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*As in Haiti, Ecuador, Chile and Middle East*

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New rounds of the crash in the world capitalist economy...

## Hellish attack to the workers and new imperialist looting offensives

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New revolutionary eruptions!

A world recession has started. This happens when the capitalist system is far from having recovered from the 2008 tremendous world crisis that liquidated a huge quantity of productive forces in the planet and left 200 million unemployed migrant workers wandering throughout the world.

The capitalist system “left” the 2008 crisis and has survived not because its vigour or due to its “intrinsic strength”, but because the treacherous leaderships of the masses, the socialdemocratic parties, union bureaucracies and old Communist Parties. They were recruited to contain the enormous mass processes of struggle that threatened to open a world revolutionary situation in the five continents. This allowed imperialism to concentrate its forces in strong counterrevolutionary blows, like in Syria. The “Bolivarian” bourgeoisies in Latin America sold out the great anti-imperialist mass combats. The Castroites sold out Cuba to Obama and the US imperialists, thus giving a hard blow to the working class of the Americas.

The New Left, as Podemos, Syriza, etc., sold out all the working class struggles in Europe, one after the other, as in the Spanish State, the Greek revolution, the combats of the French working class... Meanwhile the US imperialists stomped Ukraine and through their hit man Putin placed the masses of Eurasia at bay.

Thus, the imperialist powers could throw the entire crisis over the backs of the masses. In imperialist Europe of Maastricht, the banks, which had been trapped in the crisis of the real estate bubble of Wall Street in 2008, recovered from their losses by plundering the sovereign treasures of the states. For example, the US imperialists statized the losses of their superbanks by giving them a 600-billion-dollar subsidy, which enlarged the so far huge state deficit. Thus, the imperialist states saved the bankrupted financial capital.

From Frankfurt, Tokyo and the USA Federal Reserve



The Presidents of the imperialist powers in the G-7 Summit in mid 2018

(FED) credits flowed for their respective transnationals and bankers at a 0% or even rates below 0 % (that is, with no interests charged on). The imperialist phase of capitalism has a central feature that defines it, namely *parasitism*. The imperialist gangs did not invest those credits in the productive process, quite the contrary. A big share of the money was distributed among the shareholders, in the form of alleged utilities and bonds, and over-valuing artificially the shares (by buying them back), and all these provoked a Wall Street Stock Exchange crisis in February 2018. This caused a huge indebtedness among the businesses and transnationals, which survive due to more debts and credits.

Another part of these funds that the international finance capital managed through their banks went to the semi-colonial world as loans at usurious rates of interests, 12 to 18%. It was a fabulous business of mere intermediation, which multiplied and increased the public external debts in the entire semicolonial world.

We can mention Argentina as one example among many of these maneuvers: 100 billion dollars from Wall Street entered the financial circuit in 4 years. These funds were

exchanged to pesos with a profit of 100% interest rate in Argentine Treasury letters, which were again exchanged to dollars and were taken abroad, in a sort of very fast revolving doors. These funds never went to any productive process. Then, the IMF worked as a lender so that the Argentinean state could have a guarantee that there were enough dollars to flee out.

Argentina is an example of many others big businesses of plundering and usury, which together with the wars and the development of destructive forces, have given the bankrupted capitalist system a surplus of life. In 2016/2017 the world economy grew 1 or 2 points but in 2018-2019 it started a process of stagnation and recession, namely, the ongoing crisis.

The result of all this parasitism, in which the capitalists go on cashing out and expending profits over what the human labour has not produced yet, is the exorbitant debts both public and private that in the planet already sum up about 188 trillion dollars, i.e., a 230% of the world GDP, according to the report to the media by the new head of the IMF, Kristalina Georgieva (Clarín, paper edition, 11/9/2019)

The world market is shrinking. The trade war has started. The USA put the apple-cart upside down in order to keep its supremacy and download its crisis and its debts also over the rest of the imperialist powers. The USA, as the dominant power, is the biggest debtor in the planet. Its deficit has gone from 17 trillion dollars to 22 trillion. It took debt from the world, protected its domestic market and now seeks to open the customs of the imperialist Maastricht and make China kneel down. The semi-colonial world is now completely indebted and in bankruptcy.

Now, the crisis, the looting, the future benefits that the capitalists have spent before hand will be paid by the masses. By means of the blackmail of the crash, they seek to surrender the working class and annihilate all their historical gains.

The IMF-like in the 1980s and '90s- plays a central role, with the whip in its hands, in order to guarantee the repayment of the fraudulent external debts of the semi-colonial world. They decree it is necessary to drastically trim the state investment in health, education, social benefits, subsidies, etc., and also to hand out all the state enterprises as a guaranty of repayment from the indebted nations. That is because a lot of reserves vaults of the banks are beginning to fill up with bonds of uncollectable debts, shares of overvalued enterprises, papers of future commodities which have not been produced yet... That is, it is a new bubble created by the filthy capitalist system that today is thrown over the masses recklessly, while the pirates scramble over the world market for ever shrinking pieces.



Workers super-exploited in a Chinese sweatshop

The world capitalist imperialist system is wobbling... it does not find its balance and in each turn of its crisis it smashes entire nations and the working class. While it seeks to settle, it develops new “areas of growth”, which are quickly disputed among the vultures in Tokyo, Frankfurt or New York... China -a domestic market of 400 million consumers and great part of the banks and enterprises still in the hands of the state -which have in their hands the dollars of the trade surplus from the Chinese exports- is a hunting prey disputed savagely among the Europe of Maastricht, the united Kingdom and the USA pirates, who have come first to stamp on Beijing.

As the debts become uncollectable, as the imperialist parasites collect their profits and as more and more valueless papers overstuff the balances sheets of the imperialist corporations, the capitals flee to “safe” places, namely to the US dollar, which is backed by the money printing machine of the FED.

They flee to the US dollar, as capital insurance has increased the valuation of this currency and devalued the currencies of the semi-colonial world. This devaluation sank the incomes of the workers and the poor sectors of the peoples if measured in dollars, and at the same time those countries have now to collect more money denominated in their currency to pay for the dollars needed to repay the external debts. This means that imperialism absorbs each time more surplus-value and rent from the semi-colonial world, where it seeks to obtain the super profits it needs to survive.

In the metropolises, the increasing value of the dollar means that the exports prices go up... As Marxism says, far from being a perfect system, capitalism in its decaying phase, i.e., imperialism, as it dominates the world in a parasitic way, not only pilfers the riches of the semi-colonial world and creates a ferocious retreat of the productive forces, it also, so to say, saws the branch where it is sitting, i.e., its own domestic market. The world crisis is generalized. It is necessary to recreate a cycle of investment to produce higher profits with less investment; namely the investment must be done by the state.

The weapons and war industries are the most import-

ant economic factors in this imperialist epoch, that is, the production of goods for destruction. The USA uses 250 billion dollars for its military apparatus and R&D in high tech, while France and Germany also expend a similar quantity. This is actually the “fourth industrial revolution” of which the defenders of capitalism talk about, where only the production branches that are byproducts of R&D for war industry are developed, with an investment made by the states.

The conditions for the proletarian revolution are not only ready, they are decomposing. Some days ago there was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Undoubtedly, this rotten capitalist system is still standing because the Stalinist scourge, as an excrescency of the workers’ state, after betraying the processes of the world revolution to comply the Yalta-Potsdam Agreement, sold out China, Russia, East Europe, Vietnam and, finally, Cuba. The agonizing capitalist system received fresh blood.

Now, in its fast agonizing stage, it needs more of that. It has to re-colonize the semi-colonial world. There it needs only governments that are managers of its business and its looting, and not a native bourgeoisie that acts as a small partner and so gets a slice of the surplus value and of the rents of the semi-colonial world.

The disputes for the Chinese state companies and banks are already open among the different imperialist powers. This week it has been announced that China is opening its entire banking system to USA and it is also giving back the 5G technology to Hewlett Packard.

As we can see, there is no investment in the productive process. Imperialism is parasitism. A new round of the world capitalist crash is here. A new offensive against the workers and the masses, anti worker attacks and imperialist looting are ongoing.

While USA throws its crisis to the rest of the imperialist powers, all of them together are keen to throw over the workers and the semi-colonial world the super debts that capitalist parasites have cashed out beforehand on behalf of the profits that they have not received yet.

Though, with revolutionary uprisings, the world working class states that they have not surrendered. The Middle East is on fire, Latin America is entering a pre-revolutionary situation and in an open class war against the imperialist



GM workers on strike in the USA

advances. In Hong Kong there is the most advanced of the resistance of the Chinese working class. The new revolutionary focuses are here. Those from the top come all the way for us; we from the bottom must go for them all along the way.

A new speed race has opened with this new round of the crash: between how much the capitalist system is able to throw its full crisis over the masses, and the response of the latter to it, by erupting in ferocious blasts of class struggle, in spite of the betrayals of their leaderships. No doubt in these battles the immediate future of the world working class is at stake.

The struggle of the American working class is the great advantage that the workers of the semi-colonial world have. In the USA GM workers and teachers of many states have stroke and fought, as many of these states are already indebted and in bankruptcy. In the past we witnessed the struggle of the Occupy Wall Street Movement and of Black Lives Matter, the fights of the immigrants, the fight against the wars, and the clashes against the white supremacists. The American workers are the great allies of the workers and oppressed people all over the world.

The European working class, with the fight of the ‘Yellow Vests’ and the ‘Black Vests’ show that they have not fought their last battle, quite the contrary, they are preparing for new ones. In the working class of the central powers lies the key to the victory of the combats just starting. The treacherous leaderships seek to prevent those combats from synchronizing. Breaking this de-synchronization and centralizing the combats of the working class of the semi colonial world with the fights of the workers of the imperialist countries, as in the revolutionary uprising of ‘68-’74, is the task of the currents that fight for recovering the Fourth International and grouping the ranks of the world working class.

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**In Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt and Algeria, people fight as in Chile, Ecuador, Haiti and Honduras. There people fight against the capitalist regimes and imperialism in harsh revolutionary uprisings and independent mass political actions**

**Today in Bolivia, as yesterday in Egypt, the Armed Forces under imperialist command deliver counterrevolutionary blows**

## **The Middle East and Latin America, twin revolutions**



Revolutionary uprising in Lebanon

**I**n the midst of the marasmus of the world economic crisis and the disputes between the imperialist powers, they have launched both a fierce offensive against the working class and the looting of the oppressed peoples. Great capital has centralized its attack on the exploited worldwide. Hyper-taxes, labor flexibility, skyrocketing cost of living, devaluation of the currencies cover most of the planet.

The masses resist and fight this imperialist offensive. The uprisings and revolutionary processes in Ecuador, Chile, Honduras and Haiti in Latin America or in Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Algeria in the Middle East are battles of the same class war.

Imperialism does not give peace in its offensive. It has already begun an open coup in Bolivia with the semi-fascist bands of the Media Luna and the police putsch, guarded by

the Banzerist Armed Forces. Morales fled to Mexico. But the masses also fight there.

**Huge independent mass actions** are thus developed. Revolts, revolutionary strikes, semi-insurrections, barricade fighting... this is how these revolutionary processes manifest themselves in their beginnings, which surpass all the traitorous leaderships and bourgeois controls over the exploited and openly attack, waging a **revolutionary political struggle** against the exploiters' governments and regimes.

The masses have already understood that they cannot get rid of their unprecedented sufferings, or even recover their previous standard of living, without overthrowing the various regimes and governments, puppets of imperialism. They distinguish their enemy and choose the right path to victory to conquer a decent life and **put an end to the miserable conditions imposed by imperialism with its trade war and plunder.**

The economic crac that imperialism throws on the masses is the engine of the current struggles.

**The economic struggle, which pushes the masses into combat, has no solution within the framework of peaceful coexistence between classes.** The political struggle subsumes the economic struggle. Fighting for wages, against the high cost of living, against unemployment, against high fees, **can only come to victory by defeating the governments that sustain and drive these fierce attacks by the capitalists.**

New revolutionary foci stand up under the same premises of world politics and economy. **In Latin America and the**

**Middle East we are then facing twin revolutions.**

In different hot-spots in the planet, battles of the exploited are fought, but for now they do not tend to generalize or spread. This happens with the great revolts in Mozambique, the revolutionary combats in Hong Kong, the independentist and republican uprising of Catalonia and so on. **But it is in Latin America and the Middle East where the conditions of the imperialist offensive and the response of the masses allow these revolutionary flashes to generalize country by country.**

## Middle East on fire once again

In the Middle East, the fall in the price of oil, the currencies devaluation and the plundering of imperialist oil companies, which do not give up a penny, has led the masses to the most abject misery. 200% -300% increases in food prices are a common strait. The states are in bankruptcy and have also had to borrow heavily, as has happened with Lebanon, whose foreign debt reaches 150% of GDP. Subsidies are trimmed while fees, taxes and prices of staples are savagely increased and not a penny is earmarked for investment in a decaying infrastructure, which leaves the population without electricity in the oil-producing region par excellence.

Imperialism and its agents lead these attacks in a region where the fighting of 2011-2012 remains in a tough resistance, as in Syria, Yemen, Tunisia or Gaza. **The revolutionary fire that has burned the Middle East since 2011 was not completely extinguished when the attack of imperialism once again set the prairie on fire with new revolutionary outbursts.**

An open revolution process has begun in **Iraq**. There was where in 2008 that enormous chain of revolutions began that shook the region, since the Iraqi resistance, together with the anti-war struggle of the American working class, imposed the withdrawal of the invading US imperialist troops. Iraq has become today the most advanced outpost of the Middle East revolution, with masses that have been winning the streets in increasingly massive mobilizations for a month, leaving 300 dead and thousands injured, colliding with all armed security guards of the imperialist oil companies, be it the police, the army, mercenaries or paramilitary militias sent by the Iranian ayatollahs and their Iraqi partners. It is a generalized uprising across the country, from north to south, from east to west, centered in Baghdad, fighting over the fall of US imperialism's protectorate government and regime.

This is the tomb of the infamy of the reformist left that affirmed that in Syria and the Middle East we were facing "interethnic struggles" between "barbarian peoples", "jihadists" and "terrorists"... With these deceptions, this left slandered the Syrian revolution to sustain al-Assad. Today these deceptions have fallen, when we see the uprisings

of Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt, as those who fight there are oil workers, construction workers, revolutionary students. The unemployed, the "throwaways," be it Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds, Christians, they rise against the bourgeoisies, lackeys of imperialism.

In the Middle East we witness the beginning of new revolutions. In **Lebanon**, as stated in the article included in this newspaper, the Shiite, Sunni and Christian masses have risen against the national unity government of all bourgeois gangs. There have been two weeks of a great uprising that overthrew Prime Minister Hariri, of the Sunni bourgeoisie, and four of his allied ministers, corresponding to the Lebanese Phalanx. But the government is still standing, not only the president of the Christian bourgeoisie, Aoun, but also his Hezbollah allies, the true power in Lebanon that manages the biggest businesses and the entire cabinet.

In **Egypt** the exploited rose against the military dictatorship, as happened some time ago in Algeria and Sudan. For now, these last two processes have been contained with transitional deceptions, but not before charging the heads of the dictatorships that had been in power for years in these last two countries, such as Bouteflika and Omar al Bashir respectively.

The working class and the people of **Iran**, who have been starring in huge uprisings earlier this year and the previous one, continue to resist in hard struggles factory by factory, establishment by establishment, facing repression, jail and torture by that bloodthirsty theocratic regime, assassin of the Syrian masses.

The **Syrian** resistance has not given up and collides with al-Assad in the advance and marches against the HTS (former Al Nusra) businessmen in Idlib.

