical elections are the transition orchestrated from Geneva

The elections were the work of the Geneva conference, where the counterrevolutionary pact was signed after the outbreak of the Syrian revolution to centralize the different agents, such as Turkey, al-Assad, Putin, Iran, under the command of the US, each one of them playing its role. It is from Geneva that a coordinated action among them has been



Al-Assad's farce of elections

resolved, and these elections were no exception.

Since the Geneva conferences, they have been talking about a "transition" for some time... well, this is their transition. These are the only elections there can be in Syria. **This is the result of ten years of counter-revolution by the actions of all its agents. Al-Assad remains, and with his fascist boot and that of his allies Putin and Khamenei he crushes the masses.** The "Syrian opposition" is already in a common government with them in Daraa, Homs, Hama, Quneitra, Aleppo... that is to say, in each of the cities they handed over to al-Assad, and today they are his administrators and local policemen. Only one sector, which is abroad, denounced them in order to be able to maintain its pretence of opposition and continue to control areas of northern Syria, together with Turkey.

This farce of elections to try to legitimize al-Assad suited everyone in Geneva, because the partition is sustained. That is why the big winner of these false elections was the US, which kept Raqa and Deir ez Zor where it continues to plunder the oil with its PKK lackeys.

Turkey, with the National Army (ex FSA) holds on to northern cities, and also, in agreement with HTS, in Idlib. Zionism continues to occupy the Golan. The fascist dog al-Assad, sustained in the genocidal armies of Russia and Iran, crushes the rest of Syria under his fascist boot. **They all keep their business.**

The denunciations to the elections by the leaders of the "Syrian opposition" abroad are an imposture, because they know the business everybody maintains, and that is why they have said that "the truce must be maintained" with al-Assad.

The declarations by the US, France, England, etc. that the elections were "neither fair nor free" and that they were "a farce" is to continue showing themselves to be clean while they continue with their oil companies taking the black gold. The real farce are those declarations of the US and the European powers, which have not disowned al-Assad or his government, and which for 10 years freed the skies for him to massacre with impunity. The US does not oppose the elections, but celebrates, because it kept the biggest business, remaining as "the good guy" and al-Assad remains as "the bad guy", because he did the dirty work of massacring a revolution that questioned the property of all of them. But both of them, together with Erdogan, celebrate together from Geneva.

Those who really confronted al-Assad were the Syrian masses in the streets

In Idlib there were massive mobilizations of many dozens of thousands marching under the slogan "No to al-Assad and his illegitimate elections". In cities of Daraa there were gen-

eral strikes that paralyzed everything, large marches against the elections; and on the day of the vote there were armed clashes in Quneitra, Daraa and the entire Houran area where military centers were set on fire.

Syrian refugees were also mobilized. There were large marches in Europe and Turkey. In Lebanon, they went so far as to block the cars of Basharists going to the Syrian embassy to cast their votes in advance, burning and venting their anger against all the al-Assad flags and banners they were carrying.

Who really supports Al Assad?

In the opposite trench: Putin, Lukashenko, Khamenei, Nasrallah, the Bolivarians of Bolivia and Venezuela, and the Castroites... all of them supporting al-Assad. He also received the support of the Palestinian bourgeoisie, from Fatah to Hamas, separating the Palestinian masses from their allies of the Syrian revolution and fencing the latter from international solidarity, as they have been doing during the last 10 years. In turn, Assad received the support of Stalinism at world level, from the bureaucracy of the trade unions and from their parties in all the coun-



Demonstrations in Idlib against Assad and his illegitimate elections

tries, as they also have been doing during the last ten years. The great majority of the renegades of Trotskyism, who had become epigones of Stalinism, remained attached to them, and they proposed that Assad had to be supported because he was anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist, or else, slandering the Syrian masses as “agents of imperialism”, “terrorists”, “backward peoples”.... This was done by the PO and PTS, the main parties of the FIT in Argentina. It is not surprising that they still keep a scandalous silence before these elections.

The parties of the left that claimed to sup-

port the Syrian revolution like the LIT or the UIT were not up to the fight of the masses. They have not made a single action like them and it is not surprising either. They dedicated themselves to support the FSA for years, which is but a leg of Geneva, those who orchestrated the elections. They are also co-responsible.

