Palestine will be free!
U.S. imperialism: ‘the head of the snake’

PFLP statement

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine issued the following statement on Dec. 9, 2023, published on Revolutionary News Network.

The United States’s repeated use of the veto power against a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire in the Gaza Strip was expected; this major colony, with a history filled with crimes of cleansing, massacres, and genocide against the indigenous population of Native Americans, is actually and relentlessly leading a genocide war against our people in Gaza.

This veto gives a green light for the occupation to continue its aggression, massacres, and genocide and destruction of everything Palestinian, revealing again that the U.S. is the head of the snake and the most evil and criminal in the world.

This veto contradicts the position of the peoples, including public opinion in the United States, which once again exposes its ugly criminal face to the whole world and to U.S. generations that are beginning to realize more about the Zionist crimes committed in occupied Palestine in full partnership with successive administrations of the United States.

Striking U.S. bases and interests everywhere, and the expulsion of the occupation forces from the region, must remain a primary goal for our people, the resistance movements, and all the free people in the world, for this language is what this criminal imperialist colony, hostile to the peoples and specifically to our Palestinian people, understands.

This statement was lightly edited.

Hamas on 36th anniversary of Stone Intifada

This statement, from the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement, was released by Resistance News Network on Dec. 8, 2023.

On the 36th anniversary of the Stone Intifada: The Al-Aqsa Flood is a continuation of the Stone Intifada, until the occupation ends and our people’s aspirations for liberation and return are realized.

The 36th anniversary of the Stone Intifada came on Dec. 8, 2023, amidst a Nazi aggression waged by the Zionist occupation against our people in the Gaza Strip for over two months, failing to achieve any of its goals in the face of our people’s steadfastness and the bravery of our resistance and the strikes of the men of the Izz El-Din Al-Qassam Brigades.

The Stone Intifada was an important milestone in the ongoing struggle of our people, ignited from the land of proud Gaza, its flames spreading to all arenas of the homeland, able to bring our national cause back to its Arab, Islamic, and international presence.

Today, the ongoing battle of Al-Aqsa Flood – from that steadfast land with its patient and enduring people, and the men of resistance, strong, brave, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy – renews the spark of this Intifada and completes its blessed journey, at a time when enemies planned to erase the features of our national cause and obscure our legitimate rights, monopolizing our Al-Quds and Al-Aqsa.

We in Hamas, on this blessed anniversary, pay tribute to the souls of the martyrs of our people’s intifadas and heroic battles, and pray to Allah Almighty for a speedy recovery for the wounded and injured of our people due to Zionist criminality, affirm the following:

• First: The battle of Al-Aqsa Flood, this great historical epic written by the Izz El-Din Al-Qassam Brigades and the Palestinian resistance, embraced by our people across the homeland

Which forces promote Israeli terrorism?

U.S.-armed Israel’s mass murder of Palestinian civilians in Gaza has brought a new element to world history, a new horror. It is the first genocide splashed across TV screens and social media.

The horrors have forced a new generation of political activists around the world to come to terms with these truths: The leaders of U.S. imperialism and of the Israeli state have colluded in genocide, ethnic cleansing and mass murder. They have bombed and killed civilians who have no chance to seek shelter or escape.

They have bombed hospitals and destroyed healthcare for 2.3 million people. They have deprived the population of food and water.

Those who pay any attention see these horrors every day. Up close.

The result: A worldwide movement of millions of people has sprung up since Oct. 7 to fight against the U.S.-Israeli criminals. In some countries of the Global South, millions came out in protest. And in the imperialist NATO countries, despite some European governments forbidding protest and enormous social pressure in the United States, this movement has stayed in the streets.

This movement is growing and developing day by day. Its activists learn how the Israeli regime lies and Joe Biden repeats these lies. They understand how not only the Israeli regime but all U.S. governments are criminal, with Washington at the head.

Many of the demonstration leaders have roots in Palestine and know the history of that struggle inside out. They can teach their peers and expose the lies manufactured by the most powerful media machine in human history.

So far those who have been in the streets for more than 70 days are continuing the fight to stop the bombing, to stop the horror, to stop the unspeakable. The mostly youthful demonstrators show courage when they defy...
A slogan is circulating throughout social media: “They wanted to erase Palestine from the world; now the whole world is Palestine!” So true. Hundreds of millions of people from every corner of the globe look on in horror at Israel’s deliberate genocidal campaign against Gaza’s people — and they respond by continual, strong demonstrations worldwide, solidarity with the Palestinian people and opposing the Zionist state’s murderous siege and U.S.-imperialist collusion.

Workers World newspaper critically reports on the catastrophic bombing of Gaza, the destruction everywhere and the horrific number of deaths. Our staff and writers are joining the huge protests opposing Israel’s devastation and Washington’s lock-step support and pro- vision of high-tech weapons.

A major difference between our newspaper and the big business media: WW is partisan — wholly on the side of the Palestinian people and their resistance organizations. The paper has always sided with the Palestinians against U.S.-backed Zionist aggression.

Our articles explore the corporate media’s “Big Lie” about the Zionist state’s founding and tell the truth: Israel was created in 1948 by U.S./British-backed Zionist expulsion of gunpoint at 750,000 Indigenous Palestinians from their homes, farms and villages, to live in refugee camps in Gaza or elsewhere.

WW has adhered to our principles of supporting national liberation movements by ongoing reporting and posting at workers.org statements published by anti-Zionist parties and resistance forces, especially since Oct. 7. Our staff vows to keep publishing the declarations issued by Palestinian resistance organizations and their global allies, as well as those of other movements fighting imperialist domination and war.

Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigenerational and multigendered organization that not only aims to abolish capitalist, but to build a socialist society because it’s the only way forward:

Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on immigrants, LGBTQ+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverished and loss of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are ganged down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of social gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class.

It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WW fights for socialism because the working class worldwide. If you’re interested in Marxism, socialism and fighting for a socialist future, please contact a WWP staff member.

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On the centennial of Lenin’s passing

International Assembly Against Imperialism in Solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance

Workers World Party invites you to an International Assembly Against Imperialism in Solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, the 100th anniversary of the death of V.I. Lenin. The Assembly will be held in person at the Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, 3940 Broadway, at West 167th Street, Washington Heights, New York City.