In this new wave of mass combats, the heavy blows of the defeats in Syria and Yemen, where imperialism concentrated its forces to stop the chain of revolutions initiated in 2008-2011 in the Maghreb and the Middle East, still weigh heavily. Imperialism filled these rebellious countries with blood and martyrdom. And today it shows them as examples to the insurgent masses of what can happen to them if they "dare" to go as far as they did. But the Syrian revolution lives in the new revolutionary mass centers. The unprecedented sufferings push them to the fight to avoid starving.

# In Latin America, people fight against the imperialist offensive: a phenomenal clash between classes, political crises and revolutionary irruptions of the exploited

On the other side of the planet, in Latin America, the same process is taking place. As we have already said, imperialism deepens its plundering of those nations and its attacks on the masses. Its plan is the same as that applied in the Middle East: to impose a fierce labor flexibility and a redoubled imperialist plunder. **All Latin American countries have fraudulent external super debts, an expression of the imperialist plunder of recent years.** Responses to hyper-taxation, the reduction of state expenditures, health and education budgets, have placed the masses first in a position of resistance and then of counteroffensive. In **Mexico**, the revolutionary uprising of the workers of the maquilas embodies the struggle against labor flexibility of the entire working class of the Americas, to which, whether by decrees, by laws or in the facts, the exploiters seek to wrest all their conquests.

In Panama, in Honduras, in Nicaragua, in Colombia or, as we see now in Chile, the student movement wins the streets in very hard anti-imperialist fighting against the destruction of education budgets. The ruin of the retirement funds, expropriated by the IMF to collect its loans, has caused great mass actions, both now in Chile as yesterday in Nicaragua and **Argentina**. In the latter country, in December 2017, when the parliament was discussing the “pension reform”, enormous independent revolutionary actions that surrounded the Congress were developed, throwing tons of stones over that den of bandits, while an active general strike of 36 hours took place and cacerolazos began to be heard as in 2001. That was a blow against the government of Macri, which then the bourgeoisie, with its electoral trap, channeled again through Peronism.

In **Colombia** a general strike is already announced for November 21st. The massacre of workers and indigenist

leaders, the attack on all the workers’ conquests, are the engine of that journey of combat by the masses who are looking for a course to respond to the attack of the hated Duque government. The counterrevolutionary pact of the Castroites and the FARC has left the peasantry vulnerable for landowners and paramilitaries to take back their land.

**Haiti** remains in an uprising. In an infinite decline, the masses there do not accept starvation.

Both in **Peru** and **Honduras**, a huge mass offensive struggle develops. The bourgeoisie “opposition” to the governments that manage the imperialist businesses try to ride on these struggles to contain them in parliamentary ways. The bourgeoisie is divided. The masses do not stop ramming. Prerevolutionary situations remain open.

But the imperialist offensive does not give peace. In **Brazil**, Bolsonaro is attacking all the workers conquests, as do Piñera or Lenin Moreno. A class clash was, is and will be inevitable. The two fundamental classes that face each other in semi-colonial countries are imperialism and the working class along with their allies, the poor peasants. The bourgeoisie understood this situation and left Lula free, for him to numb the masses by asking them to wait until 2022 to win the elections to Bolsonaro. It is the “leftist” support for the imperialist offensive. And if the masses overflow, there will be Lula to channel them.

It was in **Ecuador and Chile** where the workers and the people and their revolutionary processes **took a leap turning into enormous revolutionary actions of the masses**, insurrectional or semi-insurrectional processes, which have

left the bourgeois mastery devices on their slaves totally dislocated. Huge **revolutionary crises developed in the heights, as in Ecuador**, where true dual-power organizations emerged, such as the FUT and CONAIE, whose leaderships saved the bourgeoisie from its collapse when Lenin Moreno fled from Quito to Guayaquil before the semi-insurrection of masses. These leaderships brought him back to Quito and restored him to power, after the army base refused to repress the insurrectioned masses. It is the collaborationist leadership of CONAIE and the FUT that supports the government of Lenin Moreno today. The mass insurrection set up dual-power organiza-



Barricade struggles against the murderous police in Ecuador



tions, which in turn, returned it to the bourgeoisie.

An immense mantle of silence today covers Ecuador and this truth. It would be enough for CONAIE and FUT to break up with Moreno and declare land, banks and oil nationalized to win over the army base and take power. So far came the revolutionary struggle of the masses...

The next day after Moreno returned, the bourgeoisie tried not to leave traces of the revolutionary mass struggle. They paid hundreds and hundreds of volunteers to clean the streets of Quito and that everything is covered in a great blanket of oblivion. But you cannot cover the sun with a finger. In Ecuador a dual power regime has been temporarily established. It cannot last long. The state realigns its Armed Forces and prepares new blows. These revolutionary processes are not defined in a sole act.

In **Chile** the barricade fight in the streets does not stop. The masses refuse to withdraw from there. The bourgeoisie conspires. With the “sweetener” of a reform of the Constitution and taking the military from the scene to preserve them, they prepare, in the town halls, a trickster plebiscite on the “constitutional reform” for December. The same is announced by Piñera, who is preparing an agreement with the “Social Unity Board”, controlled by the CCP and the Frente Amplio, which will seek to peacefully channel and wear down this revolutionary rise of the masses. They try to do it at every step, but the masses have already made the experience with the Concertacion and its traps, and therefore the barricades are not abandoned.

As we can see, in Latin America the juice of squeezed lemons from the Bolivarian bourgeoisies, such as Ortega and Maduro, are depleted. In Bolivia, to stop this revolutionary wave in Latin America, imperialism concentrated its forces in one of the most stable countries in the region, where the labor aristocracy and union bureaucracy supported the Morales government, which did not distribute any wealth to the workers and peasants, but quite the opposite... Both the bourgeoisie and imperialism found the excuse and the moment of greatest weakness of Morales’ relationship with the masses, which he systematically attacked, to launch a rebuff of the elections and then openly a military coup,

based on a police putsch and the fascist bands of the Media Luna. Now, they seek to impose a government that emerged from the puppet parliament, even voted by the deputies of the MAS, to close the open political crisis. The more and more the working class submitted to Morales, the more and more the right was strengthened for its blow.

**In the current phase of the struggle in Latin America, before it deepens, Bolivia is the place where imperialism concentrates all the forces of the counterrevolution to scar the masses and cut the revolutionary offensive at one point. This is what it did with Syria in the Middle East in 2011. This experience ended in a bloodbath. Do not doubt that this will also apply in Latin America to take care of its interests.**

Political crises, class clashes, mass offensives, the IMF, the UN and the OAS acting as US ministries of colonies, mark that Latin America as a whole is entering a prerevolutionary situation.

The capitalist system has an advantage, which is the sold out of the Cuban revolution and the Colombian resistance to the US imperialists, in an infamous pact that Castro signed with Obama, which allowed the Bolivarian bourgeoisie to strangle the anti-imperialist struggle of the Latin American masses and in this way the Castro bureaucracy could become a new owner class.

The sold out of Cuba wants to convince the masses about these chains of revolutions cannot win as a socialist revolution, since, as the Castro said, “socialism can be no more, even in Cuba.” It is the great counterrevolutionary favor left by the Stalinist scourge for imperialism to dominate its backyard.

Likewise, the scam of the Bolivarian revolution leaves in Venezuela millions of hungry people and in Bolivia the majority of the working class brutally attacked by the Morales government, with the COB and the peasant movement divided. The working class must overcome all these betrayals to make its way to the struggle against imperialism and the bourgeoisie.

The traitorous leaderships are the worst burden that the masses have in the open pre-revolutionary situation in the subcontinent. The crisis of leadership, as observed in the fighting in the Middle East, is the most reactionary and critical factor of the current revolutionary offensives.

## **Imperialism learned from what happened in the Middle East in 2011-2012 and now uses its manual of counterrevolutionary war against the masses of Latin America and the world that are in a state of uprising**

The strategists of the ruling classes know that they cannot concede the fall of governments to mass insurrectionary actions. They know that they have to defend these governments, since if not, the masses collide not only with the

governments but also with all the institutions of state domination, such as the armed forces, justice, etc. The need for armament is put into the order of the day. From the revolts, from the revolutionary strikes, from the clashes with the



soldiery, the combat rises to civil war. The destruction of the armies of the bourgeoisie is brought to the agenda. It is spread from country to country, where the masses face the same enemies. This happened in Libya, Yemen, Syria, or in Egypt, where a fierce military dictatorship had to return for the bourgeoisie to regain control of its state.

Hence the stubbornness with which Piñera resists in Chile, the firmness with which Bolsonaro leverages himself in Brazil and the great favor that the PJ and the Kirchners did to Macri and US imperialism by preventing the Argentine masses, who rebelled in 2017, from being which overthrow the government.

Anyone who sees the revolutionary uprisings of the Middle East today, will see how imperialism holds the governments notwithstanding all the problems they face. That is because if they fell, there would be a direct clash with the armed forces. That is why they impose transitional governments, partial democratic reforms... Imperialism knows what it cost them their victories in Yemen in Syria or in Libya itself, where they have not yet been able to definitively reconstitute their dominance. Imperialism and its staff are very aware of the mechanisms of deception as the constituents, the plebiscites, when they turned out to be a bluff and could not sustain their governments and fell as in Tunisia or Egypt. There, democracy turned out to be nothing more than a detour for the sabers of the generals to return.

The New Left of Stalinists and renegades of Trotskyism's raising of the slogan of "constituent assembly" in Latin America at all times and places is a true fallacy. It is



Once again, the masses have taken to the streets in Egypt

the exit on the left proposed by the reformists to divert the struggle of the masses in revolutionary crises, when what is on the agenda is the seizure of power. It is to educate the masses that power can be taken peacefully, expanding democracy: "Constituent Assembly, workers 'power' ... that is, the nefarious policy of Stalinism in Chile in the 1970s of "peaceful way to socialism". It is a democratizing left, which in Bolivia has reached the paroxysm of stating that in order to defeat the coup people has to make a Constituent Assembly, when this can be resolved only with weapons in hand. For some time now, the renegades of Trotskyism have become a fundamental support, along with Stalinism, of the New Left, with which Sanders, Podemos, Syriza and their likes strangle the revolutionary processes.

## **In Latin America and the Middle East the firewood is dry. The revolutionary processes are generalized**

In the Middle East and Latin America, where the imperialist offensive does not stop, where the fight is for bread, for land and against imperialism; where revolutionary processes are rapidly generalized, there is the outpost of the world working class against imperialism and its domination. The need to coordinate these combats with the working class of the central countries is imperative. It is the only really decisive path to victory.

To defeat the Banzerist coup in La Paz means to fight and fence Wall Street, from where the latter is organized - together with the OAS and the CIA - that counterrevolutionary blow. Workers are already up there, as in the strikes of GM and the teachers, or the immigrants fighting for their claims.

The combat against the Pinochetist military is part of the struggle of the American working class against the imperialist war. In Washington and in the Southern Command

there are the leaders of the Pinochetist army, the Ecuadorian army, the Banzerist officers of Bolivia and all the counter-revolutionary military forces, which will once again fill the Latin American subcontinent with blood, if the proletarian revolution does not succeed, as they already did it in the 1970s. As we see in these big class clashes, Yemen, Syria, Egypt will knock on the doors of Latin America.

The Middle East, again on fire, needs the European working class. The forces are there. The role of the counter-revolutionary leadership is to desynchronize the struggle of the proletariat of the entire Middle East and Latin America from that of the working class of the central countries.

In 2013 and 2014, the World Social Forum met in Tunisia. It was not casual. There were the Bolivarian bourgeoisies and their continuators today: the New Left of Podemos and Syriza and their entourage, shouting "the enemy is the ISIS", "al-Assad is the ally to be supported". They

allied in an “anti-terrorist front” with Sarkozy, Merkel and Obama. They will also know how to do it in Latin America. When they launch their first counterrevolutionary blows, they will talk about their enemies “the terrorists” and the “vandals”, as the “red pacos”, the traitors of the trade union bureaucracy of the CUT have already begun to do in the Alameda and Plaza Italia in Santiago de Chile. It would be a tragedy for the Latin American masses if the best combatants of the revolutions that are today ongoing are treated like terrorists and vandals.

That was what they did from the WSF and the New Left with the best worker and youth fighters of the Middle East. Those who sent dictator Qadafy, manager of the business of the Italian ENI in Libya, to better life were treated as terrorists and jihadists. They did the same with the masses that fought 30 blocks from the government house in Damascus, Syria and with the Yemeni masses. They set traps with the same trick they are using today in Latin America, calling to fight for “democracy” as in Egypt, where they ended up supporting the movement of the Liberal Democrats “April 6”, which in turn called for the dictatorship of Al Sisi to slaughter the people.

That tragedy must not happen again, either in Latin America or in the new revolutionary wave of the Middle East. The “Bolivarian Revolution” scam is collapsing on the shoulders of the masses in Latin America. The infamy of “interethnic” wars is breaking in the reefs of life and of the facts when in Iraq it is Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish workers who face imperialism and its agents. The imperialist offensive does not give truce and the masses do not give up. Ahead there are new wars, insurrections, new leaps of the crac, fascism and counterrevolution.

The crisis of leadership is red hot. The masses need to get rid of all their leaderships that chronically undo what they build in their struggle.

As the Transitional Program of the Fourth International says, *“The objective prerequisites for the proletarian revolution have not only ‘matured’, they have begun to rot a little. Without a socialist revolution and this in the next historical period, a catastrophe threatens the entire human civilization. Everything now depends on the proletariat, that is, mainly on its revolutionary vanguard. The historical crisis of humanity is reduced to the crisis of revolutionary leadership.”*

In the semicolonial world the two fundamental classes that face each other are imperialism and the working class. The native bourgeoisie only tries to use the labor movement - by tightly controlling it - to haggle its slice of business to its imperialist major partner. But they know that if the proletariat enters into maneuvers of revolution, it will not only attack the property of imperialism but also its own. Therefore, as the theory-program of the Permanent Revolution states, only the working class with its allies in the impoverished sectors of the countryside and the city can fully and effectively resolve the democratic tasks in the semi-colonial world through the dictatorship of the proletariat, wielding this power as the leader of the oppressed nation and, above all, of its peasant masses.

The liquidators of Trotskyism broke with this fundamental thesis of the Permanent Revolution. For them, the democratic tasks of the oppressed nations can be solved with a Constituent Assembly, without the victory of the socialist revolution. In the Maghreb and the Middle East, as in Latin America, two programs confront each other, that of the theory-program of the Permanent Revolution of the Trotskyists versus that of the continuators of the Stalinist pseudostrategies.

The battlefield of the world working class is full of heroic revolutionary struggles, but also of enormous betrayals of reformism, as we see in Latin America, in the Middle East and in all the decisive combats of the world working class.

The imperialist offensive has managed to impose itself where the traitorous Stalinist leadership, the former Trotskyists and the social-imperialist parties have saved its businesses, its profits and its states. But the working class have not said their last word and continue waging their battles against imperialism each time they can free from the straitjacket the traitors constrain them with.

These forces of the exploited that, like in Chile, Ecuador or in Iraq and Lebanon, among others, hit the citadel of power, leave reformism and the traitorous leaderships in crisis and they can only babble.

Trotskyism was and continue being a living force of the struggle of the working class because it lives in the real revolutionary workers movement. Its forces are in the indomitable Chilean, Ecuadorian, Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese, etc., revolutionary masses.

Our forces are there, in the thousands of young people and workers in the most exploited sectors that are now fighting. There the forces are emerging to set up again the party of the international socialist revolution, which was handed over by the former Trotskyists to imperialism and Stalinism.

From the International Trotskyist Leninist Fraction we call on all the forces that claim themselves from international Trotskyism, who declare themselves independent of the Stalinist counter-revolutionary forces worldwide and fight for an independent Trotskyist strategy to continue the struggle of the Bolshevik-Leninists and the Fourth International, to regroup our forces around the program of the Fourth International.