These elections and the mass actions against them then showed who is who not only in terms of everyone in Geneva, but also in the leaderships of the world working class.

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The farce of the elections in Syria, which the resistance pays with blood

The recent “elections” in Syria were a scandalous big farce. Al-Assad won the elections with 95% of the votes, representing 13,540,860 votes, when actually the number of voters couldn't be more than 6 million, because those are the people living in the areas under his control, the only areas in Syria where the elections were held.

In social media several facts were shared that caused this outturn for which al-Assad got twice as votes as the current population. Al-Assad officials that were voting were caught appearing in several voting places where they casted several votes. Elements of the army also prepared voting papers already filled with al-Assad's name to deliver to those who were attending the voting places to



put those ballots in the polls at gunpoint. Also, there were threats against the university students that if they didn't vote for al-Assad they couldn't take the final exams of the college course.

Despite everything the Syrian regime did to conduct these bloodstained elections over the basis of a genocide of hundreds of thousands dead, political prisoners under torture and millions of displaced and refugees, the Syrian people We're able to

express their voice by crying “out with the criminal regime and its illegitimate elections” on the streets. In Idlib, huge demonstrations were held. In Lebanon there was a boycott to all al-Assad's supporters and voters that sought to reach the Syrian embassy. In Daraa, southern Syria, there were protests before and during the vote, with demonstrations in the streets, raising the flag of the revolution and writing graffiti on the walls.

On the one hand, Al Assad, his fascist regime, and his supporters at the international level. On the other, the Syrian people in the streets.

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The only ones supporting al-Assad are the imperialists and the treacherous leaderships of the working class around the world

We hereby reproduce two articles denouncing the support to the fascist al-Assad and his phoney elections by the Cuban Castroites including Frank Garcia Hernandez, the one praised by the renegades of Trotskyism, and the support of the Palestinian bourgeoisie of both Hamas and Al Fatah.

May 24 2021

Hamas and Al Fatah endorse bloody al-Assad puppet elections to perpetuate his fascist regime

A backstab at the Syrian and Palestinian masses

Next Wednesday, May 26, al-Assad and his fascist regime are preparing to hold “elections” to legitimize themselves. These are ballot boxes stained with the blood of thousand hundreds of martyrs massacred by al-Assad, Putin and the Iranian ayatollahs, where the vast majority of the people who today are refugees from the murderous bombings of the regime do not vote, and while its prisons are full of thousands and thousands of political prisoners under torture. In these elections, in an occupied and divided Syria, only 1% of Syria who are the fascists loyal to the Assad regime will vote.

To support these puppet elections, overseers sent by the friends of the fascist al-Assad were enlisted: Russia, Iran, Bolivarians from Venezuela and Bolivia, Castroism from Cuba, and also the entire Palestinian bourgeoisie.

From Hamas to Fatah, no one was left out to sign up as overseers and go support the genocidal and war criminal, the dog Bashar. This constitutes a severe blow in the first place against the Syrian masses, which in recent days mobilized together with the Palestinian masses in the fight against Zionism, and yet they (Hamas and Farah) want to show these masses that the Palestinian leaderships support al-Assad. They are also dealing a stab in the back to the Palestinian masses, which raised the flag of the Syrian revolution in their mobilizations in recent days.

The action of the PLO and Hamas was to continue the path of the siege of the Syrian revolution that they implemented in 2011. The support of Fatah and Hamas for al-Assad before 2011 is known, but when the Syrian revolution broke out, both leaderships asked the Palestinian masses not to unite to the Syrian revolution but be neutral. **Today, when the Palestinian and Syrian masses tended to unite in their combats, the Palestinian bourgeoisie openly expressed its support for al-Assad to separate them again.**

In doing so, they also seek that the enormous solidarity that was put in place internationally with the Palestinian masses is separated from the Syrian masses and that support for the fight against the occupation of fascism-Zionism does not become sup-

port for the fight against the occupation of Syria by the US, Russia, Iran, Turkey, and al-Assad’s own fascist army. Not only that, but they bring that enormous international support to al-Assad’s feet. Therefore, **the blow to the Syrian masses is doubly hard, because in a time when the siege could be broken, Hamas and the PLO are in charge of reinforcing it again. We are facing a betrayal and a full-fledged counterrevolutionary action in the Maghreb and the Middle East.**

This strengthens not only Al Assad, but also Zionism, who the more the Syrian revolution was massacred; the more has been able to redouble its attack on the Palestinian masses. Al-Assad is Zionism’s border guard who was able to bomb and destroy entire cities, bury hundreds of thousands of Syrians, and deprive the vast majority of the Syrian people of their homes, but not even a single salvo has fired at Zionism.

