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THE US TREADS ITS "BACKYARD" IN LATIN AMERICA AND LAUNCHES A COMMERCIAL WAR TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE PLANET ...

EDITORIAL

While the international financial oligarchy and the capitalist gangs fight for control of the world market, they deliver their whole crisis on the workers of the world, through Layoffs, labor flexibility, wageslashing, high cost of living...namely

A Fierce offensive of imperialism

On the other hand, and breaking the containment dikes of the traitor union bureaucracy and social-imperialist parties

The world working class is waging fierce struggles

We present this paper at a time when the imperialist pirates deepen their brutal offensive against the working class and the oppressed peoples of the world. In the midst of economic bankruptcy and a vicious trade war among the various imperialist gangs for control of a shrinking world market, the exploiters have declared an ever worsening war on the world working class to impose the most ferocious conditions of super-exploitation and labor slavery.

This rotten and bankrupt imperialist capitalist system cannot sustain itself without stripping the working class from each and every one of its gains and making progress in imposing a fierce labor flexibilization, wage reduction and endless layoffs producing a sea of millions of dismissed workers, who were left out of the productive process from the monumental crash of 2008 of the capitalist system. This attack is suffered by the workers in France, India, Chile, Brazil, South Africa, Argentina, USA... No continent has been spared. They seek to finish leading the labor movement to the conditions of slavery that it had in the



The imperialist parasites and their junior partners in the G20 meeting in Argentina in 2018

19th century, when it emerged as an exploited class worldwide! Their model is the slavery of the workers of the maquilas, who today have rebelled as in Bangladesh, Mexico, Zimbabwe, India or Hungary ... They are the ones who do the worst jobs, like the black and Latino workers in the US and the immigrants in imperialist Europe. Without them there would be neither the "great" Germany, which super-exploits the workers of Eastern Europe, let alone the US, which together with

France and England have subjugated China, Africa and all of Southeast Asia and filled them with maquilas.

As part of this plan to throw the whole crisis to the masses and the oppressed peoples of the world, they impose layoffs, attacks on wages, an ever increasing scarcity and a brutal increase in the prices of food, fuel, etc., taking the exploited to unprecedented conditions of hunger and misery.

The attack on the masses is already fierce. At every step, due to the imperialist offensive, all mechanisms of class conciliation are broken. When the masses enter the battle they decisively clash not only with capitalists, but also with governments and regimes in real mass political struggles.

Here there are the brutal and ruthless war that, without a truce or respite, has been declared by the exploiters to the masses of the world and also the answers the latter give ceaselessly.

This attack would not be possible if imperialism and the capitalist governments were not protected by their paid agents, **the union bureaucracies and the social-imperialist parties, which are the real internal police within the workers' movement, aimed at betraying and disorganizing all their fights.** It is a socialist-imperialist labour-aristocracy that lives on the crumbs that fall from the banquet table of the transnationals that are plundering the colonial and semi-colonial world. From this labor aristocracy the social democratic reformist parties arise and the remains of Stalinism have survived, sustained here and there by the renegades of Trotskyism.

In the middle of the morass of the world capitalist system, and in the midst of their disputes, the imperialist gangs centralize their attack against the mass movement. To get out of their crisis and make their "productive investment" profitable, they must destroy the wages and working conditions of the labor movement, and the parasitic financial capital must accumulate enormous profits from the national revenues of the semicolonial world, from the looting of minerals, hydrocarbons and other commodities. In the face of the crisis of capital and a market that has shrunk, it is not even possible to share portions of surplus value or national income with the native bourgeoisies of the semicolonial world. The imperialist financial capital goes for everything.

Meanwhile, huge investments go to the war industry, which is the real locomotive of the profits of the transnationals and imperialist bank-



200 million India workers on general strike

ers. They receive huge masses of capital to develop high technology for destruction.

The stockholders of the world's stock exchanges distribute profits obtained with zero-rate-loans from the Federal Reserve, the Bundesbank and the Bank of Tokyo and zero investment. These credits, which are only used to self-purchase stocks creating false valuation to distribute profits, are returned with new credits, without dumping them into the production process or creating new values. The capitalist system is sustained by recreating and deepening the crisis and the conditions that caused it to explode in 2008.

The recurrent outbursts of the stock exchanges in the last period indicate the devaluation of capital -which continues to become increasingly parasitic- and that the capitalists continue to ingest the benefits of goods that human labor has not yet produced.

1% of imperialist parasites have appropriated 50% of the wealth produced by human labor. Today they are redoubling more and more their parasitism, while confining the masses to barbarism, as shown by the **migratory caravans** of hundreds of thousands of exploited people fleeing the counterrevolutionary wars and blows of the Maghreb and Middle East and the hunger and misery of Latin America and Africa, and which go to the USA and Europe, looking for a place to live, as if they

were the nomadic peoples of primitive societies.

This is the plan of all the imperialist gangs and their servants, the governments of the semicolonial world, a plan delineated and centralized in the 2017 G20 that took place in Hamburg and then in the Argentina summit last year. For this reason, although they pause momentary truces in their own trade wars, such as the time the US has given to China or the imperialist Maastricht to surrender, all these imperialist gangs will never give workers or oppressed peoples a truce in their centralized attack.

Imperialism comes from achieving important advances and counterrevolutionary victories in the previous period against the most advanced foci of the working class fighting during the revolutionary ascent opened in 2011-2012 that threatened to generalize to the entire planet. At that time **imperialism concentrated its counterrevolutionary forces to crush the revolution in Syria and Ukraine and ensure the delivery of Cuba to the capitalist restoration, led by the Castro brothers.** With their agents, they desynchronized the mass revolutionary upheaval of the semicolonial world from the offensive of the exploited in the imperialist countries, stepped on Ukraine with the boot of NATO and the pro-Russian counterrevolutionary oligarchy of Putin and provoked a real genocide in Syria, Yemen and the entire Middle East. Thus, imperialism has remained in

a position of offensive against the world working class, which is the one that today it goes on driving all over the planet.

The consequences of the current “commercial war” is the threat of layoffs of hundreds of thousands of workers in the maquilas in Mexico and the growth slowdown in China, which means the loss of millions of jobs, the collapse of wages and the increase of the unprecedented hardships of the masses. The voracious offensive of the transnationals seeks new labor to exploit. They went for India, Bangladesh, for the peninsula of Indochina ... And in all the places where they concentrated their political offensive, of looting and of labor slavery, **the working class has presented them with battle**. That is the moment that is now opening up in the world situation.

We are facing a fierce battle of classes.

The workers’ and mass movements openly clash, here and there, with treacherous leaderships, which try to guarantee imperialism its victory in the current attack.

In devastated and looted continents, like the martyred Africa, the masses have entered into a state of insurrection and have revolted in general strikes against the military dictatorship, as has happened in **Zimbabwe**, a real open-air concentration camp.

In South Africa, large sections of the working class break with the scoundrels of Stalinism, which has long supported an infamous government of the black bourgeoisie that, whip in hand, has guaranteed AngloAmerican business for decades. As part of this process, **the metalworking union NUMSA, which groups hundreds of thousands of workers, is setting up a Workers’ Revolutionary Socialist Party (SRWP)** that proclaims the fight against imperialism and social-

ism to conquer even the slightest demands of the masses.

Also, due to this fierce imperialist offensive, the price of all food increased in a matter of days. This again hit the plexus of the oil-producing countries like those of the Middle East. There, **the bloodied Syria** is seeing its revolution extinguished in its last dugouts of Idlib, massacred by Al Assad and Putin and sold out by the ESL and Al Nusra. In **Yemen**, the exploited are watching over hundreds of thousands of their children who die of hunger and under the bombs of the Saudi bourgeoisie, agent of the USA and the State of Israel. But the exploited return to combat. While Zionism does not cease its attack on the masses of Gaza, **the workers of Iran, Sudan, Lebanon and Jordan have entered into enormous struggles, while at the same time new uprisings of the Tunisian working class are developing.**

And the working class engages in the battle...

To enter the fight they must break, as they are already doing, with all the leaderships that prevent their entry into combat.

In **France**, despite and against the betrayal of the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy and the so-called “anti-capitalists” in word and social-imperialist in fact -who delivered the fight in defense of the 35 hours and against labor flexibilization-, the **Yellow vests** are not leaving the streets; they have the support of the vast majority of the working class and the exploited, who know that even the least of their demands will only be achieved by defeating the Macron government and the imperialist Fifth Republic.

In **Hungary** there is the outpost of the workers of Eastern Europe, converted into cheap labor for the transnationals of Maastricht.

There are **hard battles of the Chinese working class** that are concealed by all imperialist bourgeois media and also by the currents of the reformist left. A cloak of darkness that allows the fascist government of the “red businessmen” to imprison, massacre and persecute millions of workers who have rebelled against that infamous dynasty of old Stalinists and miserable new bourgeois today, enslavers of the Chinese workers’ movement.

This tendency to the rise of workers in the most populated country on the planet, finds the workers fighting for independent unions and breaking with the official fascist unions, while thousands of students go to support the workers movement and their struggles, also looking for a way to return to the fight for socialism, which long ago Stalinism handed out to capitalism. This is a key problem for Chinese slavers and the transnationals that plunder that country, superexploiting the Chinese labour. This is what explains so much viciousness and repression at the beginning of each of these battles.

Meanwhile, **Putin’s Bonapartist regime, after massacring Syria, only hardens**. It is crippled by an acute economic crisis, by the imperialism that asphyxiates the Russian oligarchy to take their business, while using Putin as the great butcher and hit man in Eurasia. This and no other is the role he played yesterday against the uprisings of the Chechen and Georgian masses, and today by splitting Ukraine with NATO, and playing a decisive role in the counterrevolutionary genocide in Syria.

Putin increased the retirement age and has put the masses of that country in a state of effervescence in opposition to the government. The situation of the Russian exploited is closely followed by imperialism worldwide. Every survey of the bourgeoisie suggests that 70% of the Russian population wants to return to the former USSR. Imperialism in ‘89 offered “overflowing supermarket shelves” to the masses of the former workers states, but the only thing that it has given them are ever worse

and unprecedented hardships.

The Russian bourgeoisie fears a new mass attack that would shake the entire imperialist Europe. The attack on them can only be deepened. The regime is increasingly armored, while the old bourgeois-worker Stalinist party, and all its neo-Stalinist repetitions, are supporting Putin.

The entry into combat of the working class of Asia is shaking the world. The majority of the planet's inhabitants live there. In that area of the planet there are installed, superexploiting slave labor, large transnationals and bankers doing juicy financial business.

Decisive battles have begun against Wall Street, the European and Japanese imperialist gangs.

Next to the combats of the Chinese working class is the heroism of the struggles of **the Bangladeshi female workers**, one of the most exploited sectors of female labor in the world. The comrade female workers live in factories-prisons whose roofs collapse and kill them by the thousands, as has already happened. Nothing different from the slavery of the Chinese workers, who produce in concentration camps... barefoot, in undergarments and without documents - so they do not escape - and tied to the machines.