Join us with representatives of the Palestinian resistance and of many liberation and workers’ struggles. At this moment, with millions of people in every corner of the world taking to the streets to protest the genocidal war against Gaza, we will commemorate the centennial of Lenin’s death by devoting this occasion to showing solidarity with Palestine and all movements for liberation from imperialist domination. We can no longer allow any issue to separate and atomize workers fighting on the many fronts in the global working-class struggle.

The Assembly will address the urgent question of how to raise the level of solidarity with Palestine within the working class and the workers’ movement. A number of U.S. labor unions have issued statements calling for a cease-fire. That’s a good start, but much more can be done and must be done.

One of Lenin’s many contributions to revolutionary struggle was his tireless effort to lead the international working-class movement toward maximizing concrete solidarity with all of the anti-colonial liberation struggles. This direction exemplifies the essence of Leninism—it has never been more relevant and necessary.

Please join us on January 21. If you can’t attend in person, register to attend the assembly virtually at wwp.pub/lenin. Send a solidarity statement to lenincentennial2024@gmail.com.

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE!

V.I. Lenin and Clara Zetkin

Revolutionary fighters aimed to abolish capitalism and win gender liberation

By Marie Kelly

“She who is a Communist belongs as a member to the Party, just as he who is a Communist. They have the same rights and duties. There can be no difference of opinion on that score.” V.I. Lenin

German Marxist Clara Zetkin was a contemporary of Vladimir Lenin. She had organized among women workers and for 25 years (1892-1917) published a socialist women’s newspaper titled “Die Gleichheit” (“Equality”). In 1910 at the Second International Socialist Women’s Conference, Zetkin and others proposed that an International Working Women’s Day should be held annually; it passed unanimously.

Over 1 million people joined the first IWWD demonstration, held throughout Europe in March 1911. Zetkin represented the Communist Party of Germany in the Reichstag (parliament) from 1920 until the party was banned in 1933.

Zetkin met with Lenin in the autumn of 1910 and recorded their discussion. Lenin’s remarks show how he respected and treated her as a comrade and not an inferior. He spoke with the familiarity of a friend and mentor. It is clear that he valued her efforts regarding women’s place in society while offering his opinion on how that work should proceed and her role in that work.

Of the conversations, Zetkin wrote: “Comrade Lenin repeatedly discussed with me the problem of women’s rights. He obviously attached great importance to the women’s movement, which was to him an essential component of the mass movement that in certain circumstances might become decisive. Needless to say he saw full social equality of women as a principle which no Communist could dispute.”

Lenin told Zetkin: “We must by all means set up a powerful international women’s movement on a clear-cut theoretical basis. It is clear that without Marxist theory we cannot have proper practice. A committee is still in charge of the matter. It is to draft a resolution, thenes and directives but has made little progress so far. You must help it.”

Zetkin and Lenin agreed that women could only achieve full emancipation in a socialist society and that the middle-class suffrage movement would fail to free the women of the working class. Bourgeois feminism was a reformist movement that would keep the class structure intact.

Zetkin praised what Lenin and the Bolshevik Revolution had achieved for proletarian women, which he described: “In Petrograd, here in Moscow, and in other cities and industrial centers, proletarian women showed up splendidly during the revolution. We would have won without them, or hardly. That is my opinion.” Working women: ‘Magnificent’ class fighters

Lenin continued: “What courage they showed and how courageous they still are! Imagine the suffering and privation they are enduring. But they are holding out, because they want to defend the Soviets, because they want freedom and communism. Yes, our working women are magnificent class fighters. They are worthy of admiration and love.”

A Marxist analysis of a class of householders is something society must acknowledge: that private property is the foundational component of the society of the struggle between the ruling class and the worker, man or woman. This can’t be stressed enough.

Lenin offered Zetkin advice on how to proceed in discussions among women, that they should critique bourgeois femininity using a Marxist framework to ensure that individual relational problems do not supersede the class struggle. He said that class consciousness needed to be raised among working women and that relationships issues should be “dealt with from the point of view of mature, vital historical materialism” which presupposes wide-ranging, profound knowledge and the fullest Marxist mastery of a vast amount of material.”

Zetkin shared her vision for a congress of women workers: “In my opinion, the congress ought first to discuss the women’s right to engage in trades and professions. In doing so it should deal with the questions of unemployment, equal pay for equal work, legisla- tion on the 8-hour day and labor protection for women, organization of trade unions, social care of mother and child, social measures to relieve housewives and mothers, etc. Furthermore, the agenda should deal with the status of women in marriage and family legislation and in public and political law.”

Lenin was fully supportive of Zetkin’s vision, although the congress never materialized. Again and again throughout the interview, Lenin stressed the vital part women play in the new society under communism. In fact, he was clear that he believed the revolution would be imperiled if women were not equal partners. He counseled Zetkin that the emancipation of women can only come when private property is abolished. It was her belief too, but she must have welcomed the straightforward words from Lenin.

Need mass women’s movement of all exploited, oppressed

Lenin told Zetkin: “The communist women’s movement itself must be a mass movement, a part of the general mass movements; and not only of the proletarians, but of all the exploited and oppressed, of all victims of capitalism or of the dominant class. Therein, too, lies the significance of the women’s movement for the class struggle of the proletariat and its historic mission, the creation of a communist society.”

“We can be legitimately proud that we have the flower of revolutionary womanhood in our Party, in the Comintern. But this is not decisive, we have to win over the millions of working women in town and country for our struggle and, particularly, for the communist reconstruction of society.”

Lenin said that when speaking at a Party conference, women should be encouraged to “speak out loudly and clearly like fighters should… A congress is a battlefield in which we fight for the knowledge we need for revolu-tionary action. Show that you can fight. In the first place, of course, against our enemies, but also within the Party, should the need arise. After all, the broad masses of women are at stake.”

Zetkin and Lenin were comrades in the vanguard who shared ideas, critiqued each other’s arguments and offered their solicited and sometimes unsolicited opinions. Their warm kinship comes through in Zetkin’s account as well as their unguarded ease with each other. Most importantly, it is a true testament that Lenin’s understanding of the “women question” is just as profoundly relevant today.