It has already become clear that in order to advance the revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East, and also to advance in the fight against the occupation of Syria and Palestine, and to be able to destroy the Zionist-fascist state of Israel, it is necessary to break with the Arab bourgeoisies from the entire region, lackeys of imperialism, guardians and supporters of Zionism, who have spent the last year signing pacts of recognizing Israel, such as the one that Egypt and Jordan already had, generalizing Camp David to the entire region. **Down with the pacts recognizing the Zionist State! Out with the occupation collaborators! Out with imperialism and its servants from the entire Middle East!**

Out with genocidal al-Assad and all the invading forces from Syria! For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel! Syria, Palestine and throughout the region, one single Intifada! For a federation of workers’ and socialist republics in the Maghreb and the Middle East!

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With millions of refugees dying in the Mediterranean and living in tents; with more than 500 thousand exploited massacred; with millions of workers eating grass and fleeing from the bombs...

AL ASSAD CALLS FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WHERE THE ONLY ONES WHO WILL VOTE ARE THE FASCIST POLITICIANS AND GENERALS

The Cuban Communist Party, together with Putin and Maduro, will be “overseers” of these bloody ballot boxes

Frank Hernández, leader of the Communist Youth of the Cuban Communist Party, an ally of the renegades of Trotskyism, celebrates the infamous support of the Castro regime for the fascist al-Assad

The massacre of the Syrian people perpetrated by the dog Bashar and Putin on behalf of imperialism drowned in blood the revolution that has been going on for ten years. While the bombings, especially Russian, do not stop and Syria has become a true protectorate with invader troops, a hell for the masses, **al-Assad cynically announced a fake election to perpetuate his genocidal regime. In those bloody ballot boxes, only the fascist military will vote while the masses are sinking in misery and are suffering massacre, hunger and repression every day.** This fake “election” that they want to present us as an “exercise of sovereignty” was rejected by the masses of Syria, who have marched in different cities to denounce that they are totally illegitimate, written with the blood of the rebellious masses, over the more than 500 thousand massacred, over the bones of the thousands and thousands political prisoners, in a totally partitioned Syria, reduced to rubble and with occupation troops, a true protectorate from which its wealth such as oil are plundered directly by the US imperialism.

Recently, **the parliament of the fascist regime in Damascus issued a resolution stating that Cuba, Russia and Venezuela will be overseers of the bloody and fake elections they are preparing in Syria.**

The Bolibourgeoisie and the representatives of the Castro regime will go there, speaking in the name of “socialism”, to legitimize the greatest slaughterers of the people. The Maduros, who speak of “socialism of the 21st century” while millions of exploited eat in the garbage and flee from Venezuela,



al-Assad and Fidel Castro

while rigorously paying the fraudulent foreign debt to the IMF will go there. Another one who will go is Putin, who not only massacres in Syria, but keeps the Russian working class crushed at gunpoint: in Russia just for carrying a sign on a street, you face prison sentence. Other ones that will attend are the Cuban Communist Party, which, with a totally Bonapartist regime, advances fast towards the capitalist restoration, handing Cuba over to imperialism, implementing the right to private property, and attacking the workers, with starvation wages and the most brutal misery, on an island where workers don't even have the right to form unions to defend themselves. **The Bolivarrians and their friend Putin will legitimize the Syrian fascist regime because they are al-Assad!**

How is it possible that these ones that starve, slaughter the people and are servants of imperialism speak in the name of “socialism” will go and support a regime so fascist that it would make Hitler himself blush? **Because for years,**

the renegades of Trotskyism, speaking in the name of the Fourth International, made these anti-working class governments passed as “anti-imperialists” and “friends of the oppressed” just as the world Stalinism did.

