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Once again, Middle East in flames

After huge struggles and cruel defeats of the revolutionary processes in Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria in 2011-2012; and when the embers of the revolution are still burning while there's fierce resistance against the counterrevolutionary offensives of imperialism and its lackey governments



Tunisia, uprisings after a young journalist set himself on fire

√ **The workers and the people poor of Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon are breaking into the scene, seeking for bread and against the pro-imperialist regimes...**

√ **The masses in Gaza are challenging the infamous pact between Abbas and the Zionist occupation**

√ **In Idlib and Daraa the flames of the Syrian revolution are kept alive**

√ **Once again the masses are taking to the streets of Tunisia**

The battle of Algeria has begun

There's fighting in Algiers, Gaza, Daraa and in the streets of Paris

Once again, a new wave of uprisings for bread by the exploited shakes the Middle East. The exploited have risen by marching every day in Sudan, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Tunisia, Iran, Algeria... They denounce the governments of being "corrupt" for giving away all the enormous oil wealth of those countries, leaving to the masses in misery.

We are facing a new uprising in the Middle East, where hunger is once again the engine. They are resuming the 2011 uprisings, when a huge chain of revolutions shook the whole region, facing an increase of 200-400% in the price of bread.

The deceptions of the reformist left are exposed. In 2011 they affirmed that we were facing "Arab springs" and "democratic revolutions". Thus they made all the workers of the world believe that it was about "barbarous people" that only wanted "democracy". They hid the true character of these uprisings, and continue to do so today, speaking about marches against dictatorships without mentioning the fight against the high cost of living and the unheard-of miseries.

Thus, these currents called for supporting "democratic solutions", such as constituent assemblies in Tunisia or Egypt, or a "democratic" or "opposition" sector of the local bour-

geoisie, though without expropriating the transnationals that plunder the region, expelling imperialism, ending national oppression, or disarming the army and arming the masses; and also without calling to coordinate a common struggle with the workers of the imperialist countries.

Today reality speaks for itself. **All the "democratic solutions" have been nothing more than a diversion to return to fascism and the worst of the bloody dictatorships against the masses.** The "democratic revolutions" of the reformist left have nothing to the masses, except deepening hunger, misery and massacre. Therefore, to conquer the

bread, the exploited of this region are rising again today.

The most tragic symbol of this is Tunisia. In 2011, a young computer technician, Mohamed Bouazizi, immolated himself because of the lack of bread, work and the prospect of a decent life, since they did not even let him sell vegetables. That was a spark that ignited the fire throughout the Middle East. Today, 8 years later, in the same Tunisia, another young man, Abderezok Zorqi, just after calling for getting up and starting a revolution, has immolated himself because of the terrible conditions the exploited have to endure in that country.

Before this new uprising in the Middle East, when 8 years since the beginning of the Syrian revolution, the lessons of what happened in 2011 become important, that is, to understand how the bitter defeats of these revolutionary processes could happen; so that this time victory can be reached.

2011: following the 2008 crash and the decomposition of the world capitalist system, a huge revolutionary offensive of the masses shook the Maghreb and the Middle East

A huge betrayal of the world reformist left led to cruel defeats

When 2011 began, a vast chain of revolutions opened in the Middle East. The masses took the streets by thousands and thousands against the increase in the price of food. They immediately confronted their governments and regimes, servants of the imperialist oil companies that plunder that region and starve the masses. The war cry was "The people want the fall of the regime!"

The heads rolled down of Qadafy in Libya, Mubarak in Egypt and Ben Ali in Tunisia. The revolution started in Bahrain, Yemen... In Syria, people was fighting 30 blocks away from al-Assad's government palace. The



Iran: demonstration against the regime of the Ayatollahs

main devices of domination of imperialism in the region broke down, like those autocracies. Zionism lost firepower and the US imperialism could not intervene with its army, as it had been forced to withdraw its troops from Iraq in 2008 because of the enormous resistance and especially the struggle of the American working class against war.