The textile workers of Bangladesh, mostly female, surpassing the limits of the treacherous bureaucracy of their unions, won the streets and erected powerful pickets and strike committees. The union bureaucracy had signed miserable salary increases, which put it at 83 euros. This was rejected by the workers and the general strike was unleashed. They produce enormous wealth of consumer goods, such as textiles, etc. with which the imperialist bourgeoisie obtains fabulous profits. Salary increase equal to the cost of living is required by the workers.

Key battalions of the working class are thus entering the struggle, as we have seen in India and Chi-



Bangladesh women textile workers on strike

na, the most populated countries on the planet.

In China and Bangladesh, as in the Middle East or in Africa, the masses can enter the battle because first of all they have destroyed **all control networks of union bureaucracies and social-imperialist parties.**

In other places, as in **India, they have forced union bureaucrats to go far beyond the latter want. In that country we have witnessed the second mass general strike, one of the largest in the world, in the last two years.**

US imperialism, in its “back yard” comes for all.

The US must step on Latin America, since they are getting prepared and launching brutal superior offensives to keep its control of the planet.

In Brazil Bolsonaro, the new whip of imperialism, has come to office after Lula and the PT, blessed by the church, kneeled down to judge Moro, spokesperson of the US. They'd rather go to jail before calling the working class to decisive fights to defeat the old regime and the capitalists. They know that the mobilized armed working class not only would confront the imperialist offensive but also it would put into question all the business deals

of the “state contractor bourgeoisie” and the PT bourgeoisie. Lula's allegiance is with his class, the bourgeoisie, not with the leftist servants that kneel down before him.

Morales government has long been the best student of Citibank and Morgan bank in Bolivia. Let alone the Castro brothers that sold out the Colombian resistance and Cuba to imperialism.

In Argentina, the Kirchners together with the PJ are the ones that support Macri government, refraining and disorganizing the tough struggles of the working class. Miserably, they handed over the fight for punish those who murdered comrade Santiago Maldonado to the bourgeois justice. And now, the gendarmerie officers that killed him are free.

From the parliament, Kirchnerism and the PJ keep a ruling pact with Macri, while the Peronist union bureaucracy disorganizes every attempt of the workers to overthrow the government of the transnational companies on the streets, as it happened in the huge struggles of December 18th and 19th 2017 and in hundreds of struggles against the closures of factories and dismissals, which were isolated and hardly attacked by the capital's offensive.

In Venezuela, today it is focused the most advanced of the US imperialist offensive that seeks to re-take full control of its businesses deals in Latin America.

When this paper is released, Venezuela is shocked by a huge political crisis. Next to this statement, we publish a breaking news statement of the Collective for the Re-foundation of the Fourth International-FLTI, written together with the comrades of the LCT (Communist Workers League) of Venezuela.

In that country, the catastrophe and sufferings of the masses are unprecedented. There is no good times or high prices of oil or business deals to distribute among the Bolivarian bourgeoisies and imperialism. In Venezuela the decisive element is that, whenever there's a new imperialist assault that comes for all, the Bolivarian bourgeoisies have contained, deflected and crushed the anti-imperialist revolutionary process that the Latin American masses staged over the last years.

As we said before, Evo Morales turned out to be the most diligent executor of the imperialist plans in Bolivia, being the guarantor of the mineral plundering. The government of Kirchners in Argentina was one that paid most dollars for the financial interests and the foreign debt to the IMF. Lula and the PT have surrendered to the US long ago, with the church's blessing. In Venezuela and Cuba the two greatest tragedies that this parody of "Bolivarian revolution" meant for the Latin American masses are concentrated. In those two countries, together with Colombia, **the Bolibourgeoisie and Stalinism caused the cruelest defeats for the workers movement, which paved the way for imperialism to deal decisive blows in the sub-continent.**

The Bolivarians have surrendered long time ago and they opened the doors for the US current offensive upon Latin America.

In 2008, with Obama-Castro pact, they handed over the Colombian resistance and they marked the trade

agreements that introduced the right to heir and for foreign investments in Cuba, which allowed Castroism to become a new bourgeoisie in the island. The most serious of this is that they made Obama look nice, when he was the one that laid off hundreds of thousands of workers in USA or imposed the worst plans of labour flexibilization to keep their jobs. This very Obama, who state-ized the debt of the bankers for it to be paid by the workers and the people of USA with starvation and misery, was received with honors by Castro and Chavez.

This is the cause of the rising of a white working class, which is dispossessed today and follows Trump's demagogy, thus dividing the working class. The result is that the US flag waves in Cuba and Castroism has proclaimed "socialism is no more, not even in the island". **THIS IS THE HEAVIEST BLOW**, the most brutal and cruelest shot in the back of millions of workers and peasants that seek to open the road for the revolution in heroics fights in Latin America, both in the 20th century and the years passed of this 21st century.

But this is not all. The servile Bolivarians to imperialism have gone further away. They supported the massacre of Putin and Al Assad to the Syrian revolution. They also support the Iranian theocracy in the Middle East and they recognize the Zionist-fascist state of Israel and take good care in not shutting down their embassy.

In Venezuela, Maduro and the notorious caricature of revolution, the so-called Bolivarian Revolution, not only paid imperialism until the last penny of the foreign debt, but also they imposed all the plans of hunger and misery to the Venezuelan working class. They didn't touch a single interest or business deal or lands to the oligarchy, which controls the food and the entire trading network of food. As a result of this, they unleashed a devaluation of more than 1000% of the currency, which sent the masses to hunger and desperation. Today, millions of refugees flee from Venezuela.

The fraud of the Bolivarian government to the Venezuelan masses is unparalleled. It has handed over the entire Orinoco basin to imperialism and all the mining of the nation to the imperialist mining companies, while today on his knees he cries out for the US to continue negotiating with him.

The IMF collected the foreign debt on time. The imperialist advance is based on a fact that no one can deny: **it was the government of Maduro who, on behalf of imperialism, defeated the masses by burdening all the crisis and economic crash on their shoulders.** This caused the exodus of 3 million exploited from that country, which today are slave labour in all Latin American countries.

Maduro imposed this offensive with workers eating from the garbage dumps or alms of the Chavezist bourgeoisie and their missions in the popular neighborhoods, while the Bolivarian Armed Forces and their organs of repression acted as a shock force to discipline the masses.

The government of Maduro has been a big "squeezed lemon" that imperialism used as a decisive ram to deceive first, then divert and finally defeat the fights of the Venezuelan working class. The result of this Bolivarian adventure is 300.000 million dollars that the Bolivarian bourgeoisie has in Miami bank accounts, while millions of Venezuelan workers live in hunger. How can imperialism not advance in Venezuela, if Maduro has already paved the way and cleared it from the masses, to which disorganized and imposed a brutal attack on them?

Maduro has played his role. For imperialism, there is not a single drop of juice left in the squeezed lemon.

Let's be clear. This imperialist offensive has the way free, because of that parody and scam of the "Bolivarian revolution" that sold out the anti-imperialist struggle of the Latin American masses and handed over Cuba to imperialism. If there was an anti-imperialist revolutionary workers movement as that one which broke

out in Venezuela in 1989 with Caracazo, the US wouldn't even dare to set a single foot in that country.

This coward Bolivarian bourgeoisie and the entire Stalinist left, the former Trotskyists and social-democrats that supported it are co-responsible of leaving the masses in the worst conditions and defensive before the brutal imperialist attack.

The government of Maduro, in crisis, regrets that the US does no longer consider him as the agent to continue guaranteeing the business of imperialism in Venezuela and the entire region. He threatened to suspend the relationships with USA in 72 hours but it keeps a blood bond with imperialism paying until the last penny the fraudulent foreign debt to the IMF at the expense of the starvation of the people, as we have said.

Decades ago, at the end of the '80s and beginning of the '90s, the governments of the Punto Fijo pact regime, the traditional parties in Venezuela, tried to impose such conditions of generalized famine of the Venezuelan people to pay the IMF.

All these offensives were defeated in the late '80s and beginning of the '90s by the Caracazo, a huge mass semi-insurrection which was the first Latin American masses' clash against the imperialist plundering through the foreign debts, together with that of Mexico in 1986.

The Caracazo disorganized the entire imperialist offensive on Venezuela.

Chavezism and Maduro re-organized the business deals of the capitalists and imperialism not only in Venezuela but also, as we have seen, in the entire region. They managed to impose the same plans of famine, increase in the cost of living, hikes in prices of fuel, IMF plundering that not even Carlos Andres Perez, supported by the repressive military couldn't impose back then.

Now, the followers of Carlos An-



Obama and Raul Castro

dres Perez and other repressors of Caracazo will come to continue their work... and the one of Maduro, as he has finished his job, after decades, to settle the full American dominance and finish the colonization of Venezuela, chastising the Latin American masses with it.

Under the orders of OAS and Trump, the National Assembly appointed Guaido as Venezuela's president. Maduro insists in that he is the only one that can control the masses. In a shameful speech that lasted for hours in Miraflores palace he promised the masses "more missions", "more houses", "more food ration" and a vague promise of "reconstructing Venezuela". Miserable! Venezuela cannot be rebuilt without expropriating the capitalists and the entire Bolibourgeoisie that stole the money away and put it in Miami; without breaking with the IMF that takes 18 thousand million dollars a year from Venezuela, guaranteed by Maduro with devaluations that took the wages to 19 dollars a month. The promises of Maduro is a pack of rice per week. That's the only thing the scam of the Bolivarian revolution can give to the starving people.

This cynic anti-worker policy of Maduro, which takes the masses to despair, not only weakens him and leaves him "hanging from a paintbrush" but mostly paves the way for US imperialism to start planning his overthrowing and prepare huge businesses with slave labour force and hunger wages, and what's even

more important to keep the oil entirely, as Maduro has already started to give it to the US.

While the masses eat from the trash and millions run away from Venezuela, the bourgeois gangs of imperialism define which government will come tomorrow, counting the amount of officers and barracks that each bourgeois gang has. This count started on Monday, January 21st, with the putsch attempted by a detachment of the Bolivarian National Guard in Cotiza barracks in Caracas.

Meanwhile, Trump launched a powerful missile, expecting a full definitive rendition of Maduro. He confiscated all the funds of the Venezuelan oil that are in USA, announcing that he will only give them to Guaido, who is sheltered in Colombia's embassy of Venezuela. Maduro and the Bolibourgeoisie? They hadn't touch a single centimeter of the US property. They are brave to suppress the working class and submissive to imperialism, of which they are junior partners.

Today, the future of Venezuela is not decided in the Constituent Assembly or in the National Assembly or Miraflores palace or the Embassy of Colombia, where Guaido is sheltered.