So much so that in 2019 in Havana, **all the renegades of Trotskyism from around the world, from the European Anticapitalists to Allan Woods, from Socialist Action to the Argentinean PTS, went to a “seminar on Trotsky” in which they united the clean flags of the Fourth International with Stalinism, founding a single party with the left wing of the Cuban Communist Party represented by Frank García Hernández.** They united chain of betrayals, in which, as in an orchestra, each one plays his instrument, to better stab the world proletariat in the back. Alan Woods was the director. He had the authority to do it: he had given Chávez the Transitional Program. It is time to tell the truth: they have infiltrated the Fourth International,

like true Trojan Horses dressing up as Trotskyists, to embrace Stalinism.

This rotten capitalist system that buys everything and sells everything, for a few paltry coins, has paid not only the Bolivarians who, as total lackey governments, undertook the task of talk about “socialism” to deceive the masses and defeat every revolutionary uprising. It has also bought the Stalinists, a thousand times proven to betray the proletariat and the exploited, and has even organized the renegades of Trotskyism, so that in the name of the revolution, with the most “ultra-red” rhetoric, they call “progressive” and “allies” the expropriators of the revolution such as Maduro, Evo Morales, the Kirchners, Lula, the Castros. **A sinister job for workers to identify socialism with hunger and repression.** They know that their lives are at stake: the socialist revolution, the workers’ revolution, will take away from this rotten system the artificial respirator that the treacherous leaderships of the proletariat have put on it, because for the working class to live, capitalism must die!

García Hernández, the man of the renegades of Trotskyism on the island, fills the pages of La Izquierda Diario (*Left Voice*), an organ of the PTS, with interviews and notes praising the Cuban Communist Party and Castro, painting him as a “defender of the revolution.” To tell the truth, Frank García Hernández is a columnist, not only for the Chavist media Telesur, but also for La Izquierda Diario (*Left Voice*). This man preaches, wherever he goes, that the Cuban government is “socialist” and that anyone who stands up to overthrow it is “counterrevolutionary.” It is the same campaign that Stalinists and renegades of Trotskyism carried out for years to point out the starving masses who were fighting against Qadafi in Libya or against al-Assad in Syria as “agents of imperialism”, the campaign with which they isolated the Middle Eastern revolutions so that no worker in the world rises up to defend his rebellious brothers and sisters, so that the counterrevolutionary blow of imperialism can be consummated.

As it could not be otherwise **Frank García Hernández, the friend of the renegades of Trotskyism on the island, has reproduced and praised the Granma statement in support of the fake elections of the murderer al-Assad.** Wanting to save the Assad regime from the fire of the returned Palestinian Intifada and resistance in Idlib, the Stalinists sup-

port the “democratic transition” plan in Syria. We are not surprised. This Stalinist painted himself in red saying that it was necessary to “read Trotsky”. He organized seminars of the Cuban government agencies and placed all the renegades of Trotskyism in a room, without even allowing them to distribute their newspaper in Cuba. He thus prepared himself and joined forces to go to support the fascist al-Assad.

We wonder why these renegades of Trotskyism, who have so many carnal relationships with Castroism, have not proposed to found a FIT in Cuba... it’s because they already have a party there: it’s the Cuban Communist Party. And if not, let them prove us wrong! Publish at least one note denouncing this infamous regime that welcomed you warmly in Havana, while the workers are not even allowed to open their mouths.

Up to here is where the name of the Fourth International was taken by those who are actually its undertakers! Hands off the Fourth International and Trotsky! We say to the Stalinist henchmen and their supporters.

We revolutionary Trotskyists will not allow it. We will get up a thousand times to cry put loud that we have nothing to do with Stalinism and its henchmen, true champions of the counterrevolution that imperialism preserved because it knows that they are experts in betraying the masses. We will not allow Frank Hernández and his people, who say that “the Castros defended and promoted the revolution in Latin America”, and from the offices of Telesur presents Chávez as a “great revolutionary”, to raise the portrait of our comrade Trotsky, to lie so vilely to the workers of the world, beautifying the restoration regime of capitalism on the island.