They were great revolutions of the workers and the exploited people, perhaps as the most advanced process of the struggle of the world working class that responded to the crash of 2008 and the attempts of imperialism to unload the crisis on them. There it was announced that the capitalist system was totally rotten and bankrupt, in which 1% of parasites had monopolized 50% of the wealth, leaving the masses in the deepest misery.

The response of imperialism was immediate. It concentrated all its forces to crush the Syrian revolution. Thus, Al Assad's regime gained support, weapons, allies, license to kill, (all coordinated at the Geneva, Vienna, Astana and Sochi conferences) and carried out a bloody genocide. From those conferences, the US imperialism, Turkey, Russia, the ayatollahs and Hezbollah organized a true counterrevolution.

Along with this, a huge conspiracy surrounded this huge uprising of 2011-2012. **The bitter defeats, as it also happened in Egypt, Libya or Yemen, were not due to the strength of imperialism; neither it was for lack of combat spirit or**

"backwardness" of the masses. It was because of the betrayal and encirclement imposed by the social-imperialist parties of Europe and the world reformist left.

As we saw, in the first place, these parties comprising Stalinists, remnants of the social democracy, these varied renegades of Marxism launched their "democratic revolutions" scam. When the revolution struck in Syria, the vast majority openly supported the counter-revolutionary fascist al-Assad openly, while one sector supported the other bourgeois Syrian variant, i.e. the FSA, which surrendered one by one the rebellious cities and then re-entered the army of Al Assad.

These parties affirmed that no revolutions of the workers and the people were massacred there, but "jihadists", "ultra religious fanatics", "terrorists". The result: entire Syrian cities devastated, working class neighborhoods reduced to rubble, 700,000 massacred, 15 million in refugee camps in the middle of nowhere or in concentration camps in Europe.

That is, a huge conspiracy was what diverted and defeated that revolutionary mass offensive. The conditions for victory were given, with the struggle of the workers of the imperialist countries. In 2008, the Iraqi resistance made the imperialist powers to run away that had invaded their country, because they fought along with the American, English and Spanish masses, who refused to continue dying for the oil companies in the Middle East. The

war cry of the Spanish masses was "You make wars and we put the dead".

But in 2011, **the treacherous social-imperialist leaders, with this action, launched a cry of "fight against terrorism" and imposed a state of neutrality on all the workers of the world, so that in the Middle East genocide and massacres could be perpetuated.** They tended a siege around the Syrian revolution, which left al-Assad free to slaughter and the FSA bourgeoisie to manipulate and sell out the revolution.

Thus these great revolutionary processes did not reach the seizure of power, and were betrayed and crushed by blood and fire, but without imperialism and its lackeys could set up once again stable devices of domination in the region as they had before. 2011

2018-2019: The trade war of Trump, the EU, the Chinese and Russian big bourgeoisies is a fierce war against the world working class and the oppressed peoples of the world

Once again the exploited of Maghreb and Middle East wage battle

After the massacre in Syria and the advance of the counterrevolution in the Middle East, imperialism saw its victory consummated. The US was given a free hand and came out to maintain its supremacy on the planet, in a dispute for the control of the world market against its imperialist competitors and seeking to kneel the Russian and Chinese bourgeoisies. Thus, a "trade war" was opened, where **in the first place the war was declared to the world working class**, to take away all their conquests, make them work in maquilas in the worst conditions of slavery and super-exploitation, while plundering all the wealth of the oppressed peoples.

The Middle East is not the exception. Imperialism comes for everything, redoubling the looting

and forcing its lackey states in the region to pay for all the costs of wars. Moreover, the price of a barrel of oil is almost half of what it was in 2011, and the imperialist oil companies that plunder the region do not give out a single penny of their share of the revenues. Thus, the revenues of the countries of the Middle East fell, which are single-producers of hydrocarbons countries, and at the same time they import food, and wheat is subsidized. Local governments unleashed this attack against the masses, removed the aforementioned subsidies to wheat, and food prices have increased, the high cost of living skyrocketed, while in several countries the IMF obliges to apply high taxes, cuts in state spending and layoffs, etc.

