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Russia bombs massively Idlib while Turkey surrounds it with military posts

From the conferences of Astana and Geneva, Trump, Putin and Erdogan besiege Idlib and seek to take one of the last trenches of the revolution



The presidents of Iran, Turkey and Russia



Idlib destroyed

In the Idlib governorate, in the areas of Aleppo and the north of Hama, there's one of the latest trenches of the Syrian revolution. The workers and exploited that were resisting until the last moment in Aleppo, Homs, Daraya, Ghouta, Douma... were evacuated to the Idlib governorate. In that area, the

bombings of Al Assad and Putin don't stop for a second.

After defeating the rebel cities and suburbs of Damascus, now the counter-revolutionary forces that invaded Syria and support the fascist Al Assad for him to complete the genocide, must conquer Idlib governorate.

In mid May, Russia, Turkey and Iran gathered together in Astana conference in order to impose this counterrevolutionary plan. In there, they agreed what they are doing today: Turkey installed military posts all across the border of Idlib while Russia and Al Assad bomb merciless, city by city, neighbourhood

Jordan: the masses take to the streets...

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by neighbourhood, house by house. Idlib is besieged as it happened yesterday with Aleppo, Douma, Homs, etc. The Russian and Al Assad's warplanes attack and it is fenced by the Turkish military posts.

Turkey installed 12 of these military posts and completed the siege, closing its border with this governorate and closing the passage of the Syrian exploited, shooting to kill everyone who tries to cross that border. At the same time, they agreed that Russia will install 9 of these military posts, although they haven't been placed yet. Meanwhile, Putin keeps bombing massively with his planes, with tens of dead every day, as it happened in Zardana on July 7th.

This is how the Geneva conference works, with the counterrevolutionary forces that have gathered together in there to crush the revolution and partition and subjugate Syria. They are preparing themselves to end with the last trenches of the revolution.

What has been presented as a "war between Turkey and the rebels against Russia and Al Assad" turned out to be a lie. Those who asserted this are at odds with reality. In the offensive against the last great trench of the revolution, all the actors get their masks off and show what they truly are. It is clear that they have played different roles to crush the revolution and partition Syria, while they keep supporting, under US command, the government and the regime of Al Assad, which is the spearhead of the fascist attack against the Syrian revolutionary masses. Today, Turkey and Russia, together, have besieged Idlib just as yesterday the PKK surrendered Afrin to Al Assad and he did so to Erdogan. There cannot be lies anymore.

Today, the counterrevolutionary forces need to take Idlib quickly, because they need to reconstitute the bourgeois state (the armed men band that defends the interests of the bourgeoisie as a whole), which was

dismantled by the working class and the masses in the 2011-2012 revolutionary uprising, when they split the army, the rank and file soldiers moved onto the side of the revolution with their weapons and Bashar the dog lost control of over 70% of the Syrian territory.

This is the great goal of the Geneva conference, sponsored by the UN. They supported Al Assad in Damascus with the praetorian guard of the counterrevolutionary Iranian theocracy. With the Russian invasion, they advanced on the rebel cities while they were being disorganized and sold out from inside by the Sunnite bourgeoisie that leads the FSA. USA acted on the ground taking possession of the oil wells and the oil pipes. For this, it relied on Turkey,

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which controls factions of the FSA, with which advanced to Euphrates and Al Bab to keep the route of the oil pipes. In the meantime, the US, with the Kurdish YPG Gurkha troops, it retook Raqa and Deir ez Zor, where the oil wealth of Syria is; the place where it previously sent ISIS to attack the masses.

This is the pact of Geneva of the UN, from where there's a conspiracy to organize the counterrevolutionary forces that today have partitioned Syria and slaughter the people.

The role of Russia and Turkey is a key one for these counterrevolutionary operations. Russia controls the officers caste of Al Assad on the ground and Turkey controls the Sunnite bourgeois generals of the FSA that have sold out all the cities that were conquered by the resistance.

In Ghouta and Douma we have seen how this works: massacring the masses and with the generals of the "Army of

Islam" of the FSA acting as Al Assad's police in the besieged cities, while many of them entered to the officers caste with the Assadist generals. That is to say, they went back from where they came from when the revolution started. The generals of the Sunnite bourgeoisie, were sent by the US and Turkey (some of them with democracy banners and some others with Islam banners after the masses got radicalized) in order to disarm them from inside and prevent them from advancing to attack the property of the rich bourgeoisie in the rebel areas. They disorganized the coordination and soldiers committees, disarmed the masses, imposed army-parties and, as it happened also in Aleppo, they ended up selling out the cities openly, hiding tons of heavy weapon and what's even worse, hiding food as they stored it in order to sell it at a very high price to a population that was besieged by the fascist troops of Al Assad and Putin.

The plan of Geneva (a counterrevolutionary pact to finish crushing the Syrian revolution) starts from the point of scorched earth in every rebel city. But what's more important, it has to reconstitute the power of the state. This is what they have been doing with the army and the generals of the fascist Al Assad, to which the generals of the FSA that sold out the revolutionary Syria are integrated and so is the Shiite bourgeoisie of Iran.

The Turkish-Russian plan is to finish this job of reconstituting the "Syrian armed forces", the ones of Al Assad and the FSA officers caste, under a common command that won't be that of Bashar's or Putin's, not even Erdogan's. They are just guarantors of this plan. When the counterrevolution settles completely, Syria will end up partitioned as a protectorate under the command of US imperialism, which will be the one that distributes the loot of the business deals in the reconstruction of Syria between the lions and the hyenas. This is so because Syria, as the

entire Maghreb and Middle East, is a sphere of influence of the “Seven Sisters”, the biggest oil companies of the world that possess and control 80% of the oil wells and pipes of the region.

The role of Turkey and Russia is to start top up an order on the post civil war Syria: a counterrevolutionary officers caste that represents the interests of all the bourgeois gangs and imperialism, a local joint police of Al Assad and the FSA in every city, and of course, the Gurkha troops must withdraw from Syria... Iran and Hezbollah will have to “return home” after the services they provided. Zionism is returning to the centre of the scene as the counterrevolutionary gendarme, which starts to rise after the siege on Yemen and ongoing the crushing of the Syrian revolution.

No analyst of the developments in Middle East that is has an inch of seriousness can talk about Saudi Arabia or Iran as “powers” in the region. The lie of a “war between Russia against Turkey and USA” is buried under the rubbles of the Syrian devastated cities. The “Saudi power” with 9 Gurkha armies wasn’t able to take over Yemen and is living a hard crisis. The Iranian theocracy, after being used for doing the “dirty work” together with Al Assad, of killing over 600.000 oppressed in Syria, goes back to the same status it had before 2015 when Obama lifted the embargo. Today, Iran goes back to be a semi-colony under an embargo and besieged by imperialism. Imperialism knows very well who its gendarme in the Middle East is: Zionism, as we said before, which is the one that it truly needs and to which Trump has placed its “capital city in Jerusalem”. With the process of the Syrian revolution defeat advanced, Zionism has started its counterrevolutionary large-scale military actions inside the occupied Palestine against the masses in Gaza, and it will do it quickly also to put discipline on all the bourgeois gangs in Maghreb and Middle East, like the Iranian guard if it doesn’t accept to withdraw from Syria.

From Geneva, the imperialist powers start to re-arm Middle East, which is slaughtered, plundered and devas-



Bombs on Idlib

tated by counterrevolutionary actions imposed in response to the heroic revolutions that shook the entire region in 2011-2012. These revolutions have displaced all the counterrevolutionary devices of imperialism, started from before with the US defeat in Iraq. The US and European troops had to withdraw because the working class and the masses of those countries didn’t allow that more than a million of Iraqis were massacred in one of the biggest counterrevolutionary attacks in the Middle East, maybe comparable with the mass murder and genocide made by French imperialism when it retook Algeria at the end of World War Two.

Imperialism must place again counterrevolutionary devices of control in the oil routes after its hard defeats. But it must do it in moments when the imperialist powers cannot intervene directly, under the risk of setting the region on fire. That’s why the Geneva pact is there. In there, all the imperialist powers and their different agents organize the big massacres, split the spoils of war, channelize their clashes and different interests and, mostly, conspire to crush the revolutionary processes and impose Geneva’s “pax”, that is to say, the “pax” of the ruling powers.