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## IRAQ

### **Huge generalized revolutionary mass uprising across the country against hunger, unemployment and misery**

*The exploited from the north, south, east and west of the country shout:*

**“We are not Shiites, Sunnis or Kurds; we are the rebel Iraqi people”**



Revolutionary uprising in Iraq

## **Down with the US protectorate regime and its puppet Government!**

**Dissolution and disarmament of the Army, paramilitary forces, security guards of the imperialist oil companies!**

**Out US from Iraq!**

**Weapons for the masses! Open the road to the workers' and poor peasants' Committees!**

*Together with the uprisings in Algeria, Sudan, Lebanon, Egypt, the resistance in Syria and Iran and the Palestinian people...*

**A single intifada! We must expel imperialism from the Maghreb and Middle East!**

**Expropriation without compensation of all the Oil Companies, looters of the black gold of the region!**

Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, hundreds of thousands of people have taken to the streets across the country, in a generalized uprising with epicenter in Baghdad. Hard clashes with repression forces have taken place. They not only shut tear gas and stunning grenades, but also live ammunition against the rebel masses. There are already at least 104 dead and more than 6 thousand injured; figures are increasing every day as an evidence of hard repression hidden by the Government. Even so, the mobilizations go on day after day. This is why it is similar to the

way Iranian masses opened the revolution in 1979 that overthrew Sha Reza Pahlevi, one of the bastions of imperialism in the Middle East. Today the Iraqi masses retake that fight facing other imperialism's key mechanism of domination in the Middle East: its protectorate in Iraq.

The exploited masses do not take a step back in this huge combat, after a week of mobilizations, which are becoming more frequent and classes' clashes are more and more intense. On Sunday, October 6, there was a mass mobilization in the southern city

of Nasiriyah that threw the paramilitary troops of the Shiite bourgeoisie out, a branch of Iranian Ayatollahs, Gurkhas of US imperialism and security guards of their oil companies. In the city of Basra, also in southern Iraq, the masses set the Iranian consulate on fire. It is a huge masses' uprising against imperialism and its lackeys!

As well as the Shiite southern region, the exploited have also upraised in the Sunni Triangle and even in Kurdish cities such as Tikrit and Kirkuk. It is not a Shiite, Sunni or

Kurd uprising... They are the exploited of the whole country unified in a fight against the exploiters, imperialism and their regime! The Iraqi uprising shows that the struggle is class against class! Their war cry is "We are not Shiites, Sunnis or Kurds, we are the Iraqi rebellious people"; it is the same as in Syria in 2011: "I am Druze, Alawi, Sunni, Ismaili, Christian, Jewish and Assyrian... I am a revolutionary Syrian and I am proud of it."

The Iraqi masses face the US protectorate regime established after the war and the occupation in 2003. They are hitting the American's domination regime, the dominant imperialism that plunders the black gold of the region with its oil companies, as it did in 2008. Back then, the resistance of the Iraqi masses -along with the anti-war struggle of the US and European workers- forced imperialism to withdraw its occupation troops from Iraq and left a Ghurka army and paramilitary gangs to guard their oil companies. These are the repressive forces against which the masses collide today. It is a huge uprising against the regime of the oil companies, their security guards and their puppet Government in Baghdad, which has only followed the instructions their Washington's bosses.

### **Like Maghreb and Middle East, the revolutionary struggle in Iraq today is for a decent life, facing the plundering of the imperialist oil companies and their protectorate**

The huge uprising against US protectorate regime in Iraq today is to end the imperialist plundering in order to solve basic issues, such as bread (which price has risen), electricity (power cuts are permanent and prolonged) or drinkable water (there is no drinking water services connected to the houses), jobs (unemployment exceeds 30%) and a decent life (more than a third of the population is below the poverty line). The protests in Iraq are taking place because in the world's third largest oil exporter, there is no energy capable of producing electricity for its inhabitants. In Iraq where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers through an irrigation system were the origin of the first agricultural civilizations of mankind, there is no drinking water. In Iraq where infrastructure, oil wells construction, pipelines and associated oil industry should be permanently done, unemployment is so great that there is no possibility of getting a job.

The exploited know although they are standing on a sea -in fact a great ocean- of

black gold, while they live in the most abject misery and the reason is because this great wealth is looted by the imperialist oil companies. U.S, its transnationals and their local puppets, the Iraqi government, are responsible for this situation and the masses know it. That is why they are waging an enormous anti-imperialist and anti-colonial uprising, facing the Metropolis that has turned Iraq into its protectorate (see below); their war cry, like the one that ran through the entire chain of revolutions in the region since 2011, resonates again in Egypt, Lebanon, etc. It is "The people want the fall of the regime!"

### **The uprising of the Iraqi masses is a key link of the chain of revolutions throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East**

The uprising of the Iraqi masses today is part of the same struggle of all Middle East, revolution and counterrevolution. The uprisings in Egypt and Lebanon, as in Algeria and Sudan before on one side and on the other the massacre in Yemen, the genocide, siege, surrender and invading troops in Syria, and the occupied Palestinian nation, their fighters

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## ***The masses take to the streets again***

In Iraq, as in Lebanon today, millions of exploited take to the streets fighting against the counterrevolutionary regimes and governments, agents of the imperialist powers that plunder the black gold from the entire Maghreb and the Middle East.

While the Syrian resistance have not surrendered... from Algeria to Tunisia, from Sudan to the Iranian resistance, in American Continent in Chile, Ecuador, Honduras, Puerto Rico the masses are fighting for bread and against the oppressive servant regimes of imperialism.

### **Let's fight over the borders!**

The same working class, the same enemy: 1% of capitalist parasites that take 50% of the planet's wealth through wars, looting and blood.

Iraq will end up being the tomb of US imperialism and the Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish lackey bourgeoisie, who organized a government under their protectorate to assassinate and starve the people.



Iraq: Mass demonstrations shake the entire country

The people want the fall of the regime! Open the road to the general insurrectionary strike until everyone is out and not one of the looters of the nation is left!

Disarmament of the Iraqi Army, puppet of imperialism and the mercenary paramilitary guards of the imperialist oil compan-

ies! Generalized armament for the people! Open the road to the Shoras, the Councils of workers and poor peasants! Above those on bottom!

For a worker and peasant Iraq! For the Federation of Worker Socialist Republics of the Maghreb and the Middle East!

in the dungeons of Zionism and a fenced and massacred Gaza.

The combat of the exploited in Iraq is a key link in the chain of revolutions throughout Maghreb and Middle East. As we said, it was in 2008 when together with the anti-war struggle in the imperialist countries, they imposed the withdrawal of all invading troops, weakening imperialism's domination throughout Maghreb and Middle East. So Iraq was the true beginning of the chain of revolutions that openly exploded in 2011 in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, Yemen, etc. due to the excessive food prices increase. Today a central combat of the exploited of the region starts again, revolting against the regime of the US protectorate. In Iraq, the masses are facing all their lackeys in the region... the Sunni, Shiite, Kurdish bourgeoisies... since all of them have put their armed guards to take care of US oil companies and all of them formed a coalition government to take care of US interests. Iraq hits the heart of the oil companies, imperialism and their servants!

**Down with the regime of US protectorate!  
For a Federation of Socialist Workers Republics in the Maghreb and the Middle East.**

To get the bread and the decent life the masses crave, it is necessary to make the

chant come true: "The people want the fall of the regime!" Out with the US protectorate government! Out US from Iraq! Dissolution of all their armed forces, real security guards of their oil companies! We must disarm all the paramilitary gangs of the Shiite, Sunni bourgeoisie, the Kurdish Peshmerga, and all the armed forces of the Iraqi State, they are only there to guarantee the looting of the oil companies and massacre the masses!

**Weapons for the people!**

We have to set up the armed committees of workers and peasants to face the regime of the oil companies and their security guards! Only expropriating all oil companies without compensation under workers' control, expropriating all banks, we will be able to recover the black gold wealth for the exploited of the nation.

In Iraq, the exploited Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds against imperialism and all their lackeys in the region fight together. It is the same fight of the workers and the Iranian people against the Ayatollahs, with the masses of Lebanon who again have taken to the streets, with the uprisings in Algeria, Sudan and Egypt, with the Syrian resistance and the Palestinian people who resist against Zionist occupation. In all of Maghreb and the Middle East, the same Intifada!

Out with Assad! Down with the dictatorship of Al Sisi in Egypt! Let all the servant regimes of imperialism fall in Lebanon, Algeria, Sudan and throughout the region! For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel! Out with the US military troops and bases in

Afghanistan and Syria! Out with all the invading troops of Syria! We must expropriate all the imperialist oil companies that plunder the black gold of the region!

For a Federation of Workers and Socialist Republics from the entire Maghreb and the Middle East!

The allies of the rebellious oppressed peoples of Middle East are in the imperialist countries, mainly in the US. Workers and exploited are the ones capable of hitting the imperialist beast inside its own country, paralyzing the war machine and the General Staff of the Iraqi protectorate. May return the Million Men March, the pickets against the US Government, commander of the armed forces that plunders Iraq! May the working class return to paralyze the ports, factories and take to the streets in support of their Middle Eastern class brothers! The combat in Iraq and the entire region is against US imperialism in the first place. We face the same enemy! A single class, a single fight!

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**After the war and occupation in 2003, the US imposed in Iraq a fascist and brutal regime against the masses even worse than Saddam Hussein's**

After the invasion war of Bush in 2003, the US occupied Iraq directly with its Army. The Governments since then were all their puppets. They left more than one million Iraqi dead and razed land in several cities. Buildings and infrastructure were destroyed and they were never re-built. The US only went to loot the oil, at the cost of the blood and the misery of the masses. That is, US occupation imposed on Iraq a regime a thousand times more fascist and brutal for the masses than the one of the dictator Saddam Hussein before.

Since 2008, the Iraqi resistance fiercely fought against the imperialist occupation troops, together with the enormous anti-war struggle of the American and European working classes so US was forced to withdraw its troops from Iraq. To guard

his oil companies, in addition to their mercenaries and private security guards, they left 500 Pentagon officers commanding the Iraqi Army –a true extension of US Army– reinforced with paramilitary militias of the Shiite, the Sunni bourgeoisies and the Kurdish Peshmerga were always used as cannon fodder. These are the Iraqi Army today, only security guards of the imperialist oil companies, whose role is to slaughter the masses to ensure the looting of the nation.

That is to say, the United States put each armed gang of every bourgeois fraction in Iraq to guard its oil companies according to the area where each one is located... and put a government of "national unity" of all these fractions (the Shiite, Sunnite and Kurdish), which answers directly

to the command of imperialism and the Pentagon Generals. Today the Prime Minister and chief executive is Mahdi, of the Shiite bourgeoisie, the president is from the Kurdish bourgeoisie and the president of parliament is from the Sunnite bourgeoisie... and they are all directly subordinated to US Command.

**Then Iraq is still a US Protectorate. All Armed Forces are still being occupation guardian troops of the imperialist oil companies, integrated by Ghurkas. Mahdi is the circumstantial viceroy in an American colony ruled from Washington. This colony can only get to an end leading this current masses uprising and their revolution to the triumph.**

*The allies of the Syrian resistance of Idlib, of the rebel Iraqi masses and all the exploited of Maghreb and Middle East are entering the struggle*

## **A great revolution arises in Iran!**

**Out with the theocracy! May the regime fall!  
For the return of the Shoras of workers and soldiers**

**Out with imperialism with its blockade and plunder of Iran!  
Expropriate without compensation and place under workers' control the oil, gas and banks!  
There is the money for a decent life**

**Out with the Iranian Guard, murderer on behalf of imperialism, of Syria and Iraq!  
In the entire Maghreb and Middle East: a single Intifada!**

Since Friday, Nov. 15th, every main road of the most important cities of Iran has been blocked. The offices of the main banks in the capital city (Teheran) were set on fire. The exploited, in over 50 cities, have taken to the streets massively, with huge street and barricade struggles, with tough clashes with the police.

The youth had been taking to the streets against the persecution and the brutal murder of the young poet Hassan Haidari, who was persecuted for defending the Iraqi revolution publicly. He had been imprisoned and then killed by poisoning. This happened in Ahwaz, where the workers of sugar cane have been persecuted for months, as well as the metalworkers and other sectors who fight for their demands. In that region there are also tens of tens of workers imprisoned for fighting.

The spark that ignited the fire –with revolutionary struggles all over the country- was the fuel price hike, where it used to be almost free since it is the second oil exporter. Now, the oil is refined in Germany and its derivatives are re-sold to Iran at high prices and the Ayatollahs' regime tried to make



Mass uprising in Iran

the masses pay by increasing oil 300%, due to the cut of funds they have suffered after the US blockade forced the production to drop from 3 million barrels a day to 0.5.

The fuel price hike led to an increase in the cost of living of the starving and over-exploited Iranian workers, who also work under terrible conditions, the activists and journalists who express solidarity with them and denounce those attacks are persecuted, and they are sentenced to death, tortures and jail; their only crime is wanting a decent life and at least collect their unpaid salaries. It is an upris-

ing against a semi-fascist regime, oppressor of women at the point that they are not allowed even to watch a soccer match at the stadium. This regime persecutes those who oppose to it, puts them into jail in small cells and tortures them. That is why, for more than 2 years there had been demonstrations, clashes with the police, uprisings and strikes in each sector at the war cry **"The clerics live as kings and the people live as beggars."**

The last attack to the masses' living standards -in a region shaken by the uprisings of Iraq, Lebanon,

Egypt, Algeria- unleashed the mass revolutionary uprising which had remained latent expressed now in street struggles, which have been taking place for 48 hours. They know they have the second biggest oil and gas reserve in the world under their feet and they are not willing to accept that this huge wealth remains in the hands of the clergymen while decent life conditions are inaccessible.

The clashes are violent. Over 106 fighters have been murdered, as well as 3 members of the repressive forces also fell. Also, over 1000 have been imprisoned and they joined the already hundreds of political prisoners, many of them sentenced to long years of jail under torture.

Now Iran is on fire. Pictures and statues of the Ayatollahs and the genocidal government are burned in the streets.

The war cry in the streets is "Down with regime!" and "Out Iran from Syria!" while they raise the flag of the Iraqi revolution. The

best allies of the Syrian masses resisting in Idlib are rising; they confront one of al-Assad biggest supporters. The allies of the Iraqi masses are rising, who are repressed by the paramilitary gangs armed by Ayatollahs, who have covered US troops' backs as they withdraw from Iraq. The allies of the Palestine masses besieged in Gaza are rising. They confront the Ayatollah who have massacred the masses of Maghreb and Middle East and have never shot against Zionism. **The allies of all the exploited of the region are rising against one of the key pillars of counterrevolution in the region.**

It is a same chain of revolutions shaking Maghreb and Middle East, confronting a common enemy: imperialism and its lackeys of the Iranian Ayatollahs!

The barricades of Iran together with the ones on Iraq and Lebanon are breaking the isolation and siege on the Syrian resistance! The fronts have been opened for the masses who are fighting in Idlib and the tormented Palestine

masses bombed by Zionism are not alone. **LONG LIVE THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!**

**FOR THE RETURN OF THE ARMED SHORAS OF WORKERS AND SOLDIERS!**

**OUT WITH ROUHANI, KHAMENEI AND THE ENTIRE MURDEROUS AYATOLLAHS' REGIME!**

DISSOLVE THE REVOLUTIONARY IRANIAN GUARD AND ALL THE REPRESSIVE FORCES! OUT WITH THEIR TROOPS FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA, MURDERERS OF THE MASSES IN THAT COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF IMPERIALISM!

OUT WITH AL-ASSAD AND ALL THE INVADING TROOPS OF SYRIA! FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ZIONIST-FASCIST STATE OF ISRAEL!

FREEDOM AND DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST THE IRANIAN FIGHTERS!

EXPROPRIATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND PLACE UNDER WORKERS' CONTROL THE OIL, GAS AND BANKS! There is the wealth to have jobs, wages equal to the cost of living and a decent life for everyone.

**OUT WITH IMPERIALISM FROM IRAN, ITS BLOCKADE AND PLUNDER!**

**OUT WITH IMPERIALISM FROM THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST!**

**In the entire Maghreb and Middle East: A SINGLE INTIFADA!**

CORRESPONDENT

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

From the revolted Iraq to the Iranian revolution:  
A single struggle against a single enemy

## Solidarity Message from Iraq

### *Iranian Sisters/ Brothers*

From Al Tahrir Square #Baghdad

You are witnessing nowadays the Iraqi demonstrators, who are revolting against their government, shouting loud slogans that might sometimes seem against Iran.

It is crucial for us that you should be aware of the fact that we Iraqi People only have a genuine love for you.

Our problem is with the #Iranian sectarian regime who backs the all corrupt politicians, criminals, and murderers in our current government

Our ambition and only purpose is to get rid of our corrupted rulers, we are also looking forward to strong and stable relations with our Iranian neighbours who deserve a just and civilised government.

Long Live the people

**YOUR IRAQI BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM  
AL TAHRIR SQUARE BAGHDAD**

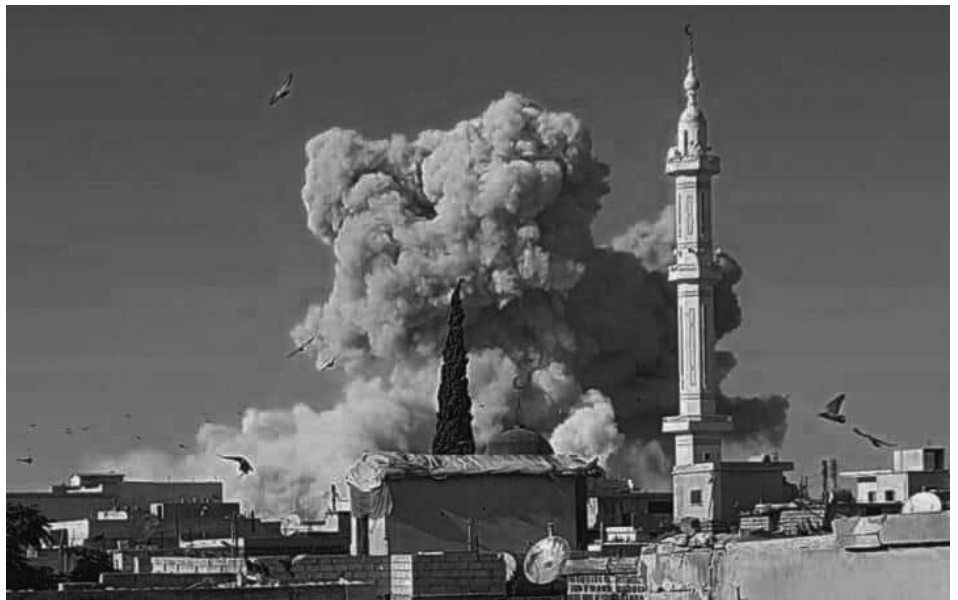


## **Syria** a divided occupied nation and a starved tormented people

Turkey besieges Idlib; Assad and Putin slaughter everywhere; HTS disorganizes the resistance and agrees with the murderers of the Syrian people

# **THE “OPERATION FINAL EXTERMINATION” IS BEING LAUNCHED**

**to smash the last rattles of the Syrian revolution in Idlib**



The division of Syria under  
US supervision  
is deepened with the advance  
of the counterrevolution

With the blow on the last trenches of the Syrian revolution in Idlib, the definitive shape of the post-revolutionary Syria is being drawn, which imperialism is trying to use to settle the counterrevolutionary victory of Putin and Assad, who have already done imperialist powers' dirty work. We are witnessing the definitive partition of Syria, organized from the Conferences of Geneva and Astana, which gathered USA, Russia, Turkey, al-Assad and even the Sunnite bourgeoisie, like FSA and HTS (former Al Nusra)

generals who sold out every rebel city from within. But in order to achieve this, counterrevolution must settle the last blows with an operation of final extermination to the masses of Idlib.

While we write this article, Turkey is entering the northern border of Syria with its army, in a joint action with the US troops. The latter are in that region with Turkey to guarantee the precise limits of the territories that Erdogan will control. Turkey will get Afrin, Euphrates and the areas of the border with the oil pipes used by imperialist oil companies to plunder the “black gold”.

Also, after they were used as mercenaries and ground troops of the US to smash the Syrian revolution, the

cynical Kurdish bourgeoisie and PKK (Kurdistan Communist Party) and the YPG must surrender the border cities in northern Syria, while they are sent back to their cantons in Rojava by their bosses. What commands there are the 10 US military bases. From there the safety of the oil imperialist companies is supervised, like Exxon, Total, British Petroleum and Shell around Raqqa, Deir ez Zor (the big oil producing cities under US direct control).

Thus in Syria, the Kurdish people are far from conquering their national self-determination as an oppressed people. Because after being used as shock forces with al-Assad and Russian troops to re-take Aleppo's control and after advancing with the USA

over Raqa and Deir Ez Zor, the Kurdish people was submitted with double chains to al-Assad, US imperialism and Erdogan in Turkey.

This is how the adventure of the Kurdish bourgeoisie and their YPG ends: locked in cantons, controlled by Erdogan's bayonets in the borders and the US from within, as we have seen. It crumbles the vile lie and deception showed by the Leftists and Anarchist that in Rojava there were "socialist democratic communes". This is the same lie that Zionism sold for years when they talked about "Socialist" kibutz. It is crystal clear that imperialism conquered as YPG and their homonyms in Iraq –Peshmerga- as shock forces, like Zionism (although at a higher scale), to discipline the Arab masses from Maghreb and Middle East.

In agreement with Russia and the US, Turkey has already entered in mid 2018 to the province of Idlib, besieging it with 12 check-points. Erdogan said it was part of "Defending Idlib from al-Assad and Russia's attack." A brutal deception, since we say back then how those check-points only worked as contention and fence over the masses of Idlib and to prevent them from advancing over al-Assad's troops by unifying their brigades and

opening new fronts against the Jackal of Damascus.

So Turkey has entered Syria besieging Idlib and following Afrin's and northern border route.

In the divided Syria, Damascus is under the fascist al-Assad's command, supported by the troops of the hitman Putin. He will keep the military base in Tartus, as gendarme of the masses of Eurasia and Middle East and will stay next to al-Assad until the last free rebel in Syria is massacred. After that, USA and imperialist powers will define their fate. Dog Bashar and Putin have only done their dirty work of massacring on their behalf.

In the meantime in the Presidential Palace and Central Bank of Damascus the discussion over the business to re-build Syria's destroyed cities has begun. Al-Assad's gang has already taken houses and small agricultural productions of over 15 millions Syrians, who were forced to run away to the borders when their cities were destroyed by the Dog's barrel bombs and Russian Air Force's missiles. What al-Assad does stealing lands and houses is what Zionism has done with the Palestine people.

Al-Assad's bourgeoisie is that of the thieves, predators, mercenaries.

They want to get the loot taken from the masses by counterrevolution. But there is no doubt the big business to re-build Syria is and will be for the US and their circumstantial allies of Maastricht imperialist Europe. We have already seen how BP, Shell, Exxon and Total have kept the oil fields and will get the biggest share of re-building this divided Syria whenever imperialism decides so and that becomes a profitable business.

But before sharing the loot, the counterrevolutionary forces must complete their dirty work. They must smash the heroic resistance of the masses in Idlib and the exploited who are revolting in al-Assad's rearguard, due to starvation and desperation. This happened in Daraa (see box). Syrian workers earn 90 dollars for more than 280 working hours a month (12 a day), when they need at least 700 dollars to survive. Working districts get starvation wages, like the refugees who work as slave labour force in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey... They, with their remittance, support millions of starving Syrians.

This is what the US, their hitmen and agents in Syrian "pax" means: a divided occupied nation and starved tormented people.

## The bourgeois Generals of HTS and FSA, business and financial partners of Turkey... and al-Assad

In Idlib, Hayat Tahrir al Sham (HTS), former Al Nusra, has already entered the Astana Agreement. Its Generals have signed a pact with Turkey to enter the business deals in exchange of selling out Idlib and dissolving both their own organization and those which are not under Turkish control, while those Generals were part of FSA brigades which were directly under Erdogan's command (now called "Front of National Liberation" also known as "National Army"). There are sectors of the resistance have denounced that HTS biggest leader, Mohammed al-Jolani, travelled to Turkey to close the deal and got money to create a new Officer Caste of

the bourgeoisie Sunnite to join Erdogan's command.

That is why they have been trying to impose their control, disarming the resistance, persecuting any element of opposition and imprisoning them.

The Generals of HTS and FSA are bourgeois and during this war they have made fabulous business with Assadist Generals. From their check-points they negotiate good trade (mainly towards Turkey) and charging taxes. They use the same currency: Syrian Lira. They got rich at expenses of the blood of hundreds of

martyrs, of brutal super-exploitation of workers in factories and workshops in free areas and of conditions of starvation and misery of the masses. Now they want to settle their business with the administration of Idlib or areas around it. In order to achieve it, they must be under Turkish direct command and end up playing their role within Idlib.

That is why while al-Assad and Putin attack, HTS refuses placing all their forces to defeat them, they hide arms, control who can and cannot go to the fronts, imprison the left wing of the resistance or they leave it at Putin's bombings mercy.

## Idlib: the last trench of the revolution has not fallen yet Now, the HTS must surrender it from within

In Idlib, there are air bombings every day on urban centers, markets and houses in cities in this province. The attack is concentrated in the Southern area of the province, where these fascist armies besieged with artillery, missiles, mortars, tanks and besieging cannons. Such is the devastation that families had to leave their houses and became displaced in Syria, looking for shelter under trees, since there are tents available in the camps on the borders.

Based on the massive destruction, Russian and al-Assad's infantry launched an attack over the South of Idlib. They managed to pass over several cities, gaining control on those in rebels' hands in Northern Hama like Kafr Zeta, Latamneh or Tal Melah. In Idlib several towns were lost in hands of the fascist forces, but mainly the city of Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib's fourth biggest city. The massacre continues. Now they have focus on Kafranbel and its suburbs. From Khan Sheikhoun, these fascist forces want to move towards the capital of Idlib. Al-Assad and Putin are carrying out a true extermination operation to drown in blood what is left of the Syrian revolution.

As we have said before, while al-Assad and Putin are attacking, Turkey besieges Idlib. It closed the bor-

ders; its army shoots whoever is trying to go to Idlib. It has set 12 checkpoints surrounding the province and precisely al-Assad and Putin's fascist forces penetrate through those checkpoints.

From within Idlib, HTS has already started disarming the masses with the threat imposed by massive bombings from Russia and dog Bashar. This is the pact made the coward Sunnite bourgeoisie a few weeks ago with Erdogan and the US in Turkey. (see box)

## Imperialism used all its agents against the Syrian revolution, including the pro-imperialist left that isolated the Syrian oppressed from the world working class

Looking at the process of imposing the advance of the counterrevolution in Syria today, one can clearly and neatly see the true contours of the Stalinist counterrevolutionary policy, renegades of Trotskyism and other social-imperialists, who openly supported fascist al-Assad and Putin. They have been with them both in Syria and internationally in a common political and military field. They claimed that the dog Bashar and Putin "faced the US, Turkey and NATO."

Suffice it to see how al-Assad, Putin, Turkey, the United States and the UN as a whole today are going to slaughter the last trenches of the revolution in Idlib, so that all the infamy, lies and ignominies that traitor-

ous leaderships of the world working class used to leave the masses of Syria isolated would collapse like a house of cards. These leaderships have a stain on their forehead, which will remain unwashed historically, for their betrayal, i.e., their covering the counter-revolution's rearguard in that nation in the Middle East.

The scoundrels that covered the counterrevolutionary forces of the PKK and the Kurdish bourgeoisie, supported by the US Navy and Airborne missiles, will also be buried in the mud of the Syrian revolution.

In the same way, those who, speaking in the name of the Syrian revolution, subjected the exploited to the Sunni bourgeoisie, their generals-without-a-battle, the commanders of the FSA and HTS, who spent these years doing million-dollar businesses in the liberated areas at the cost of the hunger of the people and the blood of the martyrs that fought against al-Assad and Putin. These currents have abandoned long ago any struggle for the working class and the exploited to take the political and military leadership of the civil war against al-Assad in their hands.

Reality shows what was clear since the beginning of the Syrian revolution. The US monitors the massacre and organizes the partition and business. Assad and Putin are the executors of the genocide. Turkey controls the Sunni bourgeoisie in charge of delivering the revolution from within. This is the pact of Geneva and Astana under the command of imperialism.

But this also controls the reformist left that either openly supported al-Assad or raised the theory of the "two demons", stating that the FSA and HTS were the same as Bashar. A cruel lie. Al-Assad was the one who, with Putin, crushed the masses, while the officers of the Sunni bourgeoisie, such as those of the FSA or HTS, were the "Trojan Horses" which, with their siren songs, disarmed the masses from within the rebel zones, as we just said. Al-Assad did not manipulate or disorganize the resistance, but instead massacred it directly. The Sunni bourgeoisie was the one who played the perfidious role of riding over the revolution to give it out from within.



September 6th: The masses take to the streets once again in Idlib

Paraphrasing Trotsky in his fight against the sinister policy of Stalinism in Germany in the 1930s (which posed that Hitler and social democracy were the same thing), here we could say that today Bashar is the one who comes to shoot the masses, while HTS and FSA are the ones that poison them every day. First you have to crush al-Assad and that is the way to overcome the limits of the bourgeois leadership of the civil war.

The masses have struggled to overcome and get rid of that bourgeois leadership in many opportunities in these 8 years, as we saw lately in huge mobilizations in Idlib demanding that the brigades unite and the fronts open. The strategists of the “two demons” theory condemned those mass actions, which kept the 2011/2012 revolution alive, accusing them of “terrorists” and being “part of ISIS.” Traitors! Together with al-Assad and the Sunni bourgeoisie they were and still are another counter-revolutionary factor in the crushing of the Syrian revolution.

With the “two demons” theory, the left posed as “neutral” and ended up letting al-Assad slaughter and the Sunni bourgeoisie disorganize and hand out the revolution. That is, the left of Astana and Geneva covered the backs of all agents of the counterrevolution and reaction in Syria.

Thus, all this left ended up entering the “anti-terrorist front” commanded by Macron, Merkel, the queen of England, yesterday Obama and today Trump, justifying the worst massacres to the Syrian masses. This “anti-terrorist” front, in the excuse of “fighting ISIS” found the justification to even harshly attack the working class of their countries, as in France, England or the United States itself.

Thus, a group of Stalinists, anarchists, former Trotskyists and various social democrats have managed to separate the world working class on the planet from the heroic Syrian masses. The latter were left isolated and fenced so that the fascist forces of al-Assad could massacre them at will.

Without all these agents, imperialism would never have been able to subdue the Syrian revolution, which

for 8 years presented and still presents in its last throes a heroic resistance to the enemies of the Arab and Muslim masses.

### **The bourgeois leadership of the civil war closed the way for the victory of the Syrian revolution to the masses and opened the doors for al-Assad and Putin to slaughter the working class and the exploited**

Despite all this, even after 8 years, they have not yet managed to occupy the entire province of Idlib and its capital. In these heinous conditions, the masses win the streets and present fierce resistance. Their militiamen, the expression of the most advanced rebel youth from all over Syria, have already announced that when the last city falls -where HTS refused to unite the brigades and open the fronts- they will open them in the rear of al-Assad, in Hama, in Daraa, in Damascus, in Daraya, in Homs... The vanguard of the free of Syria prepares to organize a fierce anti-fascist resistance, in case the revolution is strangled definitively. Proclamations such as these and open complaints for the sell out by the Sunni bourgeoisie, are issued from the most advanced fronts of the Idlib fights against the invading troops. They and the masses that won the streets in the revolution of 2011 are the only ones consequent in the fight for the fall of the regime.