And the masses responded. In spite of so much massacre, of the chastise that the Syrian genocide meant for all the workers of the planet, of the treachery of all the leaderships of the working class at the international level; in Algeria, Sudan, Iran, the exploited revolt because they know that if they do not, they'll die of hunger.

In Tunisia they have taken to the streets again due to lack of jobs and decent wages. In Iran, the exploited rose up against the ayatollahs, slaughterers of the Syrian masses, who impose very low wages (and not even pay them) while they are standing on the second reserves of oil and gas in the world of oil and gas. The Algerian masses take to the streets of Algiers, and also of Paris, where there are millions of workers of Algerian origin who do the worst jobs in the imperialist centers and are the heart of the French working class.

In Gaza, the Palestinian people do not surrender and struggle to reclaim their territory against the Zionist occupier. The fence is not stood anymore, and there is no square centimeter left to live in that small strip where more than 1.5 million Palestinians live.

One of the most important facts of this new wave of the exploited in the Middle East happens in Syria. There, despite the genocide by al-Assad, despite the fact that the masses resist in Idlib in their last trench, despite the fact that the FSA

has surrendered the rebel cities one by one to the dog Bashar and returned to integrate his army to control those cities, that is, **everywhere the counterrevolutionary plan of the Geneva conference was applied under the US command... Daraa has revolted.** Thousands and thousands of exploited march through the streets of that city that today is under the fascist boot of al-Assad. There the combat is not only against Bashar but against the counterrevolutionary regime of the Geneva conference, that is, the one of the FSA merged with that of al-Assad.

We are then before an uprising against a starving capitalist system, and against the imperialism that plunders those nations and leaves the masses in misery. It is a phenomenal revolution of the working class and the oppressed, whose first task is to put an end to the imperialist yoke, national oppression and looting; and conquer national independence.

But above all this new revolutionary wave hits directly on the territory of the enemy: with the uprising inside Paris against the French imperialist pirates who also plunder the Middle East; with the uprising of the exploited of Iran against the ayatollahs and their murderous guard, killers of the Syrian masses; with the struggle of the Palestinian people against Zionism and the PLO pact that sustains it, and with the struggle of the workers and the Syrian people in Daraa against the Geneva conference.

With the entry into combat of the Algerian masses, the Maghreb and Middle East revolution enters Europe

The masses of Algeria have taken to the streets. In this very oil rich country, one of the main exporters of OPEC, the masses live in poverty, with 23% that is below the poverty line, while Bouteflika's gang gives all the wealth to the imperialist transnationals. Now a new trap is being prepared to keep the regime in power, and Total looting the oil, with the masses in misery.

Against this, the exploited took to the streets with **huge demonstrations of thousands and thousands, especially in the capital, Algiers... and also in Paris, in France itself.** There are millions of Algerian workers in that country. Counting all Maghrebi immigrants and their descendants, it is estimated that 19 million workers do the worst jobs and are the most exploited sector. **They are the heart of the French working class.**

This revolutionary wave of

Maghreb and the Middle East has crossed the Mediterranean and entered the imperialist Europe. Yesterday, in 2015, it was the Syrian refugees who came to the old continent and told the tragedy of the counter-revolution, awakening the enormous class solidarity of the European workers, breaking the siege and the division imposed by the treacherous leaderships. These leaderships, after a couple of self-attacks in France, made the workers believe that the refugees and the Middle East peo-

ples were all terrorists, dividing them again.

Since then, it's been very bad for the masses of the Maghreb and the Middle East, with Syria massacred and the refugees on the Syrian borders in tents in the middle of nowhere, while those in Europe are in real concentration camps. And very badly it has also been to the European working class, with French imperialism snatching the historic conquest of the 35 hours a week and imposing labor flexibility.

Today, this unit among European and Maghrebi/Middle Eastern exploited is raised again, since the revolutionary combat enters Europe directly, with thousands of Algerians, who are part of the French working class, at times when the Yellow Vests are fighting against the attacks of the Macron government on the working class and the exploited. It has been concentrated in France. Paris has become the capital of the European and Middle Eastern revolution!

