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Palestinian resistance demands:

End to genocide— Aid to Gaza now!

Hamas:

The following statement appeared on Resistance News Network on March 25, 2024.

The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas welcomes today's call by the U.N. Security Council for an immediate ceasefire. We emphasize the necessity of reaching a permanent ceasefire that leads to the withdrawal of all Zionist forces from the Gaza Strip and the return of displaced persons to their homes from which they were forced out.

We also affirm our readiness to immediately engage in a prisoner exchange process that leads to the release of prisoners held by both sides.

In the context of the resolution's text, we stress the importance of freedom of movement for Palestinian citizens and the entry of all humanitarian needs for all residents, in all areas of the Gaza Strip, including heavy equipment to remove rubble, so we can bury our martyrs who have been under the rubble for months.

Hamas calls on the Security Council to pressure the occupation to comply with the ceasefire and to stop the



genocide war and ethnic cleansing against our people.

Hamas reaffirms the right of our Palestinian people to establish their independent, sovereign Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital and the right to return with self-determination, in accordance with international resolutions and international law.

Hamas appreciates the efforts of our brothers in Algeria and all countries in the Security Council that have supported and continue to support our people and work to stop the aggression and the Zionist genocide war. □

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine:

The Security Council's adoption of a resolution for an immediate ceasefire is a step towards a sustainable cessation of the aggression.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine confirmed that the adoption by the U.N. Security Council March 25 of a resolution for an immediate ceasefire must be a step towards a sustainable cessation of the aggression on the Gaza Strip, an unconditional breaking of the siege, the return of all displaced persons to their homes from which they were displaced, the conclusion of a prisoner exchange deal through which our prisoners from the occupation's jails are freed and most importantly, obliging the occupation to implement this resolution.

The Front considered that the adoption of this resolution by the Security Council, despite attempts to weaken, dilute and empty it of its content and link it to a temporary and not sustainable ceasefire by the American administration and its allies, confirms that the entire world is fed up with

the Zionist entity for the genocide it commits against our people in the Strip and that the U.S. administration could not bear the consequences of voting for another veto after the escalation of public outrage at the U.S. administration's positions on the aggression.

The Front appreciated the valuable efforts made by Algeria, alongside a large number of countries supporting the cause, to reach this resolution and their continued pressure to stop the aggression and genocide war in a sustainable manner.

The Front concluded its statement by emphasizing that the lesson is in implementing this resolution and that the ball is now in the United Nations' court to force the occupation to comply with the resolution on the path to adopting a clear decision to stop the aggression completely and sustainably, especially since the occupation has not implemented a single international resolution throughout its history.

This statement was lightly edited.



WW COMMENTARY

Rebuff of U.S. resolution reveals collusion with Israel

By Monica Moorehead

UPDATE: Resistance News Network issued the following statement on March 25: "The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution calling for a temporary ceasefire until the end of Ramadan, presented by non-permanent member states, with only the United States abstaining (without a veto). The vote came after an amendment presented by Russia to include the words 'permanent ceasefire' failed. The resolution called for the unconditional release of Zionist prisoners held in Gaza. Netanyahu announced his anger at the U.S.'s abstention from the U.N. Security Council vote, stating that their decision not to veto 'harms the war effort.' As punishment, Netanyahu has withdrawn the 'Israeli' delegation set to head to Washington D.C. to discuss the planned invasion of Rafah."

The Joe Biden administration attempted to push a resolution through the 15-member United Nations Security Council on March 22 calling for an "immediate and sustained ceasefire" in Gaza. This resolution was defeated

in a vote of 11 for, three against and one abstention. Permanent Security Council members China and Russia vetoed the resolution, with Algeria being the other no vote.

Guyana abstained, whose U.N. Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett explained, "Indeed if one were to read this resolution without background knowledge, it would be difficult to ascertain which party in this conflict is committing the atrocities in Gaza." (caribbean.loopnews.com, March 23)

The resolution included a condemnation of Hamas — the Islamic Resistance Movement — for conducting the October 7 action against Israel. The resolution did not raise one iota of criticism of Israel's ongoing racist ethnic cleansing in Gaza, including the blockade of huge amounts of humanitarian aid, preventing it from reaching hundreds of thousands of Gazans who are literally dying of starvation, dehydration and preventable diseases. As of March 24, over 7,000 trucks carrying aid still wait outside the Rafah crossing in Egypt.