Yesterday, **the Castro brothers sealed a pact with Obama with which the revolutions of the American Continent at the beginning of the 21st century were strangled from Tierra del Fuego to the shores of the Rio Grande** with the fight even of the North American proletariat against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. With this pact, **the Castros said that “there was a friend in the White House” painting Obama as kind**, allowing him to launch the worst attacks on the American proletariat and recover his backyard, Latin America. The pact was an **accurate counterrevolu-**

tionary blow that guaranteed the new Castroite bourgeoisie to advance in capitalist restoration, raising the US flag in Havana.

Also, with this pact and as part of the diversion of the revolutions, **the Castro brothers presented the “Bolibourgeoisie” of the Chávez, Evo Morales and the Kirchners as allies of the peoples, at the same time that they imposed the disarmament of the FARC and the “Peace” of the cemeteries in Colombia, with 9 US military bases.** The result of this pact was paid by the Latin American masses with more looting, more hunger and more repression, with millions of Latino migrants prowling the borders in search of a decent life.

Today, the Colombian masses, with their revolutionary struggle that has been going on for three days, deal a great left blow to this infamous pact of Stalinism and make the continent vibrate again.

Frank García Hernández, Albamonte’s new best friend, prepares the salvation of the Syrian Pinochet.

So much cynicism and so much Stalinist betrayal will not go unpunished!

A delegation integrated by the Castro regime, Putin and Maduro was preparing to arrive in Syria. On that plane there are places reserved not only for Frank Hernández, but also for his fellow travellers, the Allan Wood, the Albamonte, the Savas Matsas. When they arrive, we will find ourselves in different trenches: the traitors supporting the Syrian Hitler; the revolutionaries with the exploited and the partisans of the revolution. **Once again, there is a river of blood in between Trotskyism and Stalinism!**

Long live the combat of the exploited and the youth of Idlib and Palestine where the flames of the revolution in the Maghreb and the Middle East live, a thousand times betrayed and slandered!

Long live the anti-imperialist combat that faces the Duque lackey government, and shakes the counterrevolutionary pact of Obama-Castro!

For a new worker and peasant revolution in Cuba that expropriates the new Castroite bourgeoisie that stole the revolution, the nationalized productive forces and all the conquests to the Cuban workers!

Cuba

July 13, 2021

Amidst the failure of socialism in one country, capitalist restoration and the Cuban CP's peaceful coexistence with imperialism and capitalist regimes in Latin America....

IT IS HUNGER THAT BRINGS THE MASSES TO THE STREETS!

They said that socialism "no longer works, even in Cuba". That is what the leaders of the Cuban CP declared before the revolutionary wave of combats in Latin America, while they received Obama with honors on the island and reestablished diplomatic relations with the United States with promises of good business.

They strangled the road to socialist revolution throughout Latin America. They were accomplices of that swindle of the so-called "Bolivarian Revolution".

They supported the bandit Biden to divert the combative rise of the U.S. working class. They had already done that yesterday with Obama against "the right wing" to achieve the lifting of the embargo. A fallacy.

With the Cuban CP they reestablished the right of inheritance and private property.

They partnered with the imperialist transnationals in hotels and nickel. In the Bahamas and Barcelona, they have fled dollars in the millions.

They are paid US\$ 300 to 5000 as civil servants on the island while the workers earn no more than US\$ 60 and are devoid of the right to set up independent unions.

They live like a bourgeoisie in private neighborhoods.

They built a tax-free zone in Puerto Mariel for the maquilas of the transnationals.

They sold -charging succulent commissions- the Cuban health plan and doctors to the Latin American bourgeoisies.

In the ALBA they made juicy smuggling deals and leaked their dollars to Miami together with the swindlers of the Venezuelan Bolivarian bourgeoisie.

THEY SOLD THE CONQUESTS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION OUT, ONE BY ONE.

OF THE "TWO OR THREE VIETNAMS", NOT EVEN PAINTED WALLS REMAIN.

LIKE THE RED BUSINESSMEN OF THE CHINESE CP, FROM THE VERY BOWELS OF THE CUBAN CP, THEY HAVE BECOME A NEW POSSESSING CLASS.

The sinister Yankee embargo on the island is NOT PAID FOR by the businessmen and nouveau riche of the Communist Party; IT IS PAID FOR BY THE MASSES WITH HUNGER, MISERY AND INEQUALITY!