For the Sunni bourgeoisie, the slogan of the 2011 revolution of “let the regime fall” meant and still means the possibility of making an agreement with the Alawite bourgeoisie to create a common transitional government and share business. For the masses “let the regime falls” meant and means to conquer the bread, to leave misery, ostracism, unemployment behind, and to conquer their freedom, all of which amounted to throw down al-Assad in Damascus. The masses went there. It was not the courage or military capacity of al-Assad, Putin and Trump

that has left the resistance scattered in small foci in the last trench today, but the betrayal of the leaderships of the world working class that isolated it and also of the Sunni bourgeoisie that handed out the revolution from within. The crisis of revolutionary leadership, that is, the overabundance of treacherous leaderships, was then the determining factor of the enormous defeats accumulated in that great revolution, which was the one that went farther among the chain of revolutions that have shaken the Maghreb and the Middle East since 2011 .

The Syrian revolution created in its development and in its offensive phase the political premises necessary for an immediate struggle of the proletariat for the conquest of power. It was the betrayal of their leaderships, the cowardice and miserable cynicism of the Sunni bourgeoisie that gave it up from within, the traditions of conciliation and pacifism that it imposed on the masses to bend them, which closed the way to victory. The contribution of the world reformist left, which sustained al-Assad and Putin, reconciled with the Stalinist counterrevolutionary leadership of the Kurdish people that surrounded and attacked the masses alongside the dog Bashar under US imperialism’s orders, was a key factor for the masses not to become politically independent from the Sunni bourgeoisie to take the lead in the civil war. Why would the masses go “socialist” when currents who proclaim themselves “socialist” support al-Assad who massacres them? The “backwardness in the subjectivity” of the Syrian masses and their heroic revolution is the absolute responsibility of the social-imperialist left, which played a direct counterrevolutionary role in the revolution and still splashes in the mud and the blood of the Syrian exploited.

The civil war, following Clausewitz, is the continuity of politics, only by other means. That is why the outcome of the civil war depends only on one tenth of the march of the war itself on the military ground. In the remaining nine tenths, it depends on the political preparation of the masses, how much they break their servile hopes

in the clemency and loyalty of the slave-owners of the Sunni bourgeoisie, how much this thrust of the masses was not debauched once and again by the shots on the back that these bourgeois gangs inflicted on them, and how much a revolutionary leadership could, at the international level, defeat the sinister policy of Stalinists and renegades of Marxism that have sustained the massacre of al-Assad and Putin as a fifth column within the world working class.

The bourgeoisie and imperialism directed their blows using all their agents on the battlefield. The proletariat and the oppressed could not, in the course of the civil war, free themselves from bourgeois leadership. It was the bread, the hunger, the land the program that united the exploited in the cities surrounded by the troops of al-Assad with the masses in their rear, in Damascus... and also in Moscow, where millions claim to collect their wages today in arrears for almost a year, and recover their retirement. The struggle of the Syrian revolution, attacking the capitalists, the businessmen, linked the Syrian working class to millions of workers who faced and continue to face the worst attacks of the bourgeoisie either in the Maghreb and the Middle East, in Russia and throughout Imperialist Europe

By expropriating businessmen who benefitted from the masses' hunger in the civil war, the masses could get the funds to buy and get weapons. That was the way to multiply their military

forces, revolt the people in the refugee camps and arm and organize the thousands of young people who today refuse to join the army of al-Assad to attack Idlib.

The last flame of the revolution has not died down. We, Trotskyists who fight for the revolution, will not leave the battlefield in this tragic moment of the civil war.

And the last spark of the revolution is still burning, because the metallurgical workers, sugar workers and students in a country ruled by the counter-revolutionary regime of the Ayatollahs Iran, are still standing up. An anti-labor regime and a fierce dictatorship of capital, which throws all the crisis imposed by the US imperialist blockade on the poor people; the fact is that regime has agreed a thousand times the handing out of the wealth of the Iranian nation to US imperialism, such as it has also done with the imperialist powers of Europe -Germany and France in particular.

The fires of Algeria and Sudan have not died down. In there, the revolutionary processes have not fully developed yet. The rise of the masses is underway. The European and world working class have not given up. Their lives are at stake, as it is decisive for them that the imperialists and their fascist agents do not defeat the last trenches of the Syrian revolution. In the midst of the commercial war, the marasmus and the capitalist crac, imperialism and the bourgeoisie have downloaded the whole crisis over the masses. In Syria,

in Ukraine and with the surrender of worker and peasant Cuba by Stalinism, imperialism concentrated forces and caused severe partial defeats to the world working class. This has allowed it to launch a fierce counteroffensive of colonization and recolonization of the semicolonial world and also has allowed it to throw on the shoulders of the working class of the central countries and internationally the entire crisis in which it has been immersed since 2008.

The world crisis of the pestilent capitalist system does not give peace. More than 200 million immigrants travel the planet, from Africa and Latin America to Europe and the US, looking for bread and a decent life. The treatment they receive is no different from that endured by the Syrian masses that are taken to refugee camps under conditions of misery and unprecedented ignominy.

That is why it is decisive to end this counterrevolutionary scourge in Syria, since today or tomorrow it may be in your country, your city, your neighborhood, your home.

### We must regroup the resistance around a revolutionary program

Today, imperialism is using Syria as a lesson for the workers of the world, to show them what will happen to them if they fight against adjustment plans, food price increases, labor flexibility, etc. Upon the defeat of Syria, imperialism takes a breath in its offensive against the masses and oppressed peoples of the world. But nothing is still defined worldwide. New struggles burst in different sectors of the planet's working class, as in Hong Kong. In them there are the allies of the Syrian masses, as in all the exploited who refuse to leave the streets in the Middle East! At the international level, an effective solidarity coordination committee with the Syrian revolution must be set up before it is too late. May workers' organizations win the streets in support of the Syrian masses in Idlib



The heads of Iran, Russia and Turkey

against al-Assad's massacre! We have to go to all the embassies of the dog Bashar and the butcher Putin!

The fight against al-Assad is inseparable from the fight for the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel. The Syrian resistance has a great ally in the Iranian workers fighting the murderous clerics of Tehran. Algeria and Sudan are the new revolutionary winds that have shaken the Middle East.

In Syria, the resistance has not given up as the latest marches in Idlib show. It is necessary to regroup it, put the coordination committees with direct democracy back on their feet, disarm the bourgeois generals who have already agreed to the surrender and betrayed the revolution, open the arsenals and make the weapons available to the exploited to fight against Bashar. A program of expropriation of banks, workshops, factories, oil wells, mainly in the liberated areas, must be proposed to put all available resources to solve the problem of bread and win the war.

The demand for a minimum living wage of 700 dollars a month to cover the basic needs and mobile according to the inflation, the call to recover the homes and lands that al-Assad has stolen, the fight to expropriate the central bank of Damascus to put into oper-

ation a public works plan to rebuild the homes of the exploited, they are heavy ammunition and missiles in the hands of the resistance in order to regroup the ranks of the exploited, upraise al-Assad's rearguard and launch into combat millions of Syrian refugees, who are now displaced in tents or under the trees

The brave youth of the heroic Syrian resistance, in order to overcome the cowardly Sunni bourgeoisie, need to have in their hands a program for the victory of the workers and peasants revolution. At every step, these businessmen have handed over, disarmed and exploited Syrian workers every day in their companies and factories... With a program of reforms and social changes the revolutionary youth, who is resisting in Idlib, could present quickly a tough battle today and prepare a tenacious and heroic resistance in the rear of al-Assad tomorrow. It should be a program to make the Syria of the oppressed, the millions who are in refugee camps, who want to recover their homes, their lands, to stand up.

In the youth and workers who refuse to be recruited into the Assadist army and refuse again to kill their siblings as at the beginning of the civil war in 2011, and also in the solidarity of the world working class, may this youth of Idlib find the strength to get

rid of the bonds of businessmen and be able to take the resolution of the civil war and their own destiny into their hands.

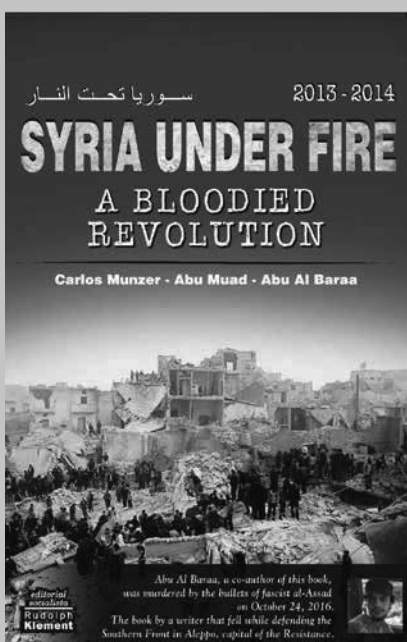
The Syrian revolution was born from the hungry people, from the workers, from the rebel youth. Thousands of martyrs left their lives for her. Their blood cannot be negotiated, neither in Geneva nor in Astana, or in the checkpoints of Turkey, much less in the Cenacles of the Sunni bourgeoisie that conspire in the rearguard of the resistance to disorganize the masses.

A new regrouping of the Syrian resistance and the exploited of Maghreb and the Middle East is necessary with a program for the victory of the workers' and peasants' revolution, both in Syria and throughout the region, and to settle accounts with Zionism, rescuing the heroic Palestinian masses from surrender and betrayal. Before the last trench of the revolution has fallen completely, the Intifada must begin! From Daraa to Damascus, from Homs to Jerusalem, from Hebron to Gaza ... The revolution is not dead!

Long live worker and peasant Syria, which left its blood fighting imperialism and all its lackeys!

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

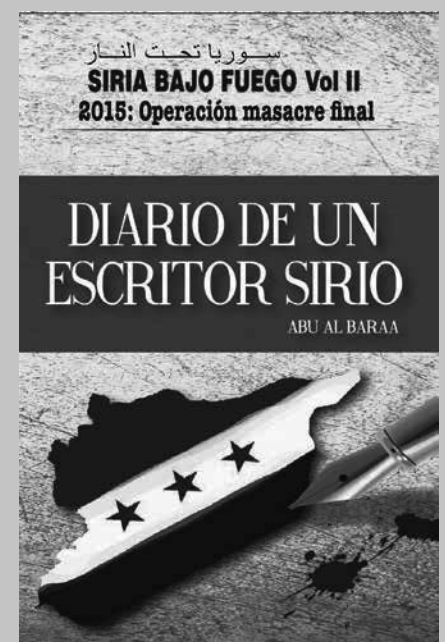
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## SYRIA-IDLIB

November 7th, 2019

*Teachers' strike and mass mobilizations against the HTS government*

*For a decent wage, for bread and against the confiscatory taxes*

# In the exploited that march every Friday, the Syrian revolution still lives

The masses marched last Thursday, 11/8/2019 in Kafr Takharim, North Idlib, against HTS (former al-Nusra), shouting "the government must fall down" and "They don't represent us". The reason is they cannot bear their conditions anymore, as they have nothing to feed on. Furthermore, the millionaire bourgeoisie of the HTS go on taxing them to insupportable levels. Two days before, a similar march was performed in Idlib city. HTS responded to the mobilization in Kafr Takharim with repression and by blocking the exits. Therefore new mobilizations occurred on Friday 11/9 in Atareb, Saraqeb and all the towns and cities of Idlib in solidarity with Kafr Takharim and against HTS and its "Salvation Government". Next day, a teachers' strike started also against HTS that pays them a meagre wage not enough to buy even a bag of bread.

After 8 years of genocide, where they have lost their housing, their lifelong savings, the exploited are now living in misery, many of them in tents, jobless, moneyless, without means for even the most elemental for their subsistence, and each day they have to think about how to survive a day more, how to get at least some bread; moreover, the millionaire HTS businessmen high-taxes them for everything.

These generals of HTS say they represent the revolution and self nominated government in Idlib so to fill their deep pockets at the cost of the masses hunger and the martyrs' blood. They collect their taxes very far from where the combats against the dog Bashar are held. Far from opening the fronts and fight for the defeat of Bashar, they devoted to pact and make businesses with the al-Assad's and Russian generals under Erdogan's umbrella. They devoted to jail and torture anyone that did not submit to their pacts and businesses.

They are surrendering Idlib to the Geneva Conference of USA, al-Assad, Putin and Erdogan!

Among all of them, Syria is divided and



Teachers' strike in Idlib

looted, at the cost of the masses' hunger. But the resistance in Idlib does not surrender; there are the hungry workers and poor people who take the streets Fridays after Fridays against al-Assad and now also against HTS for bread and dignity, the same demands that pushed them to open the revolution in 2011 in huge mass mobilizations. They hold alive the flames of revolution in the last trenches, in the opposite of the bourgeois generals of the HTS and FSA who have only sell out one after the other the rebel towns and cities.

Out with HTS and its "Salvation Government"! They do not represent the revolution! Stop getting rich at the cost of the people's hunger and blood!

The revolution must return to the hands of its true owners, the workers and poor people who featured it, and still fight and die against al-Assad! It is necessary to set up again the Coordinating Committees of the workers and the poor people, with direct democracy! The brigades that are fighting in the forefronts for the revolution, as the Glory Army must send their militia to those Coordinating Committees to defend the workers that today are marching against al-Assad and HTS!

The demand for bread and a dignified life that walk along the streets of Idlib is the same demand of the refugees in tents in the

borders or the exploited that live under the jackboot of fascist al-Assad in the cities that he occupies, as Damascus. It is the same engine of the revolutions that are putting on fire the Middle East again, as in Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Algeria, Sudan, where the flags of revolution are raised. It is also the demand of the revolutions in Latin America, as in Ecuador, Chile, Haiti, Honduras... It is a same class and the same fight, for the same demand, confronting the same enemy, imperialism together with its different agents.

That is why... It is urgent to revolt the hungry workers in al-Assad's rearguard and the refugees in the tents with the same demand in the same fight! Let's expropriate all the banks, oil wells, factories and shops where the funds are to have bread, a decent wage, jobs, and to get back the housing. The snake's head is in Damascus, out with al-Assad, out with all the invading troops! Freedom to all the political prisoners both in the prisons of Bashar and in the prisons of the HTS!

Long Live the revolutionary uprisings in Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Argelia, Sudan!

Long Live the revolutionary uprisings in Chile, Ecuador, Haiti and all Latin America!

Actually, there are our allies! There, as in the struggles of the American workers and in France, is the key to the success!



October 24th, 2019

## LEBANON

The exploited Lebanese Shiites, Sunnis and Christians along with the Syrian and Palestinian refugees, millions of them revolt and take to the streets for a decent life

# Down with the government of the Sunni and Christian bourgeois and the Hezbollah billionaires!

They live like kings while the people live as a beggars

**Stop the crackdown and massacre of Hezbollah against the Syrian and Lebanese masses, on behalf of imperialism and to guard the borders to Zionism!**

To succeed, **Expropriate the banks and Transnationals that plunder the nation!**

Since last Thursday, October 17, the masses took to the streets of Lebanon again. There are huge demonstrations, the biggest that country has seen in years, on consecutive days. From north to south, from the sea to Syrian border, **in each Lebanese city the masses are taking to the streets, squares and public places.** The demonstrations began immediately after the government's announcement that he would establish a new tax of 20 cents of US dollar on Whats App calls, one of the main mean of communication people use in that country.