Syria

March 13th, 2019

While the dog Bashar bombs Idlib with white phosphorus, the masses rise in Daraa, in the rearguard of al-Assad



Demonstration in Daraa

Al-Assad and Putin keep bombing Southern Idlib massively, demolishing houses, hospitals, schools... with tens of martyrs and hundreds of wounded. The attacks are intensified every day with bombs, missiles, cluster bombs, lethal white phosphorus... not only in the south but also other cities in the same province. The Sunnite bourgeoisie, after the clash between the FSA and HTS have taken the rebel masses off the streets and opened the road for these bombings of al-Assad. But the resistance hasn't given up.

Meanwhile in Daraa, the crib of the Syrian revolution, the masses rise, take to the streets and go to get al-Assad and his allies. This dog has responded by sending his genocidal army to the city.

The fight is in the resistance in Idlib, and the masses fight in the rearguard of al-Assad! The Syrian revolution is alive... Long live the revolution!

Down with Al Assad and his army of mercenaries, of occupation troops on behalf of imperialism! Let's truly kick that army out from Daraa!

From the refugee camps and the resistance, with delegates of the militiamen and the masses in struggle that seek to fight and do combat against al-Assad... Let's set up a Great Council of the Syrian revolution!

In the 8th anniversary of the Syrian revolution... Long live the revolution!

From Tunisia to Gaza to Iraq to Jordan, from Iran to Daraa to Idlib, from Beirut to Gaza to Sudan to Algeria and Paris.... One single intifada!

It is at order of the day to unify the combats of the workers of the oppressed countries with the working class of the imperialist countries all over the planet

What the second wave of uprisings for bread in the Middle East and fighting in the streets of Paris demonstrates is that, **whether in the oppressed or imperialist countries the working class is one and only and is fighting against the same enemy: imperialism and its lackeys.**

Not only this is posed for the Middle East and Europe, but throughout the planet, particularly the US. Mexican workers of the maquilas go on strike and enter the fight, as in Matamoros, while a caravan of thousands of migrants go to the US, where there are more than 30 million Chicano workers who are the heart of the working class North American.

That is why Trump is desperate to build a wall against Latin American immigrants, while the Democratic Party, with the support of the entire

“New Left”, shows Sanders and a pair of figureheads of Latin origin as the allies of the struggle of the semicolonial world. That is, they want to make Latino workers believe that their demands will be conquered by supporting the imperialist butchers of the Democratic Party, responsible for looting and massacring the semicolonial world while to the interior of the US, among other things, they snatched with Obama all the US workers’ conquests and imprisoned thousands of immigrant children.

They want to prevent at all costs the unity of the workers of the oppressed countries and the imperialist centers. But both face the same enemy: imperialism and all its agents. They plunder the Middle East, super-exploit immigrants in the metropolis as cheap labor, sink wages and wrestle the gains to workers in the imperialist countries, and today they want to deepen their plans for labor-flexibilizing and looting.

In Paris there is the possibility of launching the war cry of **“The same working class, the same enemy, the same fight against labor flexibilization, against imperialist plunder and for a decent life for all the exploited!”**

In France, on the land from which the Islamophobic war cry was launched against the workers and exploited in the Middle East, there is the possibility of breaking the siege imposed by the reformist left at the international level on the revolutions of that region and ending the division among the workers of the oppressed peoples and the imperialist countries.

Yesterday the masses of Idlib marched along the streets shouting “Open the fronts” and “May the brigades unite to defeat al-Assad and his allies.” The fronts were opened: in Sudan, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Algeria and the streets of Paris. It is time for the “brigades to unite”, that is, **for all the revolutionary combats to unify and coordinate on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea!**

Today, the masses of Daraa, the city where the Syrian revolution began in 2011, are coming out to fight again. That city was sold out by the



Demonstration of the Palestinian masses of Gaza

FSA generals, who later transformed themselves into al-Assad’s mercenary forces.