To read Zetkin’s account of her conversations with Lenin in full, go to: libcom.org/article/clara-zetkin-interviews-lenin-womens-question
Mumia solidarity actions denounce 42 years of unjust incarceration

By Betsey Piette
Philadelphia

December 9 marked 42 years of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal’s unjust imprisonment. The occasion was observed with street actions in several cities in the U.S. and elsewhere. In Philadelphia, activists held a well received “Honk for Mumia” action in Center City on Dec. 8.

A webinar titled “Free Mumia, Free Palestine, Free all Political Prisoners” took place Dec. 9. Gabe Bryant and Sophia Williams, organizers with Love Not Phear and Mobilization4Mumia, co-chaired the program which featured Palestinian activist Nancy Mouanton, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez on Mumia’s medical condition and Johanna Fernandez on legal developments in the case. Julia Wright read a poem by Palestinian poet Refaat Alareer, who was killed by the Israeli Occupation Forces in Gaza this week. A pre-recorded message from Mumia was aired.

Speakers raised cases of other political prisoners, including Kamal Sali, Rev. Joy Powell, Leonard Peltier, Veronza Bowers, Kevin Rasheed Johnson, Imam Jamil Al-Amin and Ed Poindexter, who suddenly died in prison Dec. 8. Brother Kwame Shakur spoke from within the walls on the work of Prison Lives Matter. Preparation to celebrate Mumia’s 70th birthday on April 24, 2024, was announced.

The three hour program can be viewed on YouTube at tinyurl.com/4yjrpdwk.

Activists protest jail deaths, demand ‘care not cages’

By Martha Grevatt
Cleveland

Four people have died inside Cleveland’s Cuyahoga County Jail in 2023 — Nathan Myers in July, Elvis Lopez in September, Freddie Tackett in October and most recently Rogelio Cubano on Nov. 16. Myers and Cubano were still in their mid-20s. Lopez was support - ing a two-year-old daughter and Tackett had five chil - dren and three grandchildren.

Myers reportedly suffered a drug overdose, and the other three supposedly died after experiencing a “med - ical emergency.” However, the Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition issued a statement after Tackett’s death raising the possibility of foul play, calling for an investigation.

News reporters were unable to find out why Cubano was in the jail to begin with. They could not find him in jail records, and his death was reported with a different name. Apparently Cubano was not charged with anything but was jailed after a positive drug test. In other words, he should not have even been jailed, and now another young man is dead!

The Jail Coalition held a press conference Nov. 27 to “condemn the jail management and staff’s neglect and misconduct that is responsible for the rising number of deaths and overdoses in the county jail.” The group stated, “We need more care, not more cages.” (Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition Facebook)

Coalition members braved the bitter winds off Lake Erie as speakers denounced justice, including Josiah Quarles of Responding with Empathy, Access and Community Healing (REACH) and Kareem Hinton of Black Lives Matter Cleveland.

Speakers denounced County plans to construct a new jail in the suburb of Garfield Heights. This jail could cost as much as $1 billion to build, with billions more going to bondholders as interest on a 40-year loan. Costs will be covered by extending a sales tax, now set to expire in 2027, for another 40 years. Cuyahoga County residents pay the highest sales tax in Ohio.

A visit to a Pennsylvania prison

By Cindy Lou

This writer and a friend made plans for a visit to a State Correctional Institution to see a loved one. Unlike the pre-pandemic days, visitors do not call the facility’s assistant superintendent or the incarcerated counselor to arrange a visit but must use the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections’ (PA DOC) scheduling website.

“Things did not go smoothly. In all, I spent about six hours on the website and on the phone. I was arrogantly bounced from number to number. The incarcerated person planned to visit put in a special request to his counselor. But the message was always the same: Humans have been removed from the equation, and everything has to be done online on the website. At the last min - ute — when all hope was lost, and the visit was about to be canceled — some unknown PA DOC operative reached into the scheduled visit page and corrected the error.”

A five-hour ride from Philadelphia to this institution in Western Pennsylvania costs $57 in gas and $70 in tolls. Then the visitors need to buy a special card and load it with funds in order to get snacks for their loved one from the vending machines (which in this case were mainly empty) or take pictures. So that was another $25. It costs $3 for four shots, but you only get to keep one, and you have no choice as to which one that is.

Our friend pointed out that there were only eight visitor groups — or about 25 people — in a visiting room that once held 100. Many family members and friends cannot visit their loved ones anymore.

A number of the incarcerated people are from Philadelphia and are shipped to prisons far away in Western Pennsylvania. Scheduling a visit takes too long, is too expensive and is too complicated (impos - sible if you don’t have a computer).

Most of these Western Pennsylvania communities are extremely right-wing and racist and know nothing of the cul - ture of the cities where a lot of the incarcer - ees come from — but all that is for another story.

The bureaucratic practices the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections employs are used to deprive incarcerated people of the most basic right to a visit from a loved one.
Stop the torture! Free Dr. Aafia Siddiqui!

The report below is excerpted from Pakistan Aaj TV, followed by excerpts from The News.

Incarcereated Pakistani neuroscientist Aafia Siddiqui met with her sister Dr. Fowzia for the second time in two years at a prison hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, on Monday.

In one of her earlier videos, Dr. Fowzia claimed that she could not meet her sister on Sunday as the jail staff “misplaced” the prison key.

But on Monday, she added that the room where she met with her sister was better cleaned as compared to the last time, however, were separated by a window.

Jail authorities did not allow her to have social interaction with her sister, Dr. Fowzia said and added that the FMC Carswell needed to be “shut down or a whole overhaul. It’s inhuman, cruel and ruthless.”

“We were in separate rooms. The size of the table was less than before, and I felt she was in worse condition than before,” she said as she started crying.

“We were just crying during the meeting. We cried for almost half an hour.”

Aafia’s lawyer Clive Stafford Smith also wrote on X about the development.

“The Siddiqui sisters met today; FMC Carswell finally worked out how to open the door to the cell. But they would not let sisters hug or even touch. For much of their four-hour visit, Aafia was weeping at the suffering she is enduring,” he said.