The curtain is raised. The final battle for Idlib has started. With the Turkish border closed and the military posts besieging that area, there is a siege war all across the line. Russia, Turkey and USA only recognize the officers and soldiers of the FSA which are paid by

Erdogan as available to enter to the agreement of Geneva and Astana. Al Nusra, which integrates a front called Hayat Tahrir al Sham (HTS), prepared itself to enter to this agreement, expressing a very powerful faction of the national trader Syrian bourgeoisie, which is linked by finances and trade to Turkey. Al Nusra removed its headquarters and barracks and weapons far from the cities of Idlib. In that city, there are daily mass demonstrations demanding the brigades to be united and to open the fronts and to march to Damascus and defeat Al Assad. The more the mass demonstration advances, the further HTS put the weapons from the exploited, while the generals of the FSA started a fratricide war to force HTS to unconditionally subordinate to Turkey, to enter the agreement of unity with Al Assad, Putin and Trump. HTS did all the homework. It put elected local councils in every city made of engineers, religious, lawyers, traders, etc. under its strict control. As we said, it put the weapons away from the masses. So it prepared to enter to the agreement.

However, Trump, as the chief in Geneva and Astana, didn’t let HTS to enter. In the Syrian protectorate there’s no room for any of the native bourgeois gang that wants to claim or have an autonomous play in the businesses deals of Geneva’s “pax” that will be imposed after the genocide is complete. In the protectorate there will be no room for the Iranian Shiite bourgeoisie and also no room for the national Sun-

nite bourgeoisie and its most autonomous and independentist factions. Syria is partitioned and if they finish to crush the revolution, it will be a colony. The winners will be the imperialist powers that will be the ones that will decide, ultimately, the regime, the government, how the business deals of reconstruction will be shared, and the way the protectorate is definitively organized in order to plunder Syria.

However, they have to finish crushing the masses first. The Yemeni resistance does not surrender. The Iranian masses have taken to the streets with the war cry “the clerics live as kings and the people live like beggars” and “get out from Syria”. The open clash of the Palestinian masses against Zionism has started. The battle for Jerusalem, today contained by the PLO, is in the making. The uprising of the Jordanian masses for bread against the IMF has started. The last acts of the revolution and counterrevolution haven’t been written yet.

Turkey, with its troops installed in Euphrates, controls the oil pipes in a direct agreement and under the command of NATO and US imperialism, which is installed in Raqa, Deir ez Zor and in PKK and YPG’s Rojava. Many observers ask themselves, “what about Russia?” And the curtains are lifted again: Netanyahu attend a rally for the anniversary of the Russian victory against Germany in World War II, and he was visited by Putin in Jerusalem, the “capital city” of the Zionist troops that occupy Palestine. This is Russia’s role: to be the hitman in Eurasia, the one that keeps Tartus base in order to support Zionism, as it did before with Al Assad, and be once again the scourge of imperialism in Middle East.

What about Al Assad? The fascist agent of imperialism has been a key stronghold of this counterrevolutionary offensive. For years, the “US-lover” left, riding the coat tails of the Sunnite bourgeoisie with one hand, demanded for a “transitional government” to be made



Al Assad, Putin an their genocidal generals

without Bashar the dog. Meanwhile, with the other hand, it requested USA to send bombs and heavy weaponry for the Syrian resistance. None of this happened. There were even some voices heard inside USA asking Trump to impose a restriction to the opened skies in order to stop the attacks of the Russian and Iranian warplanes on the Syrian cities. This is a

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total fallacy... Al Assad is in good health. The skies were always opened for him to massacre. Trump made some simulations of attacks after the brutal denounces of the usage of chemical weapons by Al Assad. He bombed an empty air base of Bashar and he fired some bombs in the outskirts of Damascus, which did not hurt anyone, because if those had exploded in some warehouse of napalm or white phosphors, the entire capital city would’ve blown up. It was all a lie and an infamy. Al Assad stays until the last of the lat trench of the resistance falls and until the last militia man that came out of the guts of the Syrian revolution is killed.

However, the victory in this war and the loot won’t be for Bashar the dog. They are letting the Alawite bourgeoisie and its mercenary troops to take the

“spoils of war” from the devastated cities such as refrigerators, televisions, motorcycles, bicycles and the furniture of the 15 million Syrian refugees. The high Alawite bourgeoisie is thinking how will it get associated, from its banks, in the reconstruction business deals in Syria. But this won’t happen. Its generals and fascist troops will remain disciplined to NATO and US fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. Al Assad will stay until he finishes in doing the “dirty work” on behalf of all the imperialist powers. They will define the fate of their heads afterwards.

However, there’s still a lot of excess fabric to be trimmed. As we have seen, The last of the revolutions in Maghreb and Middle East hasn’t finish to burst out yet. Idlib didn’t surrender. At each step, the Sunnite bourgeoisie tries to make the masses to surrender and to negotiate, but it has sold out the revolution so much that imperialism thinks it is no longer needed, not even for that. The result is yet to be seen and it depends on the international class struggle. The Palestinian masses are fighting and also the working class in France, India, Brazil, Greece. In Jordan, the workers and the exploited fight against labour flexibilization and against imperialism. The last word is not said. It is not yet a fact that Jerusalem will be the Zionist capital city or that Idlib will fall to the counterrevolutionary troops of Putin, Al Assad and the murderer Erdogan.

Idlib is besieged as it is Gaza. But the biggest siege on the last trenches of the Syrian revolution is the one imposed by the social-imperialist left, the leaderships riding the coat-tails of Al Assad and Putin and those no less traitors that made the masses believe that with the US or Turkish generals (to whom supported for years) the Syrian people will be able to conquer bread and freedom. All the pseudo-theories, lies and ignominies of these leaderships against the Syrian revolution have fallen apart. They said “the best thing that could happen is that the Kurdish people win”... and the PKK surrendered Afrin. They said “world war III is starting”... and today Turkey, Putin and Trump besiege Idlib together. They claimed that “Al Assad was confronting imperialism” but all the oil wells and oil pipes were given by Bashar to USA in Raqa and Deir ez Zor, and to Turkey in Al Bab. “There are two sides” they said and still say in a cynical way... when today all these “sides” are united to crush Idlib, the last great trench of the revolution.

Of course there are two sides in Syria. On the one hand, there’s the exploiters, their governments and counterrevolutionary army-parties, which is the side of the miserable national bourgeoisies, supported by the traitors. On the other hand, there’s the side of the workers and the oppressed in Syria and the whole Maghreb and Middle East, a thousand times betrayed, a thousand times sold out, a thousand times slaughtered. In the middle of these sides, there’s a river of blood, the same one that separates reformists from revolutionaries in the world working class.

Idlib hasn’t fallen. The best of the militia men and fighters of the Syrian revolution are concentrated there. They know how the bourgeois generals of the FSA or HTS have sold them out city by city. They and their families know that a kilo of bread, the rent of a room or the gas cylinder for heat in Syria cost the same as in the cities that are under Bashar the dog’s fascist boot. They know that the oppressors and the businessmen were saved in the revolution and the masses were the ones that died

and gave their lives. They know that HTS has hidden the weapons because they saw how the FSA generals have done it in Aleppo, Hama or Homs.

However, imperialism also knows that the final battle is being prepared. HTS is mounted on a volcano. The concern of imperialism is that the masses recover the weapons and impose the unity of the brigades, and the oppressed re-take the resistance in their hands. If this happens, there won’t be mercenary army or occupation troop that can defeat them easily.

The exploited from Idlib and their brave women are in Idlib and resist. They opened their doors for the refugees of Douma, Ghouta, Homs... They haven’t surrendered and neither did the Trotskyists, the revolutionary socialists, who resist together with them and have the honor of fighting in the heroic Syrian revolution.

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THE WORLD CUP OF THE KILLER PUTIN, WHICH SUPPORT AL ASSAD, IS FILLED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE MARTIRIZED SYRIAN PEOPLE

Let’s march to the Russian embassies around the world!

SAVE DARAA!

This can not be in silence. From the newspaper “The Truth of the Oppressed” of Syria we call all organizations in solidarity with the Syrian revolution around the world to take the streets and organize marches in front of the embassies of Russia to condemn the murderer Putin, today applauded by all.

The fascist Putin-Hitler celebrates and the “international community” of which many speak, are applauding.

While this World Cup is being played, there is murder and killings in Daraa.

