

Stop Trump from waging war on Venezuela!

Since the U.S. escalated its piracy in the Caribbean threatening Venezuela's people, many in the anti-imperialist movement anticipated that President Donald Trump's Dec. 18 prime-time speech to the U.S. public would be a declaration of war. Organizations that had been working together to stop that war called an action in New York's Times Square for Dec. 19. Trump's 18-minute address made no mention of the imminent war. It was instead a rant against his presumed enemies and against most of the U.S. working class.

Anti-imperialists came out to support the Bolivarian Revolution. They wound up confronting some people who left Venezuela because of their opposition to the Bolivarian government. Some youths passing by joined the protest. Speakers promised further mobilization.



New York City, Dec. 19, 2025.

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12-day March for Mumia



Marchers during Day 7 of the 103-mile march through Pennsylvania to demand medical care for political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. [Read online.](#)

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Palestine will not be forgotten



Portland, Oregon, Oct. 7, 2025. See editorial, page 3.

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Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ 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, class solidarity, and joining us in the fight for a socialist future, please sign up at www.workers.org/join-form and an organizer will get back to you. Or contact a WWP branch near you. □

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Palestine will not be forgotten

Although it may appear that the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide against the Palestinian people, especially in Gaza, has subsided, because it has been off the front pages of the corporate press for the past few months, nothing can be further from the truth.

Despite the first phase of the ceasefire signed by the U.S., the Zionist state and the Hamas resistance in early October, Israel has carried out hundreds of documented violations of this agreement with sophisticated weaponry provided by the Trump administration. Israel continues to kill hundreds of Palestinians and prohibits thousands of humanitarian aid trucks filled with food and medical aid from entering Gaza. Civilians, especially children, are being starved and frozen to death in winter weather due to lack of shelter. Reconstruction of bombed infrastructures has been stalled.

In response to these ongoing war crimes, Hamas released a statement that reads in part: “The terrorist occupation government continues to violate the ceasefire agreement through its deliberate and ongoing targeting of people across the Gaza Strip. More than 400 martyrs have been killed since the announcement of the agreement over two months ago, amid a weird state of international inaction and silence towards the crimes of this fascist government.

“We also affirm that the occupation doesn’t just target civilians but deepens their humanitarian catastrophe by preventing and obstructing ambulances and

medical teams from reaching the targeted areas to rescue the injured. This criminal behavior amounts to a complex crime and constitutes a blatant violation of international humanitarian law.” (Hamas Online English Mirror, Dec. 20)

Not only are these ceasefire violations taking place in Gaza with U.S. blessing, but Israel continues its indiscriminate bombings in Lebanon and Syria in its efforts to expand its territorial control throughout West Asia. Israel has also intensified its murderous rampage throughout the West Bank to make way for even more illegal settlements on Palestinian land.

Repression breeds global resistance, solidarity

The Axis of Resistance, which includes all of the Palestinian armed formations along with anti-imperialist organizations based in Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq and Iran, has been on the front lines in the struggle against the Zionist regime and U.S. and other Western imperialist countries. However, the resistance forces are not alone.

Ever since the Al-Aqsa Flood erupted on the world stage on Oct. 7, 2023, the masses throughout the Global South and Global North have played a decisive role in deepening the social isolation of Israel. They have held mass demonstrations, boycott and divestment campaigns, worker shutdowns of European ports sending arms to Israel and direct actions. And the repressive force including police violence used against progressive movements from

Germany to England to the United States has failed to stop the solidarity movements with the Palestinian people fighting for their stolen land and sovereignty.

One case of this heroic solidarity that warrants worldwide attention involves members of Palestine Action, a group of militant activists who have targeted the infamous Elbit Systems, an Israeli arms manufacturer, in Filton, near Bristol, England, for several months.

Palestine Action was banned by the British government and falsely characterized as a “terrorist” organization. Some of these activists have been detained for almost a year without trial, accused of alleged criminal damage, aggravated burglary and violent disorder at the Elbit factory. Some of its members have been on a hunger strike for weeks and five, who have not eaten for at least 40 days, are at severe risk. Over 1,600 people have been arrested for openly expressing solidarity with Palestine Action since it was banned by the Labour Party government in July.