Siddiqui was sentenced to 86 years imprisonment by a U.S. federal court in 2010 after being convicted of firing at U.S. troops in Afghanistan while in their custody and six other charges against her.

Earlier this year, Dr. Fowzia and Smith claimed that Pakistan’s government did not do enough to bring Dr. Aafia back to Pakistan.

From The News

Islamabad: Human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith [Dec. 5] said Dr. Aafia Siddiqui—a Pakistani neuroscientist jailed in the United States for over a decade—has been sexually assaulted at least twice during her incarceration, in addition to the treatment she was meted out at the Bagram jail in Afghanistan.

Speaking with Geo News, Smith, who represents Dr. Aafia, said his client has been abused and tortured more often and that she informed him about the two instances of sexual assault.

Smith’s comments are towards a report prepared by Aisha Farooqui, Pakistan’s former consul general in Houston, in 2018, citing the physical and sexual abuse that Dr. Aafia was subjected to during her detention. The report also recommended diplomatic authorities take her case to the highest level and find a way to repatriate Dr. Aafia.

Smith revealed that a sexual assault complaint was, therefore, filed on her behalf. “Dr. Aafia was also sexually assaulted in Bagram jail,” he added. He further shared the details about the reason behind the assaults endured by his client at the United States-run prison in Afghanistan when the American military was based in the country and operating its bases on Afghan soil.

The excerpts have been slightly edited.

Peruvians resist U.S.-backed coup

By Richie Merino

This talk was given at the “One Year of Resistance against the U.S.-backed Coup to Peruvian President Pedro Castillo” event, organized by PEX Semillas de Libertad and held Dec. 6 at People’s Forum in New York City and by Zoom.

Pedro Castillo, a former school teacher and farmer from an Andean backwater, was elected as the president of Peru in June 2021, with support from workers, campesinos and Indigenous people. He rose to power on a wave of popular anger against the coup with brutal repression. The U.S. Embassy in Peru for ordering the military to suppress anti-coup protesters. The U.S. government's actions in Peru won't bow down!"

The U.S. government’s actions in Peru reflect its intent to maintain economic and geopolitical dominance in the region.

The former president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, who experienced a U.S.-backed coup in 2019, has warned about the consolidation of a repressive state and the impact on sovereignty and regional peace in Latin America.

It is evident that the U.S. government is not interested in building friendly bonds with the peoples of the American continents. Instead, it seeks to upgrade the Monroe Doctrine for the 21st century, with China and Russia as its strategic rivals. The situation in Peru highlights the need to support the Peruvian people in their struggle for self-determination, sovereignty and the protection of their natural resources.

Free President Pedro Castillo NOW! U.S. troops OUT of Peru! ¡Bohuarte, asesina, el pueblo no se inclina! ("Bohuarte, murderer, the people won't bow down")
Hamas on the anniversary of the Stone Intifada

U.N. cease-fire vote humiliates U.S. imperialism

By Sara Flounders

December 11, 2023 — The United Nations Security Council vote on December 8, calling for an immediate cease-fire in Palestine, was a public humiliation of the United States. When explaining their vote, numerous countries denounced the U.S.—Israel’s number one supporter—as the accomplice, the enabler and the real force behind the Zionist destruction in Gaza.

The U.N. vetoed the resolution, making the resounding vote by every other member of the current Security Council unenforceable. Britain, the only remaining U.S. ally, acted like a loyal lap dog and abstained. Yet the vote was unprecedented: 162 member countries of the U.N. signed on to the resolution with less than 24 hours’ notice.

It is politically significant that the U.S. effort to amend the resolution, by inserting a condemnation of the Oct. 7 actions by the united Palestinian resistance, was rebuffed. The vote was an affirmation of the Palestinian right to resist occupation—a right that has long been recognized in international law but is usually ignored.

U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield attempted to label Hamas as a terrorist force. This also went down in flames. Growing U.S. isolation and its waning ability to enforce its domination through any political forum was confirmed in this vote.

The United States. When explaining their vote, the United States. When explaining their vote, the United States. When explaining their vote, Pressure from within the United Nations is what led the usually compliant U.N. Secretary General António Guterres to convene the emergency meeting. For the first time in his tenure as Secretary-General, Guterres invoked Article 99 of the U.N. Charter, under which he “may bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter which in his opinion may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security.”

X, Guterres posted: “Facing a severe risk of collapse of the humanitarian system in Gaza, I urge the Council to help avert a humanitarian catastrophe and appeal for a humanitarian cease-fire to be declared.”

Growing U.S. isolation and its waning ability to enforce its domination through any political forum was confirmed in a stark new way. Only its military firepower remains. This overwhelming firepower is being challenged by a small armed resistance in a totally occupied Gaza.

The resistance in the West Bank is defending Palestinians from armed settler lynch mobs who operate with the Israeli Occupation Forces. In the past, these enforcers of apartheid acted with impunity. In addition to the armed resistance, a call for a Global General Strike has resonated in the West Bank and the surrounding countries, bringing about a total shutdown on Dec. 11.

Israel is being challenged by revolutionary forces in Yemen, who through several drone and missile attacks and then by daringly boarding Israeli-owned freighters, have forced all other Israeli chartered ships to avoid the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. They must navigate around Africa and into the Mediterranean Sea, causing the cost of supplies to skyrocket.

The U.N. vote is mirrored in hundreds of votes by unions and student assemblies, city council resolutions and actions by grassroots organizations globally. This can’t be shut down by U.S. demands.

The vote in the U.N. Security Council has now moved to the United Nations General Assembly. This vote, scheduled for Dec. 12, will lead to a further U.S. humiliation and a resounding defense of Palestine’s right to resist occupation.

Protesters say, ‘We won’t pay for Israel’s slaughter’

Three demonstrations for Palestine took place on Dec. 7, 8 and 9 in Portland. Protesters called for an end to Israeli occupation, an end to U.S. funding of Israel and the release of all Palestinian political prisoners.