**Although the government withdrew that tax, the demonstrations continue.** Moreover, although the Parliament voted for new economic measures, including a reduction in the budgets of the ministries and the cut in the allowances of each MP and official by half, while promising subsidies against poverty and cheap loan plans to have access to housing... the masses did not leave the streets. They know that there is no solution with these mere reforms, because it is not just a tax, but a whole **government of corrupt millionaires who have stolen everything to pay their imperialist senior partners the foreign debt and leave the masses without the possibility of a decent life.**

We are facing a **generalized uprising** of the Sunni masses as in Tripoli, the Shiites of the south, Christians



Revolutionary uprising in Lebanon

throughout the country and **all together in Beirut**, together with the Syrian and Palestinian refugees marching **against that government of national unity** composed of all the bourgeois factions: the Sunni bourgeoisie -headed by Prime Minister Hariri, allied with the Maronite Lebanese Phalanx-, the Christian bourgeoisie of President Aoun and the Shiite bourgeoisie of the richest businessmen in Lebanon, Hezbollah.

Actually, the uprising of the exploited in Lebanon has been underway for a few months now. The Palestinian and Syrian refugees revolted in their camps in July when the government denied them work permits and persecuted those who hired them without

those permits. Even Syrian refugees were deported, and many committed suicide seeing themselves in that situation, since they preferred that horrible fate rather than having Al Assad's fascist boot trampling them, imprisoning them, torturing them or forcing them to do military service and integrate them to the army. Also, in the heat of the fighting in Egypt and Iraq last month, there were demonstrations that shook Beirut to the cry of "the people want the fall of the regime." The tax on the Whats App was the last drop that filled a glass that was already very full and overflowing in several places, and ended up unleashing the general rage of the masses.

The workers and the people can-

not stand this situation anymore. For some time now taxes have been increasing extremely. The high cost of living increases too. The infrastructure is so destroyed that there are permanent power cuts and garbage collection is carried out intermittently what produced massive protests in 2015. Unemployment is very high, wages are dropping...

The country's economy is in recession. The indebtedness hit a huge leap in recent years, today reaching 86 billion dollars, which represents 150% of GDP, the third most indebted country in the world in relation to its production. Now, **imperialism wants that debt to be paid, at the cost of greater suffering for the masses.**

**But the masses responded.** As in the chain of revolutions that shook all Maghreb and Middle East in 2011, the masses of Lebanon raise the slogan **"for a decent life!", "Out with the corrupt government!", "Revolution!"**. They have the same protest songs that the Syrian masses raised in the beginning of the revolution. **"The people want the fall of the regime!"** continues resonating.

The masses know that there are funds. Lebanese banks are full of them ... actually Lebanon is known as "the Switzerland of the Middle East". **Government billionaires do fabulous businesses as intermediaries in the Middle East trade, in agricultural production and guardians of the main financial plaza in the region. Hezbollah, which is also part of the ruling elite, runs the entire construction business.** Not to mention the huge super profits of international banks and imperialist Transnationals! As the Iranian masses said denouncing the Ayatollahs: **they live as kings while the people live as beggars!**

That is what the **"axis of resistance"** of Hezbollah, the Iranian clergy and Al Assad is about... starving the people, being servants of the imperialism that plunders the region, junior partners in their businesses, filling their pockets at the expense of the worst misery for the masses and when they rebel, massacre them. This is what all of them have been

doing in Syria, in a genocide of more than 8 years, with 600,000 killed, entire cities devastated that forced 15 million to live as refugees. They do so in Iran, imprisoning the workers vanguard that fights for their rights, torturing it in prison, condemning it to death. And so they do also in Lebanon, using Hezbollah's guard to shoot the masses who go out to win the streets, as they did on October 24 in the southern city of Nabatiah, one of the strongholds of Hezbollah.

**They are "brave" to suppress, imprison and massacre the masses, but cowards to confront Zionism, and never shot a single bullet against it,** when the Palestinian people of Gaza do not surrender and march to the border and Zionism continues slaughtering and filling their prisons with Palestinian fighters. They are, together with the dictator Al Sisi of Egypt and with King Abdullah II of Jordan, the **guardians of the borders of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel**, occupant of Palestinian nation.

Those exploited in Lebanon, whether Shiites, Sunnis, Christians; whether Lebanese or Syrian or Palestinian refugees, they are all together fighting against the Shiite, Sunni and Christian bourgeois government of billionaires, agents of imperialism. In the combats in Lebanon, as in Iraq, it is clear what Maghreb and Middle East revolutions are about... they are the workers and the oppressed people against imperialism and its lackey governments.

**Down with the National Unity Government! Out the billionaires of the Sunni, Christian and Hezbollah bourgeoisie! Out with the imperialism that looted the nation! Down with all his plans to attack the masses! No to the payment of the foreign debt! Expropriate all the banks that keep all the stolen wealth from the people and the Transnationals that plunder the nation!** There are the funds for a decent life, to have decent work for everyone, including refugees, access to housing and getting out of poverty. **Full rights for all refugees!**

**For Committees of the workers and the exploited that take to the**

**streets of Lebanon every day!** They know each other in each city, each neighborhood, each town... they march together. They must be coordinated at local, regional and national level!

This huge uprising is in danger of ending up in a bloodbath. The army is already in the streets. Hezbollah brought out his paramilitary guard to repress directly. They have to protect at all costs the border of Zionism and Al Assad, so that the Lebanese revolution does not rekindle Syrian revolution's flames and the masses rebel in the rearguard of Al Assad joining the resistance in Idlib. **Stop the repression of Hezbollah, counterrevolutionary guards at the service of imperialism and Zionism to slaughter the Syrian and Lebanese masses! We must disarm Hezbollah guards and the Lebanese police who repress the mobilizations and to arm the people! Self-defense committees must be set up!**

In Lebanon, one more trench of the masses that resist in **Idlib** has been set up, facing Hezbollah, one of its executioners together with Al Assad, the Iranian Ayatollahs and Putin who have massacred Syrian people. In Lebanon, the allies of the **uprisings of the masses in Egypt, Iraq, Sudan and Algeria**, who have entered the combat and do not leave the streets, stand up. A stronghold of the **Palestinian** masses that fight against the Zionist occupier rises in Lebanon, where in 2006 the Zionists suffered one of their greatest defeats. As the revolutions breaking out in Lebanon and Egypt, the Syrian resistance and the masses of Gaza masses that do not give up, the liberation of the Palestinian masses from the Zionist occupation is placed once again in the agenda. **For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel!**

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

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# Palestine

November 17 th 2019



Zionist planes bomb Gaza

As imperialists deepen the offensive of extermination against the exploited in Syria and while they keep plundering the oil from Middle East...

With fierce bombings,

## New massacre of Zionism against the Palestinian people in Gaza

On November 12th the Zionist state occupying the Palestinian Nation killed one of the top leaders of the Movement of the Islamic Jihad in Gaza, Bahaa Abu al Ata; by bombing his house it also killed his wife, children and all those who were with him, some of whom died days later due to the serious injuries.

This was the first step to double the offensive on the Palestinian exploited of Gaza. The Zionist State performed some more bombings and announced, the following day, a “cease fire”, which it violated constantly. Immediately after, it bombed selectively, claiming that these were not attacks but “defensive shootings”... launched over the Gaza Strip, killing Palestinian families!

The attacks by the Zionist have continued up to today and the main targets are the Gaza neighborhoods, where they are destroying buildings, bombing at will, while they keep saying “a truce” is maintained. This is a new massacre looming on the Gaza Strip!

With this attack, the Zionist-fascist State of Israel, commanded by imperialism, wants to hit the entire population of Middle East. That is why immediately after the bombings, in Idlib and dozens of demonstrations in Syria, there was a repudiation of the attacks over Gaza and the same happened amid the revolutionary combats in Iraq, where the struggle for defending their Palestine siblings was taken as their own; they raised Palestinian flags

and shouted slogans in solidarity with Gaza in the demonstrations on last Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the West Bank, controlled by PLO-Palestinian Authority, which already recognizes the Zionist State and supports the Oslo Accords, nothing has been said about the bombings and thus the PA has guaranteed a fence around the Palestinian masses of Gaza. They are preventing, in the first place, the Palestinians in the West Bank from rebelling against the occupier, from fighting against Zionism. Meanwhile the PA is filling its prisons with Palestinian fighters. In the meantime, Hezbollah is massacring the Syrian masses and repressing the revolutionary uprising in Lebanon. Thus the PLO, Hezbollah and al-Assad/Putin protect Zionism and look after its borders. They are complicit in the fencing around the masses of Gaza and the massacre that is looming today over them!

On the other hand, the leaderships of the Palestinian masses in Gaza (Hamas, the Popular Front and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine) started answering the attack with missiles against the Zionist State (most of them intercepted by the defense system “Iron Dome”). Then they signed the truce, which was not respected by Zionism. These leaderships have systematically refused to arm the people and instead let them unarmed at every struggle against the Zionist army when they marched every Friday in the “March of Return”, clashing unarmed

with the Zionist army, its snipers and tanks, therefore leaving dozens of martyrs and hundreds of prisoners.

Every day the disastrous consequence of the policy of the Palestinian leaderships is clearer. They declared their people as “neutral” before the revolutions that started in 2008-2011 in the Maghreb and the Middle East. They said they would get “both the support of al-Assad and the Syrian masses; both Hezbollah and the Lebanese masses” and they ended up with the Palestinian masses isolated, with al-Assad and Hezbollah guaranteeing the borders of the occupier, which was strengthened and then attacked Gaza more and more as al-Assad and Putin were bombing Idlib. The allies of the Palestine masses are neither Hezbollah nor al-Assad! The allies of the Palestine masses are the Syrian exploited and their resistance, as well as the Yemeni masses, the Lebanese rebel masses, the exploited of Iraq and Egypt who are confronting the dictatorships, those in Iran who fight against the Ayatollahs...

Let's unify the struggle against imperialism, Zionism and all the murderous regimes and governments.

For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel! In the Middle East: a common Intifada against a common enemy!

## Latin America

**BOLIVIA:****A BLOW TO THE LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**MORALES GAVE UP, THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS DID NOT! AS IN THE 2003/2005 REVOLUTION, EL ALTO IS THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTION**

November 12th, 2019

**A puppet Government supported by the fascist gangs of Camacho, the police and the bayonets of the Banzerist's Generals comes to power**

The COB leadership gave it time to do it... Down with the collaborationist bureaucracy!

## **Out with Añez, the OAS and the pro coup soldiers! Insurrectionary General Strike until everybody is out!**

Today, the bourgeoisie and imperialism tried to close the open crisis after the coup. This way, the fascist gangs of the Media Luna, the murderous police and the "milicos" surrounded Murillo Square in La Paz in order to allow the Legislative Assembly sessioning and perform a "constitutional succession". The session was a real circus and took place with some parliamentarians without even having quorum. Finally the presidency was given to Jeanine Añez, the vice president of the Senate, member of the Democratic Party of the Media Luna, recognized later by the Constitutional Court.



Jeanine Añez takes office

The masses responded. The indomitable Alto has rebelled. Thousands of poor workers and peasants concentrated in the Ceja de El Alto to march to La Paz towards Murillo Square. There they clashed in hard clashes with the fascist gangs and the police. The anger exploded in the fists of the exploited when they named a representative of the fascist Media Luna as president.

The exploited of El Alto have taken the streets, have set up pickets in each district, have burned traffic police stations. Neighborhood Committees are mobilized. Yesterday from one of the pickets of the 8th district (where the gas valves of the Senkata plant are located), an open call was made to the soldiers of the rank and files to go over their

parents', uncles' and brothers' side with the weapons into their hands..

Today, in the Chapare region in Cochabamba Department, the masses took the Carrasco field and Hydrocarbon Pumping and Compression Stations.

During these 14 years the COB bureaucracy and the FSTMB subjected the working class to Morales. They tied its luck to that anti-worker Government that guaranteed the plundering of the transnationals and launched the worst attacks of hunger and misery against the workers and the people. After the coup, Morales surrendered and like a coward he fled to Mexico, while the leadership of the COB, the

FSTMB and Huanuni's Union did not call for any action against the coup. On the contrary, the executive of the COB, Juan Carlos Huarachi announced that they gave "24 hours to political and civic leaders" to "restore constitutional order and social peace" and if not they would go on an indefinite strike. This submission and cowardice gave the bourgeois a valuable time to meet the Legislative Assembly and name the new president. By the other hand, the Huanuni Union, in a press conference, announced the miners were in a "state of emergency" and for "the pacification" of the country.

That is, while the workers and the poor peasants of El Alto faced the fascist gangs

of the Media Luna and the police, guarded by the "milicos" who took the streets imposing the state of siege, the leaders of the working class did not call to workers and miners to intervene in this fight. If the miners of Huanuni, Colquiri and Potosí entered La Paz with the dynamite in their hands surrounding Murillo Square, unifying with the revolutionary Alto, along with the poor peasants and the whole of the exploited, they would crush the coup and define the situation in favor of the exploited. The rank and file soldiers would end up going to the side of the masses and the Army would split. The only obstacle that prevented this happened was the leadership the COB.



1952 workers militia

Down with the collaborationist  
bureaucracy!  
For an independent and revolutionary  
COB!

From the uprising in El Alto, which in 2005 was declared the "General Headquarters of the Bolivian Revolution", let's call immediately for:

**Workers Congress of the COB, with base delegates 1 each 100 workers and poor peasants throughout all Bolivia!**

**We must recover the COR, the COD and the COB!**

To have the gas, the minerals and the land for the poor peasant, let's expropriate without compensation and under workers' control the landowners, the Media Luna oligarchy and all the capitalists!

**Worker and peasant militia!  
For rank and file soldiers  
Committees!**

**Down with Añez and the military dictatorship of the OAS and Trump!  
For a provisional Government of the COB, El Alto in struggle and the poor peasants!**

**OUT WITH THE UN, THE OAS AND THE IMF! RIFLE AND SHRAPNEL, BOLIVIA IS NOT QUIET!**

LSTI OF BOLIVIA

*We publish here below the resolution voted on June 8 2005 by the COR-El Alto, the mineworkers and dozens of worker and poor peasants' organizations that declares El Alto as the "headquarters of the Bolivian revolution".*

***Rifle and shrapnel, Bolivia is speaking out!***

## **Resolutions of the COR-El Alto June 2005**

*The revolutionary workers and peasants must adopt the following resolutions in order to take their struggle to victory*

*On June 8, when the Enlarged Plenary of the COR-El Alto met together with the salaried miners, the neighborhood juntas, the peasants' organizations and the COB, all of them resolved,*

*"1.- El Alto is declared as the headquarters of the Bolivian revolution.*

*2.- The constitution of the ASAMBLEA POPULAR nacional originaria (National and indigenous POPULAR ASSEMBLY) is stated as the National power tool, and its leadership is kept in the hands of the COR-El Alto, COB, FEJUVE, CSUTCB, CONFEDERACION DE GREMIALES and FSTMB.*

*3.- The asamblea popular nacional originaria must be strengthened with the incorporation of rank and file delegates elected in assemblies and cabildos (traditional open popular meetings), and also through the constitution of of distrital and local popular assemblies. This task is responsibility of the respective CODs and CORs.*

*4.- It is also decided the constitution of committees of self-defense, self-provision of goods and staples, political organization and press; the first two must be developed in each district, in each neighborhood junta and un each mobilized sector.*

*5.- The struggle is ratified for the nacionalization and industrialization of the hidrocarbons, as well as the indefinite continuation of the general strike and the national blockades of the roads.*

*6.- All the bourgeois traps are rejected of "constitutional sucession" and elections called in advance.*

JUNE 8, 2005

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*Statement of the Internationalist Workers Socialist League (LSTI)  
- Workers Democracy of Bolivia 11-11-2019*

### Trump and Wall Street gave the order

### The UN and the OAS commanded the Banzerist coup d'état

*In Bolivia, they seek to establish a counterrevolutionary support point to contain and then crush the Latin American revolution that stood up in Chile and Ecuador*

**As in the 1952 revolution, smash them with the workers and peasants in arms!**

Facing the imperialist offensive of re-colonization upon Latin America, the workers and the peasants respond with fierce revolutionary fights as in Chile and Ecuador, as in Haiti and Honduras. To stop these attacks, imperialism is concentrating its forces today in Bolivia with a coup d'état. The imperialist transnational companies, the OAS, the Banzerist Armed Forces and the police, which was rioted by the Media Luna knocked down Morales. **Without any doubt, if this coup settles, imperialism will use it to generalize it to Latin America.**

Imperialism comes for all in its "backyard". They impose the coup d'état after Morales government had guaranteed the mining transnational companies and the hydrocarbon transnational companies huge superprofits as well as the land to the oligarchy for 14 years. The more the class-collaborationist leadership of COB (Central Federation of Trade Unions in Bolivia, TN) and the FSTMB (Miners Union Federation of Bolivia, TN) tied the fate of the working class to the pro-imperialist anti-worker government of Morales, the more the Media Luna oligarchy was reinforced, after it made a pact with Morales in 2008 under the tutelage of OAS and the UN, with the cover of the "Plurinational" Constitution that guarantee gas, minerals and land to imperialism.