The "coup d'état forces" that are being prepared won't arrive to Venezuela in a UFO nor by an invasion, for now. These counterrevolutionary forces come out from **the heart of**

the bourgeois officers of the Bolivarian Armed Forces, which is the only institution that still stands of the bourgeois gangs and imperialism as a whole, and it is openly disputed. **They will decide if it is Trump's time or Maduro to continue for some time.**

The currents of the reformist left, Podemos, Syriza, Stalinism, the murderers as Putin or the Chinese mandarins that are presented as "friends of the subjugated people", etc. call the Venezuelan people to stop this coup by tying their fate to the anti-worker pro-imperialist policy of Maduro, who is settled in nothing more and nothing less than the officers caste that is preparing the coup.

For the revolutionary socialists we cannot even dream with stopping a single coup tank or the uprising in the barracks that has started without disarming, as we say in our statement, to the entire officers body of the Bolivarian armed forces that both Maduro and Guaido Trump.

To disarm the officers caste of the armed forces and arm the people, disputing the rank and file soldiers from the officers is the task. The struggle for the army has started. The bourgeois gangs dispute the officers among themselves. The workers must win over the rank and file soldiers. This is the decisive battle and the starting point of the entire revolutionary program.

To arm the people, expropriate the capitalists and break with impe-

rialism to be able to eat is the only way that can assure the defeat of this evil plan of imperialism that is underway and the miserable rendition of the native bourgeoisie before their major partner.

In the entire American continent they want the working class to believe there are two alternatives: Trump or the "progressive" Democratic Party of the imperialist bandits of USA; Lopez Obrador or PRI; Lula of Bolsonaro; Cristina Kirchner or Macri. The reformist left wants to take the American working class to the feet of the counterrevolutionary "democratic" gangs of US imperialism or their "leftist" servants.

We Trotskyists affirm that there are not only these two alternatives but three. There's also the powerful Latin American working class (a thousand times betrayed by parliamentary left chatterboxes and Stalinists that sold out the biggest gains) that strongly resists this imperialist offensive and its allies, the US workers.

The iron alternative in Latin America is between the workers and poor peasants fighting against imperialism, getting rid of the parasites of the native bourgeoisies to open the revolution... if not, the cruelest defeats will come by the hand of these bourgeoisies and imperialism.

The Latin American working class hasn't given up. Each time it intervened, it defeated tens of imperialist offensives. Even today, with too

many betrayals, it doesn't give up. In the very borders of Rio Bravo, 70,000 workers of the maquilas have risen, while 4000 starving and disposed in Central America go to seek what's theirs to USA, where the imperialist bankers that plundered their wealth are. The dock workers of Chile have shaken that country with huge strikes.

In Argentina, the hot coal of the revolutionary uprisings of December 18th and 19th 2017 are still burning, while the bourgeoisie and the reformist left seek to open the electoral year and take the masses off the streets.

The Brazilian working class hasn't said its last word, let alone the US working class.

The fight against the imperialist wars, to paralyze the US war machine, to recover Cuba sold out by Stalinism, to retake the anti-imperialist struggle to expel the IMF, dissolve that bandit cave of AS, end with the capitalist markets of the transnational companies (as FTA, Mercosur and ALBA) and sweep away with the capitalist regimes of Latin America is in the hands of the working class and the poor from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego.

The US offensive in Venezuela is stopped and defeated with Caracazo, Argentinazo and the workers and peasants revolution in the entire continent. Bolsonaro and its Bonapartist semi-fascist risings are confronted by committees of workers, poor peasants, rank and file soldiers and workers militias. The onslaught of USA in the Caribbean and Central America is defeated by fighting as the workers in the maquilas installed south of Rio Grande. The rhetoric of Trump "the cowboy" is fought by setting up against the anti-war movement, the Occupy Wall Street movement and the Black Panthers, and breaking with the imperialist parties of the counterrevolutionary US Democrats.



2014: Venezuelan metalworkers on strike against Chavezism, "Diosdado we don't believe in socialists with hummer or communists with rolex. We believe in the workers revolution"

The battlefield of the Latin American continent is full of betrayals,

and so are the big revolutions of Maghreb and Middle East and all the decisive struggles of the world working class.

The imperialist offensive has managed to be imposed where the treacherous leaderships, the Stalinists, the former Trotskyists and the social-imperialists have saved their businesses, profits and states.

However, the working class hasn't said its last word and wages battle against imperialism wherever it gets free from the restraining vest of the traitors, conquers workers democracy and self-organization organs and enters the fight. They are the workers and the youth, that are in a huge struggle across the planet.

These forces of the exploited that strike against the citadel of power leave reformism and the treacherous leaderships in crisis... Fighting for the demands of the most over-exploited sectors of the world working class we can get the unity of the exploited. To organize a Marxist program following the interests of the labour aristocracy and bureaucracy means to close this path, to divide the workers ranks and to subordi-



Chinese workers on strike repressed by the Chinese Communist Party

nate the working class to its executioners.

In the most exploited sectors of the working class that today enter the fight, which is the majority of the world working class, there will be a place to deploy the banners of the Fourth International. In there, the forces to build up once again the world party for the world socialist international revolution, which was handed over by former Trotskyists to imperialism and Stalinism, are there.

This is the fight of the revolutionary nuclei that know that this

fierce class war that has started either it advances taking giant steps forward of the entire civilization will be taken to disaster, war and fascist barbarism.

The fierce class struggle is cornering reformism. The working class wages battles. It is time for the revolutionaries to be at the level of these battles and regroup our forces around a program of the Fourth International.

Carlos Munzer

**For the International Secretariat
of Coordination of the FLTI**

China

THE SUPEREXPLOITED CHINESE PROLETARIAT COMES INTO ACTION, a key detachment of the world working class

- "The huge struggle of the workers of Jasic Technology against slavery and for an independent union"
- "The fascist regime of the Chinese Communist Party launches a true hunt against workers and students leaders"



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Venezuela

This article concentrates the political and programmatic conclusions of the statement of the leadership of the Collective for the Refoundation of the IV International-FLTI, presented as an editorial in the paper *Democracia Obrera* #96, on the international conditions that shape the events that are shaking Venezuela and Latin America.

Here we state the conditions and premises of the program to face the imperialist attack upon Latin America, particularly in Venezuela.

US imperialism comes by direct control of Latin America. Maduro and the bolibourgeoisie are on their knees

Only the workers and peasants revolution can save Venezuela from the claws of Trump and Wall Street

*We must disarm the officers of the Armed Forces, the nest of the Trump coupists!
Weapons for the people!*

For the people to eat, we have to expropriate the bankers and the US capitals in Venezuela!

Venezuela is all the way crossed to its foundations by an acute crisis of dominance. US imperialism has launched an onslaught to impose the direct colonization of the nation by the hand of the oligarchy. Trump and his lackeys of the OAS only recognize Guaidó as the only president, the young representative of the oligarchy, President of the National Assembly.

**Yankee imperialism comes for everything
... The Bolivarians opened the door to
him strangulating the anti-imperialist
struggle of the masses of
Venezuela and Latin America**

The recent events show that Maduro does no longer serve as an instrument to the capitalist system and to imperialism in Venezuela. Imperialism considers him to be a "squeezed lemon". The native bourgeoisie has already fulfilled its historic role of disorganizing and defeating the enormous anti-imperialist struggle of the workers of that country and of Latin America, as it is explained in the editorial of the paper *Democracia Obrera* 96.

In previous decades in Venezuela, the governments of the Punto Fijo pact regime were the ones that tried to impose generalized famine conditions to pay the IMF. But they were defeated by the Caracazo and a huge mass offensive.



Venezuela's president Maduro and the Bolivarian armed forces

Today it is the Bolivarians -that is to say those who expropriated that struggle with the colonels, now generals, who crushed the Caracazo in 1989, with 3,000 dead- who managed to impose the plans of famine, high cost of living, hike in prices of gasoline, etc. that not even Carlos Andrés Pérez could impose back then. Maduro and the generals have plunged the exploited into a hell of hunger, misery and death, with 3 million Venezuelan refugees going around Latin America as outcasts without land. Maduro has already done his job. The scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution" comes to an end.

The masses do not defend the Bolivarian government as they did with that of Chávez against the 2002 coup. Why would they do it, if this government, in the name of “socialism” and “anti-imperialism”, imposed the worst misery and repression to guarantee the businesses to the bankers and the IMF?

Now, after decades, the continuators of the work of Carlos Andrés Pérez come to settle the North American domination and finish colonizing Venezuela, and with it to punish all the masses of Latin America.

The way in for USA to Venezuela is opened. The Bolivarians opened the door for the reaction to come and complete their work.

Maduro and the bolibourgeoisie, kneeling down to the onslaught of Trump and the oligarchy

What is in dispute today is which bourgeois gang will control the Bolivarian Armed Forces’ officers to crush the masses: if the scam of the “Bolivarian Revolution” continues to crush the masses or if the officer caste changes their shirt to the one that truly has, that of the assassins of the Caracazo.

This central issue is not defined in the National Assembly, in the Constituent Assembly or in any pseudo-democratic institution of the Bolivarian Constitution regime, but in the US embassy and in the barracks of the Bolivarian generals, from which the Pinochet will come to crush the people.

Maduro and the bolibourgeoisie have already surrendered in advance. While imperialism openly discharges Maduro and calls the generals to depose him, he did not dare to touch a single centimeter of property to the US capitals and the oligarchy in Venezuela.

In the semi-colonial countries the two fundamental classes that face each other are imperialism on the one hand and the proletariat on the other hand. Maduro knows that the only way he can resist the imperialist offensive is to arm the workers and the people, which he will never do.

The struggle of the armed masses against imperialism and the oligarchy would immediately turn into a fierce struggle against the generals and the government for bread, which would attack the property of the entire bourgeoisie and the transnationals. That is why the bolibourgeoisie, which is an owner class and junior partner of imperialism, fears armed workers more than an imperialist invasion, although the latter endangers their fate.

That’s why his rhetoric will be silenced quickly as soon as the first shot is fired. This was always the case of the coward native bourgeoisies, as in Chile in 1973 with Allende (who preferred to die rather than to arm the workers), in Argentina in 1955 with Peron fleeing and letting

the reaction to massacre the workers in Plaza de Mayo... or in Venezuela in 2002, when Chavez surrendered to Carmona and Bush.

The old World Social Forum and its heirs of the international “new left”: co-responsible for the tragic situation of the Venezuelan proletariat

All the servitude of the treacherous leaderships of the working class is concentrated in Venezuela, where there are Bolivarians “without battles”, “socialists” tied to the apron-strings of the bourgeoisie, who all these years said that “there was no chance to fight against Maduro” because “that would mean playing the US game”.

Hundreds of workers ‘struggles confronted Maduro -and Chávez before him- and they were in charge of putting the workers’ movement on their knees in front of the Chavist Labour Ministry so that it “lauds” in favor of the workers. Groups of former Trotskyists such as Marea Socialista, Partido Socialismo y Libertad (of the UIT) or small groups such as the LTS were in charge of these tasks. For years, leaders like Orlando Chirinos, along with Stalinism, dedicated themselves to gathering votes for Chávez in the elections, such as the campaign for 10 million votes for Chávez.”