Let’s march on the Russian embassies. The war criminal Putin, his associate Al Assad and his genocide can not be left without trial or punishment. There will be no forgetting or forgiveness!

In the next few days, during the World Cup, with which they want to legitimize and show how Jackal Putin is kind, it is essential to win the streets without delay. There is no time to lose! It is time for the flags of the Syrian revolution, which are repressed, forbidden and persecuted in the stadiums of Russia, to rise in their own embassies all over the world!

Putin assassin! He supports the genocidal Al Assad and the Zionist beast that crushes and occupies the Palestinian nation.

#SaveDaraa

Adherents:

Committee for Syria from Argentina

Committee for Syria from Spanish State

Committee for Syria from São Paulo - Brazil



“Daraa is bleeding”



Bombs on Daraa

With Raqa and Deir ez Zor occupied by the US

Now,

Al Assad, Putin and the Iranian Ayatollahs unleash a brutal massacre on the rebel cities of Daraa

The resistance does not surrender!

Bashar, the Russian genocidal forces and the troops of the Iranian theocracy are massacring rebel cities in Daraa province, such as al-Harak, Houran, Musifra and Busra al-Harir. The Russian warplanes and those of the regime attack constantly with missiles, bombs, white phosphorus, napalm, explosive barrels... leaving hundreds of martyrs every day. The armies of Iran, Hezbollah and Russia shell with artillery fire and try to advance to take over that area of Daraa, one of the last trenches of the revolution, but they have faced a huge resistance of the masses there in Southern Syria.

The massacre and destruction of those cities have caused also that tens and even hundreds of thousands of exploited that lived there had to go, as new refugees or displaced, to seek shelter in some other city of that rebel area, if they can find, or go to some tent in the borders with Jordan, a country shaken by a huge uprising of the working class and the exploited. Facing this situation, the Jordanian king reinforced the surveillance of the borders with huge military presence, with the sole aim of not letting a single refugee to cross the border and for the Syrian people to be at the mercy of Al Assad and Putin.

When the planes of Al Assad and Putin were reducing Ghouta to ashes, the masses in Idlib marched to the warcry "open the fronts", but the generals of the FSA and Al Nusra of that governorate simply sat idly by without

facing Bashar. So did the bourgeois generals of the FSA of Daraa, the so-called "Southern Front". They stored the weapons, even when they had a huge amount of heavy weapons and only being a few kilometers away. **All these generals of the Sunni bourgeoisie were very careful not to unify the forces to face Al Assad, not to open any front and that the armament was well guarded, since to do so would have meant a counter-offensive to break the siege on Ghouta and to defeat the genocidal forces of Al Assad and Putin in Damascus.**

The FSA generals are not against Bashar, but are with him at the Geneva conference. Today it is clear that when they declared Daraa a "safe zone", where a "ceasefire" reigned, it was only to give the counterrevolutionary forces time to concentrate on defeating other rebel areas around Damascus, without opening another front in Daraa to fight against the regime. The same happened in Idlib and in every other rebel area. **They gave the best conditions to Bashar and Putin to now unleash a brutal massacre on Daraa, while Turkey and Russia surround Idlib and the US occupies Raqa and Deir ez Zor with its military bases and Marines, keeping the Syrian oil wealth for itself.**

The generals of the "Southern Front" of the FSA never sought to defeat Bashar, nor even confront him in Daraa. They wanted to surrender that area without even shooting a single bullet, agreeing with Al Assad to evacuate the

masses of the cities and towns, relocating them in tents in the middle of the desert in northern Syria, turning them into new outcasts in their own lands. This way, the FSA generals would return to the place from where they left, to the officer caste together with the Assadist generals, as happened in Homs or Ghouta. In fact there already are FSA generals who started to do this. The leader of Tayammu al-Wiyat al-Omari (Omari Brigades) of the FSA made this announcement as soon as the first bombs began to fall, showing himself to the Iranian press raising the Russian and Al Assad flags.

However, **the resistance of the masses -who do not surrender-** and their hatred against the dog Bashar stopped this plan. Assad and Putin then began massacring the masses. Facing this, the "Southern Front" of the FSA was forced to put its weaponry, which never used in 7 years of revolution, for the defense of Daraa in order to relegitimize itself, keep the control of the masses and to be able, once and for all, to impose them rendition, as we saw in Aleppo or Daraya, when all the brigades of the FSA and even Al Nusra came together, they placed themselves in front of the fights only to have the authority to impose retreats and end up surrendering.

This is how the Geneva conference works: with Al Assad, Putin and the Iranian ayatollahs massacring; with the US clearing the skies and with the FSA generals, under Erdogan's orders,

selling out the masses. With this plan, today they come for Daraa and Idlib. They have to take the last trenches of the revolution and not leave a single rebel city. That is the reason of the constant bombing of the warplanes and artillery of Assad and Putin, which acts as a "gun to the head" on the masses so that the bourgeois generals of the FSA can end up surrendering those areas, weapons and selling out the resistance with the excuse of that if they don't, the massacre continues.

It is already demonstrated once again that with a bourgeois leadership in the civil war cannot succeed. We needed and need a revolutionary leadership, that poses a program for the victory, starting from the expropriation of the bourgeoisie, the banks and oil wells, to put all the available resources to win the war, for having bread and decent housing; to raise the need of setting up again the coordination committees; to organize committees of the refugee camps and to give a rifle to each man, guaranteeing the weapons in the hands of the people to confront Bashar.

For the defeat of the fascist dog Al Assad and the butcher Putin!

The resistance does not give up!

We must disarm all the bourgeois generals who sell out the masses from the Geneva conference, and expel them from the resistance!

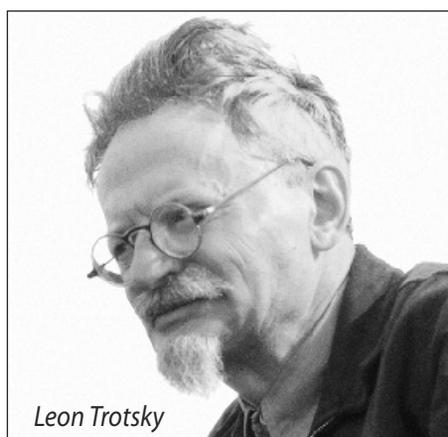
Down with the Geneva conference!

The conditions for victory in the civil war

The Syrian revolution in 2011 stood up as a link of a single chain of revolutions in the entire Maghreb and Middle East for bread and freedom. With local insurrections city by city, the masses defeated and split the army of Bashar, they conquered the weapons and could liberate more than 70% of the territory of the country. However, today it resists in its last trenches. Thousands of workers and youth also want to know what happened and why the situation is like this.

The answer is to be sought in the leadership that the masses had in this civil war. From the beginning of the revolution, the Sunnite bourgeoisie called their generals to break with the army of Bashar and go to place themselves at the front of the fights of the masses to prevent them from achieving victory in the revolution with their direct democracy organs. That's why they went to the "free areas" to prevent the masses that in their revolution they expropriate the bourgeoisie, and if they defeated Bashar, for these generals to occupy his place and safeguard the bourgeois state. For this reason, the bourgeois generals of the Free Syrian Army have dedicated themselves to disarm the masses, to dismantle their direct democracy organs (the coordination committees), to safeguard the private property in the freed areas, where they overexploited and starve the workers just as in the areas controlled by Al Assad. With the Assadist generals, they had common businesses during the war. Thus they guaranteed the defeat in the civil war and these bourgeois generals of the FSA ended up agreeing with Al Assad and returning to the place where they came from, Assad's army, giving him the heavy weaponry they stored, selling out the masses and their fights, just as they did from Geneva.

The Syrian civil war shows once again the need of a revolutionary leadership to succeed; one leadership that poses the conditions for victory. This is what Trotsky said in the Interview with the New York Herald Tribune on August 23rd



Leon Trotsky

1937: "The experience of the Spanish civil war and of all the big civil wars, included the civil war of the '60s of last century in USA, shows that there's **no chance of triumph in the civil war without proclaiming and putting in practice a program of big social reforms**" (our bold). Precisely in Syria, no big social reform was the program of the FSA bourgeois generals.