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Boston protest, Feb. 4, 2024

WW PHOTO: STEVAN KIRSCHBAUM

U.S. out of Niger!

Imperialist arrogance knows no bounds.

In July 2023, a coup in Niger brought an anti-imperialist government to power. The government expelled the troops of the former colonial power, France, following the earlier examples of neighboring Mali and Burkina Faso. The United States suspended aid to the Nigerien government, supposedly a mandatory action under U.S. law when a military coup occurs.

Of course, this law only kicks in when the U.S. doesn't like the politics of the alleged coup leaders. CIA-led coups — from Iran to Guatemala to Chile to Honduras — have never prevented U.S. imperialism from continuing to aid these U.S. client regimes.

Even after stopping financial assistance to Niger and refusing to recognize the new government led by Gen. Abdourahamane Tchiani, the U.S. government still sought to exert its influence and keep its 650 troops, 350 other military personnel, a drone base and another military base in the country. The U.S. refused to share information gathered by its

drones with the new governments in Niger or neighboring Burkina Faso, thus aiding forces hostile to these governments.

Then on March 12, a U.S. delegation landed in Niger — unannounced and uninvited — including Marine Corps Gen. Michael Langley, commander of U.S. Africa Command; Mary Catherine Phee, assistant secretary of state for African affairs; and Celeste Wallander, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. The delegation paternalistically warned Niger against developing closer relations with Russia and Iran.

Four days later, the Nigerien government revoked the Status of Forces Agreement that allowed the presence of the U.S. military and ordered the troops out. "The American presence in the territory of the Republic of Niger is illegal" and "violates all the constitutional and democratic rules," said Niger's military spokesperson Col. Amadou Abdramane. (thehill.com, March 18)

Yet somehow the Pentagon refuses to get the message. According to The Hill, Wallander "told the House Armed Services Committee that so far Niger's ruling military council, known as the CNSP, has not formally asked the U.S. military to leave." Langley blamed Niger's anti-imperialist stance on Russian social media, claiming, "What we teach, the law of armed conflict and civilian-led governance



is failing, because it's being drowned out." (March 21)

The imperialists don't respect Nigerien sovereignty, just as they don't respect Iraqi sovereignty. In 2020, Iraq's Parliament voted to have all U.S. troops leave the country. They are still there in 2024.

If the troops refuse to leave, the U.S. becomes an occupation force, illegal under international law. What part of "Get out!" don't these Pentagon operatives understand?

Historically, capitalism developed in Europe and later in the United States based on the rapid accumulation of wealth needed to finance industrialization and expansion by brutally kidnapping, enslaving and exploiting Africa's people. Western capitalists have plundered the African continent for centuries, looting its land and precious resources and squeezing exorbitant wealth from its impoverished working class, including by paying starvation wages.

Of course, in true arrogant, colonial fashion, imperialism insists its presence is welcome. Welcome? Why would any African country want this ugly, bloody history to continue on its soil?

U.S. out of Africa! Get out and stay out! □



Recent demonstration in Niger. Sign reads 'Down with foreign bases in Niger'.

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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, LGBTQ2S+ 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 and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of 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.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and

worldwide. If you're interested in Marxism, socialism and fighting for a socialist future, please contact a WWP branch near you. □

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Marcha con Maduro tras intento de asesinato, 25 de marzo de 2024.

El bipartidismo en su mejor (o peor) expresión:

La prohibición y la palabrería

Por mucho que demócratas y republicanos traten de parecer diferentes unos de otros, a veces no pueden evitar sonar igual.

Esto quedó evidente en la 352-65 votación en la Cámara de Representantes para obligar a la empresa china de Internet ByteDance a vender la plataforma de medios sociales TikTok - o ser prohibida en los EE.UU.