The spark of the living resistance of the masses of Idlib, which today is being massacred by the bombs of Putin and the dog Bashar, continues and will continue to set the martyred Syria on fire.

**On this 8th anniversary we affirm that the Syrian revolution has not surrendered.
Long live the revolution!**

We must **get rid of the treacherous leaderships that systematically prevent the fights from uniting**, as the Mexican workers of Matamoros got rid of their leaderships. The first blow for this was already given by the Yellow Vests, organizing outside the union bureaucracies and the left parties, taking to the streets a revolutionary struggle despite and against them. Now, the Algerian masses have hit, doing what these leaderships always wanted to avoid, i.e. bringing the Maghreb and Middle East revolution to the streets of Paris.

Let’s unify the struggle in Paris, the capital of the European and the Middle East revolution! The same revolutionary combat of the Maghreb and the Middle East with the Yellow Vests, on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea!

For the Socialist United States of the Maghreb and the Middle East!

We must expropriate without payment the imperialist oil companies that plunder the Middle East! Out with Exxon, BP, Total, ENI, Chevron, Shell...!

They arm invasions and fascist regimes that crush and massacre the workers and the oppressed peoples who rise up for bread and freedom.

In the imperialist powers: The enemy is at home!

We have to stop the imperialist war machine!

Every strike against the oppressed peoples of the semicolonial world is also received by the workers of the central countries.

Enough of labor flexibility! Enough of tariffs and increase in the cost of living! Decent work for everyone with a wage at the level of the typical shopping basket!

Equal pay for equal work! Documents for all refugees and immigrants! Open the borders!

Let the governments and regimes of the oppressors fall!

For the working class to live, imperialism and its lackeys must die.

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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 for 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



Sudan uprising

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 have 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 stood 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 exporting gold as well as Arabic Gum, used in the manufacture of paint, glue and other products).

Stopping the masses by repressing them while giving them some concessions had a cost. That very same year, Sudan started to increase its foreign debt exponentially. And now, imperialism wants to be repaid... 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 the starvation and the blood of the Sudanese exploited. The French imperialism is in the middle of a trade war among 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 the aforementioned last January uprising. As it was suppressed, the attacks on the living standards of the masses continued. **The cost of living sky-rocketed. The price of bread was tripled along 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



Sudan uprising

with the exploited that take to the 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 the fight as the Iranian workers and people, who are staging hard struggles against the Ayatollahs. They stand together with the exploited in France, which staging revolutionary days of struggle at the battle cry "Macron, resign!", are hitting 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 of the Palestinian masses in their fight against the Zionist occupier, of the masses in Egypt that fight against the counterrevolutionary dictatorship of Al Sisi, of the Yemeni people 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, though he was toppled in 1989 by Omar Al Bashir leading the army. So, Al Bashir has brought to the country from exile the main figure of the "opposition", so he can place himself above the masses, channelize them to a way out inside a regime that contains both men, preventing Bashir from falling by the hand of mass revolutionary actions.

However, However, the fact that

Mahdi made a rally with only a few followers (those who always had been with him) when he returned shows he has not mass influence, and deep in their chests the exploited know that neither Mahdi nor Bashir will cease attacking and they will not be able to live in decent conditions until the regime doesn't fall.

Just as in Iran and in Lebanon, the workers of Sudan are starting 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" ones? 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!

For the dissolution of 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 was the experience in Tunisia and Syria... Set up committees of workers and exploited by city, region and coordinate them nationally!•

Iran

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The working class breaks into a 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 partners of the imperialist powers, while they live with only a 300 dollars monthly wage and face 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.



Metalworkers of Ahwaz (Iran) on strike

Today, **the working class has entered** 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 the workers are still standing. The sugar caneworkers 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 Hepeco 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 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, wage increase, to secure the jobs and make 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 work that the clerics do on behalf of imperialism in Syria and the entire Middle East, with their murderous counterrevolution-

ary “Islamic Guard” which kills the masses on behalf of the British, US, French oil companies 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 Syrian revolution have stood up, the Iranian workers and exploited. They fight against those who, alongside al-Assad and Putin, are killing the masses in Idlib and made a cemetery of ashes and rubble out of the workers’ neighbourhoods of Aleppo, Homs, Ghouta...