What defines the victory in the civil war is not much the military technique but the political leadership, that is to say if the program is the right one in order to succeed. As Trotsky would say "In every civil war, infinitively more than in an ordinary war, the policy prevails over strategy. Lee was more of a military expert than Grant [both generals in command of both sides that fought against each other in US civil war in the 19th century] but his victory was secured by the program of abolishing the slavery, which was his base". ("For the victory of the Spanish revolution", February 19th 1937)

That's why, in Syria, to win the need was to expropriate the bourgeoisie, to put all the available resources to win the war and solve the problem of food and houses. It is needed to get back to set up the coordination committees, recovering the weaponry for the people and advance to get to Damascus, making the workers and exploited to rise there and also in every city under the boot of Bashar. To reach victory, the fight of the Syrian masses have to be one with the working

class of the region, of the imperialist countries and the world. This program is the one promoted by the Trotskyists, fighting for a proletarian leadership of the war. This is the program prevented by the FSA generals. They are bourgeois and look after their property against the exploited masses and their revolution.

Therefore we publish below "The conditions for victory" for the Spanish civil war of 1930s, written by Leon Trotsky. This is the program the Trotskyists of the Fourth International when in Spain there was a situation similar to that of Syria today, with a civil war between the republican band and the fascist of Franco.

In Spain, Trotsky said that the revolutionaries of the Fourth International had the position as follows: "No political alliance with the bourgeoisie,' as the first condition. The second, 'You must be the best soldiers against the fascists.' Third, You must say to the soldiers, to the other soldiers and the peasants: 'We must transform our country into a people's country. Then, when we win the masses, we will throw the bourgeoisie out of office, and then we will be in power and we will make the social revolution.'" (Leon Trotsky, "The case of Leon Trotsky" Report of Hearings on the Charges Made Against Him in the Moscow Trials, eighth session, April 14th 1937).

We as Trotskyists today, who fight for recovering and refounding the Fourth International, promote this. With this program and lessons we reproduce now, we intervened in the Syrian revolution from Leon Sedov Brigade and the foundational core of a Trotskyist revolutionary party in Syria was constituted.

The conditions for victory:

"1. The fighters of a revolutionary army must be clearly aware of the fact that they are fighting for their full social liberation and not for the reestablishment

of the old (“democratic”) forms of exploitation.

2. The workers and peasants in the rear of the revolutionary army as well as in the rear of the enemy must know and understand the same thing.

3. The propaganda on their own front as well as on the enemy front and in both rears must be completely permeated with the spirit of social revolution. The slogan “First victory, then reforms,” is the slogan of all oppressors and exploiters from the Biblical kings down to Stalin.

4. Politics are determined by those classes and strata that participate in the struggle. The revolutionary masses must have a state apparatus that directly and immediately expresses their will. Only the soviets of workers’, soldiers’, and peasants’ deputies can act as such an apparatus.

5. The revolutionary army must not only proclaim but also immediately realize in life the more pressing measures of social revolution in the provinces won by them: the expropriation of provisions, manufactured articles, and other stores on hand and the transfer of these to the needy; the redivision of shelter and housing in the interests of the toilers and especially of the families of the fighters; the

expropriation of the land and agricultural inventory in the interests of the peasants; the establishment of workers’ control and soviet power in the place of the former bureaucracy.

6. Enemies of the socialist revolution, that is, exploiting elements and their agents, even if masquerading as “democrats,” “republicans,” “Socialists,” and “Anarchists,” must be mercilessly driven out of the army.

7. At the head of each military unit must be places commissars possessing irreproachable authority as revolutionists and soldiers.

8. In every military unit there must be a firmly welded nucleus of the most self-sacrificing fighters, recommended by the workers’ organizations. The members of this nucleus have but one privilege: to be first under fire.

9. The commanding corps necessarily includes at first many alien and unreliable elements among the personnel. Their testing, retesting, and sifting must be carried through on the basis of combat experience, recommendations of commissars, and testimonials of rank-and-file fighters. Coincident with this must proceed an intense training of commanders drawn from the ranks of revolutionary workers.

10. The strategy of civil war must combine the rules of military art with the tasks of the social revolution. Not only in propaganda but also in military operations it is necessary to take into account the social composition of the various military units of the enemy (bourgeois volunteers, mobilized peasants, or as in Franco’s case, colonial slaves); and in choosing lines of operation, it is necessary to rigorously take into consideration the social structure of the corresponding territories (industrial regions, peasant regions, revolutionary or reactionary, regions of oppressed nationalities, etc.). In brief, revolutionary policy dominates strategy.

11. Both the revolutionary government and the executive committee of the workers and peasants must know how to win the complete confidence of the army and of the toiling population.

12. Foreign policy must have as its main objective the awakening of the revolutionary consciousness of the workers, the exploited peasants, and oppressed nationalities of the whole world.”

(Leon Trotsky, “The Lessons of Spain: The last warning”, December 17th, 1937)

In moments when de FSA generals sell out the rebel masses, their fights and martyrs

***Honour to the martyrs of the Syrian revolution!
Honour to the socialists that fell in the advance of the fight against the fascist dog Al Assad and Putin, servants of imperialism! They gave their lives for the victory of the socialist revolution!***

Comrades

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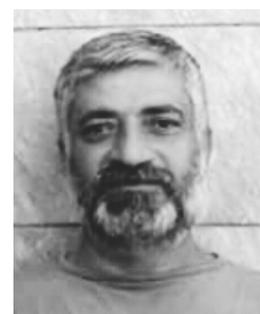
Till socialism always!



Leon Sedov Brigade



Abu Al Baraa



Mustafa Abu Jumaa

Idlib

June 9th, 2018

Brutal massacre at hands of Putin in Zardana, province of Idlib

On June 7 after the call to the sunset prayer and while the people were going to pray the Tarawih (which is done in Ramadan) a massacre was carried out in the city of Zardana, in the east of the province of Idlib.

A Russian plane attacked with aerial bombardments, first with four high-explosive missiles. It attacked the center of densely populated communities and next to a mosque.

There were more than 50 martyrs and more than 100 wounded, most of them children and women.

While the Civil Defense (White Helmets) treated the wounded, the warplanes bombed again, causing the death of a civil defense officer and seriously injuring others.

AHMED RAHHAL



Daraa

June 27th, 2018

50,000 displaced by the counterrevolutionary advance in Daraa, one of the last trenches of the Syrian revolution

Daraa governorate is witness of a great movement of displaced due to the military campaign carried out for almost 10 days by the Syrian regime and its forces, with the support of Russian planes, over the towns of Daraa.

The towns of Busra al-Harir, al-Harak, al-Karak, Nahata, Eastern Maliha, Western Maliha and other towns nearby suffered a massive exodus due to the intense bombing of the warplanes of the regime and of Russia, as well as the intensive fire of missiles and artillery over those towns.

There are more than 50,000 people displaced, although there are no precise statistics because of the massive exodus and the intense bombings on those towns.

What the forces of the Syrian regime

and the Russian planes are doing by bombing the civilians is an attempt to force them to reconciliation and to establish their situation and be subjected to the control of the regime and the government. The war planes also attacked hospitals, medical centres, and Civil Defense centres (the "white helmets") in order to increase the pressure on the civil population and to restrain it.

The assessment of the situation in Daraa is very bad and disturbing, particularly on the situation of the displaced that have fled to the border with Jordan and the occupied Golan, seeing the little capacities that the local organizations that work in this area have, and seeing that "Jordan" refused to receive the displaced and to

allow the entrance of those wounded by the warplanes' bombing.

Before the international silence on this humanitarian catastrophe that happens in Southern Syria, the radio of the flight of the planes of the regime and Russia in Daraa governorate is expanded, where the cities considered a shelter for the displaced are also a target, including the city of "Nua", which is the biggest populated town in the area, as well as the city of "Syda", home to 30,000 displaced, causing the death of several civilians and tens of wounded.

Ahmed Rahhal

11/06/2018



Protesters confront the police on the streets

Brutal attack of the IMF, the bosses and the despotic regime of the monarchy on the workers and the poor

ENOUGH WITH FEES AND TAX HIKES! NO MORE ATTACKS ON WAGES OR INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING!
THE JORDANIAN MASSES TAKE TO THE STREETS!
Long live the workers struggle! Long live the general strike!

The Prime Minister fell,
Now, let the one that organizes and commands the attack on the masses fall:

DOWN WITH THE MONARCHY! IMF OUT!