Stalinism and tens of currents of the reformist left presented the declining Venezuelan semicolonial capitalism, submitted to the super-banks of Wall Street and London City, which plunged the people into hunger and misery, like the “socialism of the 21st century”.

The biggest blow to the working class is to make them believe that socialism is hunger, repression and bullets against the exploited. The Castro brothers already said it: socialism cannot exist anymore, not even in Cuba, while they raised the US flag in Havana.

Therefore, to subject workers to the scam of the “Bolivarian Revolution” is to strengthen imperialism so that it comes back in full to its “backyard”.

All these currents, yesterday at the World Social Forum and today as animators of the international “new left”, are co-responsible for this tragedy of the Venezuelan and Latin American labour movement.

And now they regret that there is no alternative to Maduro and the oligarchy that has risen to hand over Venezuela to the US recolonization!

The spoils of the native bourgeoisies, their deceit and their cowardice, will also bring to the grave all their leftist and reformist agents who conspired with them against

the workers' movement and their revolutionary struggles.

To defeat the advance of the US and the oligarchy..

Yankees out of Venezuela and Latin America! We have to disarm the murderous generals and arm the people!

To defeat the imperialist offensive, it is necessary to break with all subjugation of workers to the scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution" and the plans of the oligarchy.

Only then the working class will be able to raise a program to weld the revolutionary alliance of the workers with the poor peasants of Venezuela, the only class alliance that can crush the attempts of coup of imperialism and the oligarchy, supported by the murderous officer caste.

To crush imperialism and the OAS, we must fight as in the Caracazo and open the way to socialist revolution.

Out with the US imperialism of Venezuela!

Enough with that scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution"!

We have to disarm the murderous generals who are preparing to impose the US domination by blood and fire...

Weapons for the workers and the people! Let's march to the barracks to look for the rank-and-file soldiers! Committees of soldiers who dismiss the executioners of the people!

Let's build up the supply committees, the factory committees and the popular assemblies in the neighborhoods!



Venezuelan people eating from the garbage, the only food they can get

To eat: Not another penny to pay the foreign debt! We must expropriate without compensation and place under workers' control all the oil and mining transnationals, the banking and the big trade chains! Confiscation of all the land of the landed oligarchy! The land for the poor peasants!

Enough of governments of employers, military and oligarchs famine-causing of the people ... For a provisional revolutionary government of workers and poor peasants, supported by the armed committees of workers, peasants and soldiers, and emerged from the ruin of the regime of the Bolivarian Constitution!

Jacobo García
For the LCT of Venezuela

BANGLADESH



There is a week of strikes of the textile women workers in Bangladesh, while women workers were the most advanced in the largest general strike of India's history...

LONG LIVE THE STRIKE AND THE COMBAT OF MILLIONS OF WOMEN TEXTILE WORKERS OF BANGLADESH AGAINST LABOUR SLAVERY!

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SYRIA, IDLIB

January 18th, 2018

The masses took the streets at the war cry “Open the fronts!” and “may the brigades unite to defeat Al Assad!”

Military clash between HTS (former Al Nusra) and the FSA for the control of Idlib...

The Sunnite bourgeoisie provokes a blow to take the masses off the streets and end up in a pact with Al Assad, Putin, Erdogan and Trump in the conference of Geneva-Sochi!

The last trenches of the revolution cannot fall!

Neither under the massacre of the dog Bashar nor handed over from within as in Homs, Ghouta or Daraa

On January 10th, 2019, HTS (former Al Nusra) ended up imposing on the National Front for the Liberation (a front of the FSA made of pro-Turkish brigades between which there's Aharar al Sham and also Nuridin Al Zenki among others) and other FSA brigades that 8 days ago had declared war and called to expel HTS from Idlib. **In this military clash there was a dispute to see who was the one that controlled the different cities of the last rebel stronghold that there's in Syria and keep the businesses deals of Idlib's administrations.** They used artillery, mortars, machine guns and they disputed the control of every town and city using all their forces, which hadn't been used in a while in the fronts against Al Assad. As HTS was entering to every city it took, the FSA forces that were in there gave the heavy weaponry away and left for Turkish occupied areas... either Afrin or Al Bab and

neighbouring towns. HTS was imposed in every city in Idlib and started to build there the local governments and barracks. In those areas, HTS wants to impose a strong domination, making the people follow their laws with their military apparatus as the sole force, chasing opposition away, putting them in jail and clerics preaching in mosques for HTS support.

Thus, HTS starts to settle its control in Idlib, mainly upon the masses. So far it was unable to control them completely... not HTS nor the FSA. Over the last few months, the exploited had taken to the streets, stopping in the first place

a massacre offensive of Al Assad and Putin, and also the sell-out plan that was to be imposed on them from last September's conference in Sochi between Putin, Erdogan and under Trump's command, using all the army-parties of the Sunnite bourgeoisie that accepted and endorsed that plan. Between



HTS (former Al Nusra)

their demonstrations, they raised the slogans “Open the fronts” and “let the brigades unite to confront Al Assad”... and they even denounced those who refused to do so. However, with this confrontation between HTS and the FSA, they did the opposite that the masses posed. The fronts against Al Assad were closed and the brigades only used their forces to kill each other. Only a few brigades were an exception: Jesh al Azza (Army of Glory), Jesh al Nasr (Army of Victory), Jesh al Nakhba (Elite Army) and Faylaq al Sham (Levant Legion) which said they would only fight against Bashar. However, the broad majority in Idlib was involved in this fratricide war, which is also a hard blow on the masses and their revolution. There were hundreds of dead and they took the masses to demoralization as they saw that instead confronting Al Assad they were fighting against each



Nuridin Al Zenki

other. **Mostly, it was a hard blow because they took the masses off the streets and HTS advances in its control.** And even these last brigades still exist, they don't control any city, but they are under HTS. **It was another defeat for the revolution, caused from inside the liberated areas,** as it had been caused before with the FSA generals in Aleppo, Ghouta, Daraa, northern Homs countryside, where they are now the inner police of Al Assad and manage those cities. That is to say, the big losers of this confrontation between FSA and HTS are the masses and the big winner was Al Assad.

With this blow on the masses of Idlib, the revolutionary forces centralized in Geneva are ready to finish defeating the revolution

This confrontation between HTS and the FSA, encouraged by USA, Erdogan and Putin from Geneva's conference (from where all the counterrevolutionary forces are gathered together to defeat the revolution in Syria under the US command) is opened because they had to control Idlib entirely, where the resistance was focused and still is the last trenches of the revolution. **Al Assad and Putin couldn't take over them with an invasion and direct attack...** as it was shown in Daraa, Aleppo and every rebel city that fell because they were also

yielded. Also, the masses had seen and learnt how those cities were handed over and they didn't let the same thing happen in Idlib, marching in mass demonstrations. That's why **they needed that an army-party of the Sunnite bourgeoisie managed to control the masses definitively from inside Idlib.** As we have seen before, HTS imposes itself as that army-party and one of the legs of Geneva, the one that is to guarantee Idlib... that is to say, the one to finish defeating the Syrian revolution. This was already agreed with Erdogan and is pointed in the fact that HTS declared it will "support Turkey in any operation against YPG" and that both recognize the areas each one occupies.

We are witnessing the beginning of the end of the Syrian revolution, of its defeat. If HTS manages to settle its control completely (which has already started to do so) there'll be a **partitioned Syria**, cut into pieces and dismembered by all the forces that are defeating the revolution and distributing the business deals. USA kept the oil wells. Trump says it will withdraw its soldiers, but keeps the military bases, the generals and warplanes, because Syria has turned a US colony. Their man to keep Syria under the control of a fascist boot is Al Assad, reinforced by Putin, the hit man of imperialism. They did the dirty work of massacring the Syrian revolution. Also, Turkey occupies the oil pipe routes and trade routes, while commands the Sunnite bourgeoisie to control wherever Al Assad cannot

enter. HTS is entering to these business deals of partition by administering and controlling Idlib. If this is fully imposed, the forces of Geneva would take control of the entire Syrian territory to impose the "pax" in this US protectorate.

***This cannot be the end of a heroic revolution that left hundreds of thousands of martyrs
Let's take to the streets once again!***

We cannot let this to be the end of 8 years of a heroic revolution in which so many martyrs shed so much blood and hundreds of thousands of prisoners were tortured to death in Al Assad's jails. In Idlib, yesterday, a massacre offensive of Al Assad was stopped and he couldn't enter to take Idlib by force. Now, **we have to take the streets again! Open the fronts against Al Assad!** Reorganize all the forces of the revolution. We need to get back **all the weaponry of HTS** (even the heavy ones and all that it captured from the defeated brigades) **to put it to disposition of the people that want to confront Al Assad!** Workers and oppressed militias! We call on all HTS fighter that truly wants to fight against Bashar, or those who are in an FSA brigade that want to defeat the regime, to be part of this fight, breaking with their generals that will only led them to Al Assad's feet. **Out from the resistance those bu-**

28/12/2018

The unprecedented sufferings in the refugee camps don't stop

A Winter storm flooded the refugee camps in the Syria-Turkey border, causing a humanitarian catastrophe... the poor conditions of infrastructure made it possible. The health situation is serious. The few things the Syrian exploited had in their tents are lost. They don't even have a tent where to sleep now. After Al Assad and Putin bombed massively the rebel cities and the workers neighbourhoods all across Syria, many exploited had to seek for shelter in the tents in the borders... in the worst precarious conditions. Now, they cannot even take shelter there, as the conditions are so terrible that a winter rain flooded all the tents. This is how the Syrian exploited survive, left aside and forgotten by all the parties of the world reformist left.



Flooded refugee camps in the Syrian-Turkish borders

businessmen that filled their pockets during war while our martyrs died! No more dictatorship of army-parties! The revolution is from the people, let it return to the people! **Expropriate without compensation all the bosses that got rich with the blood of the Syrian people, even the Alawite bourgeoisie of Al Assad and his cousin Rami Makhlouf, bankers front men of the imperialist oil companies!** Expropriate their shops and factories where they overexploit the Syrian workers in long shifts of 12 hours a day for miserable wages! Expropriate their banks where they steal the wealth of the Syrian people! Recover the oil wells from the hands of the US transnational companies! There are the funds to conquer bread, a decent house and have weapons! **Let the revolutionary coordination committees of workers, peasants and soldiers with direct democracy! We need to organize committees in the refugee camps, for the displaced to get back to the fight for their houses! We call all the workers, overexploited under Al Assad's jackboot**

in Damascus to rise in this fight. Defeat Al Assad! Out with all the invader troops!