“En el mejor de los casos, TikTok seguirá funcionando, pero ya no será propiedad -y potencialmente controlada- por un gobierno adversario”, dijo el demócrata de Carolina del Norte Jeff Jackson.

“La capacidad del Partido Comunista Chino para explotar los datos privados de los usuarios y manipular la opinión pública a través de TikTok plantean graves problemas de seguridad nacional”, añadió el representante Adam Schiff, candidato a senador que ganó recientemente las elecciones primarias demócratas de California. (cnn.com, 17 de marzo)

Para no quedarse atrás, los representantes republicanos hicieron comentarios

similares. “La Cámara de Representantes acaba de aprobar un proyecto de ley bipartidista para obligar a TikTok a romper sus vínculos con el Partido Comunista Chino”, publicó en X el líder de la mayoría en la Cámara, Steve Scalise.

Numerosos representantes de ambos lados de la Cámara hicieron declaraciones similares. El presidente Joe Biden dice que firmará la ley si se aprueba en el Senado.

Pero los hechos no cuadran con la retórica anticomunista de estos políticos capitalistas que suenan iguales. TikTok no es propiedad, ni total ni parcial, del Partido Comunista de China. El gobierno chino adquirió recientemente una participación del 1% en la empresa.

El fundador de ByteDance es el empresario chino Zhang Yiming, cuyo patrimonio se estima en 43.400 millones de dólares. Sólo el 20% de la empresa le pertenece a él, otro 20% a los empleados de ByteDance, y el 60% restante está en manos de inversores institucionales extranjeros como BlackRock, Carlyle

Group y Susquehanna International Group. El CEO de TikTok, Shou Zi Chew, es ciudadano de Singapur, no de la República Popular China.

¿Por qué la prohibición?

Además, todo este alarde de alarmismo representa pura hipocresía, ya que muchos de estos políticos, incluidos Jackson y Schiff, han estado utilizando TikTok para promover sus propias campañas electorales. Pero sus declaraciones y votos sirven para contrarrestar cualquier acusación de que son “blandos con China”.

Conseguir que ByteDance venda TikTok, con sus 170 millones de usuarios en Estados Unidos, es más fácil de decir que de hacer. Según el Financial Times del 14 de marzo, “su precio podría, sobre el papel, superar los 180.000 millones de dólares”. Por otra parte, cortar el acceso a todos los que usan TikTok sería enormemente impopular. Los políticos han intentado racionalizar su voto ante sus seguidores en TikTok, diciendo que en realidad no están a favor de una prohibición, sino sólo de una venta que saque a la empresa de manos chinas.

Los verdaderos beneficiarios de una prohibición serían los competidores estadounidenses de TikTok, como X, de Elon Musk, y Meta, de Mark Zuckerberg, empresa matriz de Facebook e Instagram.

Lo que podría haber sido un motivo oculto tras la votación de la Cámara se convirtió en algo no tan oculto cuando el representante Ted Cruz soltó que TikTok estaba “promoviendo entre los niños vídeos de autolesiones y propaganda antiisraelí”. La plataforma se ha utilizado para fomentar la solidaridad con Palestina y organizar manifestaciones pro-Palestina. Meta ha bloqueado cientos de publicaciones pro-Palestina, según Human Rights Watch —difícilmente una organización antiimperialista. (aljazeera.com 21 de diciembre)

Sea cual sea el verdadero motivo de esta cruzada supuestamente anticomunista, está claro que la clase trabajadora y los oprimidos no deberían dejarse embaucar para que la apoyen. No es probable que eso ocurra. Cada vez somos más los que nos damos cuenta de que nuestra lucha es contra la explotación capitalista, el imperialismo y el sionismo, luchando junto al heroico pueblo de Palestina. □

Rebuff of U.S. resolution reveals collusion with Israel

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While the U.S. resolution called for the release of the remaining Israeli hostages held by Hamas, it did not call for the freedom of thousands of Palestinian political prisoners held for months and years in Israeli torture chambers.