The Jordan people do not kneel down!
**Let the crisis be paid by those who caused it: the bosses, the monarchy, the bankers and the IMF!
Expropriate the expropriators of the people!**

As yesterday in Tunisia, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Morocco and today in Iran and Jordan
The Workers of Maghreb and Middle East are the advanced of the struggle of the world working class against the IMF and its lackey governments

The fights in Jordan in 2011 and those of today, a link of a chain of revolutions in the entire Maghreb and Middle East

The region was crossed by great revolutions. The social-imperialist parties and the currents of the reformist left branded these processes as “springtime of the peoples” and “democratic revolutions”. They asserted that the revolutions only attempted to put an end to the old despotic regimes of the region. They denied that they were, together with the Zionists, nothing more and nothing less than the gendarmes of the oil plundered by imperialism. This oil production is made by a slave labour force, the working class of the Arab people and the Muslim nation.

Other currents in 2011-2012, like world Stalinism, openly supported the anti-worker reactionary regimes, like that of the Iranian theocracy that crushed the masses in 2009 before they besiege Tehran with their struggles. They supported Qadafy, a multimillionaire lackey partner of Italian company ENI and Fiat, and the biggest slave seller from Africa to Europe. This counterrevolutionary policy was concreted cynically in Syria, where they support Al Assad’s genocide, supported by Putin, Erdogan and the US even today.

With the excuse of the “springtime of the peoples” fraudulent electoral traps and illegitimate constituent assemblies were imposed. With them, imperialism and the native bourgeoisies contained and diverted the revolutionary processes so that they don’t advance to directly attack the property of the capitalists and the imperialism that plunders the entire region.

In Jordan, as we have seen, before losing his head – as it happened to Ben Ali, Mubarak and Qadafy - and before the revolution overthrows all the institutions of the regime, King Abdullah II yielded and temporarily stopped the most brutal attacks against the masses.

But after the electoral traps and frauds, the sabers of the generals came. Imperialism concentrated its forces and all its agents in Syria to cut this chain of revolutions and prevent the fall of Al Assad. This opened a phase of imperialist counterrevolution that ended with tough defeats of the exploited as in Egypt and with massacres as in Yemen and Syria.

The state of Israel today raises its head and attacks the Palestinian masses openly again. Not only that. US imperialism needs its Zionist agent to become the central counterrevolutionary device in the region.

Thus, once the Iranian counterrevolutionary theocracy has



been used to massacre the Syrian masses, rewarding it by lifting the embargo on that nation, now again, once it has carried out its “dirty work”, it must return home... This is how imperialism pays to its servants and lackeys for their services. Now Zionism is preparing itself to openly attack the Iranian nation, just as Saudi Arabia does today against the martyred Yemen.

Under these conditions, the Jordanian bourgeoisie saw itself with its hands free to impose the IMF’s plan by attacking the masses to the point of taking away any chance of subsistence. With the Syrian revolution massacred and resisting in its last trenches, with a Yemen devastated by the Saudi invasion, with a counterrevolutionary dictatorship settled in Egypt and upholding Camp David agreement, with Tunisia under Ben Ali’s party government, with the Zionists massacring the Palestinian masses of Gaza, now imperialism with King Abdullah II of Jordan have gone on the attack, seeking to impose the plan that they had failed to pass previously because the battles of the exploited.

In these last years, as the counterrevolution advanced throughout the region, in Jordan they started to remove the subsidies of food, electricity and fuel, causing a huge increase in all prices.

But now the cost of living has skyrocketed. **Only in 2018 the fuel price increased 5 times, the electricity fee hiked 55% and the bread costs the double of it cost at the beginning of year.**

The Jordanian masses could not stand it nor allow it. The situation for the working class and the exploited is unbearable. According to official data, more than 20% of the population is below the poverty line and official unemployment is above 18%, although unofficially it is much more. Not only this. Jordan is a country of a bit less than 10 million people, of which two million are Palestinian refugees, without documents or rights, who work as slave labour. There are about 700,000 Syrian refugees in the Jordanian desert, as in Zaatari, the second largest refugee camp in the world. There are more than a million Iraqi workers and also workers from Egypt, Yemen and other countries doing the worst jobs, with miserable wages. Under these conditions, the Jordanian volcano boiled and burst out.

The Jordanian working class and masses fight with the political General Strike on the streets

In this country where practically half of the population lives without rights because they are refugees and immigrants; where the vast majority has a wage that cannot afford the typical basket, as we said, the IMF and its lackey government have launched a new round of the attack they are already carrying out with hikes in fees and taxes. **It is impossible for the working class and the exploited masses to eat and they have come out to face this brutal attack. Again, as in 2011, the engine is the struggle for bread, against the IMF and the counterrevolutionary governments and regimes, which are agents of imperialism that brutally plunders those nations.**

With a general strike with actions in the streets and clashes against repression, the workers and the poor of Jordan have forced to take back the latest hikes in fuel and electricity fees; they have stopped the hikes in taxes and have forced the resignation of the Prime Minister! Thus a huge political crisis in the heights was opened, threatening with making the head of the king roll.

That is why the bourgeoisie threw the head of the prime minister to the masses. But King Abdallah II appointed a new prime minister. This is how the Jordanian regime works: the king has full faculties to place and remove governments and even to decree laws and veto them, but he hides behind a fake stage of ministers and parliaments so they are the ones to be exposed themselves before the masses. So, at the same time the king asked the new prime minister to withdraw the law, he entrusted him and his new cabinet to study how to implement a new one.

The fact is that the IMF, Trump and imperialism demand that a fraudulent and usurious debt must be paid. That is why, with their lackeys of the Jordanian bourgeoisie, they launched an attack on the workers and the people that allows them to pay it with the hunger of the people and **thus reduce their indebtedness from 94% of the GDP to 77%** in five years. For imperialism and the Jordanian bourgeoisie, it is key that the king's head does not roll and that his state and regime are not dismantled. The revolutionary struggle of the workers and the oppressed masses has forced them to retreat from their attack, but in the backstage all the exploiters continue to conspire to see how they can implement the plan.

The working class and the masses have not demobilized. On Wednesday 6/6 a general strike and demonstrations were held again. Although they have withdrawn the last hikes and attack to the wages, the high cost of living and the unbearable situation for the exploited ones is still there.

A huge political crisis is opened. The masses do not leave the streets and must not leave them until they **defeat the IMF attack as a whole, ending with the bloody Jordanian monarchy.**

The war cry in the streets is clear:

No more high cost of living! Decent wages for all!

The way out is to attack the property and the superprofits of the capitalists:

Share the working hours and one extra shift in each factory and workplace for the unemployed to enter to work!

In the entire Maghreb and Middle East, one single working class!

Documents, houses, decent work and full rights for all the Palestinian and Syrian refugees!

Let the crisis be paid by those who caused it: the bosses, the king, the bankers and the IMF! Expropriate the expropriators of the people!

For that reason, we need to complete the revolutionary actions that have started. **Guillotine to the king!** Let his whole regime, servant of the IMF that only apply plans against the workers with hikes in fees, taxes and cost of living! **No payment of the foreign debt! Out with the IMF!**

The need is to set up the power of the ones from below, the working class and the exploited! They know each other. They are the ones who have imposed the general strike in every workplace. They are the ones that are part of the 33 unions that called it. They are the ones who have been taking to the streets to defeat the attack of the IMF.

For factory committees and committees in workplaces; for committees of unemployed, of immigrants, of Palestinian and Syrian refugees who, together with the unions and overcoming the union bureaucracy that has already manifested its willingness to negotiate the tax hikes, get coordinated by city, town, region and nationally!

The masses of the Middle East, after the heroic Iranian revolution that overthrew the Sha Reza Palevi and after the mass uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Syria in 2011, know very well that they must set up their own structures of struggle and of power: the shora, the councils of workers and soldiers that organize all the masses in struggle. It is time for the heroic Jordanian revolution not to stop, as the future of revolutionary processes throughout the region also depends on it in a large extent.

For a provisional revolutionary workers and peasants government, based in the struggle structures of the self-organized and armed masses!

A new link in the chain of imperialist domination in the Middle East has been broken. The masses in Jordan occupy the center of the scene. The Iranian masses began their uprising at the beginning of the year with an accurate demand against hunger and extreme misery. In the streets of Tehran and in the entire Iran the cry was: "the clerics live as kings and the people as beggars", with the demand of the Iranian mercenary forces to be withdrawn from Syria since "in Iran there is hunger and here we cannot take it anymore".