The forces for this are not only in Idlib. In **France** the masses fight in the streets in true revolutionary days of struggle against the imperialist Fifth republic, whose transnational companies as the oil company Total also plunders the Middle East. **In Iran the workers and the people have risen for bread and for a decent life, confronting the Atatollahs and their guard that massacre in Syria at the war cry "the clerics live as kings and the people as beggars", "Death to Rouhani", "Death to Khamenei", "Get out from Syria!"**. In **Sudan**, against the sky-rocket price increase in bread and the 70% rise in the cost of living which cannot be taken anymore, at the doorstep of the revolution, the masses have taken the streets for more than two weeks of the entire country and clashing against the police they want to take over the government buildings with the war cry "The people want the downfall of the regime!" In **Tunisia**, new revolts for bread shook the country after the journalist Abd Erezq Zorqi. The same

thing happens in **Jordan** or **Lebanon**, where the war cry also is "the people want the downfall of the regime!" **As in 2011, a new wave for bread shakes the entire Maghreb and Middle East once again.** At the same time, the Palestinian people keeps on resisting against the Zionist occupation and fighting to recover their territory, while the Yemeni masses haven't surrendered before the brutal massacre of the Saudi invasion.

These are the allies of the Syrian revolution that have risen. These are the forces to confront Al Assad and all those who support it. They are rising against imperialism and its agents.

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

**Editorial Board
of the Truth of the Oppressed**

December 29th 2018

A second wave of uprisings for bread shakes Maghreb and Middle East once again!

The workers of the world see with hope the new uprisings for bread that are moving the hell out of the imperialist bourgeoisie and their lackeys in France, Iran, Sudan, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Tunisia once again. It is fresh air for the heroic Syrian masses that resist despite all the betrayals, bombs, massacres and starvation. Their allies are rising!

In Tunisia, the workers are rising again for bread and almost in the same date that in 2011. Misery, lack of work and the corruption of that country in the African Maghreb led a worker to set himself on fire once again. It is a revolution with the same causes, the same reasons, the same methodology of protest. It is the dream of that who tried and didn't succeed to have

another chance to act in a better way before the situation that couldn't solve in the past! Today this is Tunisia... but also Iran, Sudan, Jordan, Lebanon... a new wave of uprisings for bread in the entire region.

There are Americans that claim to be leftist and say out loud that "in Sudan the people are motivated by hunger but freedom keep them on the streets"... as if it were a "democratic revolution" only. Once again they hide the true character of the revolution that started and they say the struggle is only for democracy. They are like the "New Left"... they all have the old manual. They want to stain with slanders and blood the workers that today are rising against this system, which can only bring more and more death while taking advantage and

getting huge profits from war. We cannot let this happen!

The revolution is still alive in every corner where the workers and the exploited fight not to die out of hunger. It is fundamental to confront and expose the fence that this "New Left" imposed on the Syrian revolution, for the masses of the world not to fall in that same trap set by this left. The exploited that are rising today all across Middle East cannot be isolated as the Syrian revolution was! To get rid of the oppressors is a task of the workers of the world, but it is up to the revolutionary socialists to contribute for first getting rid of those betraying the workers.

Abu Muad

Idlib

Despite the blows suffered by the Syrian revolution

The moral of fighting of the vanguard stays strong

With the military confrontation between HTS (former Al Nusra) and the FSA to see who controlled Idlib, they ended up taking the masses off the streets. HTS was victorious and so it started to set up governmental institutions, local councils, police and others, in all the cities of Idlib; and it has started dictating laws, setting up courts and appointing judges.

At the same time, the bombings of the Basharist regime couldn't wait. They are focused in Maraat al Numaan, Khan Sheikhoun, Latamneh, Kafr Zeta... that is to say, in towns located south of what is left of Idlib's liberated countryside, which has a direct border with the area under control of Bashar the dog.

As those who live there denounce, the military activity of the regime in that area is starting to escalate, for which a large-scale offensive attempt wouldn't be a surprise... involving airstrikes, artillery, siege fire and maybe also ground attacks in that area where the most rebellious of the Syrian resistance that is not entirely under HTS control is.

Despite the hard blows that the Syrian revolution in general, and its last trenches as Idlib in particular, have been suffering, there's



Women demonstrating demanding the freedom of their relatives abducted by Al Assad

still a great sector of the vanguard whose moral of struggle is still strong.

These young men and workers say that we need to respond immediately and blatantly to every attack made by Bashar to the Syrian revolution. They are true to the war cry of the Syrian revolution that broke out in 2011 "The people want the fall of the regime!" and "For a decent life, bread and freedom!".

The revolution enters to its 8th anniversary and these fighters see that there has been too much blood shed and that they have lost many fellows, thousands of them have disappeared and tens of thousands are being tortured in the regime's prisons.

Honouring them and their sacrifice, the heroic Syrian people haven't given up. De-

spite all the treasons suffered inside the free areas, despite the siege of the world reformist left -which has made the impossible to prevent any kind of workers internationalist solidarity- and despite the conspiracy in the conferences of Sochi and Geneva between Putin, Trump and Erdogan, the masses keep crying out loud "long live the Syrian revolution", "may Bashar fall".

Go out to take the streets of Idlib again!

Against the government HTS wants to impose... let the coordination committees begin!

Refugee committees; supply committees; factory committees, for town and region!

All the weaponry should be at disposition of the rebel Syrian people that wants to defeat the dog Bashar!

The people want the downfall of the regime and cut the head of the Basharist snake in Damascus, rising together with the workers and exploited that resist in Yemen, Palestine and fight in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia!

Abu Muad

From Idlib

January 31st 2019

Report from Ahmed Rahhal for *The Truth of the Oppressed*



Ahmed Rahhal

Yesterday, the mercenaries of Bashar Al Assad bombed the city of Maraat al Numaan, southern Idlib countryside. Tens of rockets... 11 martyrs, all of them civilians, women and children among them. A huge amount of wounded.

The bombing targeted the popular market in the centre of the city, in a highly populated area, which has buildings and houses all around. It was an indiscriminate bombing on the civil population, which was doing their normal life in their homes.

As the regime forces bombed with rockets and heavy artillery that city, they also bombed other cities and towns in northern and western Idlib countryside.

The regime forces are still coordinated with the conferences of Sochi and Astana, and they keep coordinated with Russia and Turkey in Idlib city and the countryside.

As it was to be expected, there is a huge anger in the entire Idlib governorate because of this situation. Some sectors are demanding for a Turkish observer to intervene, as he is together with the Turkish troops that are in the liberated areas, for him to see the pact of safe zones be fulfilled. Other sectors push for the military factions in the liberated areas respond immediately and blatantly to this last attack.

Day by day the military activity increases between the territories that are under the regime's command and Idlib countryside, which could be understood as a preparation of a huge offensive of Bashar's regime that is being prepared. Facing this, the military factions in Idlib say they are taking positions in the front to prevent any advance attempt by the regime forces over Idlib governorate.

I want to send you a message, as another member of the paper *The Truth of the Oppressed*:

We are here in Idlib; we will resist and we will stay strong. We will never surrender and we keep true to the Syrian revolution. After 8 years of martyrdoms, sacrifices, thousands of prisoners... It is forbidden to sell out our revolution!

Sudan

As yesterday in Tunisia, Egypt, Syria and today in Iran, Lebanon and France...

The riot for bread has started

Confronting the government of Al Bashir, partner of the genocidal Al Assad, the workers and the masses break into the scene with the war cry:

The people want the fall of the regime!

In Sudan, the masses took to the streets at the war cry “The people want the fall of the regime!”; the same war cry that went through the revolutions of Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Yemen since 2011 and today sounds in the streets of Iran. We are before a new uprising for bread... literally, since the protests started against the rise of the prices of food, bread in particular, and against the increasing cost of living which hits the possibility of a decent life for the workers and the poor. The masses take the streets of Sudan, where once again the demand is bread and the fall of the regime.

In the city of Nhoud, the students marched with the slogan “no to hunger”, while in Port Sudan there was a massive demonstration with the battle cry “The people want the fall of the regime!” The same thing happened in Atba, stronghold of the struggle against the government of Omar al Bashir, where they also set the main buildings of the ruling party on fire. In the capital city, Khartoum, the demonstration was massive and clashed against the army, which repressed with live ammunition, killing 8 exploited that were marching for the fall of the regime.

The mass actions are generalized, but not new. In January this year there have been days of struggle with mass demonstrations against the prices that had begun to rise. But the government of Omar al Bashir repressed them hardly, putting the



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leaders and main activists in prison. A few days ago, the masses marched in Khartoum with the Palestinian and Syrian revolution flags to protest against the Sudanese president that went to Damascus to have a meeting with the fascist genocidal Bashar Al Assad, to re-establish bi-lateral relations. Since then, the Sudanese masses remained on the streets, with the same war cry of the Syrian revolution, seeking to topple Omar Al Bashir’s government and his dictatorial regime, who is in power since 1989 after a coup d’état.

The exploited cannot take any more the hunger, misery and the increasingly cost of living, which is multiplied by the devaluation of its currency and the economic suffocation imposed by the UN sanctions, as they accuse Bashir of “crimes

against humanity” for his massacres in the Darfour region in the ‘90s, when he consolidated his dictatorship. He still keeps great parts of Sudan militarized, especially the south, where there are local bourgeois gangs seeking for a cut of the oil revenues.

The economic situation in Sudan has worsened this last period of time, and so they are worsened the living standards of the exploited. In 2011, when USA divided Sudan and declared Southern Sudan an independent state, as a US direct colony, Sudan suffered a hard blow to its economy as it lost 75% of the oil reserves, which passed to the hands of the US, behind the flags of “Southern Sudan”.

So, Sudan entered in recession

and the government started to slowly unload the crisis on the masses, imposing it by the force of repression. In 2013, when the crisis couldn't be bared anymore, there was a rising that forced the government to yield some concessions, like subsidising bread and other food (taking into account that Sudan is a food importer, while it is dedicated to gold export as well as the sale of Arabic Gum, used in the manufacture of paint, glue and other products).

To stop the masses by repressing them and giving them concessions had a cost. That very same year, Sudan started to increase its foreign debt exponentially. And now, imperialism wants to be paid... especially the French imperialism (the historical and main oppressor of Sudan) wants to double and multiply the plundering of that country, at the expense of starvation and the blood of the Sudanese exploited. The French imperialism is in the middle of a trade war between the imperialist parties and it needs to take as much as it can from its colonies, semi-colonies and its own working class.

Thus, as a good lackey to imperialism, the Sudanese government removed the subsidies on food at the end of last year. This led to last January uprising mentioned before. As it was suppressed, the attacks on the living standards of the masses continued. **The cost of living skyrocketed. The price of bread was tripled in 2018. Fuel prices went up high. The currency was deeply devaluated after mid-2018, worsening the situation for the masses even more.**

The sporadic protests were increasing and Omar Al Bashir shuffled his entire cabinet, even the Prime Minister, last September. He "tried to reduce social tensions". **However, the exploited ended up bursting out and taking the streets against the dictatorship of Omar Al Bashir.**

The masses in Sudan break into the revolutionary scene, together with the exploited that take to the



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streets in Tunisia and in Jordan for a decent life against the misery that those governments lackeys of IMF want to impose on them. They join the masses in Southern Iraq that fight for a decent life. Sudan enters to the fight as the workers and the people of Iran, who are staging hard struggles against the Ayatollahs. They stand together with the exploited in France, which staged revolutionary days of struggle at the battle cry "Macron, resign!", they hit on the heart of one of the imperialist gangs that plunder Maghreb and Middle East. They are also allies of the Syrian masses that resist in the last trenches of the revolution, as well as the Palestinian masses in their fight of the Zionist occupier, of Egypt that fight against the counterrevolutionary dictatorship of Al Sisi, of Yemen that confront the Saudi invasion...