The more the workers movement got divided, the more COB was lost as self-organization structure of



Demonstration in El Alto

the masses and the peasants and workers' alliance conquered in 2003-2005 revolution was liquidated. With the trade union that collaborated with Morales, we cannot stop the Banzerist military. **It is time to fight for an independent revolutionary COB, without subjugation to MAS and without lackeys of the eastern oligarchy, before it is too late! No pact with the bourgeoisie or the landowner oligarchy!** Not a single miner of Huanuni or of Potosi can give his/her life for Morales and the oligarchy. We, workers, don't give our lives for our executioners.

Morales proved to be brave enough to massacre the exploited but a coward to confront Media Luna and the Banzerist officers' caste that is under the commands of OAS, UN and the Pentagon. Now, the Media Luna seeks to be the direct manager of the business deals of imperialism

by over-exploiting and attacking the workers and poor peasants like Morales or even worse.

The way out facing the coup d'état can only be provided by the workers and poor peasants fighting as in Ecuador and Chile, with the workers and peasants alliance against the capitalists and imperialism. **Congress of COB now! One delegate elected each 100 workers and peasants from the entire Bolivia to re-establish the unity of the exploited! Remove all the class-collaborationist bureaucrats! May COB break with the bourgeoisie definitively!**

**Recover and re-found all CORs, CODs and the COB, for the working class to rise with the workers and peasants militia, as 1952 COB with the Pulacayo Thesis! Weapons for the workers and peasants! Only with the guns in**

our hands we will be able to remove OAS, the UN, the transnational companies and their lackeys Mesa, Camacho and the entire oligarchy of Media Luna. **Dissolve the police and the Banzerist officers caste that seek a bloodshed of the workers and peasants! Rank and file committees that go with their guns onto the side of the workers and peasants!**

The hatred of the miners and all the Bolivian workers against the starvationist government of Morales cannot be used to support the fascist Media Luna. The alliance of the workers should only be with the poor peasants, for work, bread, a wage according to the family shopping basket and the land so that the peasant can work it and live with dignity. **Let's expropriate the oligarchy of Santa Cruz, all the capitalists and their banks! Let's expropriate the transnationals without payment and place them under workers control! Neither 30% nor 50%, 100% nationalization of hydrocarbons and minerals!**

**Out with Camacho, Mesa and the entire fascist Media Luna! Out with gringos!**

**For a provisional revolutionary government of the COB, supported on the armed masses!**

**For an independent and revolutionary COB!**

**All the power to the COB!**

**Revolutionary General Strike!  
Out with the US, the IMF  
and its military bases in Latin  
American!**

**Out with the colony ministry of  
the OAS and the UN!**

Defeating the coup in Bolivia is a task of the entire working class of the continent, from Alaska to Patagonia. Break with the bourgeoisie and the governments lackeys of imperialism, to organize now:

**Continental general strike  
against imperialism and its  
servants of the native oligarchies!**

## Bolivia

November 11, 2019

The workers and pasants are giving their lives against the counterrevolutionary coup d'état

Expelling the class-collaborationist Trade Union Bureaucracy,

## LET'S RECOVER THE COB FOR THE REVOLUTION

\* Workers and peasants militia

\* Rank and file congress of CORs and CODs

\* Break every collaboration with the "Bolivarian" bourgeoisie that has sold itself out to Rosca, on behalf of OAS bandits

After 14 years of managing the transnational's businesses, Morales was used as a squeezed lemon, as a serial payer of the usury foreign debt, as Maduro in Venezuela and as the K had done in Argentina.

Evo was in charge of guaranteeing the mining and hydrocarbons transnational companies 4 billion dollars of those incomes of Bolivia a year.

He did not touch a single square meter of land to the oligarchy of Santa Cruz, but he did attack the conquests of the workers. He removed the payment premiums and bonuses from the miners. He dismissed thousands of factory workers for customs opened to imports.

The more the collaborationist bureaucracy of the COB supported Morales, the more it divided the labor movement and created the conditions for the military pronouncement of the murderous military and the fascist putsch of the Media Luna, promoted and organized by the US, the UN and the OAS.

Evo **surrendered**. Lula had already done it, on his knees before Judge Moro. Cowards! The native bourgeoisies know that if they arm the working class it would crush the reaction and the revolution would raise its head and attack the transnationals, the gringos and all the executioners of the people.

We cannot waste another minute!

The COB must disregard the power of the oligarchy and the Banzerist military. Reunify the labor movement that the treacherous bureaucracy divided, supporting Morales and the Chapare bourgeoisie!

For...

Breaking with the US

**Let's expropriate the transnationals  
and agrarian oligarchy thus conquer  
land and bread**

**Worker militia and soldiers committees!**

Re-establish the workers and peasants alliance.

We must fight as in 2003 and 2005 and as in Chile and Ecuador today.

The people want the fall of all colonial regimes.

**Open the road to the only revolution  
that will conquer freedom, bread, land  
and national independence: the worker  
and socialist revolution, or cartoon of  
revolution.....**

**INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF FLTI (International  
Trotskyist Leninist Fraction)**



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**el cordonazo**

We reproduce the statement of El Cordonazo, paper of the Internationalist Workers Party (POI-CI) of Chile, adherent to the FLTI

# THE BATTLE OF CHILE

**The revolutionary mass uprising does not stop**

**October 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**

No dialogue, no pact, no agreement with our executioners!

**PIÑERA, GET OUT!**

**Let the Revolutionary General Strike continue until there is no stone left of this damned Pinochet regime and its genocidal officer caste!**

As the masses shout in the streets:

# Everyone to La Moneda!

**Let's set up our power, the power of those below! We have woken up and fight for our dignity!**

Self-defense committees against the murderous pacos and the Pinochetista military!

**National Congress of workers, combative students and poor peasants!**

Committees of privates that pass over to the fighting people with their weapons!

Huge independent mass actions continue to move Chile. The workers, combative students, the rebel youth, the poor peasants and the ruined middle classes, surpassing all the union and student bureaucracies, do not leave the streets while fighting against the government of Piñera and the civic-military regime of the Right, the Concertacion and the ChCP, and also against the imperialism that has been long looting the nation.

The mobilization of Friday 10/25 was the "greatest march in history", with more than 1 million people winning the streets in Santiago and the same in all regions of the country. Today, Sunday 10/27, a huge march has left Viña del Mar towards Parliament in Valparaíso. From Arica to Punta Arenas, fighting continues with strikes, barricade fighting, clashes with the police and the army base, with cacerolazos, mass actions in the streets, attacking the property of the capitalists. This is how you fight against Trump's and US imperialism brutal offensive that come all the way for everything in their "backyard" to recolonize all of Latin America!

After this new revolutionary day of 10/25, the Conjunct General Staff of the Armed



Mass demonstration in Chile

Forces announced the suspension of the curfew and Piñera asked his entire cabinet to resign and announced his intention to repeal the "state of emergency" to convene a "social and political dialogue". While this was happening, their murderous pacos and the genocidal military continued to blood Chile with their fierce repression, which already

claimed the lives of dozens of new martyrs and left thousands injured, thousands of prisoners and hundreds of tortured in prisons and police stations transformed into clandestine detention centers as in the Baquedano metro.

Now the government and the bosses politicians talk until they are blue in the

face about pacts and dialogues just to get the masses out of the streets. They want to prevent Piñera from falling into the hands of revolutionary mass action and to save the damned Pinochetista regime. They seek the exploited to comply with this scam of the "social agenda" of Piñera, which are only subsidies for businessmen and employers, while the members of the murderous Special Forces have just been granted a bonus of 20% of the salary so that they continue to repress the exploited!

Already all the bosses' politicians, from the Pinochet right to the old Concertación, are preparing to debate that "social agenda" of Piñera's in Parliament, together with the deputies of the ChCP and the Frente Amplio (Broad Front), always ready to legitimize and sustain these traps of the Pinochetista regime against the exploited.

The trade union and student bureaucracies together with the ChCP and the Frente Amplio seek to bring revolutionary mass action to the feet of the civic-military regime.

The direction of the CUT together with that of the Teachers Association, of the ANEF, of the NO + AFP Coordinator, of CONFUSAM, of CONES and other components of the so-called "Social Unit", in the hands of the ChCP and the Broad Front, seeing that the masses continue to give flesh and soul in their combat, they have had to announce for this Wednesday 10/30 a new day of General Strike and national stoppage. Overcome by the revolutionary struggle, they have no choice but to make a new call to try to control the mass movement, which they clearly do not represent, but the general strike conquered by the working class and the exploited has been going on for more than a week!

Along with this, the policy of these leaderships is to convene "open citizen Cabildos (councils)" in different communes of the country, together with mayors and councilors of their parties and the Concertación that has for decades governed with the Constitution of '80, with the motto of "Build the new social pact together". They want to take our fight to the feet of the employers' politicians who were not in any march or barricade, to submit us to the Pinochetista regime.

We do not forget that this scam of "social pacts" and "social and political dialogue" is what they already imposed in the previous government of the Bachelet, the pro-coup DC Party and the "red pacos" of the ChCP. With the farce of the "dialogue tables" they only sought to expropriate the combat of 2011-2013; the "reforms" in Parliament, far

from granting something to the exploited, were true anti-labor laws with which they advanced in applying the worst plans of hunger, slavery and imperialist plunder, which the Piñera government came to deepen.

Now, the deputies of the ChCP and the Frente Amplio are pushing a "constitutional accusation" to Piñera to throw out him via Parliament and call for new elections. A new trap that keeps the regime of the Constitution of 1980 intact, while trying to get us off the streets.

The union and student bureaucracies along with the ChCP and the Frente Amplio come to pour water upon the revolutionary flames that are setting the Chile of those above on fire. They just try to ride upon the struggle and contain our struggle and sell out everything the masses are conquering in the streets, either at negotiating tables in La Moneda or in that den of bandits of the Parliament. We cannot allow it! Enough of collaborationist bureaucracies! They do not represent us!

Against the Cabildos of the bosses' politicians and the collaborationist bureaucracies... We have to set up the power of the working class and the exploited, who are the ones who won the streets throughout the country, so that Piñera and the entire civic-military regime fall!

At 180° of the trade union and student bureaucracies, the masses begin to set up their self-organizing and direct democracy organizations to fight, such as the assemblies of port workers, miners, health workers, etc.; the assemblies of the workers' organizations, students and the women's movement as the 8M Coordinator; the assemblies in the towns; the barricades... Let the Industrial Cordones of the 1970's return!

We do not delegate to anyone!

Let no one steal our fight or the unity that millions of exploited people have conquered in the streets! Neither the UN, which protected and saved the Pinochetista military, nor the church that blessed the sabers of the generals, nor the politicians of the Concertación, who starved the people all these years as Piñera does today.

For a national Congress of grassroots



Dock workers demonstrating

delegates of the labor, student movement, poor peasants and all the masses in struggle!

Stop repressing those who fight! The streets are ours!

We have been clashing with the pacos and the Pinochetista military. We have been able to respond in the combat of barricades and in large mass actions that make the state of the powerful tremble.

Our fight deserves to climb one more step. The time has come to stand up and coordinate all sectors of workers, students and poor peasants who enter the struggle. We must coordinate by population, city, region and national level. In every place where we fight, we know and recognize each other. We meet. We put shoulder to shoulder fighting the enemy. The power of the exploited in struggle must be set up! The time has come to coordinate self-defense against the murderous pacos. For this, we must organize a powerful militia of the workers and the people in struggle from the unions, workers and student organizations. Enough of being beaten and killed! The streets are ours! The time has come for the repressive forces to retreat, to suffer their casualties and to be disarmed. We must dissolve all the repressive forces of the state or our life will be in danger every day!

Those above declared war on us. We from below respond with a battle. They have genocidal Pinochetista officers and a military that surround businesses, factories, neighborhoods and power institutions. But we have our children, brothers, partners inside the barracks as private soldiers, who are

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also the people. Their place is in our barricades, fighting together with us to disarm the repressive forces. Their place is organizing committees of private soldiers in the barracks that coordinate with the unions, the peasant organizations and students to get rid of the fascist officer caste of these genocidal armed forces.

Open the way to the self-defense committees! For a worker, peasant and rebel youth militia! For committees of private soldiers, organized together with the people!

Workers' and popular courts to judge and punish genocidal generals and officers and all murderers of workers' and popular martyrs! Dissolution of the caste of Pinochetista judges!

Freedom to Facundo Jones Huala, Daniel Canio, Celestino Cordova, Jorge Cayupan, Pablo Trangol, Alberto Curamil, Alvaro Millalen, Jose Caceres and all the Mapuche prisoners! Freedom to the more than 3,200 imprisoned for fighting! Do away with the prosecution of all persecuted fighters!

We do not want Piñera's "social agenda" nor do we settle for laws giving us small crumbs! Those above took everything away from us ... We from below are going all the way for all of them to recover what is ours!

To win decent wages and pensions; education, health, transportation, housing and free energy for the people; end slavery and labor flexibility; impose the reduction of the working day; get the land for the poor peasantry, mostly of Mapuche ethnic origin, and all the demands of the exploited, the task is none other than defeating this infamous regime of the Constitution of 1980 and its murderous government. Chilean copper must return to Chileans so that the worker's children have an education! We must break with imperialism and end the looting of the nation!

The road is none other than to carry forward this revolution that has begun, towards conquering a revolutionary provisional government of workers and peasants. This government will be the only one that, by disarming the army and repressive forces of the Pinochetists, will be able to conquer the broadest democratic freedoms and a revolutionary Constituent Assembly, truly free and sovereign, that will be able to decide on the destinies of the country without the bayonets of the Pinochetista generals and military, and over their heads. With weapons in the hands of the people, we will conquer national independence, land and freedom.

## Out with the den of murderous bandits of the UN!

Tomorrow, a UN mission sent by Bachelet, the "High Commissioner for the Human Rights" will arrive at Chile in agreement with the Piñera government. Cynical Bachelet poses as "worried" for the "violations on human rights" that are happening in Chile, though during her two mandates she repressed every worker strike and demonstration that took place there, imprisoned tens of workers, students and Mapuche peasant fighters, militarized Araucania, etc. She ruled Chile with the infamous 1980 Constitution as a "socialist" of the Pinochetist generals. She has her hands stained with the blood of timber worker Rodrigo Cisterna, Mapuche commoner Matias Catrileo and mine worker Nelson Quichillao!

This UN mission is a new trap against the exploited. The UN is an imperialist dominance institution, at the service of the imperialist interests and its subjugation of the oppressed people. The UN is made by the US, British, French imperialists together with the hit man Putin of Russia, the murderer of the Syrian people, and the Mandarins of the Chinese CP, the biggest enslavers of the working class.