In these combats of Tehran, of Jordan, of the martyred people of Gaza clashing with the Zionist forces, that heroic chain of revolutions that broke out in Maghreb and Middle East in 2011-2012 still lives. It is the same fire from the same dry wood

that burned the whole region and shook the whole world.

In these combats the heroic Syrian and Yemeni revolution, which are already fighting in the last trenches, live... But the last acts of the revolution and counterrevolution have not finished to be written neither in Maghreb and Middle East nor at international level.

The offensive of imperialism in crisis and bankruptcy does not give a rest. The IMF's brutal attack to impose its plans and plunder the oppressed peoples has only been doubled in the recent years. With labour flexibilization, the transnationals seek to impose on the workers of the world in the 21st century the slave conditions of the 19th century.

The imperialist offensive does not stop but the masses wage huge battles and class battles. The struggles against labor flexibilization in Brazil, India or France, the fight against the hikes in fees and the high cost of living as in Argentina, Bolivia or South Africa, are a faithful proof that the masses are far from withdrawing from the battlefield.

The imperialist powers announce that they have declared a trade war for the control of the trade, finance and businesses of the transnational companies and monopolies. But the disputes of those of the above are disputes of parasites and vultures for the loot, for a world market that does nothing but to shrink and to leave entire imperialist gangs out. The vultures have begun to peck on each other. However the real war of the ones on the top is against the working class and the oppressed peoples of the world. This is the class war and the Jordanian masses have entered into it, standing up with the revolutionary general strike that threatens with shaking the Syrian and Palestinian outcasts and broadening the borders of the fighting in Gaza and the West Bank.

**In the entire Maghreb and Middle East,
one single intifada!**

**In the entire world, one single working class
confronting one same enemy, imperialism and its
lackey governments!**

The Jordanian masses have risen. The allies of the Palestinian masses that are being slaughtered in Gaza by Zionism have entered into the struggle. The State of Israel is supported by the Jordanian monarchy that has an agreement that recognizes Israel since 1994. Palestine and Jordan, one single struggle! **For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel!**

The allies of the Syrian masses who resist in the last trenches of the revolution have stood up. They are the allies of the Iranian masses who have revolted against the Ayatollahs with the war cry "the clerics live as kings while the people live as beggars!"

Out with the Iranian theocracy! Out with Al Assad and all the invading troops of Syria! For the defeat of the Saudi troops that invade Yemen! Out with the counterrevolutionary dictatorship of Al Sisi! In the whole Maghreb and Middle East, one single intifada!



Thousands march through the streets of Amman, the capital city

The Jordanian masses today show the way on how to confront the plans of the IMF, with a general strike, struggle in the streets, mass uprising facing the governments and regimes lackeys of imperialism! This is how the masses from all over Maghreb and Middle East did it in 2011, or in recent years in Morocco and now in Jordan.

The reformist left hides this enormous struggle. They have insulted the masses of Maghreb and Middle East by calling them "terrorists", "backward people", "barbarians"... when they have shown how to confront the attacks of the IMF: with a general strike, fighting on the streets, insurrections, overthrowing governments and regimes ... This is not a coincidence: the social-imperialist currents are spokespersons and they look after the businesses of their own imperialist bourgeoisies that plunder the oil of the nations of Maghreb and Middle East, because these leaderships live out of the crumbs that fall from the super-profits that their imperialisms get from the looting and over-exploitation of the working class of the colonies and semi-colonies that they oppress. For that reason, so much viciousness, slander and betrayal by these currents against the working class and the Arab masses. It is that they are the vanguard of the world working class in its fight against imperialism and its lackey regimes in the region; one of the battalions of the proletariat that fought the most in this 21st century.

The exploited of Maghreb and Middle East show the way for the world working class on how to fight, against the claims of the reformist left that always want to take the workers to the feet of the parliaments, laws, judges, labour ministries, that is to say, to the feet of the capitalist regimes.

Long live the struggle of the Jordanian masses and those of the entire Maghreb and Middle East!

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The consequences of the bombings of Al Assad, Putin and Trump

15 million Syrian refugees are crowded in tents in the borders, as outcasts in their own land

The Syrian diaspora in concentration camps in the Middle East and Europe

There are more than 15 million Syrian refugees, whose houses were destroyed by the warplanes of Al Assad and Putin, that are escaping from this brutal massacre. **Ten million of them are in tents in the middle of the Syrian desert, as outcasts in their own land.** Those are tents in the open, some of them are in the governorates of Idlib or Daraa, others in the borders of Turkey or Jordan. Therefore they suffer from the high temperatures of the summer and also from the intense cold of the winter, even having death by hypothermia when there is snowfall.

In these camps, there is no drinkable water. The water infrastructure that some of those camps (as most of them have nothing) only provides poisoned water. For this reason the toilets and the hygiene installations are very precarious and in some cases non-existent. That's why the cases of diseases such as hepatitis and cholera are common... and there are even outbreaks of diseases such as meningitis. The drinkable water must be bought and for this, among several families, they raise funds with the little money they have and they can fill a 70 litre tank.

Money is something that is also short. Even if they get a job in a nearby Syrian city, the wages are too low and they work in long shifts of 12 hours a day.

In this desperate situation, the officials of the UN and NGO coordinators take advantage of it and rape the Syrian women, who only get "humanitar-



Refugees in Daraa

ian aid" (something of food, soap and other basic goods) in exchange of "sexual favors".

The conditions are so terrible that many Syrians seek to go to other countries. In Turkey there are already around three million refugees, who work in the worst conditions, are overexploited in shifts of 10 to 12 hours a day for a wage far below the average that a Turkish worker makes, without health insurance, without pension funds, without any right.

There are also about two million Syrian refugees in both Lebanon and Jordan. In those countries, they are in real concentration camps, behind barbed wires, under the custody of the armies of each country, which set the time for entering and getting out of

them (if entrance and exit are allowed) and all the rules under which the Syrian refugees must live. They have no right, except to remain in those camps-jails, under the military jackboots. The Syrian refugees do not have permission to work or to live outside those camps, unless the governments grant them. Thus they are used as a reservoir of slave labour. When the employers in any of the countries need them, they take them, in conditions of exploitation even worse than those in Turkey.

It is a huge diaspora of the Syrian masses, who not only went as refugees in the entire Middle East but also in Europe. They are part of the huge wave of refugees and immigrants who, leaving their blood in the Mediterranean Sea, from the Middle

East and sub-Saharan Africa, try to reach European territory, escaping the wars, massacres, misery and barbarism that imperialism has imposed on their native countries. They are part of the black workers who arrive in Libya trying to get on a ship to reach Europe, but they are victims of the Libyan Qadafist bourgeoisie that sells them as slaves to the local employers or to the Europe of Maastricht.

But the Syrian refugees, who arrived to Greece from Turkey, were also locked up by the government of the “New Left” of Syriza in concentration camps like those of Jordan or Lebanon. (See “*the Syrian refugees in Greece*”). Even the EU declared its intention of not allowing more refugees to enter and for that they enlisted their armies to patrol the borders and prevent their entry, even reinforcing Frontex (the border guard of Maastricht) with 10,000 new men.

This is how the Syrian masses are today after the advance of the counterrevolution, with massacre and genocide. In 2011, the workers and the exploited had risen in a huge revolution for bread and freedom. In a chain of local insurrections they had defeated and split Al Assad’s army, who had lost control of 70% of Syrian territory. The dog Bashar could not advance by land to re-take those cities. **Only after bombarding them with all kinds of bombs (conventional, barrel, cluster, white phosphorus, chemical, etc.), reducing them to ashes, and on the basis of the FSA generals sell-out, the dog forces Bashar and Putin regained control.** They had to destroy the cities to take them and they did it when the FSA, as a Trojan Horse, sold them out from within. When the Assadist forces re-took the cities, they evacuated the exploited from there. They just cannot allow the Syrian people to live there or to return, because they know that if millions return to the those cities, they could rise again and fight against the dog Bashar who murdered their relatives and destroyed their homes. That is why Al Assad’s forces imprison and murder anyone who has been part of the revolution and wants to



Refugee camps in the borders of Syria

return to their home. He has also decreed a “law of expropriation” by which the regime will steal their houses, as it establishes that the government will keep any house that is not claimed within 30 days with a valid title.