Facing this situation, the government tries a new deception: it let Sadiq Al Mahdi to re-enter the country again, when he was toppled in 1989 by Omar Al Bashir leading the army. They have brought to the country the main figure of the "opposition", returning from exile, so he can place himself above the masses, channelize them to a way out inside a regime that contains both, preventing Bashir from falling by the hand of mass revolutionary actions.

However, Mahdi made a rally with only a few followers (those who always had been with him) when

he returned. This shows he has not mass influence, and in the deep, the exploited know that neither Mahdi or Bashir could stop this attack and cannot be able to live in decent conditions until the regime doesn't fall.

Just as in Iran and in Lebanon, the workers of Sudan start to rise in riots for bread and against the plundering of imperialism. What would the social-imperialist left say now? Would they say they are "barbaric" people? Or "backward"? Would they say they are ISIS? No, you imbeciles... it is hunger!

Long live the mass uprising in Sudan!

Out with Omar Al Bashir! The people want the fall of the regime!

Dissolve the officer caste of the Sudanese murderous dictatorship! Rank and file soldier committees to fight together with the masses! For self-defense committees of the masses to defend from repression!

As the experience in Tunisia or in Syria... Set up committees of workers and exploited by city, region and coordinate them nationally!

Iran

17/12/2018

The working class breaks into the revolutionary struggle against the Ayatollahs, murderers of the Syrian masses and exploiter of their own people

Almost a year ago, the Iranian exploited took to the streets at the war cry “The clerics live as kings while the people live as beggars!” denouncing and confronting a government of billionaires, junior partner of the imperialist powers, while they only live with a 300 dollars monthly wage and faced an increased rise in the cost of living and unemployment. They marched every night burning the portraits of the Ayatollah, attacking the banks of the regime and clashing with the forces of repression at the war cry “*Death to the supreme leader (Khamenei)!*”, “*Death to Rouhani (The president)!*”. This situation of the mass struggle not only in the capital city (Tehran) but in the whole Iran kept going sometimes massively and some other times latent during the year.

Today, **the working class has entered** into the centre of the scene fighting against the bloody counterrevolutionary regime of the Ayatollahs. The steel workers of Ahwaz (an Arabic region in the Persian Iranian state) have been on strike, with demonstrations and fighting against the bosses, the government and the repressive forces for more than 40 days. There are 28 detainees of this strike and they are still standing. The workers of sugar cane of Haft Tappeh (South West Iran) are also on a month long strike, and they have suffered persecution, as the imprisonment of their leader, who was released thanks to the huge struggle that the workers have been waging. The workers of Hepco industrial complex, in the city of Arak (central Iran) are on a strike and marching on the streets. Municipal workers take to the streets and marched to the municipality in



Metalworkers of Ahwaz (Iran) on strike

an attempt to seize it, as in Brojured (west of Iran). The truck drivers and teachers are also on strike all across Iran. The students of the public universities marched in solidarity with all these workers struggles.

The demands risen are clear: the payment of wage arrears, to secure the jobs and may the dismissed and unemployed get back to work... and **Against the oppression of the bosses, against the regime of billionaires, tyrants, murderers of the Syrian masses!**

The Iranian workers and the people are not willing to keep on paying for the counterrevolutionary jobs that the clerics do on behalf of imperialism in Syria and the entire Middle East, with their murderous counterrevolutionary “Islamic Guard” which kills the masses on behalf of the oil companies from England, US, France that plunder the region, of which they are junior partners. That’s why in every struggle they raise the slogan “*Out from Syria!*”

Great allies of the Syiran revolution are rising up: the Iranian workers and exploited. They fight against those who, alongside Al Assad

and Putin, kill the masses in Idlib and made a cemetery of ashes and rubbles out of the workers neighbourhoods of Aleppo, Homs, Ghouta...

The allies of the workers and the people from southern Iraq have risen, as they fight against those who support the US protectorate regime, against which they have been fighting over the last months.

Long live the struggle of the Iranian working class!

Down with the counterrevolutionary regime of the Ayatollahs!

Down with the Iranian guard, the killer of the Syrian masses! Dissolve all the repressive forces in the whole Iranian state! Self-defense committees of the workers organizations to defend from repression!

Out with the Iranian guard from Syria!

The fight for a decent life in Iran, Syria, Iraq and the whole Middle East is a single one... **One single intifada against the same enemies!**

01/19: Tenth day of struggle

The Yellow Vests do not leave the streets

Make way to the factory, unemployed, immigrants and ruined masses committees!

Revolutionary general strike until Macron falls!

On January 19, the Yellow Vests took to the streets for the tenth consecutive Saturday, showing that they keep their predisposition to combat intact.

They are not fooled by Macron's call for a "Great National Debate," with which the government tries to get the masses out of the streets, so Act X of the Yellow Vests was similar and even superior to Act IX of 12/1. They are aware that it will not be online that they can conquer their demands since the main one is that Macron falls. They know that they went so far thanks to the organizations that they conquered in their struggle: the assemblies, the pickets on the routes, the concentrations in the roundabouts, the barricades in the streets, the committees of different types. And they will not allow them to steal this conquest in exchange for "expressing their suggestions" in this circus debate from which nothing good will come out for the masses. They know it and that's why they do not leave the streets.

Around 100 thousand protesters across the country mobilized against Macron and living conditions that are no longer supported. In Paris, the march was very large, like the previous Saturday. It had 10 thousand people, as in Toulouse (where there were more than 10 thousand people). In some localities the protests took dimensions not seen until now, in Anger, for the first time



The yellow vests take the streets of France

there were great confrontations between the radicalized youth and the repressive forces, with barricades and combats for hours. In several cities, during these combats, the doors of banks and ATMs were set on fire.

In Dijon, shouting "Freedom to the comrades!", they went to the jail where the fighters of the movement are detained. As they did on Saturday 12/1 in Caen and other cities. The marches were filled with banners denouncing police violence and another of their demands was "No more repression and persecution!". In recent weeks, the French imperialist justice has intensified the persecution of yellow vests, with the arrest of several of his public figures and referents, the conviction of numerous defendants and new arrests in each Act. The repression was brutal, the police

shot rubber bullets to the eyes, bombs to the bodies of the protesters and tear gas in the face. At the end of the day there were several injured and in the city of Rennes a young man lost an eye.

The Act of 19/1 was preceded, like the previous one, by assemblies of yellow jackets from where the calls to the general strike were plentiful. The first days of January the yellow vests of Lille, in assembly, called "the unions to be clearly positioned on the side of the exploited, to support their struggle calling for a general strike", where they decide each day on how and how long to follow it. Certainly they saw that their demands would only be achieved by blocking the economy and that is why they called on the unions to support their struggle by calling a general strike so that the work-

ers of the factories join them in this fight.

In Paris, in another assembly the Yellow Vests called to strengthen the mobilization of the Act IX (12/1) throughout the territory. "We must shut the mouth of this government at the service of the rich and the bosses." And they bravely denounced that "the policy taken by the trade union leaders is unacceptable, because there is no clear call at national level and for all workers to strike to end precariousness, dismissals and misery wages." They summoned all the exploited, the yellow vests, the red pens, (group of teachers, who are grouped by social networks and support the vests) the students, the employees with or without papers, to group, to coordinate and advance in achieving its objectives.

Also in Strasbourg, the vests, which are calling for assemblies every Saturday, reflected on a flyer that one of their demands, among others, was the need to strengthen their movement with the General Strike.

The rebellious masses begin to draw the lesson that their struggle urgently needs the workers of the factories to join their fight. Let the working class lead their struggle and make their full weight join the immigrants, retirees, ruined middle class, small producers; They are aware that in order to succeed they have to stop the factories, the ports, the airports, the oil companies, that is to paralyze the economy of the country and for that they call the working class so that they can achieve it together.

The Yellow Vests with their enormous combats show that they are 180 degrees from of the unions and the reformist leaderships. Since the bureaucracy of the CGT of Martinez and other trade union centrals, in a pact with the government and the big bosses to support Macron, are the ones that tie the hands to the workers in the factories, preventing them from joining the fight of the yellow vests, keeps them out of these days and do everything possible to divide their ranks and make impossible the call for a general strike.

These strike breakers of the CGT made a march on Monday 21, that is, two days after Act X of the yellow vests, which were not more than 200

people. Is that nobody believes them anymore.

After two and a half months of fighting in the streets, only now the CGT bureaucracy calls for a strike on February 5, when the exploited have been shouting for it for weeks. But these rams summon it with the demand of increase of salary, to try to decompress, they want to make the revolted masses retreat towards an economic fight when the exploited ones fight by the fall of Macron.

But the union bureaucracy is not alone in this task. Currents such as the NPA, which influences the union Solidaires, after boycotting the struggle of the Yellow Vests, advises the CGT bureaucracy to "democratize" ... so that it does not remain outside the movement of the Yellow Vests or other struggles that can occur outside of them or political parties. Both the NPA and Solidaires are the ones who cover their backs to these scabs, when what the masses need, in order to succeed, is to get rid of that bureaucracy. They conspire against the working class, support the bureaucracy instead of calling to defeat it.

Now, these former Trotskyists, assert that the yellow vests do not have "a political objective" and that an answer to this movement can be "the general strike, which blocks the economy, for wage increases and against Macron ... (which) will allow to bring mobilization into workplaces and so a relationship of forces can be built and a political objective set for the movement." (npa2009.org, 1/9/19)

This current, support of the bureaucracy, wants to push back the yellow vests to an economic pressure struggle, when it is very well demonstrated

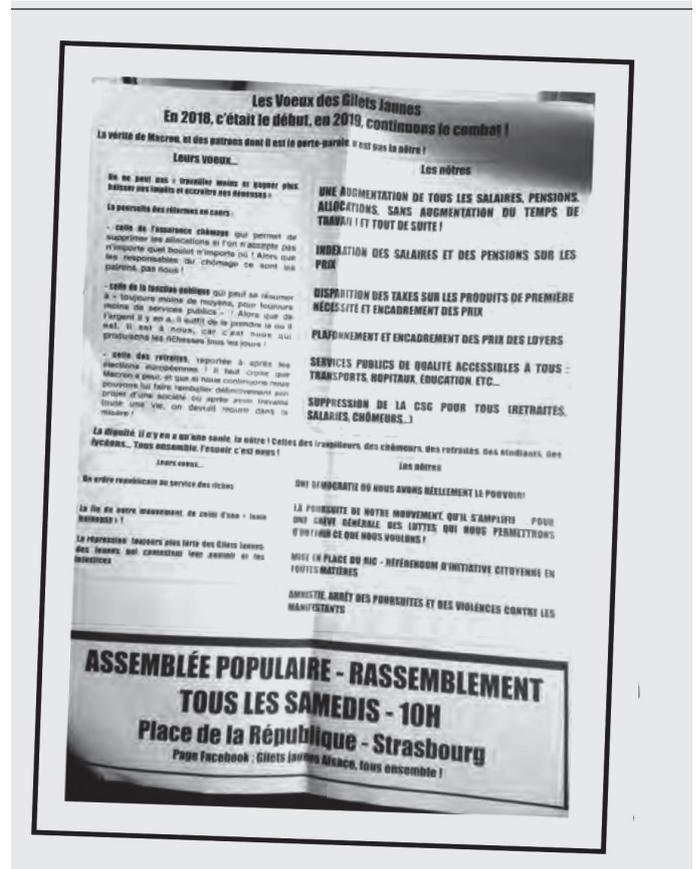


Image of the leaflet of Strasbourg (France) yellow vests' assembly

that their struggle on the streets is political, because their fight is because the government falls and they do not move a whit thence.