The demonstration on Dec. 9, titled “We’re Taking the Streets for Palestine,” was sponsored by Free People of Oregon (fopeoplepdx), a group of Palestinian youth organizers, and supported by Zaytuna College, a Muslim liberal arts college in Berkeley, California. About 1,000 protesters took to the streets in the rain, chanting, “Not another penny, not another dollar, we won’t pay for Israel’s slaughter,” and “Colonizers, we don’t need ‘em! What we want is total freedom!”

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54th National Day of Mourning demands:

‘Land Back, from Turtle Island to Palestine!’

By Workers World Boston bureau
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Over 2,000 Indigenous people and their supporters— with thousands more in attendance via live stream— shut down business as usual in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Nov. 23 for the 54th National Day of Mourning (NDOM). Here— where millions of tourist dollars depend on the origin myth of the Pilgrims seeking religious freedom by landing on an apocryphal rock as advertisement for the U.S. most sanctified of holidays— protesters filled the bleachers at the historic Nantucket Wharf with demands to “Free Leonard Peltier!” and “Free Palestine!”

Following an opening ceremony at noon on Cole’s Hill, leaders of United American Indians of New England (UAINE) called the swelling crowd over looking Plymouth Harbor. Kisha James (Aquinnah Wampanoag and Oglala Lakota), UAINE co-leader, opened by recounting the history and significance of NDOM. She declared, “This is a day of our ancestors and our grandfathers!”

James exposed the racist “thanks-giving” legend at the center of U.S. settler-colonial mythology. Far from seeking refuge from “religious persecution,” the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonists were participating in a commercial and military venture — spelled out in their “Mayflower Compact” — which resulted in the genocide of the Indigenous peoples of the land, including the Wampanoag, and their theft of lands.

Nor did the first “thanksgiving” take place in 1621, as bourgeois historians and mass media continue to falsely claim. Rather, it took place in 1637 when Governor John Winthrop proclaimed the first official “day of thanksgiving” to celebrate the massacre of over 700 Pequot children, women and men on the banks of the Mystic River, nearly 100 miles from the Pilgrim Plantation.

James said: “Our very presence on this land frees this land from the lies of the history books and the mythmakers. We will remember and honor all of our ancestors who, despite the successful Indigenous-led resistance to settler militias during “King Philip’s War,” was a Wampanoag leader who led Native resistance to settler-colonialism in Massachusetts Bay colony.

James declared: “We are not vanishing! We are not conquered! We are as strong as ever!”

Palestine: Struggle for Indigenous sovereignty

Maultain Munro (Oglala Lakota), co-leader of UAINE, called attention to the worsening climate catastrophe, which disproportionately affects Indigenous peoples, who possess over 80% of global biodiversity. As Munro stressed, neoliberal “green” energy plans are not genuine solutions to the crises. For many capitalist projects — such as wind turbines built without consent on Aquinnah Wampanoag territory off the island of Noepe (Martha’s Vineyard) and the Peehee MuHih (Thacker Pass) lithium mine on sacred Paiute and Western Shoshone land — continue to exploit and destroy Indigenous lands.

Munro proclaims fully solidarity with the Indigenous peoples of Palestine in their struggle against the Zionist genocidal state: “Our organization (UAINE) has supported Palestinian resistance for decades, and we pledge to never let our relatives here or there down.

“When you see a genocide happening, whether in Congo, or Sudan, or Armenia or Palestine, you need to try to do something about it. If you are silent, that is supporting the genocide. This is a basic principle that I think many of us as parents have taught to our children. Yet too many people are still standing by right now, afraid to speak up because of the repression that’s being directed at those who stand up and defend Palestine.”

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“This is our struggle, our children’s struggle and that of our ancestors before us. And it will be a long one, it will be a hard one, but we will never, ever give up our fight for Indigenous rights of land stewardship and rematriation. We will never give up our right to fight for Black liberation and reparations. We will never give up fighting for all immigrants and oppressed people across the planet. And I hope you are all with us in our struggle to liberate Palestine.”

The crowd bolstered Abu Ayyash throughout with spontaneous chants of “Long Live Palestine!” and “Free, Free Palestine!”

As Abu Ayyash stressed, proposals for a temporary cease-fire or “humanitarian pause” in Gaza will not stop the Israeli genocide. Denouncing the essential U.S. financial and military support for the Zionist state, he urged continued protests in solidarity with Palestine in coordination with two-thirds of the international community— including the Vatican— nonstop Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Abu Ayyash said: “Our solidarity is everything. To our oppressors I say: You can build your dreams on our bones. You cannot escape the retribution for the violence you inflict on us. But we will not stand by. We will resist you to our last word and our last breath.”

Chal’Inaru Dones (Taino), a member of the United Confederation of Caribbean peoples, read a message from American Indian Movement (AIM) activist Leonard Peltier (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) to the Nantucket Wharf: “This has been a U.S. political prisoner for 48 years.

Peltier wrote: “I spent most of my life caged. But they cannot cage the soul of a sun dancer. I am free to speak to you a long time ago what I must be and do for my people. That can and never will be caged. We are changing the world; every one of us must grasp what ours is to change. History is not something that happens in a vacuum. History is forged, and forge we will, until victorious.”

From Main Street to Plymouth Rock: “You Are on Native Land!”

From Cole’s Hill, demonstrators, led by Indigenous elders, marched through the tourist district of Plymouth chanting “No Justice, No Peace!” At the site of “Plymouth Rock” — in reality a discredited stone surrounded by a Chamber of Commerce-funded Roman Doric Order facade — further speakers buried this token of settler-colonial mythology.

“Speaking on behalf of the children of Mayan Elders, Rosalba Gonzalez (Maya) stressed the importance of solidarity among workers, peasants, students and teachers of all nationalities with Indigenous nations in their existential struggles to “build a world where many worlds fit.”

Jamiann Hasselquist Seltin (Tlít’kí) described the struggle of Indigenous peoples in New England to reclaim sovereignty and self-determination on their traditional homelands despite genocidal U.S. colonization, which began in the 1600s with the bombardment of Native villages. She went on to lead the crowd in demands for “Land Back!” As Abu Ayyash said: “Our land back is also necessary for other colonized peoples of the land, including the Wampanoag, and their theft of lands.”