Palestinian resistance groups praised the veto of the U.S. resolution. Hamas stated that the resolution was “complicit with the goals of the criminal Zionist enemy, enabling it to continue its aggression, and giving it cover and legitimacy for the war of genocide that it is committing against our Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. The resolution does not include an explicit demand for an immediate cessation of the Zionist aggression against Gaza.” (Resistance News Network, March 21)

Russian Ambassador Vasily Nebenzya characterized the resolution as a “hypocritical initiative” to “ensure the impunity of Israel.” He went on to say: “The American product is exceedingly politicized, the sole purpose of which is to help play to the [U.S.] voters, to throw them a bone in the form of some kind of a mention of a ceasefire.” (New York Times, March 22)

The Palestine Chronicle conducted interviews with Palestinians in Gaza on their reactions to the U.S. resolution and its hypocritical nature. Baraa Eid, currently displaced in the Al-Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip, stated: “Isn’t the blood of more than 100,000 Palestinians in Gaza, most of them children and women, enough for the world to unite on a firm stance to force Israel to stop its war on Gaza?”

Eid went on to say, “We have no part in the political game between other major countries. We want to live in peace in our homeland, and we want the unjust blockade that Israel has imposed on us since 2006 to be lifted. What is happening on the ground now is the continuation of a brutal war, with more martyrs and victims falling every day.” (March 23)

Congress provides more weapons for Israel

The U.S. had vetoed three previous resolutions since October 7 demanding a permanent ceasefire and to allow humanitarian aid to be distributed in Gaza. This latest

maneuver at the U.N. has deepened the view on a global scale that the U.S. is a social pariah for backing its fascist ally, even amongst some of Washington’s longtime allies, some of whom have cut military aid to Israel.

Just hours after the U.S. resolution was rebuffed in the U.N., a \$1.2 trillion bill was passed in the House and Senate to avert a partial shutdown of the government.

Among the provisions in the bill, \$3.8 billion was allocated for more arms to Israel, and the U.S. banned its funding of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), which since 1950 has provided vital aid for displaced Palestinians.

The bill also limits aid to the Palestinian Authority if any of its representatives initiate or support the International Criminal Court investigation against Israel for genocide. The U.S. is seeking to rehabilitate the image of the discredited Palestine Authority in order to replace Hamas as the governing body in Gaza.

The bourgeois media is attempting to emphasize any

tactical differences “Genocide Joe” and his administration may have in how the Zionist, terrorist regime is conducting its massacres and mass displacement of the Palestinian people. But these tactical differences can never disguise the blatant complicity that U.S. imperialism has in sending deadly war machinery to Israel that is responsible for killing and wounding over 100,000 Palestinians in Gaza in a nearly six-month period.

If the U.S. was truly concerned about the plight of the Palestinians, it could have cut off all military funding to its garrison state immediately to force Israel to open up the borders to allow humanitarian aid, to adhere to a permanent ceasefire and to withdraw all Israeli occupation troops from Gaza. These are all demands coming from the united Palestinian resistance.

But once again, the U.S. is just as guilty of genocidal war crimes as its junior imperialist partner, resulting in the two countries facing further diplomatic and political isolation on a global scale. □

People’s Townhomes demolition begins



By Joe Piette
Philadelphia

Residents and supporters in the Save the People’s Townhomes Coalition came to the site of what had been homes for over 70 families when word got out March 19 that the demolition of the project had begun.

Four former residents who had each lived there for three or four decades hugged each other and walked around as the demolition workers were told to take a break from knocking down the once-lively residential units. The pleasant sound and image of children playing in the yards and street has been replaced by tractor noise, dust and falling

bricks. A statue of a dancing child that once stood in the main courtyard was missing, the only remaining sign of its existence being a metal child’s foot attached to the cement.

The two-year struggle to stop the eviction of the residents, which drew international attention, ended when the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, Altman Management and city officials agreed on a settlement that they promise will eventually create some affordable housing on part of the property.

Skeptical activists are waiting to see if that ever happens and expect to reinvigorate the struggle for affordable housing when it becomes necessary. □