The NPA wants Macron to change its policy and not to fall, because they are servants, defenders of "the democratic dictatorship" of capital, of the monopolies that exploit millions of workers in France and plunder the colonies and semi-colonies, for that reason they are socialimperialistas.

Its program consists of democratizing the regime of the V Republic with cosmetic measures to beautify it. When, in order to achieve the minimum of these "democratic measures", we must fight until the regime is pulled down.

Make way to factory committees, of yellow jackets, unemployed, immigrants and of the ruined masses!

Revolutionary general strike until Macron falls!

In order to recover the unions for the fight, together with the barricades,

against Macron, the workers in the factories, overcoming that scaby leadership of the bureaucracy, have to untie the hands which that leadership binds; they have to ignore and disrespect those strikebreakers of bureaucracy. The task of the moment is to set up factory committees, in each establishment, to bring to the barricades of the Yellow Vests their mandate of struggle and together with the committees of the unemployed, immigrants, retirees, students in struggle, organize self-defense committees disarming the police, the gendarmerie, a real workers' militia, against the forces of repression, in order to defeat that government of the Fifth Republic.

The assemblies of Lille and Paris show the way, their call has to go through all the barricades in France, it has to reach all the roadblocks in the country. The exploited, the ruined masses have taken in their hands the resolution of their problems and are aware of this. Therefore, the agenda is to develop, extend these self-determination bodies of the masses in struggle, with direct democracy, coordinate and centralize them, by city, at departmental, regional level, in a national organization, from which to organize and guarantee and impose a revolutionary general strike until Macron falls and this infamous regime explodes through the air.

This is the way to impose the power of the workers and the exploited masses; In order to do this, the police and the gendarmerie must be disarmed and the exploited masses must be armed, because, in order to conquer the bread, work and a dignified life, the cry of the



CGT (main trade union federation) leader Phillippe Martinez shakes hands with the French president Macron

Paris Commune must come true: "The one who has the weapons conquers bread!".

With hostages in prisons we cannot fight. Hundreds in each Act are arrested and prosecuted, because the government is getting harder, not only repressing but now wants to draw a law to imprison all those who demonstrate themselves in a "violent" way.

Enough! Freedom to all the prisoners to fight! Deprocessing of workers and popular fighters. Freedom to George Abdallah, imprisoned for 35 years for defending the Palestinian cause!

The French exploited, are not alone in this fight, they also rise in Tunisia, in Iran, in Sudan. They come to your aid.

The French workers, the yellow vests, the ruined middle classes, the

small producers, the oppressed of the colonies and semi-colonies have the same enemy: the French transnationals, which oppress, plunder and overexploit their class brothers! One single enemy, one single fight!

In Europe, the Hungarian workers are still fighting against the labor reform, the Portuguese workers got into a fight like the yellow vests of Belgium. For the unity of workers throughout Europe! Down with Maastricht!

Let's set up the power of the underdog. Make way to the Commune of workers, peasants and the poor people!

Luisa Campos and Ana Negri



France in flames

December 12th, 2018

Macron did not yield. Supported by the union bureaucracy and the big bosses, he only seeks to scam and deceive the people

Fight as in May 1968

See statement in <http://www.flti-ci.org>

WORKERS UPRISING IN ZIMBABWE!

January 14th, 2018

As the yellow vests in France...

The workers and the people in Zimbabwe take to the streets imposing, from Monday to Wednesday, the general strike with barricades against the increase in the prices of fuel and the high cost of living.

The masses will turn the country un-governable for Zanu-PF, MDC and the IMF pirates.

Out with the military dictatorship! General strike until Mnangagwa falls!

Zimbabwe from all major cities and towns on Monday engaged in a collective mass protest against the increased fuel price, collapsing economy and high cost of living. In Harare protestors flooded the streets calling for the economy to be fixed.

In Bulawayo all roads leading to the Central Business District were closed with commuter Omnibuses parked. Any car that carried people was stopped by protestors and drivers beaten. School children were turned on their way to school and told to go back home.

The masses demand: "No to fuel price hikes!" "No to exploitive taxes!" "No to corruption!" and "Unity in the struggle!".

We call for a general strike until Mnangagwa falls,



Zimbabwe general strike

gagwa falls, to set up self-defense committees, for the rank and file soldiers to set up their committees and disobey the generals and not to repress the people. We call for a congress of all workers organizations now.

For a provisional revolutionary government of workers and poor peasants, based on the struggling masses!

#ShutdownZimbabwe

Workers International League of Zimbabwe

More on Zimbabwe uprising

The revolutionary general strike continues for the third day

The military dictatorship persecutes the leaders of the workers organizations and activists

See more articles on the workers uprising in Zimbabwe and the fierce repression in www.flti-ci.org



Palestine

The Zionist-Fascist State of Israel and its murderous army attack the Palestinian Prisoners

On Monday, January 21st, about 100 Palestinian prisoners in the Ofer prison in the West Bank were wounded by the Israeli army. Ofer prison has about 1200 Palestinians prisoners, most of them children.

The prisoners denounce the repression, abuse and torture received in the following statement that we reproduce.

Statement of Palestinian Prisoners

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

("They are the ones who told the people that the people gathered there for you were not enough, and so they burst in faith and said "God is sufficient")

To the masses, our people, the heroes of the whole expansion of our nation

The Zionist enemy declared war on prisoners in prisons and started this war in Ofer prison. We are facing a new stage of Zionist oppression that threatens our lives as prisoners. We have become the strongest archive between the government corridors and the Zionist parties in a feverish competition to undermine our rights and steal our belongings that we obtain with sacrifices, blood and martyrs.

The prison administration, backed by political coverage and reinforced by special repression units (Mitsada-Dror-Yamaz-Yamam), has been in operation since Sunday, January 20, 2019 until Monday evening. On January 21, they have entered to several sections of the prison of Ofer, making provocative searches, destroying our possessions and torturing us by undressing us to check and verbal insults. We only defended our dignity

as the rooms and sections of the prison became a real battlefield against us using rubber bullets, tear gas, electric shocks, dogs and shovels, resulting in the injury of more than 100 prisoners and burning of several rooms and the confiscation of our possessions and the closing of all the sections... And still the tension continues and we will take the next tentative steps in the next hours.

Faced with this unprecedented escalation of blood, we affirm the following:

1 / We call this battle the name of "the battle of unity and dignity", a confirmation of our unity and of our brothers and to preserve our dignity and our history.

2 / We are prisoners and in front of this bloody attack against us, we will remain united to face this arrogance, armed with the justice of our cause and the use of all means of legitimate defense against this wave of violence against us.

3 / This bloody attack against the prisoners is part of the organized state terrorism and the use of the prisoner archive as an outlet for the Israeli government in front of its public.

4 / We warn against using the prisoner archive as a lever for Israeli parties to attract the voter Israel. We will solve each bet.

5. We urge all international and human rights organizations, especially the International Committee of the Red Cross and international human rights organizations, to come forward with their humanitarian, moral and legal responsibility to stop the crime committed against us and to compel the occupation to comply with international norms and laws that protect our rights.

6 / We demand all means and tools of free media to take our case and keep us informed of what is happening with us in different prisons, and expose this occupant, who violates all freedoms and laws when dealing with us.

Our people are firm; today is a day of fulfillment; we are yours and you are of us, we cut our ages for the good of our country, so do not limit yourself to your time for our stolen freedom. We expect a great public interest at the level of the homeland, confirming to the occupant that the prisoners are a red line that cannot be crossed.

And victory for us, God willing, united and trusting in the justice of our cause and our choices.

Your brothers, prisoners in Ofer prison.



Zionist army harassing the Palestinian prisoners

**Movement for the Liberation
of Palestine - Fatah**
Islamic Resistance Movement - Hamas
Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
**Democratic Front for the Liberation
of Palestine**

A call from the paper The Truth of the Oppressed

Iran

January, 4th 2019

“The clerics live as kings and the people live as beggars!”

The Iranian working class in the struggle for bread and for a decent life against the Ayatollahs which massacre the Syrian people

Long live the internationalist solidarity of the workers and the anti-imperialist unity of the subjugated people!

For months, the workers and the Iranian people have been fighting for bread and for a decent life. The metalworkers, sugar cane workers, auto part workers, public employees, teachers and others have entered the fight with strikes, demonstrations and picket lines. Also, the students of different universities are marching together with them. The workers of Iran are confronting the Ayatollahs, who are massacring in Syria with their “Islamic Guard”. They denounce that the Ayatollah “live as kings” while “the people live as beggars”. They also have the war cry “Get out from Syria!” against those murderers. With their actions, they seek to open the road to re-take the huge experience of the revolution of the ‘80s of Shorahs (councils of workers, peasants and soldiers) that overthrew the Sha Reza Pahlevi. The metalworkers of Iran have suffered the repression of the Iranian theocracy and its counterrevolutionary regime, with raids in the homes of the striking workers which resulted in 42 imprisoned workers. The same persecution happens in all the sectors that enter to the struggle in Iran. Free all the prisoners for fighting!

In Iran we are before a revo-



Protest of the metalworkers of Ahwaz (Iran)

lutionary uprising that re-takes yesterday’s uprising of Syria, Libya, Egypt, Iraq and the entire Middle East for the same demands... In times when we see that in Tunisia once again there’s a worker that has set himself on fire as he had no prospect of a decent life, just as Mohamed Bouazizi did in 2010-2011. This time, it was Abd Erezog Zorqi, a 32 year old journalist that declared “I’ve decided I will start a revolution. Whoever wants to help me will be welcomed. I will protest by myself, I will set myself on fire and if at least one person gets a job thanks to me, I’ll be satisfied” and he added “Demand your rights, protest, burn tyres...” following this action, there’s a wave of revolts shaking Tunisia for two weeks. The same way and for the same demands, the workers and people of Jordan are marching in the capital city Amman. In Lebanon,

there were demonstrations with the war cry “The people want the downfall of the regime!” In Sudan, not only this war cry goes across the country but the masses have been staging revolutionary days of struggle with clashes against the repressive forces, every day for almost two weeks. **The forces to break the siege to the Syrian revolution and re-arm and reinforce the resistance**

in Idlib to prepare a counter-offensive against Al Assad have risen in Iran and the entire Middle East, as well as in France, in revolutionary struggles against Macron and that imperialist gang that also subjugates and plunders Middle East! The masses that fight in France, Iran and the entire Middle East are the allies of the Syrian masses! It is a single fight against the same enemy!