Bashar learned very well from what Zionism did to the Palestinian people, massacring it, stripping it of its lands, locking them in Bantustans in Palestine and forcing to a diaspora of millions and millions of refugees in several countries of the Middle East and the world.

Today this counterrevolutionary genocide against the Syrian people continues. Idlib province is being besieged and massacred, bombed by Russian planes and surrounded by Turkish checkpoints. The rebel cities of Daraa, in southern Syria, are attacked day and night by aircraft and artillery fire from Russia, Iran and Al Assad, which has caused dozens and even hundreds of thousands of new refugees to go to the refugee camps on the border with Jordan.

This is the counterrevolution, which today comes to take over those last trenches of the revolution. But the world reformist left calls this a “war between two reactionary camps”: Al Assad and Putin against the US, Turkey and the FSA. It is a huge deception to cover up this counterrevolutionary action. The US and Turkey let the planes of Russia and Bashar the dog to indis-

criminally bomb all around, without a military confrontation. They cleared the skies. They told each other the coordinates of where their planes would attack, thus coordinating the bombings among themselves. Almost all the bombings that the US made in Syria were not against the troops of Bashar. They bombed the cities where ISIS was, but didn’t touch a single hair of ISIS but were attacks aimed at the masses that even ISIS could not control. This is how they destroyed the rebel cities, the working class neighborhoods and the homes, hospitals and schools of the Syrian masses, but left their oil wells, oil pipelines and refineries intact.

That is to say, there was a coordinated massacre between these “two camps” of which the reformist left speaks about, while the masses resisted only with light weapons that managed to take off from Al Assad with their combats and insurrections, because the FSA generals took all the heavy weaponry and then gave it back to Al Assad. The “two reactionary camps” of which the left speaks were actually all together in the same camp at the conference in Geneva, under the command of the United States. That’s where the counterrevolution in Syria was conspired and organized, with Al Assad and Putin massacring and the FSA, under Turkish command, selling out the masses. **The only “two sides” that clashed were on the one hand the workers and the exploited and their**

revolution, and on the other hand all the forces in Geneva to crush them. If the masses had been in the middle of the “two sides” that the left said, then they would have to return to their homes as soon as Al Assad regains control of them, something that as we said above does not happen.

It is the same left that slandered the Syrian masses by calling them “jihadists”, “religious fanatics”, to make the workers of the world to believe that they were not there and are not massacring their class brothers and sisters, but “terrorists”. Thus they left their hands free to Al Assad and Putin to carry out their counterrevolutionary genocide with impunity.

This left, together with the union bureaucracies, turned their backs on the refugees, not only by slandering them but also refusing to affiliate them in the unions and fight for their demands throughout Europe. The same happens in Turkey and in all the countries where the Syrian refugees are, when they are part of the working class.

Thus, they divided the workers

ranks, and over that basis, the EU went on the offensive on the refugees and even deepened the attack to snatch all the conquests from the proletariat of the central Maastricht countries and impose the labour flexibilization.

The demands of the refugees and immigrants must be taken by all trade unions and workers’ organizations in Europe, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon ... Down with the union bureaucracy! Free the Syrian refugees locked up in concentration camps! Decent housing and work for everyone now! Documents and full rights for all refugees and immigrants! They are the heart of the European working class and must be affiliated to the unions!

In Syria, they also need to set up their unions against the brutal overexploitation they suffer by the hand of the Sunnite bosses.

The allies of the refugees, in Maghreb and Middle East are rising in Jordan, with the working class and the exploited breaking out with a general strike with fighting in the streets, in

Gaza with the Palestinian people that fights against the Zionist occupier, in Iran taking to the streets against the theocracy at the war cry “The Ayatollahs live as kings and the people as beggars”. In Syria, with the revolution resisting from their last trenches. In the entire region, a single intifada!

For their victory to succeed, their fight must be a brother of the struggle of the working class and the youth in France that confronts the labour flexibilization, the working class and the youth of Greece that staged a general strike against Syriza’s government, the Russian working class that starts to rise against Putin the genocidal and together with the whole working class of Europe, from Portugal to the Russian Steppes.

One single working class in the world, one single international struggle!

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As yesterday in the Spanish civil war...

The revolutionary anarchists and internationalist Trotskyists fight together in the same trench in the Syrian revolution

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Syrian refugees in Greece

Today there are 62,000 Syrian refugees in Greece in “refugee centers” which are just another name for concentration camps, where they are crowded together with the Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans, Pakistanis and other countries, who escape either from the war or the barbarism in which imperialism has plunged those nations. Every day, according to Syriza, 75 new refugees arrive at the Greek coasts.

Seeing this situation, Syriza has already announced that it will open 5 more of these camps, in which they live in sub-human conditions. Many of these camps are in abandoned buildings of military bases or factories that have been closed for years, or in the open, in tents that only provide a roof while the refugees sleep with their sleeping bags on the floor, crowded inside it. The food inside the camps is often spoiled, so many families are left without food that day. The toilets are very few for the amount of people that the Syriza government crowds in there.

Those are true concentration camps, surrounded by barb wire, with the doors closed, and the refugees have no permission to leave. In several cases, their wrists were marked with their ID number.

As if this was not enough, the refugees often suffer attacks by Golden Dawn fascist gangs that have staged arson attacks to the places housing the refugees.

The situation was not always like this. In the middle of 2015, the Syrian refugees reached Europe and awoke a huge solidarity of millions of workers and youth of that continent. The rebel youth of Greece and of many other European countries, marched to the borders to receive them and open the way for them. Even Greek anarchists that today are imprisoned in Syriza and Troika’s jails came out in solidarity.

In those moments, they could open the border of the EU to reach Germany and in there look for work to rebuild their lives and those of their families.



Refugees in concentration camps in Greece

However, after that, the imperialist powers of Maastricht staged a set of self-attacks on their soil and they blamed ISIS. The social-imperialist parties came out to condemn ISIS and told the workers that ISIS was the main enemy and not imperialism or its agents that massacred the masses. They didn’t even denounce the counterrevolutionary role of ISIS in Raqa and Deir ez Zoir or in Iraq as Islamic guardians of the oil wells for the imperialist transnational companies. They hid the Syrian genocide. They spread islamophobia throughout the old world, setting on the ghost of terrorism, separating the workers in Europe from their class brothers and sisters from Maghreb and Middle East.

The refugees were left on their own by the bureaucracy of the unions and the social-imperialist parties, as the islamophobia campaign was been deepen. They divided the refugees from all the European workers and over that basis, the EU closed the borders again, evicted the Syrian refugees that were protesting in the streets of Greece, in the port or camping at the border to cross over and they locked them into those notorious concentration camps.

The Syrian refugees waged a huge battle in Greek soil. They marched to the borders, they blocked the train, they blocked the trade highways, they marched to the centre of Athens. For months, they clashed against the police in Idomeni (border crossing between

Greece and Macedonia) trying to cross the border. They protested in front of the Greek parliament in Syntagma Square and denounced EU and the government of the New Left Syriza. They even made riots inside the concentration camps, where they suffered first the aggression of the fascist bands and then the police that locked them up again. In Lsvos island, they rioted inside Moria, a refugee camp now turned into jail and concentration camp.

The refugees fought against the EU border crossing closure and for their rights and for the rights of all the workers in many ways. There were even hunger strikes inside the refugee-camps-jails. When the border crossings were closed, many refugees were so despaired that they even set themselves on fire. Even then, the bureaucracy of the unions and the social-imperialist parties did not took up this struggle. They left it isolated.

They besieged the refugees and the Syrian revolution. They provided support and left the hands free of the imperialist powers and their agents in order to advance with their counterrevolutionary action. This treason paved the way for concentration camps such as in Aschwitz to exist again in the imperialist Europe.

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Correspondents from the Gaza massacred by Zionism

June 3rd, 2018



Repression of the fascist Zionism on the Palestinian masses in Gaza

May 18th, 2018

In a message of challenge after the massacre... Palestinians continue the activities of the return march east of Gaza, today.

The number of injuries is 56 of live bullets and gas suffocation, east of the Gaza Strip, in the second day of Ramadan.



May 19th, 2018

The third martyr in less than 24 hours

Ahmad al-'Abd Abu Samra (Abu Warda), 21 years old, from Jabalya al-Nazlah, was killed in Shifa Hospital from wounds he sustained on Monday east of Jabaliya.