The allies of the workers and the people in southern Iraq have stood up, 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! For the dissolution of 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!•**

Algeria

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March 13th, 2019

In Algiers and on the streets of Paris, the cry is “Out with Bouteflika”...

Algerian regime, which it supports in the name of her own interests”. The same happened in other cities, as in Tizi-Ouzou, where hundreds of workers of appliance factories participated in the night march to which spontaneously joined.

General Strike for 5 consecutive days

On March 8th for the third consecutive Friday, an impressive mobilization, took place in Algiers, Oran, Constantine and Bejaia coinciding with the Day of the International Working Women. Meanwhile social networks called for “civil disobedience”, calling for a general strike for 5 days, starting on Sunday 10. Before this the Ministry of Education advanced university holidays for 10 days; but the students, along with the professors, occupied several universities, in rejection of these measures. The judges and deputies of 6 opposition parties joined the demonstrations, seeking to take advantage of them for their own ends. The protest is not only against Bouteflika’s fifth term but against the corruption of a regime dominated by the Armed Forces and the secret services since the independence from France in 1962.

The threat to stop the entire economy of the country ran through all of Algeria. Trade closed in Algiers and also in other cities. The dock workers in Algiers and Bejaia joined the strike, they also stopped at the Mercedes Benz factory in the area of Rouiba also stopped, as the two large public energy groups, Sonatrach and Sonelgaz. In addition, the workers of the oil company GTP and also the gas complex of Oued Ezzine, the main economic sector of Algeria, joined the strike too.

Before the ghost of revolution, Bouteflika “retreats”. The bourgeoisie tries to give a way out within the regime

Given the forcefulness of the strike that planted the beginning of a crisis that blew out the whole regime, on Monday

11, Bouteflika protecting his regime, and seeking to prevent the path to revolution from being opened, resigned from the candidacy of his fifth term and postponed the elections that had been scheduled for April 18. The elections would be held at the end of a national conference, which will be in charge of reforming the political system and drafting a constitution from here until the end of 2019. These battles of the Algerian exploited (which as we said are part of this chain of uprisings by the Bread in the Maghreb and the Middle East) threaten to coordinate with the struggles of the European working class, particularly in France where Algerians and their descendants number in the millions. Today, in support of their brothers in Algeria, they win the streets of Paris, Marseille and some other cities in Europe.

And there is a latent coordination with the unstoppable struggle of the Yellow Vests, who for almost four months with their fight on the barricades have been fighting for Macron to fall.

And this is the reason why, the Algerian bourgeoisie tries to give a way out within the regime, to prevent the opening of a revolutionary crisis that dislocates the power of the State at the hands of the exploited. Therefore, part of the “democratic” bourgeois opposition aims to ride on these mobilizations against the regime. For the bourgeoisie containing this situation before it leads to a revolution is a question of life and death. That is what Bouteflika’s “resignation” is about.

Let not the struggle of the Algerian exploited stop!

The resignation of Bouteflika did not stop the Algerian exploited who continue in the streets of Algiers, demonstrating against the prolongation of his fourth mandate. The masses show that they go for everything. In their hands is to solve all their demands, for this it is necessary to defeat Bouteflika, his infamous regime and the imperialism that oppresses Algeria.

The rebellious Algerian masses have to endorse the terrible experience of the revolutionary processes experienced by their brothers in Egypt in 2011, regard-

ing the nefarious role of the Armed Forces. In Egypt in 2011, the military demonstrated that they are neither neutral nor are they there to help the exploited. On the contrary, they are the ones who are going to put order, but through blood and fire to stop the masses, just as they did in Egypt, with a bloody military coup.

In Algeria, the Armed Forces are seen by a sector of the masses as prone to come to their aid. Nothing wronger. No confidence in the murderous caste of army officers! These are the same Armed Forces that in the 1990s staged a military coup to prevent the ISF (Islamic Salvation Front), which had won the elections by a large majority, from accessing power. Then, they unleashed a civil war that bloodied Algeria leaving close to 200 thousand dead. They are the same Armed Forces that are under the direct control of imperialism, and that since then have controlled the governments and the regime, although civilians assumed.