And now they are desperate because of an uprising for BREAD,



Street protests in Cuba

against hunger. In the name of communism they call to crush it. WHAT A BUNCH OF MISERABLE CYNICS THE NOUVEAU RICHE ARE!

The more the traitors of the revolution usurp the banners of socialism, the more the masses will move away from socialism, without any conquests to defend.

In order to defend socialism it is necessary to expel from it those who sully and stain it as agents of capitalism.

THE LEADERS OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY DO NOT DEFEND COMMUNISM, THEY ONLY DEFEND THEIR BUSINESS AND PRIVILEGES.

A new socialist revolution is on the table in Cuba... before it is too late.

All the properties, bank accounts and enterprises of the new red Cuban businessmen have to be expropriated. Imperialism and its luxury hotel, nickel and oil transnationals have to be expropriated again. Also to re-nationalize foreign trade and to re-prohibit the right of inheritance with which the children of the former Stalinist bureaucracy steal the goods of the working class.

That is the road that will only prevail if the socialist revolution succeeds, if new revolutionary Cubas emerge in Latin America and the Socialist United States of America is conquered. Everything else is cheap phraseology to defend their millionaire businesses, their luxury stores and to continue starving the people. It is the Cuban workers who suffer the miserable US imperialist's blockade. **YOU CASTROITE TRAITORS, BUSINESSMEN AND CCP OFFICIALS ARE DOING VERY WELL WITH IT!**

Let hunger, lies and capitalist restoration in Cuba come to an end.

The **CAPITALIST** restoration imposed by the CCP is what creates the imperialist social base in Cuba... and gave rise, in the first place, to a Communist Party of new millionaire entrepreneurs.

OPEN THE ROAD TO THE CUBAN WORKERS, COMMITTEES OF SOLDIERS AND RANK AND FILE MILITIAMEN !

FOR INDEPENDENT UNIONS! TO DEFEND THE WORKERS AGAINST THE NOUVEAU RICHE, THE TRANSNATIONALS AND THE CORRUPT OFFICIALS AND PARASITES OF THE CP!

Freedom to political prisoners. Workers and popular tribunals to judge and punish those who sold the gains of the revolution out.

Cuba will be a bastion of the socialist revolution in the American continent or, in the hands of the Stalinist surrenderers, it will be a new Haiti.

How to lift the blockade? The road to achieve it is the alliance with the workers and the black people of the United States and not

with their executioners of the Democratic Party of the US imperialist pirates.

Socialist United States of North, Central and South America!
SOCIALIST REVOLUTION OR CARICATURE OF REVOLUTION

For the Cuban revolution to live, the Communist Party of the red businessmen must fall.

FOR A REVOLUTIONARY CUBA OF ARMED WORKERS' COUNCILS, WITHOUT CAPITALISTS OR MILLIONAIRE GENERALS.

LONG LIVE WORKERS' DEMOCRACY.

Editorial Board of The International Workers' Organizer

The greatest obstacle to defeat American blockade of Cuba is the new party of the red businessmen of the CP

To defeat the blockade in Cuba, the first thing to conquer is a new revolution that will once again expropriate imperialism in the key branches of production on the island that it controls in partnership with the new Castroist bourgeoisie. Such as nickel, tourism, oil and tobacco controlled by French, Spanish, Canadian capital ... We must expropriate the new capitalist companies in the hands of the new Castroist bourgeoisie, which amasses fortunes, while the workers are starving with salaries of 18 and 30 dollars.

To defeat the blockade, the first thing to do is expropriate imperialism. The fact is, all these companies are also listed on Wall Street and their shareholders are also ... American.

The new Castro bourgeoisie is totally hostile to socialism. And he has subjected his fate to a Pact with the Democratic Party of the Wall Street parasites ...

To defeat the blockade it is necessary to fight as yesterday in Iraq and Vietnam where the Yankees were defeated, with the struggle of the American workers, and not with their executioners as the Stalinists want to do yesterday with Obama and today with Biden, the new butcher of Wall Street.