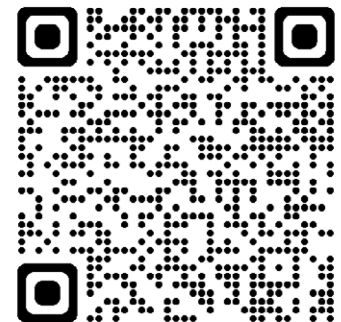
The struggle to free Palestine from the river to the sea will continue to inspire millions of people worldwide, led by the steadfast armed resistance, which will eventually lead to the demise of this most hated, Nazi-like regime. That will be a serious blow against imperialism. □



Irish Brigade backs Palestine Action's hunger strikers.

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Files redaction denies justice to Epstein survivors

The deadline for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to release all of the files on sex criminal Jeffrey Epstein — with limited exceptions — has come and gone. Thousands of incriminating photos, texts, emails and other documentation were released by Dec. 19, the date the Epstein Files Transparency Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump, mandated they be made public.

But a significant number of files were not released, and many that were released are heavily redacted, i.e., large segments of text were blocked out. The explanations for the redactions, mandatory under the Act, have not been provided.

More documents were released after Dec. 19, but others have been removed from the web site containing the files.

Survivors of Epstein's horrific sexual abuse have expressed outrage at once again being denied justice. "If everything is redacted, where is the transparency?" Marijke Chartouni asked. Marina Larcercda said: "We have been let down. We waited for this day to bring these other men who have been protected to justice." Chartouni



'Stand with Survivors' rally, Washington, D.C., Sept. 3, 2025.

was abused when she was 20, Larcercda at age 14. (New York Times, Dec. 19)

There is much suspicion that the redactions and withholding of files are intended to protect Trump, other right-wingers and the very wealthy and powerful. A photo that included Trump was initially removed from the online site for the files, but was later restored after backlash over its exclusion.

The MAGA crowd is, opportunistically, taking advantage of photos that show former President Bill Clinton's connections with Epstein. Nevertheless, the Epstein case exposes the fact that both Democrats

and Republicans are guilty of sexually abusing women and girls. Wealthy capitalists, who back these politicians, protected and financed Epstein.

Sexual exploitation of women and gender-oppressed people — especially by the rich and powerful — is not new. That working-class and oppressed people are the most vulnerable is also not new. This has been going on since the advent of class society, where one class exploits another class to amass wealth and profit. From the routine rapes of enslaved Black women to

sexual harassment and abuse of workers who fear losing their jobs, this cruel form of exploitation is part and parcel of U.S. history.

As Karl Marx pointed out, being determines consciousness. Very rich and politically powerful men are conscious of the entitlement that comes with their position. That entitlement includes being able to get away with sexual assault — only brought to light and resisted by grass roots movements such as the "Me Too" movement.

Workers World demands that all of the Epstein files be released. Justice for survivors now! □

The 12-day March for Mumia

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The historic 12-day, 103-mile March for Mumia through Pennsylvania that began in Philadelphia Nov. 28 and concluded outside State Correctional Institution Mahanoy Dec. 9 brought together dozens of activists who marched, provided food, logistical support and drove participants between various locations along the way.

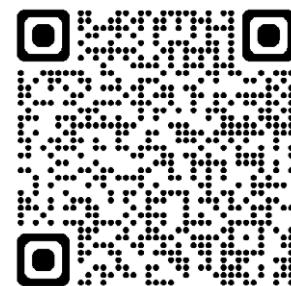
The event garnered local and national media attention and solidarity actions in

several countries.

Pennsylvania political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal still requires treatment for diabetic retinopathy to prevent permanent vision loss. Mumia, like thousands of other elderly prisoners, is subject to elder abuse and medical neglect. The fight for his freedom and for justice for all prisoners demands that we keep on marching.

See "12 days vs. 44 years" for a complete report by one of the marchers, Joe Piette, at workers.org/2025/12/89653.

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