Union leaderships divide the struggles of the working class and the impoverished masses

The UGTA (General Union of Workers of Algeria) in a statement saluted the “civility and patriotism” shown in the demonstrations against Bouteflika’s fifth mandate, as well as the “responsible and exemplary attitude of the forces of order” and added that “the UGTA’s commitment to President Bouteflika’s side is the fruit of the multiple economic and social achievements reached by the workers in the course of the process of national reconstruction in peace”... They are cynics! This is the reason why the Algerian rebels have organized their struggle on the outside of this union center.

In France, the youth and the Algerian workers demonstrate against the Bouteflika regime, while the Yellow Vests have been fighting for almost four months. The exploited on both sides of the Mediterranean need the unity of their battles to succeed. And this is precisely what the bureaucracy of the trade union centrals prevents, because it separates

and divides the struggle of the working class. The French union bureaucracy do not consider immigrants and their children born on French soil part of the French working class. They treat them as “second class citizens” the same as the imperialist bourgeoisie of the Fifth Republic does and label them as “vandals”, form security lines so that the children of immigrants do not demonstrate themselves together with the unionized workers.

The Algerian exploited, overcoming this division imposed by the leadership of the bureaucracy, took to the streets of Paris. With that treacherous leadership we can not fight: we have to expel the bureaucracy from the organizations of the exploited people!

Like the bureaucracy, the former Trotskyists support the regime of the Fifth Republic and its oppression over the colonies

The former Trotskyists of the NPA, Lambertites, Lutte Ouvrière, were also walloped by the combats of the Yellow Vests and, like the bureaucracy, were forced to support this revolutionary struggle.

These leaderships support the infamous regime of the Fifth Republic and in Algeria, they support the Bouteflika regime. Both the Workers Party (Lambertites) and the “anti-capitalists” of the Socialist Workers Party legalized the military regime when they took part in the 2007 elections, when the FIS, a Muslim movement representing a large sector of the oppressed Algerians, was proscribed. It was an election where the abstention was very high: 64%.

In those elections, the Workers' Party drew 26 deputies and the “anti-capitalists” won 1 seat. That is, while the masses boycotted the elections and

challenged more than 1 million votes, these currents, which call themselves Trotskyists, legitimized that electoral farce against the masses. To this day they uphold the regime and the starving government that are puppets of the military, which the exploited masses hate and want to throw down.

Conclusion, both in the colonies and semi-colonies, these currents play the same role as in the Metropolis, they support their own bourgeoisie. We cannot allow them to usurp and dirty the clean flags of Trotskyism to hide their betrayals! Get out the hands of the ex-Trotskyists from the the fighting organizations of the working class!

To succeed in Algeria and France: WE MUST EXPROPRIATE THE EXPROPRIATORS!

In order to eat and achieve a decent life: **we must break with imperialism**, conquer the land and the generalized armament of the exploited in struggle!

We must **expropriate without compensation and under workers control their transnationals**, their banks that oppress and plunder the nation! They are the same ones who super-exploit the immigrants in the metropolis as cheap labor force and who today want to deepen their plans of flexibilization to the whole of the working class.

Expropriation without compensation and under workers control of Total, of Renault, of PNB Paribas, of Société Générale and of all transnationals! In Algeria and in France, out with the Imperialism!

In Algeria, one of the most democratic tasks together with the expulsion of imperialism is the **dissolution of the murderous officer caste**, which massacred more than 200,000 exploited in the service of imperialism.

In order to conquer better conditions to fight, it is necessary to set up **committees of rank-and-file soldiers and armed workers. For the generalized armament of the masses!**

To conquer the true power of the exploited, we must set up the self-determination

organisms of the masses in struggle!