The American blockade is defeated with two or three Vietnam as Che Guevara said and not making a pact with the Latin American rapacious bourgeoisies.... Yesterday the U.S.invasion of Bahía Cochinos was crushed with the GENERALIZED ARMAMENT of all the Cuban masses who defended the expropriation of imperialism, and not at the feet of

Kennedy, the Democratic leader of the American imperialist bandits, as the traitors of the Cuban revolution are doing today. In those years 20,000 militiamen marched to fight at Bahía Cochinos and the war cry coming out of Cuba was that imperialism is attacking us because we dared to make a revolution 30 miles from the United States. The tragedy today is not that the Cuban masses driven by hunger are taking to the streets demanding bread, but that the new red businessmen have become junior partners of the imperialist pigs.

A letter from the Stalinist group "The Commune", accompanied by the PSOL of Brazil, the American left, and the Bolivarian bourgeoisie crawlers, begs on their knees the representative of Wall Street, Biden, to lift the blockade....

These traitors of the Cuban revolution are far from calling on the working class of the U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA TO FILL THE CONTINENT WITH NEW CUBAS.

FOR SOME TIME NOW THE NEW CUBAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT SOCIALISM DOES NOT EVEN WORK IN CUBA ANYMORE....

And they accuse the starving masses of being agents of imperialism? ...the bankruptcy of socialism in a single country, the betrayal of the revolution in the American continent by the Cuban CP, the subjugation imposed on the American working class to support Biden and interrupt their revolutionary struggle



Former president of the US, Obama, with Raul Castro

that had cornered and put the fall of Trump on the agenda, is the determining factor that strengthens imperialism on the island.

Only a new socialist revolution that expropriates the hundreds of transnational corporations that exploit the people, that overthrows the CP of the former Stalinist bureaucracy, that arms all Cuban workers with the full right to organize independent unions and the workers' parties they consider necessary, is the road to defeat the American imperialism in Cuba and transform the island into a powerful bastion of the international socialist revolution.

Everything else is deceit and lies.

Here the alternative is ...

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM OR DEATH !!!!

Excerpt from the greeting of the Collective for the Refoundation of the IV International / FLTI to the thousands of delegates who will meet simultaneously in the 59th International Anti-War Assembly in 7 cities of Japan

Lebanon

July 15, 2021

Faced with hunger, unemployment, lack of basic products and the resignation of the Prime Minister:

The masses do not leave the streets in the whole country and face the army

Provisional revolutionary worker and peasant government!

In the afternoon of 7/15, the interim Prime Minister Saad Hariri, representative of the Sunni bourgeoisie, resigned after a meeting with President Aoun (head of the Christian Maronite bourgeoisie and allied to the Shi-ite bourgeoisie of Hezbollah) because they could not form government. The crisis of those on top is deepening.

On that same day, the dollar increased from 19,000 to 21,000 Lebanese pounds. There are gasoline and medicines shortage, and there is no electricity. Fed up with this situation, the masses returned to the streets. They cut off the main routes in the country. There were protests in the main cities such as Beirut, Tripoli, Sidon and Tire, in which there were clashes with the army, which went to dislodge the roadblocks with tear gas and tanks. Just the day before, the masses had entered the



Beirut: The masses confront the crackdown of the army

home of Interior Minister Mohamed Fahmy, a former army officer who leads the repression in Lebanon, after pushing back the repressive forces.

May the president and the entire Taif pact regime fall! The latter sealed a "national unity" agreement between the Sunni, Christian and Hezbollah bourgeoisies, under the auspices of the UN! Disarmament of the Hezbollah par-

amilitary gangs and all the repressive forces!

For committees of rank and file soldiers who disobey their generals and their orders to repress the people! We must advance to set up the committees of workers and ruined middle classes of the countryside and the city! For a provisional revolutionary worker and peasant government!

The uprising in Lebanon is the sibling of the Syrian resistance, the struggle of the Iranian working class and people against the ayatollahs, the uprising in Iraq and the fight of the Palestinian people against the Zionist occupant. It is a single struggle facing the same enemy: the imperialist oil companies and their various agents with whom they plunder the region and plunge the masses into misery. In the Maghreb and the Middle East, the same intifada!

