Int’l Assembly in NYC salutes Palestinian resistance

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The International Assembly Against Imperialism with Palestinian Resistance was held at the historic Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial & Educational Center in New York City on Jan. 21. Workers World Party, the organizer of the event, had chosen the date to honor the centennial of Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin, who died that day in 1924.

The unique assembly challenged U.S. imperialist efforts to isolate and demonize the Palestinian resistance and its allies. Organizers surrounded reports by Palestinian Resistance groups with statements from well-known national and international organizations that have decades of authority in the world movement for resisting U.S. imperialist blockades and sanctions, and by workers’ parties and solidarity organizations from around the world.

The five-streamed event attracted participants from the Palestinian territories, South Africa, Vietnam, Australia, Canada, Peru, Spain, Ecuador, Germany, Britain, Croatia and Eswatini (aka Swaziland), according to organizers. Participants from at least 20 U.S. states also joined online.

From the region under imperialist attack, messages arrived from diverse organizations – with both secular and religious leadership – which are a determined part of the heroic resistance in Palestine and West Asia.

Global Leninist solidarity

This international solidarity included a delegation from Nicaragua’s mission to the United Nations, and video talks and/or messages by Venezuelan official Carlos Ron Martinez, the Communist Party of Cuba and representatives of Communist parties from Ukraine, Brazil, Kenya, Denmark and Swaziland.

Also, messages were sent by the Rallye de Africains Workers in Senegal, Pole for Rebirth of Communism in France – PRCF and Socialist Unity Center of India. Additional Jenin and anti-Zionist authors and commentators sent evaluations of the struggle in this period since the events of October 7 in Palestine.

From the United States, communist, left, anti-imperialist and progressive forces sent representatives who addressed the Assembly. These included the Freedom Road Socialist Organization, United National Antiterrorist Coalition, BAYAN USA, Black Alliance for Peace, Party of Communists USA, December 12th Movement, A Call to Action on Puerto Rico, Marxist Youth League, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, Veterans For Peace, Laundry Workers Center and U.S. Peace Council.

U.S. imperialism attempts to marginalize and isolate this revolutionary upheaval by only naming Hamas as Israel’s enemy – and then bann[ing] statements from Hamas from the media. Messages from: AnsarAllah in Yemen, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, One Democratic State of Palestine, Islamic Jihad and Masar Badil (Alternative Revolutionary Path) confirmed the diversity of views in the region’s resistance and their unity in action.

Palestinian resistance given a world platform

International left forces from International Manifesto Group, Friends of Socialist China, China/U.S. Solidarity Network, a prominent TikTok blogger in China, International Movement for a Just World in Malaysia, a former comrade of African Marxist revolutionary Amilcar Cabral, Alex Saab Support Committee, and the House of Latin America in Tehran, Iran, sent messages that made the event buzz.

Speakers included veteran activists with decades of organizing experience– Brenda Stokely, Omowale Clay and Esperanza Martell– along with young activists and worker organizers – Arjae Red and Alice Yaser.

First Secretary of Workers World Party Larry Holmes highlighted the opening morning panel. He also concluded the Assembly by challenging participants to re-engage with Lenin’s perspective of merging the growing class consciousness of workers in the Global North with the revolutionary anti-imperialist movements of the Global South.

The program, including the statements from Palestinian resistance organizations often banned from corporate media, can be viewed on Workers World Party channels on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, X, and Telegram. Everyone in solidarity with Palestinian resistance is invited to re-stream the material and spread it as far as possible.

Contributions to the hall rental and technology expenses are needed and will be appreciated. Send via workers.org/ x, and Telegram. Everyone in solidarity with Palestinian resistance is invited to re-stream the material and spread it as far as possible.
This is what Leninist solidarity looks like!

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 imperialism, 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 im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQ+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack 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 seem to be destined for seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth seem to be destined for seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth seem to be destined for seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth seem to be destined for seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth seem to be destined for seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. 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