From the other side of the planet, in Latin America, in Argentina, metalworkers have sent their solidarity and taken as own the struggle of the metalworkers and of all the Iranian workers. They are workers of Arcelor Mittal, an imperialist transnational company of the biggest producers of iron and steel. This way, **there’s international solidarity of the working class between**

the subjugated by the same transnational companies that over-exploit and plunder at both sides of the planet. It is an example to be followed, to re-take the proletarian internationalism in the world workers movement!

It is published a call of support to the Iranian working class that has started to be endorsed by several production lines, mine shafts, oil wells and other workers concentrations in the planet.

From The Truth of the Oppressed, we call all the workers in Syria and the entire Middle East to endorse this call and actively support the Iranian workers. We call to take the streets of Idlib in solidarity with the metalworkers and sugarcane workers of Iran that support the Syrian revolution and that have the war cry of "Get out of Syria!" against the Ayatollahs as part of their struggle. We call for the Egyptian movements that resist the dic-



Protest of the metalworkers of Ahwaz (Iran)

tatorship of Al Sisi to take it as part of their claims. The same goes for every barricade in Tunisia, the workers and poor peasants that resist in Yemen against the Saudi invasion... those marching in Jordan, Lebanon, southern Iraq... **Unify a single struggle in the Middle East and with the world working class!**

This new wave of uprisings for bread that is spreading across the region deserves to succeed. We will avenge our martyrs, the tortures to the prisoners of the revolution and all the sufferings they have caused with their bloody revolution, as the massacre in Yemen or the

genocide in Syria, which left 600,000 dead and millions of refugees in tents in the middle of the desert in subhuman conditions or in concentration camps in Europe... For this, it is necessary not to be isolated. The masses rise in France. In China, the country with the most over-exploitation of the world, workers and students have risen staging strikes and hard struggles, also fighting to set up their unions and

they were repressed and imprisoned because of it. **Unify our forces and our fight in Middle East and to the other side of the Mediterranean Sea as in France! We are one single working class in the entire world above borders! Free all the prisoners for fighting in China, France, Iran and the world! Long live the international unity of the workers and the subjugated people against imperialism and its servants!**

BREAKING NEWS

Karim Sayahi and Tareq Khalafi, the two metalworkers who were imprisoned in the jails of the murderous regime of the Iranian Ayatollah, were liberated

After enormous solidarity and calls for their freedom that were received, the workers who were in jail, after a strike of almost 40 days carried out in the city of Ahwaz, along with the workers of the Haft Tappeh sugar mill, were released.

But the murderous theocracy does not give peace to the workers who come out to fight for their demands. After yesterday the government televised the confessions extracted under torture, Esmail Bakshi, worker of the Sugar Mill of HaftTappeh, and activist Sepideh Galiyat who supported his struggle, today unidentified strangers without

identification entered their homes at night, raided his house and they took him away in the middle of the night, without knowing his location. The same with the comrade Sepideh Galiyan and her brother.

Esmail Bakshi had been a prisoner in December, and after receiving brutal tortures he was released. He had bravely denounced these facts, and other ex-prisoners began to do so as well.

Enough of persecution and torture those who fight! Freedom to Esmail Bakshi, Sepideh Galiyat and all the prisoners in the Iranian dungeons!

Down with the counter-revolutionary regime of the ayatollahs!

Down with the murderous Iranian guard of the Syrian masses! For the dissolution of all the repressive forces of the Iranian state! Self-defense committees of workers' organizations to defend themselves from repression!

Out the Iranian guard of Syria!

The struggle for a decent life in Iran, Syria, Iraq and the entire Middle East is a single one... the same intifada against the same enemies!

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CALL TO SUPPORT WORKERS OF HAFT-TAPPEH AND STEEL WORKERS OF AHWAZ

large bail payments by workers themselves, some workers were released. However, there are still seven workers in prison.

There are fears that the most vocal strikers of Ahwaz

Steel Co, such as Karim Sayahi might currently be facing the very same tortures and ill-treatments applied to Esmail Bakhshi.

Therefore, we call on all workers, unions, organizations and movements across the world and all those who believe in justice and freedom, to stand by the workers of Haft-Tappeh and INSIG and raise awareness on their struggle. Be the voice of those who are imprisoned for having fought against oppression and defended the inalienable rights of every worker. •

First endorsements to the campaign:

Syria and Middle East Paper of the Syrian socialists "The Truth of the Oppressed"

Europe and USA

* Franco Grisolia, for the Commission Internacional (International Commission) of Partito Comunista dei Lavoratori (Communist Workers Party) of Italy.

* Socialist News Time - England

*Single Workers Union Worker Solidarity of the Spanish State.

* Clay Claiborne, director of the documentary Vietnam: American Holocaust, Linux Beach Productions, Venice, USA.

Zimbabwe

Workers International League (WIL)

Argentina

La Gota-Metalworkers Bulletin-Acindar Villa Constitución / Group of rank and file workers of Siderar-Ternium Siderar / Astillero Rio Santiago-Avanzada Obrera- Lista Negra (Shipyards Rio Santiago, Workers Advance, Black list) / Democracia Obrera (Workers Democracy) / Pulo of in resistance, Cushamen, community of the original people Mapuche of Puel Mapu (Eastern land), Isabel Huala, mother of Facundo Jones Huala, political prisoner in Chile

Commission of convicted workers, families and friends of Las Heras:

Hugo González, convicted to a life sentence / José Rosales, convicted to a life sentence / Rubén Bach, convicted to 5 years in prison / Omar Mansilla, convicted to 5 years in prison / Raquel Valencia, wife of Hugo González / Claudia Bazán, wife of José Rosales /

Claudia Pafundi, wife of Omar Mansilla

- Nora Cortiñas, Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, founding line

"We support the claims of the workers and we demand the immediate end to tortures and illegitimate detentions"

Gustavo Lerer delegate of the union ATE of Garrahan Hospital / Alejandro Crespo, Secretary General of SUTNA (tyres) - Francisco Montiel, Secretary General of Dockworkers Federation, CTA Autónoma -Edgardo Reynoso, Railway Union (Sarmiento Railway) - Alfredo Cáceres, Formation Secretary of SUTEBA Tigre (teachers) - Mónica Schlotthauer, National Representative (Izquierda Socialista/FIT) - Laura Marrone, Representative in city council of Buenos Aires City (Izquierda Socialista/FIT) - Pablo Vasco, Lawyer Centre for Human Rights (CADHU) - Héctor Heberling, Nuevo MAS - Vilma Ripoll, MST -Luis Zamora, Autodeterminacion y Libertad (AyL); (Self-determination and Freedom) Tato Dondero, Secretary General of the Press Workers Union of Buenos Aires (SIPREBA) / Paula Sabatés, union delegate of the newspaper Página 12 (SIPREBA)

Bolivia

Huanuni mineworkers
LSTI

Chile

Carlos Ulloa- Spokesperson of the Dockworkers and eventual cargo workers Union - Valparaiso Orietta Fuenzalida, director of the National Association of State Employees (ANEF)
Democratic Confederation of Professionals of Health



Pamela Valenzuela - MSPT (Movement Health For All)

Eduardo Muñoz - Union of the Hospital of the Teacher

Constanza Cifuentes, Feminist Coordination March 8th

Viviana Catalán, National Graphic Confederation

Gustavo González, leader of the Socialist Movement of the Workers, of UIT-CI POI-CI

Bárbara Santa María, president of the Union of Honorary Workers, University of Santiago of Chile (USACH)

Elizabeth Galdámez, Union of Honorary Workers University of Chile

Georgina Montes A., secretary general of the central level of the Honorary Workers of the State National Union UNTTHE MCN

International Organs

International Network for the liberation of the political prisoners and justice to our martyrs



Facebook page of Ahwaz Human Rights Organization posting the campaign in support of the Iranian workers promoted by the Argentinean group of metalworkers La Gota (The Drop)

IT RISES A HUGE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

Campaign for the freedom of the Ahwaz metalworkers and Haft Tappeh sugar cane workers, imprisoned in the jails of the murderous Iranian theocracy

Long live proletarian internationalism!

The Iranian workers, hit by starvation, misery and an increasing cost of living have risen taking to the streets and in strikes against the counterrevolutionary theocracy with the war cry "the clerics live as kings, the people as beggars". They are part of a second wave of uprisings for bread that shakes Maghreb and Middle East, as in 2011.

The Ayatollah, which come from massacring the Syrian masses, repress toughly, filling their jails with political prisoners, torturing them there and sentencing them to death, just as their partner Al Assad.

But the international solidarity of the working class has risen. Metalworkers of Acindar (Argentina), as well as other workers organizations and human rights organizations from several countries stand in solidarity with the fight of the Iranian workers. We present in these pages this huge campaign, which re-takes the steps of proletarian internationalism.



Poster of the Ahwaz Human Rights Organization on the international campaign. It reads "An injury to one is an injury to all"

CALL TO SUPPORT WORKERS OF HAFT-TAPPEH AND STEEL WORKERS OF AHWAZ

Iranian capitalism, as an endless circle of inflation, recession, poverty, and inequality has drastically hit the lives of millions of workers and their families across the country. There is no day left without workers' protests, rallies and strikes for their basic rights, to which the government's response is nothing but repression.

In early November this year, workers of the Haft-Tappeh sugar cane mill in the southwestern city of Shush, went on strike and organized demonstrations in front of the governor's office, demanding unpaid wages and protesting against the corrupt practices of the private owners. Strikers further demanded the ending of the private sector ownership and the management of the factory



"Sugarcane workers of Haft-Tappeh protest at the entrance of the municipality"

under the supervision of the newly founded independent labor organization named the "Workers' Council".

Only a few days later, workers of Iran National Steel Industrial Group (INSIG) in Ahwaz (only an hour away from Haft-Tappeh) went on strike and staged public protests which lasted for almost 40 days, demanding their unpaid wages, the resumption of factory production, the procurement of raw materials for production, as well as the return of the group to the public sector.

The response of the Iranian government in both cases has been severe crackdowns and increasing security pressures as always.

An estimated number of 20 Haft-Tappeh striking workers were arrested after weeks of demonstrations and were later released. However one of the workers' representatives, Esmail Bakhshi, was reported to have been brutally tortured in prison, fed with hallucinogens and was electrocuted in the testicles. He was withdrawn for days and unable to communicate with others due to post traumatic stress.

In the early hours of Monday 17th December, the security forces raided the homes of many of the strikers of Iran National Steel Industry Group, in Ahwaz, and made continual arrests for the following days which resulted in the total of 42 detainees. After the protest by family and