The number of martyrs of the massacre is 65 martyrs while there are at least 50 in the case of clinical death

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The Zionist occupation forces assassinate in cold blood the paramedic Razan Al Najjar while assisting the wounded

The Ministry of Health of the Gaza Strip announced the death of nurse Razan Al Najjar east of Khan Younis after being shot in the chest.

Al Najjar was 21 years old and became a martyr after being shot in the chest of an Israeli soldier while transporting one of the wounded to treat him.

Al Najjar has been working as a volunteer nurse on the border of the Gaza Strip since the start of the return march.

The health ministry said the number of victims increased on Friday, the tenth day of the return march, already reaching more than 100 dead, including 40 with lead bullets.

The health ministry in Gaza, early Saturday, announced that Nurse Razan Ashraf Al-Najjar was shot dead by an "Israeli" sniper during her humanitarian duty to provide first aid to wounded protesters in the Gaza Strip. march of the return, in the east of Khan Younis, in the south of the Gaza Strip.

The ministry said in a statement to "Palestinian today news": "The martyr Najjar did not hesitate for a moment to continue her humanitarian volunteer work to save the lives of people during the ten consecutive weeks, in which we witnessed the crimes committed for the occupation against children and women, unarmed civilian medical and press teams, noting that a whole community of medical personnel has worked since the start of the great return march on March 30."

The ministry noted that the occupier has registered a new chapter of his bloodthirsty racism by attacking the nurse directly and directly in the eyes of the world, in clear violation of the rules of international humanitarian law and the Fourth Geneva Convention, being a complete

crime in the whole rule.

As for the details of the crime, the occupying forces attacked a group of unarmed civilians east of Khan Younis, and immediately the medical team wearing white vests went to rescue and evacuate the wounded by raising their hands, confirming the absence of any danger to heavily armed occupation forces. Immediately the occupation forces fired lead bullets directly into the chest of the paramedic Razan, causing her death and wounding several paramedics.

The Ministry of Health confirmed that its teams will continue working at any cost to save the lives of our Palestinian people.

The ministry noted that it was decided to put the name of the martyr Razan Al Najjar to the eastern medical point of Khan Younis, so that it maintains a prominent name for the firmness of the medical personnel.

The ministry called on international institutions to work hard to provide protection to medical teams, which suffered the loss of two of his cadres the martyr Musa Abu Hassanein and the martyr Razan Al Najjar, and another 223 injured and damage to 37 ambulances during the great march of the return.

And the ministry also called on the international community, humanitarian institutions, human rights and the free world to denounce the crimes of the occupier and to act immediately to stop racism against medical personnel and against the unarmed children of our people, as to international resolutions and conventions

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swollen, and greatly diminished as a result of heavy trampling of military boots.

After he finished writing all the numbers, he told everyone to stand up and that in pairs take the bodies out. One of the prisoners came and we started dragging a corpse. On our way we turn and look towards the earth. Our situation was not easy, because our bodies were thin and we move slowly for the serious diseases.

So we got to the door and a car that was like a cage came and we threw the bodies we had. Then we moved to the vehicle to go to the hospital.

We all know that the hospital is to take care of the sick, but in the regime of Bashar Al Assad the hospital is to eliminate the patients and humiliate and insult them.

Once we got there, they beat us up



Tortures in Al Assad's prisons

and put us in a small cell called "glasses" and put the bodies down and put them together with us in the same cell "glasses".

We sat down until the next day and did not see any doctors. We only saw

corpses, sick prisoners suffering, very bad smells and the food for all the prisoners was not even enough for one.

In one day, four of the sick prisoners who were with us died as a result of their health, tuberculosis, diarrhea and scabies.

The next day the jailer entered and told us to go with him and leave in his direction. We walked a short distance on the way to a train. Each prisoner was next to another on that trip. Then we were forced to stand back on back looking at the floor so a military vehicle pick us up, it was like a cage. Before the car pick us up, the doctor arrived and began asking questions in a hurry to each prisoner, "What's wrong with you?" And we answered: one said of mange, another of diarrhea and another of something else, and so on. The vehicle took us to the Saidnaya prison. When we arrived they beat us severely, as if we were not human. They were calling us by our names and they were giving each of us our respective medicine.

After that, each prisoner was taken to his bedroom. When I arrived at the door of my bedroom, I took my medicine. There were two boxes that each had two sachets of anti-inflammatory pills and two boxes of benzoate to treat scabies. He emptied two envelopes of anti-inflammatory pills and threw them on the ground and trampled them with his military shoes. He gave me a box and they took me to the bedroom with heavy beatings and insults, knowing that a box was not enough for anything, since all the prisoners in the bedroom were infected with all kinds of diseases. I thank God that I survived from his hands, because God's capacity for action is greater.

They were very hard and difficult days.

Days and moments not to forget.

Mohammed Abu Faisal

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Memories of my imprisonment in the human slaughterhouse of the military prison of Saidnaya

"In the regime of Bashar Al Assad, the hospital is to eliminate the patients and humiliate and insult them"

By Mohammed Abu Faisal

June 24th, 2018

Every morning we hear that terrible sound of the criminal jailers "Is there a bedroom that has a dead animal?" (i.e. a dead prisoner). Then they join all the presidents of each dormitory that had somebody dead (Jailers choose one prisoner as "president", who is responsible for the entire bedroom following their instructions; if not, he is the main responsible, punished, beaten and tortured). To the presidents they say "the doctor is going to make a round and any prisoner who says he is sick, I am going to kill him and the sick man, did you understand animals?" And then the murderous thugs enter the wing with the criminal doctor and collect the bodies of the dead.

At one point, I was in a very bad state due to scabies disease, which opened my flesh. Because of the intensity of the pain and suffering I said to myself: "As soon as the doctor enters I want him to see body sitting and take me to the hospital, for God's sake, death is more merciful than this." We knew that if I went to the hospital I would probably not come back and that they would kill me, but since I felt great pain, I decided to tell the doctor about my condition.

The criminal doctor entered the bedroom and we had the body of an inmate who took him out of the bedroom. The doctor said, "Is there anyone sick?" And I raised my finger and said, "I'm sir." He told me to "back off." He said, "What do you have, prostitute?" I said, "Look at my body, sir, what is it?" He told me "you deserve more than that, son of..." and he asked my name, I answered and he said, "Go back to your



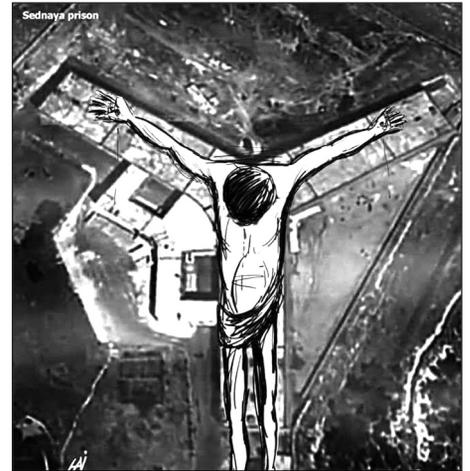
Mohammed Abu Faisal, survivor of the tortures in Al Assad's jails

place." They went out and closed the door and continued to the last bedroom.

Of course, mange was all over my body and on my hands and knees it was worse.

Mange is a very ugly disease, which causes great pain and itching throughout the body, high fever, strong infections and very large holes and bad odors, as a result of lumps and boils in the body.

Shortly after the jailer entered and called me by my name and said: "put your shirt on the head and lie back." I was scared in a way I have never been before. He took me to a room where the smell was very unpleasant. He closed the door of the room and left. Soon after, I and a group of prisoners from other dormitories who registered as sick and went to the hospital opened our eyes in the room. The room was full of bodies and blood of the prisoners, and their bodies were skinny, completely naked. Everything was very scary.



Saidnaya prison in Syria

Then we hear a voice commanding us to take a few steps, put our shirt back on our heads inside and cover hands our eyes with our hands. They entered where we were like rabid dogs and pounced on us and one of the criminals said: "To each of you I will write your identification number in your hand and that number will be your name. When they talk in the hospital and someone asks them what their name is, tell them my name is 'this number'."

He told us "everybody on your knees" and all the prisoners raised their hands and stood against the wall. The jailer passed writing the numbers in their hands. When he came to me and saw my hand that was like a scab because of mange and because he had trampled her with military boots, and since I suffered a lot inside of me, I begged him: "Easy sir, for the love of God, sir".

My hands were bleeding, dirty,

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