The UN comes to Chile to support the Piñera government and the Pinochetista regime. It comes to act as in Ecuador, where the UN went to save the anti-worker government of Lenin Moreno together with the church and the leadership of CONAIE, to take the masses off the streets, as they were defeating the power of the exploiters with a huge insurrection.

This is the UN that invaded Haiti and massacres the starving masses that rise for bread together with the gorkha troops of the Latin American armies.

From the UN and its conferences in Geneva, the US together with Turkey, Russia and the fascist Al Assad have organized and coordinated the massacre and genocide of the heroic Syrian revolution for 8 years. The UN officials rape the Syrian girls and women in the refugee camps in the borders in exchange for a loaf of bread.

The UN supports the Zionist state of Israel that is killing the Palestinian masses. It supported the invasion of the French pirates to Mali and all the genocides that take place in the planet committed by the imperialist powers.

How can these terrorists, murderers, rapists of the UN protect the human rights of the workers and the Chilean people?

UN out of Chile, Honduras, Haiti and the entire Latin America!  
Gringos go home!

A revolutionary provisional government of workers and peasants is the only one that can expropriate all the imperialist transnationals that plunder the copper and other wealth of Chile. Re-nationalization without compensation and under workers control of the entire mining industry! Down with the Copper Reserved Law that makes the Chilean copper!

It is time to recover everything that was stolen. The time has come to prepare the victory in this war that we were declared. They expropriated our lives, education, health, dignity, land. Now we go for them!

Expropriation without compensation of all the banks in order to set up a single state

bank, that annuls all the usury credits with which they have ruined the life and mortgaged the future of the Chilean youth! Expropriation of all estates and landlords! The land for the peasant and for the poor people to eat with dignity! We must expropriate the expropriators of the people!

Let the fight not stop! Now, everyone to La Moneda!

In 1973, the Pinochet armed forces, commanded by imperialism and the bourgeoisie, bombarded the government Palace of La Moneda and massacred the Industrial Workers' revolution.

## Chile

Today we have to recover La Moneda to put there the government of the workers, the poor peasants and the revolutionary youth of Chile. It is time for copper miners, port workers, factory workers, rebel students, poor peasants and the exploited to rule!

Currently, after the mass marches and the general strikes that we have conquered, nothing can be as before, provided that our struggle and our offensive do not stop.

We are not marching into the "open citizen councils" with the mayors and councilors who support this infamous government and regime. We do not go to commissions or to Parliament where politicians only discuss how to defend this Pinochetista regime, as they have always done, without ever legislating for workers and the poor people. In Valparaíso, the recurring marches on Parliament began, because these benches do not represent the people.

As we saw today, Monday 28/10, we do not leave Plaza Italia... and we march to La Moneda! We will march to the barracks and put the power of the exploited in Chile back on their feet!

Today in Chile, a great battle is taking place of the exploited throughout Latin America against imperialism and its governments and servant regimes

Our class brothers and sisters, the work-

ers and peasants of Ecuador broke weeks ago into a huge insurrection facing the government of Lenin Moreno and the IMF. The collaborationist leadership of the masses saved the government that had been forced to flee Quito, the capital, in exchange for small alms to demobilize the exploited rebels. We must learn from that experience. Let's not leave the streets until Piñera falls down and the regime falls!

The revolutionary uprising of the students of Colombia and Puerto Rico, the uprising of workers and peasants taking the cities in their hands in Ecuador, the Haiti of the uprising slaves taking the streets for months, the rebellion of the workers of the Mexican maquilas are the road-sheet for the workers and peasants' revolution that has begun in Latin America. May they not steal our revolution again! Neither "Bolivarian" nor "democratic"... those schemes didn't work and will never work! Our revolution will be a worker, peasant and socialist one, because we are going to take to victory the revolution that the bosses and militias filled in blood in the 70s!

They have declared war on us. We watch over our dead and missing. Here there is no "peaceful way" between enemies at war...

Revolutionary days are touring the Americas from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego

In the US we are waging a battle against the commander in chief of Piñera, i.e., the miserable Trump and the imperialist bankers of Wall Street. We know that within the

US, General Motors workers and Arizona and Texas copper miners, black workers in struggle, teachers fighting for education and workers for a minimum wage of \$ 15 an hour are on strike. There are enslaved migrants, like here in Chile.

There are our brothers and sisters, the greatest allies for the revolution that has begun to succeed.

Our fight is continental, against the 1% made of capitalist, banker and transnational parasites. Out with the US imperialist military bases from Con Con and the entire Latin America!

This is the way for the workers' and peasants' Cuba of the '60s to return, which was shamefully sold out by Stalinism to imperialism!

For the working class and the oppressed peoples to live, the rotten imperialist capitalist system must die!

Chile will be a socialist nation or a colony of Wall Street!

**Internationalist Workers Party -  
Fourth International (POI-CI)  
FLTI member**

**The Piñera government with the murderous police and the genocidal armed forces are filling Chile with the blood of the working class and the exploited**

### MUERTES DURANTE LAS PROTESTAS EN CHILE

19 al 25 de Octubre, 2019



**NO OLVIDAREMOS, NO PERDONAREMOS**

**We don't forget,  
we don't forgive,  
we don't reconcile!**

Workers and popular courts to judge and punish yesterday's and today's murderers of the martyrs!

Monday, November 4th, 2019

## 18 days of enormous revolutionary struggle

### Nobody leaves the streets here!

We are finishing a new revolutionary day of this huge fight that is shaking Chile with the war cry of “Out with Piñera” and “Enough of the Constitution of ‘80s!”

A “super-Monday” was lived from North to South, with thousands and thousands taking to the streets of the whole country. Mass mobilizations took place in Santiago, Valparaíso, Viña del Mar, Concepción, Arica, Calama, Punta Arenas, Antofagasta, Osorno, Puerto Montt, Valdivia, Temuco, etc., there were actions on the streets, national strikes such as public servants and health workers (which has entered on its 15<sup>th</sup> day), occupations of high schools, cacerolazos and struggle barricade.

In Santiago, after several demonstrations during the day, the appointment was at 5 pm in Plaza Italia. From that first moment we faced and resisted the brutal repression of the pacos (police, TN), as in the whole country. These state prey dogs shot firing gases and pellets at the crowd constantly.

The masses keep fighting with all their forces. Because of this, the anti-labor government of Piñera bets on the exhaustion of the workers’ and the exploited struggle and tries to contain the actions of the masses with a redoubled and furious repression.

At service of this policy, the politicians of the Concertación, the “red pacos” of the CP and the Frente Amplio have called to set up “Citizens Parliaments” together with the same mayors and councilors who have been pillars,

spokesmen and servants of the 80’s-Constitution regime against the people. They want to yield up the revolutionary combat to this infamous regime.

We cannot allow it! No one can steal our fight or the streets that are ours!

The time has come for the revolutionary mass struggle to climb another step. We must prepare a decisive blow that cuts the head of the snake that is in La Moneda, in the barracks of the Pinochetist Armed Forces and in Wall Street.

**Open the road to the Revolutionary General Strike until Piñera leaves and we defeat the civic-military regime and its genocidal officer caste! Let’s set up the power of those below!**

For a National Congress of workers, combative students, poor peasants and settlers! We must conquer it immediately by coordinating all sectors that enter the battle by district, city, region and at national level, with delegates 1 per 100 people of each factory, mine, port, high school, faculty, of the barricades where we fight as in Ecuador, etc.

Pacos kill us, torture us, rape us, repress us. We have to defeat them in the streets!

In these combats thousands of young people are advanced in facing repression against our mobilizations. They cannot be left alone. We must highlight 50 fighters



November 4th 2019: Fighting in the centre of Santiago

by union, labor organization, high school, faculty, population, etc., without further delay and set up the self-defense committees centralized by city to give pacos what they deserved and teach them a lesson.

Let’s urgently call the reservists and the rank and file soldiers to break away with their officers of the armed forces and move to the side of the people in struggle with their weapons, to prevent the Pinochetist Generals from drowning Chile in workers’ blood. For rank and file soldiers’ committees!

This is our revolution and taking it to victory we will avenge our grandparents and parents who were massacred in ‘73 by imperialism and its agents. For a revolutionary provisional government of workers and peasants so miners, dock workers, health workers, teachers, the retired, rebel youth and all those below can rule!

Only then can we guarantee the rightful demands of the workers and the people, free and quality public education and land for the peasant, breaking with imper-

ialism, recovering copper for Chileans, expropriating transnational corporations without payment and under workers’ control, ending with the theft of Pinochetist Generals and expropriating all expropriators. This is the minimum for what we have fought!

A revolutionary provisional government of workers and peasants will be the only one that can guarantee a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly, disarming the repressive forces of the state and the armed forces. With the Pinochetist Generals and the killer pacos in the streets, there will be no possibility of conquering a democratic Constituent Assembly. It will only be a mere puppet of the rulers. If the weapons are still in the hands of Piñera, the big bankers, capitalists and their murderous generals, Chile will be spilled with workers and the youth’s blood once again.

The people united will never be defeated and the armed people will never be crushed or deceived!

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Also, Piñera announced a scam of “national agreements” for “peace”, “justice” and also for “a New Constitution”, as he announced a “process to write a new Constitution”, with which they want to disguise this regime as “democratic” when it is actually starving and shooting the people. What Piñera proposes is a treacherous Constituent Assembly in the bandit cave of the parliament, a true Wall Street notary, just to keep everything as it is: for Piñera to continue in the government, for the Pinochetist officers caste of the armed forces to continue as the main support of the regime, for the imperialist transnational companies to continue plundering copper and the entire wealth of the nation, and for the exploited to continue with starvation wages and pensions, for the AFP to continue, as well as slavery, over-exploitation, working long hours, increasing in the cost of living, private education, while the public health falls apart, and so on.

This is becoming clearer and clearer to the exploited masses. That is why, on Piñera finishing his press conference, new protests hitting pans broke out all across the country, while the fighting of barricades are still on in several points, showing the hatred of the workers, the rebel youth and the poor middle classes against this government.

May nobody rob us of the streets or everything we are conquering in our struggle!  
Down with the traps of the government, the Parliament, its lackey parties and the mayors of the regime!  
No pact, dialogue or Agreement with the government, executioner of the people!

May the Revolutionary General Strike not stop until we kick out Piñera, the civic-military regime and its genocidal officers' caste!

To defeat the power of those on the top:

Let's set up the power of those from below  
The only one that will represent those millions entering the struggle

National Congress of workers, militant students, poor peasants and exploited!

The immediate task is to coordinate in each neighbourhood, city, region and nationally all the sectors that have entered to the struggle and all the self-organization and direct democracy organs with which we organize ourselves to fight, voting rank and file delegates, 1 each 100, from every factory, mine, port, high school, university, barricade, etc.

The pacos kill us, repress us, torture us, mutilate us, rape us. They raid the houses of the most militant fighters to imprison them. Let's defeat the repressive forces in the streets!

Self-defence committees to confront the murderous police and the Pinochetist military!

For rank and file soldier committees that move onto the



The masses take over Plaza Italia, in downtown Santiago

side of the people with their guns!

For a revolutionary provisional workers' and peasants' government! Only this way we will be able to guarantee the rightful demands of the workers and the people, the public free quality education and land for the peasant, breaking away with imperialism, recovering copper for the Chilean and expropriating without compensation and placing under workers' control the transnational companies and bankers, ending the robbery of the Pinochetist generals of the wealth of the nation and expropriating the expropriators.

A provisional revolutionary government of workers and peasants will be the only one that can guarantee a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly, with the method of the workers' and peasants' revolution, disarming the repressive forces of the state and the Armed Forces. With the Pinochetist generals and the murderous police in the streets, there is no chance of conquering a democratic Constituent Assembly. It would only be another puppet of those in power to save the Pinochetist regime. If the weapons are still in the hands of Piñera, the big bankers, capitalists and its murderous generals, Chile will return to a bloodbath of workers and youth.

Chile will be socialist or Wall Street colony!

To be able to take this fight to victory, the working class and the exploited of Chile must raise the support to their class brothers and sisters in Bolivia, to the fight against the coup d'état staged by the Banzerist armed forces, the murderous police and the fascist bourgeoisie of Media Luna, under UN, OAS and the Pentagon command. Undoubtedly, if this coup is settled in Bolivia -as a response of imperialism against the revolutionary struggles in Chile, Ecuador and Haiti-, the bourgeoisie, Piñera's government and the 1980 Constitution regime will be reinforced and in better conditions to defeat our struggle. Stand with the workers and poor peasants of Bolivia! US out of Bolivia, Chile and Latin America!

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# HUGE REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL STRIKE ALL ACROSS CHILE



Mass uprising in downtown Santiago (capital city of Chile)

**A** new revolutionary day of struggle of the masses took place in the entire country since early in the morning. Despite the wishes of Piñera and the entire bourgeoisie that aimed to exhaust the struggle that had been going on for more than 3 weeks, today a great revolutionary general strike was developed with strikes, mass demonstrations, fighting in barricades, clashes with the murderous police, blockades of highways and streets, attack on banks, tolls, luxurious hotels, churches, the Argentinean Embassy, an office of the Pinochetist UDI in Talcahuano among other bourgeois institutions.

The masses took to the streets again in Santiago, Concepcion, Iquique, Antofagasta, Valparaíso, Viña del Mar, Temuco, Calama, Puerto Montt, Valdivia, Chiloé, Copiapo, Arica and other cities. There were strikes in more than 20 docks, as Iquique, Antofagasta, Chañaral, Tocopilla, Caldera, Huasco, Ventanas, San Antonio, Penco, Lirquén, Talcahuano, San Vicente, Huachipato, Coronel, Corral, Puerto Montt, Aysén, Chacabuco, Calbuco, Punta Arenas and Mejillones. Also, miners of Chuquicamata, Los Bronces, El Peñón y Minera Candelaria went on strike, as well as construction workers in Puente Chacao, teachers, education assistants, health workers, outsourced and public servants.

In Concepcion, the Education Superintendence and the State House of Government were burnt down, as they removed a picture of Piñera and also burnt it in a barricade. On the other hand, in San Antonio, the masses assaulted Tejas Verdes Regiment of the army, where Pinochet's biggest torture centre was held. Meanwhile, in Santo Domingo, in Valparaíso region,

the exploited attacked a police station and the Town Hall.

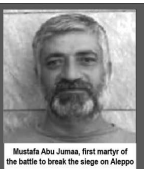
This general strike was called by CUT leadership and other organizations members of "Unidad Social" (Social Unity). The policy of these leaderships was to try to make this strike only to put pressure on Piñera and get national talks with him. But they could not achieve this and it got out of their hands. The working class, the rebel youth, the poor peasants and the exploited masses took this call in their own hands and transformed it into a true revolutionary general strike to defeat Piñera's government; they opened a 180° angle with all the leaderships of "Social Unity". This could not have happened in any other way, since the masses are leaving their martyrs in the struggle to topple the government, not to sit down and negotiate with it, as the class-collaborationist bureaucracies want. They do not represent us!

On this new revolutionary mass assault, there were emergency meetings held at La Moneda. Piñera announced he will increase the amount of policemen and the scope of the bourgeois justice by applying the Law of Homeland Security of the State, to keep on concentrating all its repression and persecution against the vanguard, which is the advanced of the revolutionary struggle, of the barricade fighting, of the clashes with the murderous police, of the attack on the private property and of the institutions of the state. This is how they want to chastise the exploited in struggle.

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## The Truth of the Oppressed

From the revolutionary coordination committees of the Syrian revolution  
A paper of all the Arab workers and oppressed



Mustafa Abu Juma, first martyr of the battle to break the siege on Aleppo

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