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Palestinian struggle reflects strength and solidarity of women

By Monica Moorhead

Nov. 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, proclaimed by the United Nations in 2000. And this year the U.N. is launching a “UNITED UPRISING” campaign which will include 16 days of activism starting on Nov. 25 and ending on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day.

What the U.N. is mounting and what these 16 days will do looks like anyone’s guess. It’s doubtful that whatever activities the U.N. campaign organizes will make any difference in the lives of women and girls, regardless of their age, gender identity or sexuality. The U.N. has proven itself to be a non-democratic body where any votes taken by the 193 members of the General Assembly can be overridden by the 15-member Security Council, with its five permanent members, including the United States, which can veto any decision.

There is no other world development today that more clearly highlights the need for the elimination of violence against women than what is happening in occupied Palestine, especially Gaza. Every since the events of Oct. 7—tragic and inhumane—Palestinian women, along with children, have borne the brunt of a genocidal war by the terrorist Zionist state of Israel.

According to the Government Media office on the Resistance News Network, over 20,000 Palestinian civilians have been slaughtered since Oct. 7, including over 4,000 women and 8,000 children. And there are more than 7,000 unaccounted for due to being buried under the rubble of thousands of buildings, homes and other structures. These horrendous numbers do not include those murdered by the Israeli Occupation Forces in the occupied West Bank.

Since Nov. 24, when the temporary truce went into effect between the Palestinian resistance and Israel, many Palestinian protesters released or scheduled to be released are women. Many of them were detained as teenagers and spent years in prison for the “crime” of being Palestinian.

They experienced beatings, physical and mental torture, sexual violence, lack of healthy food and hygiene and much more. These heroic women include Fadwa Hamada, Israa Ja’abis, Nourhan Awad, Shorouq Diwaty, Maysoon Al-Jabali, Aisha Al-Afghani, Shorouq al-Salan Ibrahim, Yaseen Tayyir, Abdulrah Shaaban, and Umm Utaybah Muhammad. Al-Jabali, who was imprisoned for over eight years, states, “Resistance must continue: all forms of resistance. Of course, there will be a cost. We will be imprisoned to liberation.”

“As women prisoners, we always confront the prison administration. Our spirits are high and always return high if we are not happy with conditions. Our spirits are sad, so despite everything, we rejoice and stay strong.”

“We want to thank all those who worked for the deal: the resistance, the Gazan people, all the Palestinian fighters who stood and opposed and especially those who defended the resistance.

“There is no occupation that lasts. ‘Israel’ will fall, and as women we will be free as one people.” (Resistance News Network, Nov. 27)

Solidarity: another form of resistance

This particular phase of the Palestinian resistance has inspired an unprecedented level of global solidarity in the Global South and Global North. Massive protests have brought out millions of people into the streets. In the U.S., thousands have participated in protests at the White House, in malls during Black Friday, on college campuses and at high schools and more.

Every sector in U.S. society has been impacted to some degree as a result of the genocide in Gaza. This includes the film industry.

While a growing number of celebrities have called for a cease-fire, two women actors took high-profile stands. In late November, Ronald Lauder, an heir to the cosmetics company, listed by the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement as a business in which not to invest, was fired from his leading role by producers of the popular franchise horror movie series “Scream” for expressing his sympathy for the people of Gaza facing genocide. Her remarks were labeled “antisemitic.”

In her Nov. 21 Instagram post, Barrera wrote, “Gaza is currently being treated like a concentration camp. And I’m your guard in this concentration camp. Curtain everyone together, with nowhere to go, no electricity, no water... People have learnt nothing from our histories. And just like our histories, people are still silently watching it all happen.” THIS IS GENOCIDE AND ETHNIC MASSACRE!”

Sarandon, who has a history of opposing imperialist wars and other forms of injustice for decades, was let go by the Network for open pro-Palestinian remarks. She spoke at the 300,000-strong Free Palestine demonstration in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 4.

On X (formerly Twitter) Sarandon stated: “You don’t have to be Palestinian to care about what’s happening in Gaza. I stand with Palestine. No one is free until everyone is free.”

Whether on the front lines of a liberation struggle like the citizens of Palestine or expressing unwavering solidarity with Palestinian people as Barrera and Sarandon have done, an International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women should not be limited to just one day but should be a priority every single day.

Days of solidarity like Nov. 25 and Dec. 10 can be used by the world movement to help to move the class struggle forward in this dark and challenging time. Our oppressors, an integral sector of the working class and oppressed peoples, until there is total liberation from the scourge of capitalism and imperialism.

White supremacist, antisemitic Congress targets colleges over Palestine

By Betsy Piette

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As Israel broke the seven-day cease-fire and resumed its intense bombing of Gaza, two Palestinian cities, Rafah and Khan Younis, were immediately targeted in the current military campaign. These are the very cities that the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) had forcibly demanded that Palestinians evacuate. 

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine has charged that “The city of Khan Younis faces a Zionist holocaust with the American green light and direct planning.”

Over 1,000 Palestinians have been killed in the bombing since the cease-fire ended on Oct. 7. Refugees in Rafah and Khan Younis have experienced notoriety and well-documented past Zionist massacres and massive displacement. The history of destruction and heroic resistance continues today.

Rafah is a densely populated border city. Claiming they are looking for tunnels which for years have been used to smuggle desperately needed supplies and resistance weapons into Gaza, the Israeli military has continually bombed and bulldozed whole sections of this small city. Dead bodies packed in back rooms of Rafah have been flooded with sea water, poisoning the land, in an effort to flood the tunnels.

According to many international media sources, including the Wall Street Journal and Reuters, Israel is assembling a whole system of pumps at Rafah to once again flood Gaza’s tunnels with thousands of cubic meters of water per hour. The city of Rafah, Khan Younis, Gaza City and other sites. (tinyurl.com/7v2pf287)

Rafah, just north of Rafah, now has a population of 426,000 and is the largest city in south Gaza. Most of Gaza’s population has been pushed into this tight area of Rafah and Khan Younis. Both cities are now being bombed.