Lebanon: A hunger uprising

July 6, 2021

THE MASSES TAKE TO THE STREETS IN A FIGHT FOR DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS

People can't stand the situation in Lebanon anymore. A third of the Lebanese children eat only once a day. 55% of the population is below the poverty line. Unemployment has risen to 40%. Inflation rate is already 120% but the prices of food and other staples have skyrocketed. Dollar is at 18,000 Lebanese pounds in the black market, whereas a year and a half ago it was 1,350. There's scarcity of sensitive products in a total collapsed infrastructure, in which the health system has no supplies, there is no gas for cars and electricity is available an average of 3 hours a day.

In response to these conditions of hunger and misery, the masses blocked the highways all across the country starting on June 24th and for 3 days in a row. On June 27th, the hatred of the masses led them to set the Bank of Lebanon on fire. That very same night there were clashes in the streets against the police and the army.

Three days later, there were demonstrations in that city again, with gatherings in Al-Tabbaneh and Al-Qubba streets, fueled by the death of a child who was in a hospital and his oxygen machine stopped working due to a blackout. Once again they

confronted the army. The masses threw stones at the tanks and made them retreat, while the military shot live bullets to the air trying to disperse the crowd.

The miserable conditions keep deepening and the hatred of the masses continue to burst out.

Lebanon, Iran, Iraq... the masses in the streets want dignity and the fall of the regime!

Correspondent

Palestine

May 23th, 2021

About the provisional “ceasefire”

The uprising of the Palestinian masses and the solidarity of the international working class were the ones who stopped the aggression of Zionism

On May 20, a ceasefire was signed between Hamas and Zionism, by means of which both of them pledged to stop the bombings that took place in the last 11 days. The masses of the entire Palestine celebrated, as they saw that they achieved a first triumph of their struggle, which began almost a month ago, by stopping the Zionist aggression that took the lives of 276 Palestinian brothers in Gaza and the West Bank, left thousands of wounded and sought to occupy Gaza and the entire Jerusalem.

Seeing this agreement, it must be made clear that **what stopped the genocidal bombings in Gaza, the offensive of the Zionist settlers to expel the Palestinians from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem and the raids of the Israeli occupation forces on the Al Aqsa Mosque were the huge demonstrations and clashes with the Zionist forces throughout historic Palestine**, including the cities that were occupied since 1948, as well as the marches from Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq to cross the border for fight against the occupier, in addition to the massive demonstrations and actions of the working class in solidarity with the Palestinian people in dozens and dozens of cities around the world.

However, in the face of the signing of the “ceasefire”, it’s necessary to make an alert. This one is a provisional agreement that Zionism can break at any time. Throughout history, the state of Israel, in the face of a huge uprising against it or when international solidarity hit their bosses the US imperialism and awak-



ened actions of the world working class, has always used these agreements to cool down these actions and to conquer conditions that are more favorable for them to return to the offensive. An indication that this may not be the exception is that it was Biden, who had been commanding the Zionist aggression, who gave the order to Zionism to accept this ceasefire, in his efforts of stopping the international struggle of the working class or the Palestinian uprising. But what truly indicates that Zionism will not stop its aggression on the Palestinian masses is the repression by the Israeli police of the Palestinians who gathered in the Al Aqsa Mosque on Friday, May 21 and had expelled the mufti (religious-political authority) of Al Fatah for its collaborationism, added to the new raid that the settlers did on that mosque today.

We celebrate as a victory of the struggle by the Palestinian masses that for the moment no more Zionist missiles will fall on those exploited in Gaza, since each life there is worth a thousand fas-

cists. But we must understand that **Zionism will not be stopped completely, there will be no bread, no vaccines against Covid, the siege of Gaza will not be broken and the Palestinian masses will not recover their homes until the Zionist-fascist state of Israel is destroyed and the entire Palestinian land is recovered from the Jordan River to the sea.**

The Zionists started the aggression; our defense will end when we finish with all their threats at once!

International demonstrations in support of the Palestinian people haven’t stopped. The Palestinian masses that took to the streets in recent weeks remain predisposed to struggle. Iraq is still in revolt. The Syrian resistance remains standing. It’s time to prepare a coordinated offensive by all these forces to wipe out the occupier once and for all, now that their war machine was momentarily paralyzed!

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