The French working class has an enormous task and opportunity in their hands, to make a reality the scream of the Yellow Vests, of “Macron Resignation”! For this it is necessary to unify their combat with that of the exploited Algerians to the cry of **THE ENEMY IS AT HOME**. On both sides of the Mediterranean, **the same enemy, the same combat**.

Long live the struggle of the Algerian exploited on both sides of the Mediterranean! For the unity of the Yellow Vests and the exploited that rise up against imperialism and the regime in Algeria.

May Paris become the center of this revolutionary combat! Let there be coordinated the revolutionary struggles throughout Europe, along with those of the colonies and semi-colonies, Maghreb, Africa and Middle East. **Down with Maastricht!**

Let the workers' organizations take this fight in their hands and forge the combat unity of the French and Algerian working class. But, for that **we must expel from our organizations of struggle the trade union bureaucracy and the treacherous leaderships**, which have separated and diverted the combats of the exploited.

In Paris and in Algiers: THE PEOPLE WANT THE FALL OF THE REGIME!

Today, the French working class, with its vanguard of yellow vests and immigrant workers must organize a revolutionary general strike until Macron falls! Down with the imperialist Fifth Republic! Down with Macron!

Out with all the French troops and military bases from the entire Africa!

Let the revolution start! Down with the murderous regime of Algeria!

For a Provisional Workers' and Peasants' Government, based on the organizations of self-organization of the armed masses!

Faced with the total decay and rotteness of this system ... We must put on foot the power of those from below, the power of the working class and the exploited masses!

ANA NEGRI



ALGERIA

The combat of the working class and the exploited that shakes Algeria, reached the heart of the imperialist Maastricht

In Algiers and on the streets of Paris, the cry is “OUT WITH BOUTEFLIKA” “DOWN WITH THE REGIME”

We need to advance in coordinating the combats of the working class
on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea

Out with imperialism and its lackey regimes!

New uprisings for bread and against the Maghreb and Middle East regimes run through the region. Algeria is part of this chain of uprisings, but this time it breaks into the heart of French imperialism: in Paris.

The most exploited sector of the French working class came on the scene. The Algerians emigrated to Europe, in particular to France, together with the rest of the immigrants from the French colonies and semi-colonies are the heart of the working class. With their children and grandchildren they live crowded in the poorest neighborhoods of the metropolis; they are the least paid workers, condemned to unemployment, to precarious jobs or to being marginalized without papers. Their culture is oppressed and their children constantly persecuted by the police. Today they take to the streets expressing their hatred against Bouteflika but also against the living conditions imposed by the Fifth Republic.

The flame of the Algerian revolutionary struggle has extended to Paris. By late February, March and particularly on March 10, thousands of young Algerian workers and students, made the Republic Square (Paris) vibrate, swarming with Algerian flags they chanted against

the regime with their banners: “murderous power”, “Out with the system”, “Only the mandate of the people”. The support for the Algerian people was also felt in Marseille, Toulouse, Bordeaux, even the first days of March people manifested in Berlin, London, Valencia and other cities in Europe.

On February 22, in Algiers and other cities, thousands of Algerians won the streets in protest against the brutal regime of Bouteflika, agent of French imperialism, which for 20 years has been selling out the enormous wealth of this oil country (member of the OPEC) to the French Total, plunging the masses into hunger and misery. The straw that broke the camel’s back was the announcement of the presentation of his candidacy for a fifth term. The demonstrations were the biggest from thirty years ago. The vanguard of this process is the youth who have no future in Algeria, who are condemned to leave their land



since they suffer a very high rate of unemployment. The government raised taxes and raised the cost of living, while in its soil huge wealth of gas and oil are concentrated.

Since then, in Algiers thousands of workers and young people have demonstrated who decided not to leave the streets until the president leaves, shouting “no to the fifth mandate”, “Out with Bouteflika”. Despite the rejection and indignation of the Algerians, Bouteflika presented his candidacy. The anger of the masses was immediate, thousands decided to spend all night on Sunday 3/3 to Monday, in the Maurice Audin Square, Algiers, surrounded by an important police deployment. There, they denounced the complicity of “Madame France with the

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