Rafah — the choke point

Rafah is the site of the border crossing, the sole crossing point between Egypt and the State of Palestine. Even in the 1948 War of Independence, which uncoordinated the right of a small, fractured Palestinian state to exist alongside a fully armed and expanding Israeli state, Israel secured total control of all of Palestine’s borders. Technically, Egypt controls the Rafah crossing, but all imports through the Rafah crossing require Israeli approval.

How is this possible?

In the 1967 Six-Day War, Israel conquered and took control of both the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip from Egypt.

It also seized the West Bank from Jordan and East Jerusalem from Jordan and the Golan Heights from Syria. Within Gaza, Israel seized land for 21 Israeli settlements, again displacing refugees from those lands.

Under terms of the 1978 U.S.-brokered Camp David Accords, Egypt recognized the State of Israel, established relations with the IOF, and cut relations with the Soviet Union and received billions of dollars in U.S. military aid. In return, Israel agreed to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula. However, Israel maintained its occupation of Gaza.

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The arduous border crossing system maintains the myth of Egyptian border control. But Israel painstakingly combing through all tunnels, which it her- oughly scanned and searched, checking every box and blocking many essential supplies. Any item deemed unfit to enter Gaza — even small kitchen knives, scissors and gas canisters for heat — is an excuse to turn back the whole truck. This “inspection” is now required for all United Nations Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) trucks and International Red Crescent and Red Cross trucks, plus all other humanitarian agencies’ supplies.


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más el descontento de la población.

Hoy se cumple un año de resistencia al imperialismo estadounidense en Perú. Pero en el orden de las cosas, los peruanos, pero especialmente indígenas, han marchado regularmente contra el presidente no electo, Boluarte, y en apoyo de Castillo, a quien eligieron. Han participado en huelgas y bloqueos de carreras para presionar al gobierno golpista para que dé un paso.

Sin embargo, estas manifestaciones se han enfrentado a la violencia autorizada por el Estado. Las reivindicaciones de los manifestantes incluyen la liberación del encarcelado Pedro Castillo, nuevas elecciones generales, un referéndum nacional sobre la formación de una Asamblea Constituyente y justicia para las víctimas de la represión.

El imperialismo estadounidense está detrás del golpe

Pedro Castillo ha condenado a la embajada de Estados Unidos en Perú por el acoso al presidente y a los militares que se oponen a los manifestantes antigolpistas. La embajada de Estados Unidos en Perú, en el momento del golpe, Lisa Kenna, veterana de la CIA y del Departamento de Estado estadounidense, fue la que ordenó los golpes. Es probable que Estados Unidos desempeñara un papel directo en la destitución del presidente Castillo y la instalación de Boluarte en su lugar en cumplimiento de las órdenes de las empresas estadounidenses.

La interferencia del gobierno estadounidense en la democracia y la autodeterminación peruanas es muy preocupante. Los EE.UU. han enviado más de 1.200 soldados uniformados con aviones, barcos, municiones y equipos de comunicación para apoyar al gobierno golpista institucionalista y para tomar el control de los valiosos recursos de Perú, incluidas las reservas de litio. Esta militarización de Perú refleja la dominación militar del imperialismo estadounidense y supone una amenaza para la soberanía y la protección de los derechos de su pueblo.

La colaboración militar estadounidense con el gobierno golpista peruano constituye un respaldo a la represión y la violencia ejercidas por la dictadura de Boluarte contra manifestantes pacíficos. Envió un mensaje de intimidación a las organizaciones sociales y políticas de Perú que reclaman la restauración de la democracia y el gobierno justo de Pedro Castillo.

Los importantes recursos de Perú, como petróleo, oro, agua dulce y litio, han llamado la atención del gobierno estadounidense. Estados Unidos protege sus pretensiones sobre estos recursos y se ve amenazado por la creciente relación de Perú con China, su mayor socio comercial. La posición estratégica de Perú como productor de litio, cobre, zinc y oro, y su relación con las empresas energéticas, amplifica aún más el interés del gobierno estadounidense por controlar el país.

Las acciones del gobierno estadounidense en Perú reafirman su intención de mantener el dominio económico y geopolítico en la región. El ex presidente de Bolivia, Evo Morales, quien sufrió un golpe de Estado apoyado por Estados Unidos en 2019, ha advertido sobre la consolidación de un Estado represivo y el impacto sobre la soberanía y la paz regional en América Latina.

Es evidente que al gobierno de Estados Unidos no le interesa oponerse a la autoridad de las comunidades indígenas y a lazos comerciales con los países de las naciones de los Estados Unidos. Por el contrario, busca actuaciones en la región que se alineen con sus intereses, como la venta de armas a los gobiernos de sus aliados y la interdicción de sus navíos con el objetivo de hacerse con el control de los recursos naturales y energéticos de los países.
Más allá del ‘alto el fuego ya’

Por Richie Merino y Sara Flounders

Publicado el 23 de noviembre de 2023 antes del alto el fuego, que ya ha finalizado. El análisis sigue siendo actual.

El 21 de noviembre, los medios de comunicación mundiales anunciaron un alto el fuego de cuatro días en Gaza, una pausa en el asalto genocida israelí contra la población de Gaza. El movimiento de abrumadora solidaridad mundial con Palestina y de apoyo a este pueblo, incluso dentro de Estados Unidos, debe ajustar su postura a un nuevo período más allá de la exigencia de alto el fuego ahora.

Según una declaración de Hamás del 21 de noviembre, el acuerdo incluye la entrada de convoyes de cientos de camiones bloqueados que transportan ayuda humanitaria, suministros de socorro, asistencia médica y combustible a todas las regiones de Gaza. También incluye un intercambio de prisioneros. La resistencia liberará a 50 mujeres y niños retenidos en Gaza desde el 7 de octubre. A cambio, el Estado israelí liberará a 150 palestinos, todos ellos menores de 19 años y mujeres, de entre los 9,000 prisioneros que llevan mucho tiempo retenidos en cárceles israelíes, muchos de ellos sin cargos.

Las fuerzas de la resistencia expresaron demandas, tanto antes como después de la Operación Inundación Al-Aqsa del 7 de octubre, similares a las del acuerdo. Así pues, Hamás y sus aliados de la resistencia palestina y el valeroso pueblo de Gaza ya han logrado una victoria. A pesar de los despidos de los prisioneros, la resistencia ha avanzado hacia sus objetivos declarados, con su apoyo masivo mundial, mientras que el sionismo y el imperialismo estadounidenses se enfrentan a la condena del mundo.

Calumniar la Operación Inundación de Al-Aqsa: la propaganda fracasa

La prisión de los medios corporativos por calificar la Operación Inundación de Al-Aqsa con los peores insultos, incluida la difamación de una resistencia popular como terrorista, tiene como objetivo ocultar las demandas vinculadas con la operación. Estas demandas, todas legítimas, incluyen la liberación de los presos políticos, el fin de la impunidad israelí por los crímenes contra los palestinos en Cisjordania y en la mezquita de Al-Aqsa y el levantamiento del asedio a Al-Quds.

A la calificaron de “terroristas” los sucesos del 7 de octubre, el Estado sionista trató de ocultar su contexto histórico: un Estado colonialista que impone una campaña de limpieza etnica de 75 años. Era el intento del régimen israelí de presentar el exterminio como la única opción, de fabricar el consentimiento para una guerra genocida contra los palestinos de Gaza.

La propaganda de Israel ha fracasado. Sus objetivos militares siguen sin alcanzarse, a pesar del coste en vidas civiles en Gaza. El hecho de que la resistencia armada de Gaza haya sobrevivido e incluso prevalecido con sus batallas de guerrillas y emboscadas en el norte de Gaza ha hecho añicos la imagen de ineficacia del ejército israelí.

Un avance para Palestina

La pausa de cuatro días supone un avance para la causa palestina. Puede salvar muchas vidas pero, en sí misma, no garantiza el fin del genocidio israelí. Anteriormente, el enviado especial de la ONU para la paz en el Medio Oriente había anunciado planes para expulsar a los palestinos al desierto del Sinaí, rechazando los intercambios de prisioneros y declarando la intención de continuar su campaña de bombardeos hasta que todos los israelíes capturados el 7 de octubre fueran devueltos. La derecha y valienta de la Resistencia armada palestina y su compromiso con el alto el fuego de cuatro días han forzado un acuerdo.

¿Aumenta la solidaridad mundial con Palestina?

La victoria está en una batalla. La guerra de Israel contra Palestina continuará hasta que las demandas de alto el fuego sean respondidas, incluida la liberación de los prisioneros, el fin de la ocupación, la paz para Palestina.

Más allá del alto el fuego ahora: Liberación total

Una reciente manifestación de la Coalición Anti Guerra del Bronx en las Naciones Unidas trató de poner de relieve la posición histórica palestina de plena soberanía. Los estudios de ocupación, desde el 1967 hasta el mar Mediterráneo. La delegación internacional que acudió a El Cairo al 12 y 13 de noviembre por pedir la liberación de los suministros a través de Rafah fue una de las muchas acciones que van más allá de las demandas de alto el fuego.

Instamos al movimiento a que actúe con total solidaridad y saque este logro de la firme resistencia palestina y aborde la causa fundamental del conflicto: El colonialismo sionista. Los partidarios de la liberación palestina deben unirse a la Resistencia Palestina en la defensa de un Estado palestino con el 1967 (Jerusalén) como capital. La lucha por el desmantelamiento del Estado sionista de Israel, la liberación de todos los presos retenidos en cárceles israelíes y la liberación total de Palestina deben seguir estando en la vanguardia del movimiento.

Aunque la tregua de cuatro días proporciona un respiro temporal, el asesinato diario de palestinos continúa, a pesar del alto el fuego declarado. Un alto el fuego permanente no hace sino congelar la continuidad del régimen de apartheid.

Instamos al movimiento de solidaridad a hacer suyo el llamado popular por una “Palestina Libre – el río al mar”. Deberemos intensificar nuestras protestas y nuestra solidaridad. Es esencial incluir siempre la demanda: “Poner fin a toda la ayuda estadounidense a Israel. Sólo cuando la ocupación israelí termine, todos los prisioneros palestinos sean liberados, toda la tierra palestina sea devuelta a sus legítimos propietarios -y cuando Palestina y el mundo sean liberados del fascismo sionista- podemos desistir.

A pesar del alto el fuego que actúe en total solidaridad con este logro de la firme resistencia palestina y lo saque a su cuenta, no debe ser un punto de interrupción de la causa fundamental del conflicto.

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Esta charla se ofreció en el evento “Un año de resistencia contra el golpe de Estado respaldado por Estados Unidos al presidente peruano Pedro Castillo”, organizado por la Coalición Anti Guerra del Bronx en las Naciones Unidas, Nueva York, 20 de noviembre de 2023.

Pedro Castillo, un ex maestro de escuela y agricultor de un remanente andino, fue elegido presidente de Perú en junio de 2021, con el apoyo de trabajadores, campesinos y pueblos indígenas. Llegó al poder en medio de una ola de protestas contra el gabinete de ocupación que él mismo había formado, conocido como el “gabinete de los estafadores”, que incluía a ministros de origen humilde. A pesar de haber sido elegido democráticamente, Castillo fue derrocado en un golpe de Estado respaldado por Estados Unidos el 6 de diciembre de 2021. El Congreso peruano, con lobbies norteamericanos, llevó a cabo este golpe contra el presidente legítimo.

El gobierno golpista de facto dirigido por Dina Boluarte respondió a las protestas contra el golpe con una represión brutal. Más de 80 peruanos han muerto y miles han resultado heridos, detenidos o desaparecidos bajo el régimen golpista. Las comunidades indígenas han sido especialmente perseguidas, sufriendo agresiones físicas y ejecuciones extrajudiciales.

El gobierno de Boluarte y el Congreso son ampliamente despreciables por el pueblo peruano. Según una encuesta realizada en marzo de 2023 por el Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, la presidencia de Boluarte tiene un índice de desaprobación del 78%, mientras que el Congreso tiene un índice de desaprobación del 91%. El gobierno sigue bloqueando las elecciones generales, exacerbando aún más la crisis política y social en Perú.